

**KATHLEEN M. CONTRINO**  
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## **EDUCATION**

***DOCTORATE***, State University of New York, Sociology Department, June 2013  
***Research:*** Drug Courts, Domestic Violence, Criminal Justice, Sociology of Law

***JURIS DOCTOR***, State University of New York, School of Law, June 1997  
**Honors:** Legal Research and Writing, as well as all domestic violence/Family Law related classes.  
Graduated with Family Law and Criminal Law concentrations.

***MASTER OF SCIENCE***, Northeastern University, College of Criminal Justice, August 1986  
**Honors:** Top 10 - 15% class rank

***BACHELOR OF SCIENCE***, Northeastern University, College of Criminal Justice, June 1985  
**Honors:** Magna cum Laude

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

***Tennent, Winkelman & Associates, Buffalo, New York, March 2023-present***

Paralegal/Office Manager – Organize office, notary, web manager/designer and paralegal.



***Criminal Justice Department, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York, August 2013 – present.***  
Associate Professor–Courses taught: Introduction to Criminal Justice I and II, Drug Courts, Ethics, Juvenile Justice and Criminology.

***Criminal Justice Department, Buffalo State College, New York, January 2002 – June 2013.***  
Adjunct Professor (currently) & Full Time Professor (previously) –Courses taught to date: Gender and Criminal Justice Administration, Advanced Seminar in Criminal Justice, Administration of Justice, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Technology in Criminal Justice, Criminal Courts, Criminal Ideology, Juvenile Justice, Criminal Law and Procedure and Constitutional Issues.

**College Service:** Advisement for department and Criminal Justice accreditation report.

***Sociology Department, SUNY at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, January 2010 – December 2010.***  
Adjunct Professor –Courses taught to date: Criminal Theory and Introduction to Sociology.

***Criminal Justice Department, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York, August 2011 – December 2011.***  
Adjunct Professor –Courses taught: Family Violence.

***Center for Health and Social Research, Buffalo State College, New York, September 2001 – September 2006.***  
Research Scientist/Project Coordinator - Draft and teach curriculum for the NYS Victim Assistance Academy. Manage Buffalo State activities for NYS Victim Assistance Academy. Develop criminal justice/law related research projects (drafted survey to local judges regarding DWI sentencing practices). Advise Buffalo State College Faculty members on research for the Center's Scholarship Support Program. Coordinated all aspects of the evaluation for the New York State Department of Education's Reading and Math Initiative.

**WORK EXPERIENCE (continued)**

***Research Institute on Addictions, Buffalo, New York, June 1992 - August 1994***

Network Coordinator - System Manager for Computer Aided Telephone Interviewing facility. Responsible for monitoring, administrating and trouble-shooting for the Novell Network and CATI study implementation.

***SUNY at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, December 1989 - December 1991***

Grant Manager - Administered Title IID Grant awarded to assess the usefulness of new technology within a university library. Managed an information dissemination center which included computers, scanners and facsimile machines.

***Juvenile Detention Unit, Boston, Massachusetts, August 1986 - August 1987***

Supervisor - Responsible for the care and protection of incarcerated juveniles. Supervised line staff on my shift. Created computer database for the unit.

***Independent Consulting, Boston, Massachusetts, March 1986 - September 1987***

Computer Consultant - Assisted the University of Michigan in their project to utilize the Department of Social Services computerized database for research. Developed Dbase III database files and trained staff within the Boston Police Department's Community Crime Watch Unit. Software consultant for the Northeastern University Computer Store installing and trouble-shooting IBM software programs, i.e. DOS, Lotus 123, Multimate and Dbase III.

***Security Work, Boston, Massachusetts, Miami Florida, April 1984 - September 1986***

Plainclothes/Uniform Security Officer - Security work for Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Dadeland Mall and Weston Hotel. Part time supervisor, certified in self-defense and civil liability. Hands on patrolling and assisted in the arrests of various criminal offenders.

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

***Kathleen M. Contrino, Esq., 3775 Colin Court, N. Tonawanda, New York, September 2001- present.***

Attorney at Law - Practice limited to Law Guardian cases and appeals.

***Women's Law Center, 1 East Avenue, Lockport, New York, October 1999 - September 2001.***

Attorney at Law - Represented victims of domestic violence in divorce, family offense, child support and landlord tenant matters.

***Kathleen M. Contrino, Esq., 1201 Colvin Boulevard, Kenmore, New York, June 1998 – September 2001.***

Attorney at Law - Practice included real estate, criminal and family law, as well as small claims matters.

***Michael Doran & Associates, P.C., Buffalo, New York, October 1997 - June 1998***

Associate - Drafted complaints, motions, discovery requests/responses and pre-trial materials for FELA, medical malpractice and general negligence files. Prosecuted and defended depositions for FELA matters.

***Michael Doran & Associates, P.C., Buffalo, New York, March 1995 - December 1996***

Law Clerk - Drafted complaints, legal research, memoranda, discovery requests and responses in various state and federal courts. Maintained direct and telephone contact with clients and courts. Managed and updated general negligence and FELA files.

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**LEGAL EXPERIENCE (continued)**

***Hon. Mark Farrell, Amherst Town Justice, Amherst, New York, December 1995 - May 1997***

Law Clerk - Prepared legal research and memoranda regarding civil and criminal matters. Researched legal issues related to property, landlord/tenant, criminal procedure, and personal injury law.

***District Attorney's Office, Domestic Violence Bureau, Buffalo, New York, September 1996 - May 1997***

Intern - Conducted city court records research, observed city court proceedings, started client files, prepared legal research and memoranda, and assisted victims of domestic violence in legal and social service related matters.

***Martha Deed, Ph.D., SUNY at Buffalo, Amherst, New York, July 1996 - September 1996***

Research Assistant - Provided legal research, assistance and data entry for research project studying student attitudes related to domestic violence issues conducted by Dr. Deed.

***Howard Meyer, Esq., SUNY at Buffalo, Amherst, New York, December 1995 - June 1996***

Research Assistant - Conducted legal and records research at the Erie County Building

***Man-to-Man Treatment Program, Buffalo, New York, January 1996 - May 1996***

Co-facilitator - Counseled court mandated batterers within a psycho-educational group setting.

***Boston Police Department, Boston, Massachusetts, September 1987 - December 1988***

Research Analyst - Compiled information regarding crime incidence, arrests and clearances. Developed software files for other Boston Police Department units and trained department personnel in the use of database software.

***Boston Municipal Court, Boston, Massachusetts, January - April 1986***

Administrative Assistant - Assisted administrative officer in organization of files. Redesigned the format of the court's legal database.

**PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOKS:**

Contrino, K. (2015) *Judicial Orientation The Black Box of Drug Court Criminal Justice* Recent Scholarship. El Paso: LFB Scholarly publishing.

**ARTICLES:**

Contrino, K. *Mixed Methods Research in Criminal Courts: Judicial Interactions with Drug Court Clients*. SAGE Research Methods Cases Sociology

Contrino, K. M., Nochajski, T., Farrell, M. G., & Logsdon, E. (2016). Factors of success: Drug court graduate exit interviews. *American Journal of Criminal Justice: AJCJ*, 41(1), 136-150.

Contrino, K.M. Nero and Claudius: Critical Reflections in Quo Vadis Epic Novel and Epic Film Vol. 1. Editors Birc, J.H. Milic`evic` B., Tenodi, A.V. University of Belgrade.

**PAPERS & PUBLICATIONS (Continued)**

Contrino, K., Dermen, K., Nochajski, T., Wieczorek, W., & Navratil, P. "Compliance and Learning in an Intervention Program for Partner-Violent Men" *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, Vol. 22, No. 12, 1555-1566 (2007)

**UNDER REVIEW:**

Contrino, K. (2016) *Environmental Sustainability: The Use of Native Plants in Urban, Suburban, and Rural Landscapes*. *Journal of Environmental Sciences University of Belgrade (under review)*

**PAPERS PRESENTED:**

Contrino, K. *Opioid Court: Nature and Response to a Nationwide Epidemic*. Paper presented at American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2018.

Contrino, K. *Back to the Future: Lessons learned from the War on Drugs*. Paper presented at 2017 International Criminology Conference, Washington D. C., October 2017.

Contrino, K. *Trauma Informed Policies in Drug Court*. Paper presented at American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Las Vegas, Nevada, January 2017.

Contrino, K & Nochajski, T. "Courtroom Design and Therapeutic Jurisprudence" Paper presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Philadelphia Pennsylvania February 2014.

Contrino, K & Nochajski, T. "Factors of Success in Drug Court" Paper presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Philadelphia Pennsylvania February 2014.

Contrino, K & Nochajski, T. "Drug Court Judges and Judicial Behavior" Paper presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, Texas March 2013.

Contrino, K., Dermen, K., Nochajski, T., Wieczorek, W., & Navratil, P. "Compliance and Learning in a Batterers Intervention Program" Poster presented at Domestic Violence Conference, University of Kentucky, October 2003.

Contrino, K., Nochajski, T., Wieczorek, W., & Tetewsky, S. "Evaluation of the VESID Reading and Math Initiative" Poster presented at BSC Creativity day 2004.

**REPORTS:**

Wieczorek, W., Gleckel, W., Contrino, K., Nochajski, T. & Tetewsky, S. "VESID Reading and Math Improvement Initiative Annual Report 2001-2002"111

Wieczorek, W., Gleckel, W., Contrino, K., Nochajski, T. & Carney, A. "VESID Reading and Math Improvement Initiative Annual Report 2000-2001"

## **RESEARCH SUPPORT MANUALS**

***2005 New York State Victim Assistance Academy Student Textbook and Instructor's Manual*** – Co-wrote and adapted the following chapters for the 2005 Student textbook and Instructor's Manual: Chapter 1 Scope of Crime and History of the Victim's Rights Discipline; Chapter 6 Juvenile Justice; Chapter 9 Alternative and Restorative Justice: and Chapter 35 Innovative Technologies and Victim Services.

***New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, September 2003 – August 2006***

Project Administrator (Buffalo State College) - State Victims Assistance Academy  
Meet with Governing Board, coordinate all Buffalo State College-related activities, draft curricula and teach at academy. This project is funded to provide standardized core training for victim service providers.

***Niagara County Family Court, December 2003 - present***

Research Evaluation Expert - Family Court Drug Treatment Court

Train in all aspects of drug treatment court, develop components of new treatment court with Niagara County team and provide future support for endeavor. This project is to provide drug treatment and court supervision to petitioners and respondents with on-going family court matters.

***Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities, August 2001 – July 2003***

Project Coordinator - *Reading and Math Initiative*

Coordinate all data collection and analysis for annual report on innovative Initiative to ensure that students with disabilities received access to the general education curriculum in order to meet the higher educational standards of this curriculum.

## **GRANT SUBMISSIONS**

Wieczorek, W. & Contrino, K. (Academic Partners) "NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault SVAA Grant Year 2" Submitted to DOJ/OVC, July 2004.

Dermen, K., Raykov, T., Contrino, K. & Navratil, P "Preparatory Motivational Interview for Partner Violent Men" Submitted to National Institute of Justice, February 2004. *Not funded at initial submission.*

Wieczorek, W., Contrino, K. & Nochajski, T. "Drug Courts: The influence of criminal justice procedures" Submitted to National Science Foundation, August 2003. *Not funded at initial submission.*

Wieczorek, W., Contrino, K. & Nochajski, T. "Drug Courts and DUI Offenders: A local evaluation and a National Survey" Submitted to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, November 2002. *Not funded at initial submission.*

Wieczorek, W., Contrino, K. & Nochajski, T. "Feasibility of Conducting a Multi-Jurisdictional Domestic Violence Court Evaluation in New York State" Submitted to National Institute of Justice, April 2002. *Not funded at initial submission.*

## **BUSINESSES OWNED**

CW Native Botanika – herbal infused skincare, wickless candles, nature inspired art and incense.

CW Native Plant Farm – Plants native to Northeast/Great Lakes, concrete statuary, pollinator friendly signs.

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**VOLUNTEER WORK/INTERNSHIPS**

***Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Basom, New York, June 2013-present***

Presenter and Gift Shop – Presentations, nature walks, special events and managing the phones/gift shop on Saturdays in the spring.

***Beaver Meadow Buffalo Audubon Society, North Java, New York, June 2012-present***

Tour Leader – Presentations, pond study, Audubon day, nature walks, special events

***Volunteer Lawyers Project: Haven House, Buffalo, New York, January 2000 – Present***

Legal Consultant – Answered initial legal related questions for victims of domestic violence currently in shelter.

***Compass House, Buffalo, New York, June - November 1994***

Staff Volunteer - Assisted staff in day-to-day management and implemented crisis intervention techniques as needed.

***Justice Resource Institute, Dorchester, Massachusetts, April - June 1986***

Management Assistant - Redesigned existing resident handbook for the juvenile justice program. Worked within all components of the unit.

***Hurricane Island Outward Bound, Yulee, Florida, September - December 1984***

Course Intern - Trained in leadership techniques, outdoor survival, Reality Therapy and Outward Bound philosophy. Implemented training in the field with youths in program.

***Project Place, Boston, Massachusetts, July 1983 - January 1984***

Telephone Counselor - Implemented suicide prevention techniques. Counseled individuals in crisis.

**WEB DESIGNS**

WNY Native Plant Collaborative: <https://www.wnynativeplants.org/>

Tennent, Winkelman & Associates: <https://www.thetyreguys.org/>

CW Native Botanika: <https://www.cwnativebotanicals.com/>

CW Native Plant Farm: <https://www.cwnativeplantfarm.com/>