

## About the Faculty

**VICTORIA PULOS** is a senior staff attorney with Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI), having joined MLRI in 2000 as a health law attorney. Her work concentrates on assuring low-income people access to health care, through policy advocacy, training, technical support, and litigation. Prior to joining MLRI she did children's health work at Families USA in Washington D.C. and prior to that worked as a managing attorney at New Hampshire Legal Assistance. She is the author of MLRI's MassHealth Advocacy Guide. She has also worked extensively on immigrants' eligibility for health care programs. She received both her law degree and a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University. (March 2022)

**PATRICIA BAKER** is a senior policy analyst at the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute in Boston, a statewide support center for legal services programs that provides litigation and legislative and administrative rulemaking advocacy on behalf of low-income persons in Massachusetts. Ms. Baker has over thirty years of legal services experience and has worked extensively on poverty and anti-hunger issues that affect immigrants, persons with disabilities, children, teen parents, and homeless persons. In addition to her legislative work, agency rulemaking negotiations, and presentations at countless statewide and regional training events, she is the coauthor of numerous publications on benefit issues including the MCLE published SNAP Advocacy Guide.

**NAOMI A. MEYER** is a Senior Attorney in the Welfare Law Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services, where she has worked since 2002. She represents clients in cash welfare, Food Stamps/SNAP and subsidized child care cases, often representing those facing problems with immigrant eligibility and language access barriers. She also engages in systemic advocacy to improve these programs throughout Massachusetts, including legislative advocacy through the Lift Our Kids Coalition. Before coming to GBLS, she advocated for access to state-sponsored health insurance and patients' rights in managed care at Consumers Union in San Francisco. Ms. Meyer holds a J.D. and a Masters of Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley. (March 2022)

**ANDREA M. PARK** joined the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI) as a housing and homelessness staff attorney in 2016. Prior to that, she worked as an assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights and Consumer Protection Divisions of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, as an attorney at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau on an innovative foreclosure defense project partnering lawyers and community organizers, and as a staff attorney at Community Legal Aid in Worcester specializing in housing, foreclosure, consumer, and bankruptcy litigation. In 2015, Ms. Park was honored by the Harvard Law and International Development Society and Harvard Women's Law Association in their International Women's Day portrait exhibit entitled "Women Inspiring Change." She holds a B.A. from Tufts University, an M.A. from the University of Chicago, and a J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School, where she served as director of the Indian Child Welfare Act Clinic. Ms. Park grew up in East Tennessee and is a lifelong musician. (September 2021)

**JEANNE FUNK** is a senior immigration attorney with the immigration unit at Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI), joining in December of 2023. Jeanne has practiced family-based immigration since 2002 specializing in VAWA and U visa relief. She has worked with non-profit organizations and had her own solo practice. For the last four and a half years, she has been the Training and Technical Assistance Manager and Policy Analyst for World Relief providing immigration technical assistance and training to World Relief's field offices and affiliate members, led the immigration law basics training for new practitioners, and drafting advisories on changes in law. Her past trainings include AILA's 2016 National Conference, the 2011 Federal Bar Association's Immigration Conference and CLINIC trainings. Jeanne received her B.A. from Villanova University and her J.D. from Northeastern University. She has served on the NH Human Trafficking Collaborative Task Force, the Greater Manchester Committee Against Domestic Violence, and the NH Attorney General's subcommittee on Immigrants and Domestic Violence.

**MARK MARTINEZ** joined MLRI in 2022 as a Staff Attorney in the Housing Unit. Prior to joining MLRI, he served three years as Legal Counsel and Budget Director to State Senator Patricia D. Jehlen. In this role, he focused primarily on policy related to labor, criminal legal reform, the environment and housing. He worked on passing legislation to prevent evictions as well as to create and preserve affordable housing through a tenant's right of first refusal and a transfer fee. Also while at the State House, Mark co-founded Beacon BLOC, a collective of staffers organizing around making cultural and institutional changes on Beacon Hill to better recruit, retain and support staffers of color. Mark got his Bachelor's Degree from Western New England University and his J.D. from Northeastern University.