

MARY MARGARET BECK

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor Degree: 1988

University of Missouri School of Law - Columbia

Master of Science Degree: Cardiovascular Nursing - 1971

St. Louis University School of Nursing - St. Louis, Missouri

Scholarship: U.S. Public Health Service Fellowship

Bachelor of Science Degree: Nursing - 1970

St. Louis University School of Nursing - St. Louis, Missouri

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1993 - Present** **Professor of Clinical Law, University of Missouri-Columbia (MU) School of Law**
 Courses taught: Advocacy, Family Violence and Public Policy; Family Violence Clinic; Client Interviewing and Counseling. Director of Family Violence Program. Guided student research & publication. Project Director: state, federal and private grants. Research & Publication.
- 1993 - Present** **Private Legal Consultation Limited to Adoption & Surrogacy.**
2004-2008 **Adjunct Professor, University of Missouri-Columbia (MU) Department of Educational, School and Counseling Psychology**
- 1992 - 1993** **Nursing Instructor, UMC School of Nursing**
 Taught interdisciplinary health law course for nursing and law students; supervised pediatric nursing clinical rotation.
- 1989 - 1993** **Associate, Shurtleff, Froeschner, Bunn & Aulger, Columbia Missouri**
 General law practice with emphasis on adoption, medical malpractice, family law, juvenile law, personal injury and product liability.
- 1988 - Present** **Private Legal Consultant, Columbia, Missouri**
 Medical & Legal Malpractice, health law, & adoption mediation.
- 1981 - 1983** **Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, UMC School of Medicine**
 Clinical practice in Department of Family and Community Medicine, Columbia Free Clinic, Columbia Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic: clinical supervision of medical students, residents and advanced practice nurse students.
- 1981 - 1982** **Nurse Practitioner, UMC Student Health Services**
 Delivered primary health care to students.
- 1975 - 1984** **Faculty/Administrator, UMC School of Nursing**
 Director of Family Nurse Practitioner Graduate Program; project director for federal and private training grants; classroom and clinical teaching.
- 1974 - 1975** **Nursing Administrator, St. John's Mercy Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri**
 Evening house supervisor for 500 bed hospital; continuing education instructor.
- 1973 - 1974** **Instructor, Tulsa University School of Nursing**
 Courses taught: Issues in Nursing and Team Nursing.
- 1973 - 1974** **Registered Nurse, St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, OK**
 Intensive care unit nurse; continuing education instructor.

- 1971 - 1973** **Faculty/Staff, St. Louis University School of Nursing**
Developed and taught ACritical Cardiovascular Care Nursing@ course; provided academic counseling for all freshman nursing students.
- 1970** **Intensive Care Unit Nurse, Firman Desloge Hospital, St. Louis University**
Charge nurse, shift nurse.

PUBLICATIONS

- Beck, M & L. Joanna Beck Wilkinson, **Frozen Pre-embryo Practice in Missouri**, Missouri Bar Journal (2018) in press
- Beck, M., **Prenatal Abandonemnt: ‘Horton Hatches the Egg’ in the Supreme Court and 34 States**, 24 Michigan Journal of Gender & Law 53 (2017)
- Beck, M., **Putative Father Registries: An Overview**, 515 Adoption Factbook V. © (2011) National Council for Adoption. Victor Graphic, Inc. Baltimore, MD.
- Beck, M., **Putative Father Registries: Midwestern States’ Review of Recent Caselaw**, 521 Adoption Factbook V. © (2011) National Council for Adoption. Victor Graphics, Inc. Baltimore, MD.
- Beck, M, Brittain, A., Crowell, Z., & Smith, J. **Investigating the justice System Response in Missouri to Child Homicides Relates to Hostile Environments**, 66 J. Mo B. 262 (Sept-Oct 2010).
- Beck, M., **A National Putative Father Registry**, 36 Capital University Law Review 2 (Winter 2007).
- Beck, M., **Towards a National Putative Father Registry Data Base**, Adoption Fact Book IV; National Council for Adoption PMR Printing Company, Inc. 229 (2007).
- Byrd, B., Davidson, M., Beck, M., Beck, N., & Petroski, G., **Investigating the Justice System Response to Domestic Violence in Missouri**, 63 Missouri Bar Journal 222 (Sept-Oct 2007).
- Beck, M., **Spotlight: Response to Violence Against Women at the University of Missouri at Columbia**, 23 St. Louis University Public Law Review 227 (2004).
- Beck, M., **Towards a National Putative Father Registry Data Base**, 25 Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy 1031 (Summer 2002).
- Jones N., Beck, M., Beck N., and Ji P., **The Reliability and Validity of the Revised Conflict Tactics Scale in a Female Incarcerated Population**, 23 Journal of Family Issues 441(April 2002).
- Beck, M., **Adoption of Children in Missouri**, 63 Missouri Law Review 423 (1998).
- Beck, M., **Medical Legal Issue of the Month: Family Violence**, 92 Missouri Medicine 333 (1995).
- Beck, M., **Improving America's Health Care: Towards Authorizing Prescriptive Privileges for Advanced Practice Nurses**, 29 University at San Francisco Law Review 951 (1995).
- Beck, M., **Family Violence in Columbia**, Columbia Daily Tribune (February 1995).
- Beck, M., **The Hired Gun Witness**, 91 Missouri Medicine 179 (1994).
- Beck, M. and Mangrum, M., **Informal Discovery With Plaintiff's Treating Physician**, 44 Missouri Bar Journal 249 (1988).
- Beck, M., **Attitudes of Parents of Pediatric Heart Patients Toward Parent Care Units**, 22(4) Nursing Research 334 (Jul-Aug 1973).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Working with Senator Mary Landrieu’s and Representative Vickie Hartzler’s offices to develop, introduce and enact the Responsible Father Act which was introduced in 2013 in both houses of Congress; working with attorneys and legislators in AL, HI, SD, OR, & NJ on state putative father registry legislation.

- Developing law review paper on Prenatal Abandonment in the Wake of Adoptive Couple v Baby Girl 133 S.Ct. 2552 (2013).

ONLINE TUTORIAL

<http://mail.law.missouri.edu/fvc/>

Family Violence Clinic judicial and attorney self study on Missouri Civil Protective Orders-now outdated

AWARDS

- William T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence Award 2016
- American Academy of Adoption Attorneys ‘Mentor Who made A Difference’ Award 2015
- Lloyd E. Robert Memorial Prize in the Administration of Justice, 2012
- Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute Angel in Adoption Award 2009
- St. Louis Daily Record Women’s Justice Award: Legal Scholar 2008
- University of Missouri School of Law Sustained Outstanding Faculty Award 2007
- University of Missouri Faculty Alumni Award 2006 & 2007
- Tribute to MU Women: MU Chancellor’s Committee of the Status of Women, 2004
- Order of the Coif: Missouri Chapter of Order of the Coif, 2000
- Lloyd E. Robert Memorial Prize in the Administration of Justice, 1999
- Golden Chalk Teaching Award: Graduate Professional Council, University of Missouri, 1996.
- Carey Mae Carrol Achievement Award: Women’s Law Association Award for Outstanding Commitment to Women, 1995 & 2007

NOTEWORTHY CASE:

- OBTAINED CLEMENCY FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM LYNDA RUTH BRANCH GRANT BY GOVERNOR ROBERT HOLDEN 2006.
- STATE EX REL. LYNDA RUTH BRANCH, PETITIONER V. JENNIFER MILLER, SUPERINTENDENT, CHILLICOTHE CORRECTIONAL CENTER, ET. AL., RESPONDENTS 218 SW3RD 431 (MO 2007).
- IN RE DEBRODIE, 400 SW3RD 881 (W.D. 2013).
- IN RE DEBRODIE, October 28, 2014 --- S.W.3d ---- 2014 WL 5462289 (W.D. 2014).
- IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF H.N.R., OHIO SUPREME COURT NO. 2014-2201 (2015)
- IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF P.L.H., OHIO SUPREME COURT NO. 17-0173 (2017)

NATIONAL PRESS

- National Public Radio (NPR): Preventing Sexual Assault, October 22, 2013
- National Public Radio (NPR): Fathers Fight for Paternal Rights, March 27, 2006
- Anderson Cooper 360 on CNN: Biological Fathers and Adoption, March 20, 2006
- New York Times: Unwed Fathers Fight for Babies Placed for Adoption by Mothers, March 19, 2006

PRESENTATIONS

2016 The Bridge Connecting Our Shared Humanity Research Discussion, “Horton Hatches the Egg: The Rights

- of the Unmarried Father Pre-Birth.” University of Missouri College of Education
- 2014 When Family Law & Tribal Rights Collide: “Adoptive Couple v Baby Girl.” University of Missouri Law School Columbia, MO
- 2014 “Adoptive Couple v Baby Girl” Annual Conference American Academy of Adoption Attorneys. New Orleans, LA
- 2012 Metropolitan Adoption Council: “Updates on Missouri Adoption Legislation.” Overland Park, KS
- 2011 Reshaping the Future & Honoring the Past: Domestic Violence Awareness Fair: Panel from the Missouri Clemency Coalition that helped 11 women serving life for killing their abusers seek commutation of their sentences. St. Louis, MO
- 2010 Testimony for South Dakota Senate Judiciary Committee: “Putative Father Registry.” Pierre, SD
- 2009 Testimony for South Dakota Senate Judiciary Committee: “Putative Father Registry.” Pierre, SD
- 2008 23rd Annual Midwest Clinical Law Conference Building Bridges: Creating Clinical Opportunities through Collaboration: “Trans-Disciplinary Assessment of Justice for Abuse Victims.” Bloomington, IN
- 2007 Tenth Annual AAML/LBA Family Law Seminar: “Fathers’ Registries & Why Every State Needs One” and “Putative Fathers or Pop-Up Pops?” Louisville, KY
- 2007 Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute: “A Non Partisan Proposal: National Paternity Registry.” Washington DC
- 2007 US Senate Briefing: “National Putative Father Registry.” Washington DC
- 2007 Third Annual Wells Conference on Adoption Law-Capital University Law School: No Parent Left Behind: Fathers’ Rights in Adoption “Interstate Issues for Birth Fathers: Protecting Their Rights and a Need for a National Putative Father Registry” Columbus, OH
- 2007 US Department of State: “Domestic Violence Reporting.” Belgrade, Serbia
- 2006 Missouri Office of State Court Administration-Missouri Judicial College: “Domestic Violence and Other Power Imbalances.” Kansas City, MO
- 2006 American Academy of Adoption Attorneys Mid-Annual Conference “Agency Adoptions and Foster Care: Emerging Legal Issues for Attorneys, Social Workers, Foster Parents, and other Adoption Professionals.” Denver, CO
- 2006 National Center of Adoption Law & Policy at Capital University Law School Conference: “Striking the “Rights” Balance, Respecting Parents While Protecting Children.” Columbus, OH
- 2006 Missouri Office of State Court Administration-Missouri Judicial College: “Domestic Violence and Other Power Imbalances.” August-St. Louis, Missouri
- 2006 Hickman High School: “Domestic Violence and Teens.” Columbia, MO
- 2006 American Academy of Adoption Attorneys Annual Conference: “Putative Father Registries.” Vancouver, BC
- 2006 Missouri Legislature House Judiciary Committee: “Standby Guardianship.” Jefferson City, MO
- 2006 Southern Legal Services Corporation: “Current Issues in Protective Order Litigation.” By Interactive Television Broadcast to 6 remote Missouri sites.
- 2006 Missouri Sheriff’s Association Conference: “Multidisciplinary Investigation into the Missouri Justice System Response to Domestic Violence.” Lake Ozarks, MO
- 2006 MU Law School Faculty Colloquium: with Niels Beck and Kent Collins “Statewide Investigation into Justice System Response to Domestic Violence.” Columbia, MO
- 2005 Professional Educational Organization: “Violence Against Women” Columbia, MO
- 2005 Missouri Office of State Courts Administration Comprehensive Child Welfare Conference: “Putative Father Registry.” 4 Missouri locations
- 2005 Missouri Bar Annual meeting: “Hot New Issues on Adoption and ART.” St. Louis, MO
- 2005 Virginia Legislative Juvenile Commission: “Putative Father Registries.” Richmond, VA

- 2005 CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Fall Volunteer Conference: "Domestic Violence in Missouri & Adoption Law Changes in Missouri." Columbia, MO
- 2005 American Academy of Adoption Attorneys: "Legislative Update on Legal Issues on Adoption." Nashville, TNN
- 2004 MU Law School Faculty Colloquium: "Law & Journalism on Domestic Violence Investigation." Columbia, MO
- 2003 St. Louis University Domestic Violence and the Law Conference: "How a Land Grant University Addresses Domestic Violence." St. Louis, MO
- 2003 Association of American Law Schools Workshop on Clinical Legal Education Program: "Learning MacCrate Skills and Values in Different Contexts." Vancouver, BC
- 2001 "Future Care and Custody Planning for Families Affected by Life-Threatening Illness" National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center, Conference on Establishing Permanent Futures for Children: The HOPE Project: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Helping Families." New Orleans, LA
- 2000 American Academy of Adoption Attorneys Annual Conference: "Birth Parents' Rights."
- 1998 Annual Missouri Bar Meetings: "Online Judicial Tutorial on Missouri Protective Orders."
- 1996 Annual Missouri Bar Conference: "Recent Developments in the Law Relating to Children: The Adult Abuse Statute."
- 1995 Symposium on Children and the Law: "Legislative Amendments to the Child Protective Order Statute."
- 1995 Annual Coming Together in Advanced Practice Nursing Conference: "How to Be an Expert Witness."
- 1994 Annual American Academy of Adoption Attorneys: "Tortious Failure to Disclose in Adoption."
- 1993 Annual Coming Together In Advanced Practice Nursing Conference: "Prescriptive Privileges for Advanced Practice Nurses."
- 1993 Annual Medical Legal Symposium: "Current Issues - State ex rel. Lichtor v. Clark 845 SW2d 55 (Mo. App. W.D. 1992)"
- 1991 Annual Coming Together In Advanced Practice Nursing Conference: "Documentation to Protect Your Practice."

GRANTS

Title: Family Violence Program

Principal Investigator: Mary Beck

Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program

Amount: \$5,168.00

Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/13-9/30/15

Title: Family Violence Program

Principal Investigator: Mary Beck

Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program

Amount: \$5,168.00

Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/11-9/30/13

Title: Family Violence Program

Principal Investigator: Mary Beck

Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program

Amount: \$4,610.00

Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/10-9/30/11

Title: Family Violence Program
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck
Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program
Amount: \$4,425.00
Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/09-9/30/10

Title: Family Violence Program
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck
Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program
Amount: \$4195.20
Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/08-9/30/09

Title: Family Violence Program
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck
Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program
Amount: \$4560
Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/07-9/30/08

Title: Family Violence Program
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck
Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program
Amount: \$4560
Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/06-9/30/07

Title: Lasting Solutions Domestic Violence Program
Principal Investigator: Legal Services of Eastern Missouri Incorporation
MU Law School Contact: Mary Beck
Funding Source: Department of Justice Civil Legal Assistance Grant Program
Amount: \$650,000
MU Law School Amount: \$26,000-Summer Externships w/ Legal Services
Starting and Ending Dates: 1/1/06-12/31/07

Title: Missouri Domestic Violence Report Card
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck & Niels Beck
Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety S.T.O.P Violence Against Women Act Program
Amount: \$48,235.41
Starting and Ending Dates: 1/1/06-12/31/06

Title: Family Violence Program
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck
Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program
Amount: \$4560
Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/05-9/30/06

Title: Missouri Domestic Violence Report Card
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck & Niels Beck
Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety S.T.O.P Violence Against Women Act Program

Amount: \$49,680
Starting and Ending Dates: 1/1/05-12/31/05

Title: Family Violence Fellowship Program
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck
Funding Source: Altria Corporate Contributions Programs: Doors of Hope
Amount: \$50,000
Starting and Ending Dates: 2005-2006

Title: Family Violence Program
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck
Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program
Amount: \$4003
Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/04-9/30/05

Title: Missouri Domestic Violence Report Card
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck & Niels Beck
Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety S.T.O.P Violence Against Women Act Program
Amount: \$49,680
Starting and Ending Dates: 1/1/04-12/31/04

Title: Family Violence Program
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck
Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program
Amount: \$4771
Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/03-9/30/04

Title: Family Violence Fellowship Program
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck
Funding Source: Altria Corporate Contributions Programs: Doors of Hope
Amount: \$50,000
Starting and Ending Dates: 2002-2004

Title: Family Violence Program
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck
Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program
Amount: \$4771
Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/02-9/30/03

Title: Family Violence Program
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck
Funding Source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program
Amount: \$4771
Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/01-9/30/02

Title: Family Violence Fellowship Program
Principal Investigator: Mary Beck

Funding Source: Phillip Morris Corporate Contributions Programs: Doors of Hope

Amount: \$50,000

Starting and Ending Dates: 2001-2002

Title: Family Violence Program

Principal Investigator: Mary Beck

Funding source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program

Amount: \$2100

Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/00-9/30/01

Title: Interdisciplinary Family Violence Teaching Project

Principal Investigator: Mary Beck

Funding source: U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Civil Legal Assistance Program

Amount: \$80,667

Starting and Ending Dates: 2000-2003

Title: Family Violence Program

Principal Investigator: Mary Beck

Funding source: Missouri Department of Public Safety Victims of Crime Act Program

Amount: \$2,000

Starting and Ending Dates: 10/1/99-9/30/00

Title: Interdisciplinary Family Violence Teaching Project

Principal Investigator: Mary Beck

Funding source: U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Civil Legal Assistance Program

Amount: \$39,493

Starting and Ending Dates: 1998-2000

Title: Family Violence Clinic Enhancement Program

Principle Investigator: Mary Beck

Funding Source: Missouri Dept. of Public Safety STOP Violence Against Women Program

Amount: \$14,416

Starting and Ending Dates: 1/1/98 - 12/31/98

Title: Family Violence Clinic Enhancement Program

Principle Investigator: Mary Beck

Funding Source: Missouri Dept. of Public Safety STOP Violence Against Women Program

Amount: \$43,000

Starting and Ending Dates: 1/1/97 - 12/31/97

Title: Family Advocacy Clinic

Application Author: Mary Beck

Funding Source: U.S. Dept. of Education

Amount: \$321,686

Starting and Ending Dates: 8/15/95 - 8/14/98*

This 3 year grant was approved and awarded, but Congress rescinded funds after allocation. Consequently, the funds were never received by grantee.

Title: New Clinical Program for Adult Victims of Domestic Violence

Renewal Officer: Mary Beck

Funding Source: U.S. Dept. of Education

Amount: \$90,257

Starting and Ending Dates: 8/14/94-8/15/95

MEMBERSHIPS/LICENSES/SPECIALTIES

American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys, Missouri Bar Association, Clinical Legal Education Association, American Bar Association.

Formerly Registered Nurse, Cardiovascular Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, Missouri Nurses Association.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-Author with Phillip J. McCarthy. Amicus Curiae Briefs for the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys. At certiorari and in merits stages. *Adoptive Couple v Baby Girl* 133 S. Ct. 2552 (2013).
- Member – Missouri Attorney General’s Task Force on Domestic Violence. 2010
- Member - The Missouri Bar Special Committee on Adoption Issues: 2010.
- Member - The Missouri Bar Special Committee on Adoption Issues: Identify issues related to the termination of parental rights and propose ideas and solutions that would address those issues. 2003
- Author - Amicus Curiae Brief. In re Adoption of : G.V., *Vaughn v. Wyrembek* The Supreme Court of Ohio No. 09-2355.
- Expert Witness on Effects of Battering on Domestic Violence Victims.
 1. Boone County Trial for Murder summer/09
 2. Warren County Trial for Domestic Assault fall/09
- Founding Member - Missouri Battered Women’s Clemency Coalition. 1999 - 2007
- Member - Board of Directors. Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation: 1998 - Present.
- Author – Amicus Curiae Brief. *Adoption of D.C.C. 718 A.2d 335 (PA. S. Ct. 1998)*; [in Missouri - In Interest of D.C.C. 971 SW2d 843 (MO W.D. 1998) & In Interest of D.C.C. 935 S.W.2d 657 (MO W.D. 1996)]
- Lecturer - UMC Schools of Medicine & Nursing (medical legal topics). 1994-1999.
- Editor - Medical Legal Issue of the Month@, in the publications of the Missouri Medical Association and the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians. 1995-1997.
- Member - Department of Social Services Statewide Committee on Adoption. (Chairperson: Subcommittee on Legislation) 1993-1996.
- Member - Missouri Bar Association: Medical-Legal Relations Committee. (Chairperson 1993-1995)
- Member - Missouri Nurses Association Committee Member. 1978.
- Clinic Manager & Board Member - Columbia Free Clinic:. 1976-1979.

PERSONAL

Married, 4 children, two sons-in-law, one daughter in law, three granddaughters, four grandsons.
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