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Frank has worked in child welfare since 1985. Prior to and during law school, he was a childcare worker in a residential treatment facility and in an adolescent psychiatric hospital. Upon graduating from Wayne State University Law School in 1989 he joined the Juvenile Defender Office in Detroit where he represented children in youth in child protection and juvenile delinquency cases.

After six years in the Defender Office, he became the Executive Director of the Children's Law Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1997 he joined the staff of the University of Michigan Law School as the Program Manager of the Michigan Child Welfare Law Resource Center. Two years later he began his teaching career, and he has been a full-time member of the University of Michigan Law School faculty since 2004. He has taught courses in Juvenile Justice, Family Law and Documentary Work and the Law.

Frank is a co-author of the book *Seeking Justice in Child Sexual Abuse: Shifting Burdens and Sharing Responsibilities* (Columbia University Press 2009) and a co-editor and contributor to *Preventing Child Abuse Critical Roles and Multiple Perspectives* (2021). Frank is also the author of dozens of articles and book chapters.

Frank is a former President of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and has served as the Chair of the State Bar of Michigan's Children's Law Section. Frank spent more than a dozen years as a member of the Michigan Child Death Review Program and the Citizen Review Panel on Child Death.

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