

## About the Faculty

**ANNETTE R. DUKE** has been a staff attorney at Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, a statewide advocacy and policy center, since 1988. She has been editor of *Legal Tactics: Tenants' Rights in Massachusetts* since 1993 and has developed numerous community legal education materials for tenants and community groups. She coordinated a successful campaign for statewide housing courts and is currently working on legislative campaigns for access to counsel, eviction record sealing protections, and protections for public housing tenants facing redevelopment.

**DAVID BROWN** is a coordinating attorney for the housing unit at Community Legal Aid. His primary area of focus is litigation involving defective conditions in rental property. Prior to joining Community Legal Aid, Mr. Brown worked at Northeast Legal Aid in Lowell for almost 19 years. Mr. Brown has litigated housing cases in the housing court and the district court. Mr. Brown is a graduate of Boston College Law School and Wabash College.

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**MAUREEN R. ST. CYR** is the executive director at the Massachusetts Fair Housing Center. Prior to joining the Massachusetts Fair Housing Center, Maureen was the Coordinating Attorney for fair housing work at Community Legal Aid in Worcester, Massachusetts, where she represented clients with housing discrimination claims in state housing and superior court, federal court, and before administrative agencies. Maureen is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and clerked for the Vermont Superior Court.

**TODD KAPLAN** is a Senior Attorney in the Consumer Rights Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services. He co-counseled with the National Consumer Law Center and a civil rights law firm: Cohen-Milstein in a successful statewide class action challenging tenant screening practices in federal court and continues to challenge tenant screening. He has defended homeowners with tax foreclosures and litigated predatory loans in state and federal courts. Kaplan was also part of a team that effectively advocated for improvements in the tax foreclosure process including better notices and better repayment plans. Additionally, he supports GBLS' Lawyer for the Day program, which challenges debt buyers in small claims cases, and works on other consumer-related matters. Before joining the Consumer Rights Unit, Kaplan defended tenants facing evictions at GBLS' Cambridge office: Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services. Todd Kaplan is a graduate of the College Of Public and Community Service at UMass/Boston and Northeastern University School of Law.

**QUINTEN STEENHUIS** is a practitioner in residence and adjunct professor at [Suffolk University Law School](#) in the [Legal Innovation and Technology Lab](#). Between 2008 and 2020, Quinten was a senior housing attorney, systems administrator, and developer at [Greater Boston](#)

[Legal Services](#). Quinten's signature projects include [MADE](#), the Massachusetts Defense for Eviction tool, and [Court Forms Online](#), a COVID-19 emergency response collaboration at Suffolk Law School involving an international team of participants. In 2021, Quinten Steenhuis was named a "Legal Rebel" by the American Bar Association. In 2022, his work on MADE was cited by the White House and DOJ in a joint press release.

**PATRICIA WHITING** is a Lecturer on Law and Supervising Attorney at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau who has focused on eviction defense and landlord/tenant issues for more than 20 years. She is a graduate of Boston College Law School and the Harvard Graduate School of Education.