

## **Kimberly M. Mutcherson**

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### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**Rutgers Law School.** Camden, New Jersey summer 2002-present

- Co-Dean (January 2019- June 2023)
  - Highlights
    - Led law school through implementation of merger with Rutgers Law School in Newark.
    - Managed intricacies of maintaining law school program during COVID-19 lockdown and beyond.
    - Initiated first marketing strategy for the merged law school and first faculty retreat.
    - Primary mover of successful proposal to create a singular tenure track and a path to tenure for existing non-tenure track faculty.
    - Secured major gifts to create fellowship for aspiring law professors from underserved communities and a program to recruit high-achieving students to Rutgers Law.
    - Secured the largest single gift ever received by the Law School and the Camden campus.
    - Created first Assistant Dean of New Programs position.
    - Increased class size, elevated academic credentials of each incoming class, significantly grew revenue, and increased diversity of the student body.
    - Participated in the committee that created a pilot Law and Inequality course and racial equity requirement for law students.
    - Co-created AALS Law Deans Antiracist Clearinghouse.
    - Served as the first woman, first Black person, and first member of the LGBTQ+ community to be a Dean at Rutgers Law School.
- Vice-Dean (July 2015- December 2019)
- Professor of Law (July 2013-present)
- Associate Professor (July 2005- June 2013, tenured in 2009)
- Assistant Professor (July 2002-June 2005)

### **Courses Taught**

- Bioethics, Babies & Babymaking, Family Law, Health Law Policy: The Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic, Law & Inequality, South African Constitutional Law, and Torts.

### **Law School Committees**

- Academic Policy (Chair), Admissions, Appointments, Faculty Colloquium (Chair), Promotions and Tenure.

#### **Campus and University Committees**

- Chancellor Search Committee (2008-2009 & 2013-2014).
- Presidential Search Committee (2019).
- Chancellor's Committee on Institutional Equity & Diversity (Co-Chair, 2010-2014).
- President's Council on Institutional Equity & Diversity (2010-2011).
- President's Diversity Council (2014-2015).
- Working Group on Faculty Diversity (2011-2012).

#### **Other Service**

- Spearheaded effort to increase availability of academic support at the law school, particularly for non-traditional students.
- Faculty advisor for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender student organization (OUTLaws) and Black Law Students Association (BLSA).
- Member of Loan Repayment Assistance Program Advisory Board.
- Member of Pro-Bono Program Advisory Board.
- Organized national conference on reproductive justice that involved 40+ speakers and 200 attendees (2013).
- Convener of workshop on Intersections of Abortion and Assisted Reproduction (2014).
- Co-guest editor of a special issue of the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics (2014-2015).
- Convener of Fetal Bodies workshop (2016).

#### **Temple University Beasley School of Law**

fall 2024-spring 2025

Phyllis W. Beck Chair in Law

Taught Bioethics, Babies & Babymaking.

#### **Drexel University College of Medicine**

fall 2019 & spring 2022

Adjunct Professor in Medical Humanities

Taught version of Bioethics, Babies & Babymaking.

#### **Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law**

fall 2011

Visiting Associate Professor of Law

Taught Family Law and Bioethics, Babies & Babymaking at the invitation of the Dean and the faculty.

#### **The University of Pennsylvania Law School. Philadelphia, PA**

fall 2009

Adjunct Professor

Taught Bioethics, Babies & Babymaking as a seminar at the invitation of the Dean.

#### **The New York University School of Law. New York, New York.**

Acting Assistant Professor

summer 2000-spring 2002

Taught core curriculum Lawyering course to first year law students. The class included simulated client interviews, negotiations, mediation sessions, client counseling, and written and oral advocacy. Participated in curriculum development and the Lawyering Theory Colloquium.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles

- The Past is Prologue: A Response to the New Abortion by Dov Fox and Mary Ziegler, Columbia Law Review forum (solicited)(November 2025).
- Privatizing the Pregnant Body: Decriminalizing the Law of Pregnancy with Karen Thompson, The Harbinger (online publication of The NYU Review of Law and Social Change) (forthcoming 2025).
- Ethical Controversies in the Adriana Smith Case in Georgia: Brain Death/Death by Neurologic Criteria in Pregnancy with Dr. Ariane Lewis and Dr. Gwendolyn Quinn, American Journal of Bioethics, 2025.
- How to Get Free in a Time of Retrenchment, Harvard Law Review, 2025 (solicited book review of Queering Reproductive Justice by Candice Bond-Therault and Liberating Abortion by Renee Bracey Sherman and Regina Mahone).
- Teaching Reproductive Justice with Sarah Chinn, The Radical Teacher, 2024.
- Regulating Reproductive Medicine in a World Without Roe, New England Journal of Medicine, 2023.
- A Phoenix from the Ashes: Reproductive Justice in a World without Roe, Journal of Healthcare Law and Policy, 2023.
- Foreword, Diversity & Exclusion, LSSSE 2020 Annual Survey Results.
- Building Queer Families and the Ethics of Gestational Surrogacy, University of Richmond Law Rev., 2019.
- Things That Money Can Buy: Reproductive Justice and the International Market for Gestational Surrogacy, North Carolina Journal of International Law, 2018.
- Reproductive Rights without Resources or Recourse, Hastings Center Report, 2017.
- Fetal Rights in the Trump Era, Texas Law Review, 2017.
- Disability, Procreation, and Justice in the United States, Laws, 2017.
- Reproductive surrogates, risk, and the desire for genetic parenthood, Journal of Law and Biosciences, 2016.
- Procreative Pluralism, Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice, 2015.
- Blood and Water in a Post-Coital World, Family Law Quarterly, 2015.
- When is an Abortion Not an Abortion? Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics, 2015.
- Intersections in Reproduction: Perspectives on Abortion and Assisted Reproductive Technologies with Judith Daar, Journal of Law Medicine and Ethics, 2015.
- Beyond Roe: Imagining the Future of Scholarship on Reproduction, Women's Rights Law Reporter, 2014.
- Transformative Reproduction, The Journal of Gender, Race & Justice, 2013.
- How Parents Are Made: A Response to Discrimination in Baby Making: The Unconstitutional Treatment of Prospective Parents through Surrogacy, Indiana Law Journal, 2013.
- Unsex Care: Beyond Gendered Parenting Terms- A Response to Darren Rosenblum's Unsex Mothering, Harvard Journal of Law & Gender on-line colloquium, 2012.
- In Defense of Future Children: A Response to Cohen's Beyond Best Interests, Minnesota Law Review Headnotes, 2012.
- Foreword: The Perils & Pitfalls of Procreation, Rutgers Law Journal, 2012.

- Welcome to the Wild West: Protecting Access to Cross Border Fertility Care in the United States, *Cornell Journal of Law & Public Policy*, 2012.
- What's Love Got to Do with It? (Conversations on a Pregnant Man), *Yale Journal of Law and Feminism*, 2010.
- Making Mommies: Law, Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis, and the Complications of Pre-Motherhood, *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law*, 2009.
- Disabling Dreams of Parenthood: The Fertility Industry, Anti-discrimination, and Parents with Disabilities, *Law and Inequality: A Journal of Theory and Practice*, 2009.
- Minor Discrepancies: Forging a Common Understanding of Adolescent Competence in Healthcare Decision-Making and Criminal Responsibility, *Nevada Law Journal*, 2006. (Reprinted in *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, summer 2007).
- Whose Body Is It Anyway? An Updated Model of Health Care Decision-Making Rights for Adolescents, *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy*, 2005.
- No Way to Treat a Woman: Creating an Appropriate Standard for Resolving Medical Treatment Disputes Involving HIV-Positive Children, *Harvard Women's Law Journal*, 2002.

### **Book Chapters**

- The Dobbs Decision and Its Implications for Reproductive Justice, *Social Work and Reproductive Justice: A Necessary Fit*, Oxford Academic, 2025.
- Selling the Gift of Life: Regulating the Sale of Gametes in the United States, *Regulating the Body Autonomy, Control, and the Broken Promise of Equality in American Law*, NYU Press, 2025.
- Surrogacy and Global Justice, *Research Handbook on Surrogacy and the Law*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024.
- Reproductive Justice in a Global Pandemic, *Knowing Bodies*, Rutgers University Press, 2024.
- Reproductive Justice after the Pandemic: How "Personal Responsibility" Entrenches Disparities and Limits Autonomy, *COVID-19 and the Law: Disruption, Impact, and Legacy*, Cambridge Press, 2024.
- The Future of Reproductive Justice in the United States after Dobbs, *Bioethics and Human Rights: Contemporary Issues at Home and Abroad*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2023.
- The Color Line: Democracy, Race, and the January 6 Insurrection (appearing in *Beyond IMAGINATION? The January 6 Insurrection*, West Academic Publishing, January 2022).
- Legal Considerations on the Declaration of Death by Neurologic Criteria in the Pregnant Patient, *Death Determination by Neurologic Criteria: Areas of Controversy and Consensus*, Springer, November 2022.
- When Your Job is to Marry Rich: Marriage as a Market in Hamilton, *Hamilton and the Law: Reading Today's Most Contentious Legal Issues through the Hit Musical*, Cornell University Press, 2020.
- Procreative Rights in a Post-coital World, *Oxford Handbook of Reproductive Ethics*, Oxford University Press, 2016.
- Roe v. Wade (re-written), *Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Opinions of the United States Supreme Court*, Cambridge University Press, 2016.
- Reproductive Technologies, *The Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2015.

- Open Fertility Borders: Defending Access to Cross Border Fertility Care in the United States, The Globalization of Healthcare, Oxford University Press, 2013.

### **Books**

- Feminist Judgments: Reproductive Justice Rewritten (editor)(Cambridge University Press, 2020).
- Assisted Reproductive Justice: Navigating the Ethical Landscape of Race, Law, and Fertility with Camisha Russell, University of California Press (forthcoming 2026).

### **Selected Publicly Engaged Scholarship/Media**

- Abortion Bans Are Never Just about Abortion, The Nation, November 10, 2025.
- Splitting Heirs podcast, The Curious Case of the Kid with Five Parents—Estate planning for assisted reproductive technology, October 3, 2025.
- American Health Law Association (podcast), July 24, 2025.
- A Brain-Dead Woman Is Being Kept on Machines to Gestate a Fetus. It Was Inevitable, Guest Essay, New York Times, May 24, 2025.
- Reconstructing the Roberts Court, Ms. Magazine, March 5, 2024.
- What's Next for Abortion Law, Matter of Fact with Soledad O'Brien, Guest, December 2024.
- Beyond Abortion: The Need for Reproductive Justice, Full Mutuality (podcast), Guest, February 15, 2024.
- Emergency Abortion Access, 51% (podcast), Guest, June 27, 2024.
- Abortion Rights and Challenges Ahead, Legal Talk Network, Guest, December 2024.
- Amanpour & Co, Guest, October 2022.
- From Wonder to Nightmare (op-ed), New Jersey Star Ledger, July 2, 2022.
- Break Concrete (podcast), Guest, September 9, 2020.
- What Comes After Roe, Washington Monthly, November 3, 2019.
- What the Abortion Debate Leaves Out, Washington Monthly, January 13, 2019.

## **EDUCATION**

**Columbia Law School.** New York, New York.

Juris Doctorate May, 1997.

Honors:

- Kirkland & Ellis Fellow
- Rosenmann Prize
- Stone Scholar

Activities:

- Co-Founder of Women of Color Coalition
- Co-Coordinator of Women of Color and the Law Conference
- Teaching Assistant for Professor Kendall Thomas
- Dean Search Committee, Student Member

**University of Pennsylvania.** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bachelor of Arts in United States History (Honors Program)/Minor in English May, 1994.

Honors:

- Dean's List
- Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

- Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting, Plenary Panel Speaker, October 2025.
- NYU School of Law- Birnbaum Women's Leadership Center, *Personhood and Pregnancy*, Panelist (October 2025).
- Georgetown Law-O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, *Memory, Medicine, and Law: Reflecting on the 20th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina*, Reproductive Justice and the Roberts Court (September 2025).
- The Summit for Civil Rights 2025-Reclaiming Populism, What do we do? What unites us?, Panel Keynote (May 2025).
- Northeastern Law School, Three Years after Dobbs: The Reproductive Justice Landscape, Family Formation, Panelist (April 2025).
- Drexel Medical School, Reproductive Justice Beyond Abortion (December 2024).
- Washington University in St. Louis, Reproductive Justice Beyond Abortion: Potential Life as a Tool of Subordination (September 2024).
- Georgetown Law- O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, A Crisis of Health and Democracy: 2 Years Post-Dobbs—What's Next?, Panelist (July 2024).
- National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's, [Shaping Access to Reproductive Health Care: Financing and Delivery Systems](#), (webinar), Reproductive Justice and Financing Infertility Care, (June 7, 2024).
- American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics Health Law Professors Conference, Reflections on Recent Supreme Court Cases (plenary), Panelist & Fertility Care & Assisted Reproduction: The Post-Dobbs Landscape, The End of Fertility Care as We Know It, Panelist (June 2024).
- National Abortion Federation, Difficult Ethical Cases, Panelist (April 2024).
- Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Teaching Reproductive Justice, Panelist (January 2024).
- Georgetown Law School O'Neill Institute Supreme Court Term in Review (June 2024).
- ACLU-NJ, Raising the Bar, Panelist (May 2023)
- Association of American Law Schools, Defending Democracy, Beyond Imagination, Panelist (May 2023).
- Institute for Bioethics and Health Humanities, Reproductive Ethics Conference, Keynote Speaker, January 2023.
- Center for Research on Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Psychiatric, Neurologic & Behavioral Genetics at Columbia & The Hastings Center, Do Genetic Findings Impact Perceptions of Responsibility, Discussant (May 2021)
- National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, Vigilance in the Time of Injustice - Past, Present, and Future: The Role of Law Students and Lawyers in Realizing Social Justice, Panelist (May 2021).

### **AWARDS/HONORS/SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 2024 Changemaker Award for the Antiracist Development Institute at Penn State Dickinson Law (2024).
- New Jersey Reparations Council, Health Equity Committee, Member (2023).
- New Jersey Women Lawyers Association, Trailblazer Award (2023).
- Society of American Law Teachers, M. Shanara Gilbert Human Rights Award (2021).
- Rutgers Law School Black Law Students Association, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Champion of Social Justice Equality Award (2021).
- Association of Black Women Lawyers of New Jersey Distinguished Changemaker (2021).
- Association of American Law Schools Impact Award (2020).
- National Black Pre-Law Conference and Law Fair John Mercer Langston Legal Education Leadership Award (2019).
- Center for Reproductive Rights Innovation in Scholarship Award (2013).
- Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award (2011).
- Women's Law Caucus Faculty Appreciation Award (2011 & 2014).

### **FELLOWSHIPS/VISITING SCHOLAR POSITIONS**

- Temple Law School, Phyllis Beck Chair (fall 2024).
- NYU Law Birnbaum Women's Leadership Center, Fellow in Residence (fall 2023-spring 2024).
- Commission on Racial Equity in the Law, New Jersey State Bar Association (2020-2022).
- Center for Gender and Sexuality Law, Columbia Law School, Senior Fellow/Sabbatical Visitor (spring 2013).
- University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics, Visiting Scholar (fall 2007).
- Rutgers University Institute for Research on Women/Institute for Women's Leadership Interdisciplinary Seminar on Health and Bodies, Fellow (2006-2007).

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- Association of American Law Schools Antiracist Clearinghouse Project, Co-founder (2020-present).
- U.S. News and World Report Law Deans Advisory Board (2020- 2023).
- The Lawyering Project, Board Member (2017-present).
- Law Students for Reproductive Justice Academic Advisory Council, Member (2011).
- Women's Law Project, Board Member (2005-2010).

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Center for Reproductive Rights.** New York, New York.

Consulting Attorney

spring 2000-summer 2000

Aided in preparation for two major reproductive rights cases heard by the United States Supreme Court. Conducted legal research and writing.

**The HIV Law Project.** New York, New York.

Kirkland & Ellis Fellow/Staff Attorney fall 1997-spring 2000

Co-counsel on lawsuit challenging New York State law mandating HIV testing of all newborns. Work entailed extensive legal and non-legal research, writing motions and legal correspondence, filing court papers, interacting with opposing counsel, participating in settlement negotiations, conducting client interviews, and serving as contact between lawsuit plaintiffs and office. Performed local and national outreach and education efforts on issues concerning women of color and HIV/AIDS through training sessions and presentations at community-based organizations and conferences. Coordinated an advocacy-training program for HIV-positive women. Responsible for analyzing and disseminating information on local and national changes in HIV/AIDS related policy, particularly as these changes affected women with HIV. Represented clients in family court proceedings.

**Prisoners' and Families' Rights Clinic.** New York, New York (Columbia Law School).

Legal Intern fall 1996- spring 1997

Represented incarcerated women in a parole appeal and a termination of parental rights proceeding. Conducted workshops at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility on the rights of incarcerated parents.

**The HIV Law Project.** New York, New York.

Legal Intern fall 1996-spring 1997

Researched the reproductive rights implications of mandatory HIV testing of newborns and forced AZT administration to pregnant women. Aided in the writing of published article on the same topic.

**The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Division.** Brooklyn, New York.

Legal Intern/Columbia Law School Public Service Fellow summer 1996

Conducted client interviews, researched and wrote pre-trial motions for discovery and dismissal, made court appearances to argue discovery motion and withdraw PINS (Person in Need of Supervision) petition.

**The American Civil Liberties Union, Women's Rights Project.** New York, New York.

Legal Intern/Singer Fellow fall 1995

Aided in the preparation of an amicus brief for sex discrimination case heard in the U.S. Supreme Court. Conducted research on issues concerning access to abortion services for incarcerated women and prosecution of pregnant women for fetal abuse. Created an annotated bibliography on writings in the area of critical race theory.

**The Center for Reproductive Law and Policy.** New York, New York.

Legal Intern/Columbia Law School Public Service Fellow summer 1995

Conducted research on Constitutional and procedural issues for reproductive rights litigation. Aided in drafting complaint for new lawsuit. Traveled to Indiana to gather declarations from women and abortion providers who would be adversely impacted by new restrictive abortion law.