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His most recent books are *SEXUALITY, DISABILITY AND THE LAW: BEYOND THE LAST FRONTIER?* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016) (with Alison J. Lynch, Esq.), and *SHAMING THE CONSTITUTION: THE DETRIMENTAL RESULTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENT PREDATOR LEGISLATION* (Temple University Press) (2017) (with Prof. Heather Ellis Cucolo). His treatise, *MENTAL DISABILITY LAW: CIVIL AND CRIMINAL* (3d ed.) (Lexis-Nexis, 2016, updated yearly) (also with Prof. Cucolo), is universally seen as the standard text in the area, having been cited most recently as the leading work in this area of law by the California Court of Appeals (see *People v. Kerbs*, 2020 WL 429006, \*12 n. 6 (2020)). An earlier book, *THE JURISPRUDENCE OF THE INSANITY DEFENSE* (Carolina Academic Press, 1995) won the Manfred Guttmacher award of the American Psychiatric Association and the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law as the best book published that year. The third edition of one of his five casebooks, *MENTAL DISABILITY LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS* (Carolina Academic Press, 2017) (with Prof. Cucolo and Ms. Lynch) was also published two years ago.

Among his current articles in press are *"A World of Steel-Eyed Death": An Empirical Evaluation of the Failure of the Strickland Standard to Ensure Adequate Counsel to Defendants with Mental Disabilities Facing the Death Penalty*, -- U. MICH. J. L. REF. -- (2020) (with Prof. Talia Roitberg Harmon and Sarah Chatt); *"Deceived Me into Thinking/I Had Something to Protect": A Therapeutic Jurisprudence Analysis of When Multiple Experts Are Necessary in Cases in which Fact-finders Rely on Heuristic Reasoning and "Ordinary Common Sense,"* -- L.J. SOC'L JUST. -- (2020), and *"Man, I Ain't a Judge": The Therapeutic Jurisprudence Implications of the Use of Non-Judicial Officers in Criminal Justice Cases*, -- AM. BEHAV. SCI. -- (2020).

Before becoming a professor, Perlin was the Deputy Public Defender in charge of the Mercer County Trial Region in New Jersey, and, for eight years, was the director of the

Division of Mental Health Advocacy in the NJ Department of the Public Advocate. He has represented thousands of persons with mental disabilities in individual and class actions, and he has represented criminal defendants at every level from police court to the US Supreme Court (second-seating *Strickland v. Washington*, and representing amicus in *Ake v. Oklahoma*, and *Colorado v. Connelly*).

Professor Perlin directed the online mental disability law program at New York Law School from 2000 to 2014, and through that program, offered 13 courses to lawyers, mental health professionals, and disability advocates. Through this program, he has also taught mental disability law courses in Japan, Nicaragua, Finland, Israel, Australia, Taiwan, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and Sweden. He has done extensive work in China with the American Bar Association's Rule of Law—Asia office where he has conducted "Training of Trainers" workshops in Xi'an, China to teach experienced death penalty defense lawyers how to train inexperienced lawyers, employing the online distance learning methodologies used in the NYLS online program.

Professor Perlin has also done advocacy work on behalf of persons with disabilities on every continent. In 2012, he served as a Fulbright Senior Specialist, teaching and consulting at the Islamic University of Jogjakarta, Indonesia. Four years earlier, also as part of the Fulbright designation, he taught in the Global Law Program at Haifa. He is an honorary life president, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Society of Therapeutic Jurisprudence.

He plays the clarinet in the Lawrence Township (NJ) Community Concert band, and is on the Board of Directors of the Washington Crossing (NJ) Audubon Society.