

Ellen Fried, Board Member, Girls Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS)

Ellen R. Fried joined the GEMS board in 2006, bringing a lifelong passion and commitment to fighting for the rights and protections of children. She is a seasoned attorney, teacher, mentor and administrator with extensive background in legal education, clinical instruction, and development of courses and programs in the field of juvenile rights. Presently Ms. Fried is teaching a course in "Children and the Law" as part of the innovative interdisciplinary Children's Studies Program at Brooklyn College. From 1993-2007, Ms. Fried taught as an adjunct professor at CUNY Law School where she created and taught in its first Juvenile Defender Clinic. Prior to CUNY Law, Ms. Fried served as the Director of Training for the Juvenile Rights Division of The Legal Aid Society of NY for several years, where she developed training programs for all incoming attorneys, supervised new attorneys in all 5 boroughs, developed and implemented continuing education programs and produced the state-wide JRD Newsletter. During Ms. Fried's 30 year career as a public interest attorney, she also taught at Hofstra School of Law, was Assistant Director of the Fund for Modern Courts, an administrative law judge for the E.C.B., a consultant for the Fifth Avenue Committee, and a trial attorney with the Criminal Defense Division of The NY Legal Aid Society. She is a graduate of Northwestern University (B.A., Phi Beta Kappa) and Columbia University School of Law (J.D., Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar).