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During her six years as a faculty member, Karla McKanders has brought a new dimension to the UT College of Law’s clinical programs. She and her students have represented clients statewide in immigration and asylum cases with a great deal of success. Her teaching and research interests are advocacy, civil rights, international humanitarian law, immigration, and refugee law and policy. She also teaches a seminar she developed on asylum law. In 2011 and 2012, McKanders was a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Mohamed V-Souissi in Rabat, Morocco. When law classes are not in session, McKanders carries a substantial pro bono and clinic caseload. She is a member of the Tennessee Bar Association’s Access to Justice Committee, a board member for Friends of Literacy, a member of the College of Law Admissions Committee, and a faculty advisor for several student organizations.