

## ERIC MITCHELL FINK

Elon University School of Law  
201 North Greene Street  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27401  
336.279.9334 • [efink@elon.edu](mailto:efink@elon.edu) • <http://facstaff.elon.edu/efink/>

---

### CURRENT POSITION

#### ELON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, GREENSBORO, NC

Associate Professor of Law, August 2007-Present

Jennings Professor & Emerging Scholar, August 2010-Present

#### TEACHING

##### Academic Year 2011-12

- Civil Procedure (Fall & Spring)
- Socio-Legal Perspectives on Labor & Employment (Fall)
- Consumer Law (Spring)

##### Other Courses Taught

- Professional Responsibility
- Administrative Law
- Employment Law
- Social Research & Law
- Business Associations

#### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- From Sewer Socialism to Sewer Syndicalism: Worker Self-Management in Public Services
- The Compleat Angler's Code: Tradition, Innovation, & Law in Fly Fishing

---

### PUBLICATIONS

The Virtual Construction of Legality: 'Griefing' & Normative Order in Second Life, 21 *Journal of Law, Information & Science* \_\_ (Forthcoming 2011)

Law School & The Web of Group Affiliation: Socializing, Socialization, & Social Network Site Use Among Law Students, 27 *John Marshall Journal of Computer & Information Law* 325 (2010)

Liars and Terrorists and Judges, Oh My: Moral Panic and the Symbolic Politics of Appellate Review in Asylum Cases, 83 *Notre Dame Law Review* 2019 (2008); reprinted in 29 *Immigration & Nationality Law Review* 45 (2008); cited in *Zuh v. Mukasey*, 547 F.3d 504, 513 (4th Cir. 2008)

Post-Realism, or the Jurisprudential Logic of Late Capitalism: A Socio-Legal Analysis of the Rise and Diffusion of Law and Economics, 55 *Hastings Law Journal* 931 (2004)

Union and Employee Access to Employer E-mail Systems Under Federal Labor Law, with Stuart W. Davidson, in *The CyberUnion Handbook* (A. Shostak, ed., 2002)

Contributing Editor, *The Developing Labor Law* (P. Hardin, ed., 4th ed. 2001)

Book Note, *The Caribbean: New Dynamics in Trade and Political Economy*, 28 *NYU Journal of International Law & Politics* 644 (1996)

---

## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS**

### **SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS (SEALS), HILTON HEAD, SC 2011 Annual Meeting**

Panel on Internet Culture & the Law, July 28, 2011

### **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF LAW, OÑATI, SPAIN Conference On The Social Economy**

From Sewer Socialism to Sewer Syndicalism: Worker Self-Management in Public Services, July 6, 2011

### **ELON LAW REVIEW, GREENSBORO, NC**

#### **2010 Annual Symposium: Transparency, Secrecy, & the Internet**

Moderator: Panel on User-Generated Content, October 29, 2010

### **SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS (SEALS), PALM BEACH, FL 2010 Annual Meeting**

The Virtual Construction of Legality: Legal Consciousness in the Second Life Virtual World (New Scholars Panel), August 1, 2010

### **LAW & SOCIETY ASSOCIATION, CHICAGO, IL**

#### **2010 Annual Meeting**

The Virtual Construction of Legality: Legal Consciousness in the Second Life Virtual World, May 28, 2010

### **SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS (SEALS), PALM BEACH, FL 2010 Annual Meeting**

Panel on academic legal blogs as resources for scholarship & teaching, August 3, 2009

---

## **PRESENTATIONS & MEDIA APPEARANCES**

### **WFMY-TV NEWS 2**

The Pros And Cons Of Rewriting The U.S. Constitution, June 28, 2011

### **WFMY-TV NEWS 2**

2 Wants To Know Investigates "The American Community Survey", June 17, 2011

### **NC RISING 3**

Labor History & Struggle in North Carolina, May 28, 2011

### **FUTURE WEB 2010 CONFERENCE**

The Future of Intellectual Property and the Web, April 29, 2010

### **TVN POLAND (WWW.TVN.PL)**

Commentary on North Carolina "Heartbalm" Lawsuit, April 2010

### **NORTH CAROLINA OPEN GOVERNMENT COALITION**

NC Open Government Law: A Guide for Public Officials, October 22, 2009

### **STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF NC**

Public Employee Unions and Collective Bargaining, October 17, 2009

### **WFMY-TV, THE GOOD MORNING SHOW**

Online Social Media and Your Rights at Work, September 11, 2009

**MITCHELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The Labor Movement and Labor Law in 2009, September 8, 2009

**IWW ORGANIZER TRAINING WORKSHOP**

Labor Law Basics, March 8, 2009

**WUNC-FM: "THE STATE OF THINGS"**

Labor Unions in North Carolina, December 18, 2008

**WGHP-TV**

My Rights: Laid Off, December 15, 2008

**NC/SC LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW ANNUAL MEETING**

Family Responsibility Accommodation and Discrimination, October 18, 2008

**GAMMA THETA UPSILON (GEOGRAPHY HONORS SOCIETY), UNCG**

The Place of Place in Law: Law & Geography, April 24, 2008

**NORTH CAROLINA OPEN GOVERNMENT COALITION**

Forum on North Carolina Public Records Law, March 20, 2008

**CONVERGE SOUTH ELECTRONIC MEDIA CONFERENCE**

Legal Issues Online, October 19, 2007

---

**PAST TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, PALO ALTO, CA**

Lecturer in Law, 2004-06

Legal Research & Writing

**ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY/COMEY INSTITUTE, PHILADELPHIA, PA**

Instructor, 1997-2003

Labor Law & Labor Movement Studies

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, POTTSTOWN, PA**

Instructor, Fall 200

Introduction to Sociology

**THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COLLEGE, PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC**

*Lecturer*, February-October, 1992

Introduction to Sociology; Economic Sociology; Sociology of Law

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, IL**

Teaching Assistant, 1989-91

Law & Society; Political Sociology; Race & Ethnicity

**MORAINE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PALOS HILLS, IL**

Instructor, Fall 2008

Introduction to Sociology

---

## **LEGAL PRACTICE**

### **LEONARD CARDER, LLP, OAKLAND & SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

Associate, 2006-07

### **THE WEINSTEIN FIRM, PHILADELPHIA, PA**

Of Counsel, 2004-05

### **ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & MELLOTT, PHILADELPHIA, PA**

Associate, 2002-04

### **WILLIG, WILLIAMS & DAVIDSON, PHILADELPHIA, PA**

Associate, 1997-2002

---

## **EDUCATION**

### **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

J.D., magna cum laude, 1997

- Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Fellow
- Journal of International Law & Politics, Symposium Editor
- Order of the Coif

### **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

Doctoral Student in Sociology (ABD), 1987-92

- Special Fields: Organizations (honors); Economic Sociology

### **LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**

M.Sc., Sociology, 1985

- Thesis: Policing & Riots in the U.S. & U.K.

### **THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY**

B.A., Sociology, 1984

---

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Law & Society Association
- Labor & Working Class History Association
- Society of American Law Teachers
- American Bar Association
- North Carolina State Bar—Ethics Committee Advisory Member
- Bar Admissions: California; Pennsylvania (retired status)