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WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
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ACADEMIC

EMPLOYMENT: Professor of Law
Widener University School of Law
Wilmington, DE
August 1987-present

Subjects taught: Family Law; Torts; Advanced Torts; Public Health Law (S); HIV and the Law (S);; Contemporary Tort Theory; Comparative Torts; Business Organizations; Comparative Legal Systems

Outstanding Faculty Award, May 2000 and May 1991
Widener University School of Law

Lecturer
Yale University School of Medicine (Public Health Division)
New Haven, CT
Fall 1999-present

Subject taught: Public Health Law

Director, Widener International Law Institute's Program in
Sydney, Australia (Summer 2001)

Director, International Programs and Graduate Studies
Widener University School of Law
July 1997-August 1999

Director, Graduate Program in Corporate Law and Finance
Widener University School of Law
July 1996-June 1997

Visiting Professor of Law
California Western School of Law
San Diego, CA
Spring, 2002

Visiting Professor of Law,
Southern Methodist University School of Law
Dallas, TX
Fall 1998

Bigelow Fellow and Lecturer in Law
University of Chicago School of Law
Chicago, IL
September 1986-June 1987

**OTHER LEGAL
EMPLOYMENT:**

Associate, Litigation Department
Cahill Gordon & Reindel
New York, NY
October 1983-August 1986

Law Clerk to Hon. Joseph M. McLaughlin,
United States District Judge
Eastern District of New York
Brooklyn, NY
August 1982-September 1983

EDUCATION:

Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1982
Associate Editor, FORDHAM LAW REVIEW

College of William and Mary, B.A., 1978
High Honors in Philosophy
Thesis: *Two Notions of Language and Language Investigation*
Captain, Interscholastic Swim Team (four-year letter winner)

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS:

Even More Wrongful Death: Statutes Divorced from Reality, ___
FORDHAM URBAN L. J. ___ (2004) (forthcoming).

Pleading the Case for Public Nuisance Claims Against Gun Sellers,
(with Jean Eggen) (in progress).

The Heterosexual Agenda, 13 WIDENER L. J. ___ (2004)
(forthcoming).

Tort, Compensation, and Two Kinds of Justice, 55 RUTGERS L.
REV. 1027 (2003).

Sandbags Full of Money: Victim Compensation After 9/11,
DISSENT, Fall 2003 at 57.

*Gun Torts: Defining a Cause of Action for Victims in Suits Against
Gun Manufacturers* (with Jean Eggen), 81 N. C. L. REV. 115
(2002).

*Recurring Nightmare: Barriers to Effective Treatment of HIV in
the United States and Internationally*, 35 JOHN MARSHALL L.
REV. 381 (2002) (in Presentation, *Dealing with International
AIDS: A Case Study in the Challenges of Globalization*, 35 JOHN
MARSHALL L. REV. 381-432).

AIDS in National and International Law (Remarks on Barriers to
Prevention and Treatment), in PROCEEDINGS OF THE 96TH
ANNUAL MEETING of The American Society of International
Law at 320, 324 (2002).

*Defining a Proper Role for Public Nuisance Law in Municipal
Suits Against Gun Sellers: Beyond Rhetoric and Expedience* (with
Jean Eggen), 52 S. CAR. L. REV. 217 (2001), *abstracted by Social
Science Research Network* (accepted papers), *available at*
<http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/results.cfm>.

A 'Clanging Silence': Same-Sex Couples and Tort Law,
89 KY. L.J. 911 (2000-2001) (lead article in symposium, *From
Outlaws to In-Laws: Issues Surrounding the Evolving Legal Status
of Lesbian and Gay Individuals*).

*A Tale of Two Concurrences: Same-Sex Marriage and
Products Liability*, 7 W. & M. J. WOMEN & L. 447 (2001).

Uprooting the Arguments Against Same-Sex Marriage,
20 CARDOZO L. REV. 1119 (1999).

Book Review, Robert Wintemute, SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND
HUMAN RIGHTS, 16 WISC. INT'L L.J. 579 (1998).

*The Emperor Has No Causation: Exposing a Judicial
Misconstruction of Science*, 2 WIDENER L. SYM. J. 185 (1997).

*The Limits of Product Liability Reform Within a Consumer
Expectation Model: A Comparison of Approaches Taken by the
United States and the European Union*,
19 HASTINGS INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 1 (1995).

*Reinvigorating Educational Malpractice Claims: A
Representational Focus*, 66 WASH. L. REV. 349 (1992).

*Real and Imagined Effects of Statutes Limiting the Liability of
Non-Manufacturing Sellers of Defective Products*,
95 DICKINSON L. REV. 287 (1991).

*Spielberg Reconsidered: Problems in Application and Content of
the Deferral Doctrine*, 49 FORDHAM L. REV. 1116 (1981).

**MAJOR
PRESENTATIONS:**

Panelist, Civil Unions and Gay Marriage: A Spectrum of
Institutions
Gay Marriage: PBI/CLE Accredited Course
Equality Forum: The Global GLBT Event
Philadelphia, PA
April 29, 2004

Panelist, Same-Sex Marriage
Voice of America radio program: "Talk to America"
February 20, 2004
(audio available at: www.voanews.com/talktoamerica)

Featured Speaker, Press Conference to address gun-industry
immunity legislation pending before the U.S. Senate
Sponsors: Brady Campaign/Million Mom March
February 19, 2004
Wilmington, DE

Panelist, “The Changing Landscape of our Communities”
Annual Meeting,
U. Penn. Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alumni Ass’n
Philadelphia, PA
November 8, 2003

Panelist, Civil Justice? The Tort System’s Treatment of LGBT
Persons (discussing wrongful death laws)
Lavender Law 2003
Fordham University School of Law
New York, NY
October 17-19, 2003

Integrating Sexual Minority Issues into Torts Courses
Conference on Torts: The Judge’s New Robe:
Rethinking the Judicial Role for 21st Century Torts
Association of American Law Schools
Mid-Year Meeting
New York, NY
June 17- 20, 2003

Presentation: Teaching the “New” Public Health
American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics
Annual Health Law Teachers Conference
Widener University School of Law
Wilmington, DE
June 6-7, 2003

Invited participant,
Workshop: Creating a Model Syllabus for course on
Bioterrorism and Public Health Law
McGeorge School of Law
Sacramento, CA
March 20-21, 2003

Health in Difference 4: Fourth National Lesbian, Gay, Transgender
and Bisexual Health Conference
University of Sydney
Sydney, Australia
Presenter of full paper, *HIV Treatment Means HIV Prevention:
Deconstructing the Impossibility of Treatment Argument*
November 1, 2002

Who Needs A Bill of Rights? Comparing the Australian and the American Experiences

Forum, University of Technology, Sydney (UTS)

Principal Presenter

Sydney, Australia

October 25, 2002

The American Society of International Law

ASIL 96th Annual Meeting

Panelist, "AIDS in National and International Law"

March 15, 2002

Association of American Law Schools 2002 Annual Meeting

Panelist, Joint Program of Sections on Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues and International Law

Topic: *Dealing with International AIDS: A Case Study in the Challenges of Globalization*

January 4, 2002

Keynote Luncheon Address, *Same-Sex Couples: Why Can't Two Live as Cheaply as One?*

Symposium: Gender and Sexuality Studies at Penn State

Tenth Anniversary Celebration, Coalition for GLBT Equality

Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

October 13, 2001

Presenter, Annual Health Law Teachers Conference

American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics

Defining a Proper Role for Public Nuisance Law in Municipal Suits Against Gun Sellers: Beyond Rhetoric and Expedience

Boston University School of Law

June, 2001

Presentation on Same-Sex Marriage to Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues Section of Dallas Bar Association

December, 1998

Presenter, Annual Health Law Teachers Conference

Topic: *Solving Causation Problems in Toxic Exposure Cases*

University of Houston Law Center

June, 1998

Keynote Speaker, *Legal and Ethical Challenges in HIV/AIDS Care*

Presentation to private and public health care practitioners

Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Chester, PA

April, 1997

Presentation to Pennsylvania Assembly Majority Caucus on
possible effects of product liability reform legislation
February, 1989

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS
AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Frequently interviewed and featured in various media concerning
issues of tort and health law, and sexual orientation

Commentary,
Coming Out at the Old Ballpark,
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, August 18, 2003, at B2.

Perspective (op-ed),
Gun Makers Seek to Bar Justice,
WILMINGTON NEWS J., June 22, 2003, at A15.

Speaker, Faculty Seminar
*Recent Developments in the United States in the Law Relating to
Same-Sex Couples*
University of New South Wales
Faculty of Law
Sydney, Australia
October 29, 2002

Guest Professor,
Physician Assistant Program
Arcadia University
Glen Mills, PA
November 20, 2001
Topic: *Issues in HIV Confidentiality and Disclosure*

Delaware Voices (op-ed), *Equality Has Nothing to do with a
Disease*, WILMINGTON NEWS JOURNAL (March 19, 2001)

Op-ed piece, *High Court Rules that Boy Scouts Can Exclude Gays*,
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER (July 3, 2000)

Commentary, *Same-Sex Marriage: The Depth of the Opposition
and the Importance of Victory*, 3 J. Gay & Lesbian Med. Ass'n 103
(Sept. 1999)

Presented arguments on same-sex marriage in local Borders and Barnes & Noble bookstores, including one in a series on “Law and Society,” throughout the greater Philadelphia area (1999-2000)

Case Commentary, *General Electric Co. v. Joiner*, 522 U.S. (1997), U. HOUSTON HEALTH L. NEWS (1998)

Graduate Legal Education in the United States, INT’L GRADUATE 40 (1998)

Commentary, *Hart v. Jersey City*, 706 A.2d 256 (N.J. Super. A.D. 1998), THE FORENSIC ECHO, Vol. II, No. 8 at 15 (1998).

PEER REVIEW: Bulletin of the World Health Organization
Article: International Law and HIV/AIDS
August, 2002

**BAR AND LEGAL
ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIPS:**

Admitted to practice in New York State since
Member, American Bar Association
Associate Member, Delaware Bar Association

**ORGANIZATIONS,
SERVICE, OTHER**

Vice-President, Executive Board
Center For Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights
Philadelphia, PA
2002-present

Member, Executive Committee, and Founding Sponsor,
AALS Section on Post-Graduate Legal Education (1998-1999)

Member, Policy Committee of Delaware HIV Consortium
Participated in the drafting of recommendations to the Consortium
and to Delaware Dep’t of Public Health on reporting HIV status
1995-2001

President, FINS Aquatics Club
Philadelphia, PA
Sept. 2002-Sept. 2003
(Member since 1992, holding various positions including Head
Coach and Meet Director)