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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA
Professor, Jeffrey S. Moorad Center for the Study of Sports Law,
February 2012-
Professor of Law, April 2015-
Professor of Legal Writing, November 2009-April 2015
Associate Professor of Legal Writing, August 2004-November 2009
Assistant Professor of Legal Writing, August 2003-August 2004
Legal Writing Instructor, August 2001-August 2003

Teach legal analysis, writing and oral advocacy course to first year law students. Instruct students in the writing of legal memoranda, pleadings, motions and appellate briefs. Conduct oral argument competition for first year students.

2020 Recipient of the Diane E. Ambler '78 Faculty Scholarship Impact Award. Awarded by the Villanova University School of Law, recognizing faculty whose work has had a significant impact.

Acting Assistant Dean For Academic Support, August 2003-May 2004
Acting Director Of Academic Support, January 2006-May 2006

Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economía, Madrid, Spain
Guest Professor -- International Sports Law, Spring 2011-

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

ACE USA (formerly CIGNA Property and Casualty Cos.) Philadelphia, PA
Environmental Coverage Specialist. August 1994-August 2001.

Analyzed and resolved insurance coverage issues in multi-million dollar toxic tort cases arising in all 50 states. Supervised underlying environmental defense litigation including trial strategy and appellate issues. Prepared opinion letters for policyholder clients. Also handled coverage actions. Researched coverage law and analyzed policy defenses in light of relevant precedent. Was responsible for overseeing the discovery process, dictating motion practice, negotiating settlements and coordinating the overall defense of the company.

White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia, PA
Litigation Associate-Healthcare Group. September 1991-August 1994.

Represented hospitals and physicians in medical malpractice actions. Participated in all areas of trial preparation and appeals. Also defended product liability claims, general tort actions and handled related insurance law matters. Counseled healthcare clients on various environmental, employment and ethical issues.

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 1991

Editor, The Georgetown Immigration Law Journal

Honors: Dean's List (all semesters)

Legal Research and Writing

TULANE UNIVERSITY, New Orleans, LA

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, May 1988 (Major: American History, Minor: Sociology)

Honors: Dean's List (all semesters)

National History Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS

Books

“INVISIBLE MEN: *The Story of the Black Men Who Played Minor League Baseball in Jackie Robinson’s Shadow Told By The Men Who Played It*”

Uncovering the histories of the African American men who played minor league ball in the post-Jackie Robinson era (1958-1972). In progress.

“BOUTON: *The Life of a Baseball Original*” (University of Nebraska Press, 2020). *New York Times Book Review* Summer Reading selection, 2020. 2021 Seymour Medal Finalist (honoring the best book of baseball history or biography published during the preceding calendar year). 2021 Casey Award Silver Medalist (honoring the best baseball book during the preceding calendar year).

“GOD ALMIGHTY HISSELF: *The Life and Legacy of Dick Allen*” (Penn Press, Spring 2016). 2017 Seymour Medal Finalist (honoring the best book of baseball history or biography published during the preceding calendar year). Included in “The 100 Best Baseball Books Ever Written,” *Esquire* <https://www.esquire.com/entertainment/books/g38201485/best-baseball-books-ever/>

“UNDERSTANDING BASEBALL: A TEXTBOOK” (McFarland & Co., Publishers, 2015) (co-author).

“A PEOPLE’S HISTORY OF BASEBALL” (University of Illinois Press, 2012).

“THE HAPPY LAWYER HANDBOOK” (CreateSpace, 2012).

“THE FALL OF THE 1977 PHILLIES: *How a Baseball Team’s Collapse Sank a City’s Spirit*” (McFarland & Co., Inc., Publishers, 2008).

Book Chapters

“Baseball Has No Love for Truth-Tellers” Trash-Canned (University of Texas Press), forthcoming, 2022.

“The Tell-All Hurler: Jim Bouton and ‘Ball Four’” Courting the Yankees: Legal Essays on the Bronx Bombers, ch. 6 (Carolina Academic Press, 2003).

“Litigation & Regulatory Issues Affecting Managed Care” Treatise on Health Care Law, Vol. 1, Ch. 8A, Matthew Bender & Co. (1996. Updated through 2000) (co-author).

Articles

“The Boy of Summer: The Art and Anger of Roger Kahn.” (forthcoming, NINE: A Journal of Baseball History & Culture).

“Rules for Baseball Radicals: How Jim Bouton and *Ball Four* Changed the Narrative of Baseball,” Vol. #29, Nos. 1-2, (2020-21), 181.

“My Baseball Novel,” NINE: A Journal of Baseball History & Culture, Vol. #28, Nos. 1-2 (2019-20), 33.

“More than Just California Dreamin’?: California Labor Code §2855 and its Applicability to MLB,” 17 Va. Sports & Ent. L.J. 23 (Fall, 2017).

“Custom’s Last Stand: Why MLB Trusts Tradition to Police Player Conduct and the NFL Doesn’t,” 18 Tex. Rev. Ent. & Sports L. 1 (Fall, 2016).

“Dick Allen Preferred Not To: A Reconsideration of Baseball’s *Bartleby*,” NINE: A Journal of Baseball History & Culture, Vol. 22, #2, 1 (Spring, 2014).

“Dick Allen’s Second Act,” The National Pastime – From Swampoodle to South Philly (2013), 110.

“Who Exempted Baseball, Anyway?: The Curious Development of the Antitrust Exemption that Never Was,” 4 Harv. J. Sports & Ent. L. 1 (Winter, 2013), (Winner of the 2013 McFarland-SABR Award: Presented by the Society for American Baseball Research in recognition of the best historical or biographical articles of the year).

“Truly Sovereign At Last: *C.B.C. Distribution v. MLB AM* and the Redefinition of the Concept of Baseball,” 89 Ore. L. Rev. 581 (2010).

“The Sovereign Nation of Baseball: Why Federal Law Does Not Apply to ‘America’s Game’ and How it Got That Way” 16 Vill. Sports & Ent. L. J. 49. (2009).

“Major League Baseball as Enron: The True Meaning of the Mitchell Report” Outside the Lines: A Publication of the SABR Business of Baseball Committee, Fall 2008.

“What’s in a Name, or, Better Yet, What’s it Worth?: Cities, Sports Teams

and the Right of Publicity” 58 Case W. Res. L. Rev. 167 (2007).

“Dismantling the ‘Other’: Understanding the Nature and Malleability of Groups in the Legal Writing Professorate’s Quest For Equality” 13 J. Legal Writing Institute 79 (2007).

“The Continental League and the Push for Expansion in Major League Baseball” Outside the Lines: A Publication of the SABR Business of Baseball Committee, Summer 2007.

“MLB Franchise Relocation Pursuant to its Antitrust Exemption: A Distinction Without a Difference” Outside the Lines: A Publication of the SABR Business of Baseball Committee, Spring 2007.

“Gatekeepers of Americana: Ownership’s Neverending Quest For Control of the Baseball Creed” NINE: A Journal of Baseball History & Culture, Vol. 15, #1, 68 (Sept. 2006).

“The Irrelevance of Major League Baseball’s Antitrust Exemption: A Historical Review” 58 Rutgers L. Rev. 1 (2005), (Winner of the 2006 McFarland-SABR Award: Presented by the Society for American Baseball Research in recognition of the best historical or biographical articles of the year).

“Taking the Road Less Traveled: Why Practical Scholarship Makes Sense For the Legal Writing Professor” 11 J. Legal Writing Institute 329 (2005).

“It’s the Economy (and Combined Ratio) Stupid: Examining the Medical Malpractice Litigation “Crisis” Myth and the Factors Critical to Reform” 108 Penn St. L. Rev. 1077 (2004).

“Celebrating the Value of Practical Knowledge and Experience” Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing, Vol. 11, No.3 (Spring 2003).

“The Messiah By G.F. Handel-An Introductory Note” By The Wayside, August, 1997 (humorous fiction).

"The Growth of Enterprise Liability in the Managed Care Arena" Health Care Law Monthly, February, 1996.

"Hospital Corporate Negligence: Enforcing the Hospital's Role of Administrator" 28 Tort & Ins. L. J. 575 (1993).

Book Reviews

“The Cup of Coffee Club,” NINE: A Journal of Baseball History & Culture, Vol. #28, Nos. 1-2 (2021), 214.

“Ten Innings at Wrigley: The Wildest Ballgame Ever, with Baseball on the Brink,” NINE: A Journal of Baseball History & Culture, Vol. #27, Nos. 1-2 (2018-19), 132.

“No Place I Would Rather Be: Roger Angell and a Life in Baseball Writing,” NINE: A Journal of Baseball History & Culture, Vol. #27, Nos. 1-2 (2018-19), 136.

“Macho Row: The 1993 Phillies and Baseball’s Unwritten Code,” NINE: A Journal of Baseball History & Culture, Vol. #24, Nos. 1-2 (2018), 261.

“Baseball Meets the Law,” The Inside Game: The Official Newsletter of SABR’s Deadball Era Committee, 2017.

“The Baseball Trust: A History of Baseball’s Antitrust Exemption,” NINE: A Journal of Baseball History & Culture, Vol. #22, No. 1 (Fall 2013).

“Conspiracy of Silence: Sportswriters and the Long Campaign to Desegregate Baseball,” The International Journal of the History of Sport, 12 March 2013.

“Double No-Hit: Johnny Vander Meer’s Historic Night under the Lights,” The Historian, Volume 75, No. 1 (2013), 157.

PRESENTATIONS

“Rules for Baseball Radicals,” The Twenty-Eighth Annual NINE Spring Training Conference, Tempe, Arizona, March 15, 2021.

“Jim Bouton and the Butter-Yellow Box,” The Twenty-Seventh Annual NINE Spring Training Conference, Tempe, Arizona, March 4, 2020.

“From Tell-Some to Tell-All: How We Went from Brosnan to Bouton,” The Twenty-Sixth Annual NINE Spring Training Conference, Tempe, Arizona, March 8, 2019.

“More than Just California Dreamin’?: California Labor Code §2855 and its Applicability to MLB,” The Twenty-Fifth Annual NINE Spring Training Conference, Tempe, Arizona, March 2, 2018.

Panelist: **“Jim Bouton: A Life in Baseball,”** Society for American Baseball Research Conference, New York, NY, July 1, 2017.

“Baseball Arbitration,” Global Sports Law Program, Columbia University, June 5, 2017.

Featured speaker: **2016 Lehigh Valley Bar Association Bench Bar Conference**, Cooperstown, NY, September 9-11, 2016.

Featured speaker: **National Baseball Hall of Fame 2016 Authors Series**, August 3, 2016.

Featured speaker: **The Union League of Philadelphia**, Philadelphia, PA, June 29, 2016.

“Dick Allen in the Media: Black and White and Read All Over,” The Twenty Eighth Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, The National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY, June 1, 2016.

-----, The Twenty-Second Annual NINE Spring Training Conference, Tempe, Arizona, March 12, 2015.

“Flood v. Kuhn: Sometimes You Win When You Lose and Sometimes You Lose When You Win,” Symposium: The Baseball Life and Legal Legacy of Curt Flood, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, Kansas City, MO, March 30-31, 2014.

“Dick Allen: Baseball’s Bartleby,” The Twenty-First Annual NINE Spring Training Conference, Tempe, Arizona, March 14, 2014.

“Who Exempted Baseball, Anyway?” The Twentieth Annual NINE Spring Training Conference, Tempe, Arizona, March 15, 2013.

“Race, Rickey, and ‘All Deliberate Speed,’” The Twenty Fourth Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, The National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY, May 31, 2012.

_____, The Nineteenth Annual NINE Spring Training Conference, Tempe, Arizona, March 9, 2012.

“Baseball, Hollywood and American Culture,” presented in conjunction with the History of Baseball, History of America Seminar Series, Holy Family University, Philadelphia, PA, November 19, 2011.

“C.B.C. Distribution, Inc. v. MLB AM and the Redefinition of the Concept of Baseball,” The Eighteenth Annual NINE Spring Training Conference, Tempe, Arizona, March 12, 2011.

Moderator, **“Stitching Together the Past, Present, and Future of Antitrust Law in Professional Sports with an American Needle: Where Do Professional Sports Leagues Stand after American Needle v. NFL?”** Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal Symposium, Villanova, PA, January 29, 2011

“What Is ‘Legal Writing Scholarship’? Three Views on Our Disciplinary Identity,” Stetson University College of Law Virtual (webinar) Legal Writing Conference, February 26, 2010.

Moderator, **“Betting on the Budget: Can State Legislatures Go All In or Will the Federal Government Force Them to Fold?”** Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal Symposium, Villanova, PA, January 30, 2010.

“Baseball, Federal Law, and the Mitchell Report,” The Twenty First Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, The National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY, June 3-5, 2009.

“Black Friday and Philadelphia” presented at the monthly “Talkin’ Baseball”

meeting of the Maryland chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research, Columbia, MD, October 11, 2008.

“The Presidential Election of 1832 and the Fall of Philadelphia” presented as part of The Philadelphia History Project, at Cassatt House, Philadelphia, PA, September 26, 2008.

“Defining the Purpose and Parameters of Scholarship for Legal Writing Professors” The Thirteenth Biennial Conference of The Legal Writing Institute, Indianapolis, IN, July 17, 2008.

“Bacon, Dilworth, Phillips and the Phils: Elements of Change in Mid-Century Philadelphia” presented at The Georgetown Club of Philadelphia, June 19, 2008.

“The Phillies, Connie Mack Stadium, and Philadelphia’s Mid-Century Racial Identity” The Twentieth Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, The National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY, June 4-6, 2008.

“The Combined Ratio and the Roots of Cyclical Medical Malpractice ‘Crises’” The Temple Journal of Science, Technology & Environmental Law’s Spring 2008 Symposium on Medical Malpractice and Ethics, Philadelphia, PA February 22, 2008.

“Baseball and Philadelphia” Philadelphia Ink: A Celebration of Philly Area Writers, Philadelphia, PA, December 16, 2007.

“Should Student Conferences Be Optional?: Point/Counterpoint – Sharing Our Views on Hot Topics in LRW” The Eleventh Biennial Conference of The Legal Writing Institute, Seattle, WA, July 23, 2004.

“The Professor/Entertainer Dilemma: Effective Utilization of Practical Knowledge in the Classroom” Philadelphia Region Legal Writing Conference, May 12, 2003.

OTHER MEDIA

“Why Baseball Fans Stopped Rushing the Field,” *Slate*, October 26, 2020.

Op-ed: My son was born on 9/11 — now he's graduating high school in a global pandemic,” *USA Today*, May 20, 2020.

Op-ed: “Casey @ the Bat: A Poem for Baseball in the Modern Era,” *Washington Post*, October 1, 2019.

Op-ed: Jim Bouton's Dreams Were His Greatest Gift,” *New York Daily News*, July 12, 2019.

Op-ed: “A Modest Proposal to Save Baseball,” *New York Daily News*, October 11, 2018.

Nationwide Media Tour (in conjunction with the release of “God Almighty

Hissel”), Spring-Summer, 2016. Interviewed on various radio and television outlets including NBC, NPR, and the MLB Network.

Nationwide Radio Interview Tour (in conjunction with the release of “A People’s History of Baseball”), March-May, 2012. Interviewed on shows in twenty-three cities across the country, including: Chicago, Seattle, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Denver, Orlando, Knoxville, Norfolk, Minneapolis, Dallas, Detroit and Boston. Also interviewed on NPR’s, “Only a Game.”

Media Mentions re: “A People’s History of Baseball”: Selected as the April, 2012 “Book of the Month” by the History News Network; Selected as one of USA Today’s nine “most promising literary prospects” for the 2012 baseball season.

Op-ed: “MLB Feels the Sting of Rigid System,” *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, March 2, 2012.

Op-ed: “Constitutionally Questionable,” *Philadelphia Inquirer*, February 19, 2012.

Op-ed: “Phils’ Bad Karma,” *Philadelphia Daily News*, October 12, 2011.

Op-ed: “Disgust with the NFL? You Betcha,” *Philadelphia Daily News*, September 21, 2009.

“Philly Sports Talk Now!” Netcast, www.talkshoe.com/tc/79329 April 9, 2008.

“Angelo Cataldi and the Morning Team” Sportsradio 610 WIP, March 31, 2008.

“Daily News Live” Comcast Sportsnet, January 15, 2008

MISCELLANEOUS **Consultant: 11trees LLC.** June 2010 – Design and create software for use by legal writing professors, law students and practicing lawyers. Developed “Annotate PRO for Legal Writing,” an electronic evaluation tool for use in the grading of student memos and briefs. <http://www.11trees.com/annotate-for-legal-writing.html>

Co-Producer and Writer: “Base Ball: The Philadelphia Game,” a webisode produced in conjunction with the Philadelphia documentary project, November, 2009. <http://www.historyofphilly.com/newsletter/7/>

Scholarly Advisor: “The Curious Case of Curt Flood,” HBO documentary premiered on July 13, 2011.

Contributing Scholar: “Philadelphia: The Great Experiment,” a documentary project produced by Sam Katz focusing on the 400-year political, social and economic history of Philadelphia.

Judge: “The Global Undergraduate Awards (UA),” 2022.

Judge: “Ruth Bader Ginsburg ‘Pursuit of Justice’ Legal Writing Competition,” 2007-08, 2010-11, 2011-12.

Judge: “The Second Draft” Legal Writing Specialist Award Competition, Spring, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Board Member: NINE Spring Training Conference (appointed Spring, 2020).

Editorial Board Member: NINE: A Journal of Baseball History & Culture (appointed Fall, 2017)

American Bar Association

Authors Guild

Legal Writing Institute

Society For American Baseball Research (SABR)

SABR Business of Baseball Committee

SABR Baseball and the Media Committee