

## **Rena M. Lindevaldsen**

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### **CURRENT POSITIONS**

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Liberty University School of Law, Lynchburg, VA.

Associate Professor of Law, Liberty University School of Law, Lynchburg, VA.

Associate Director, Liberty Center for Law & Policy, Lynchburg, VA.

Special Counsel, Liberty Counsel, Lynchburg, VA.

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York**

Juris Doctor, 1995, *Magna Cum Laude*

Brooklyn Law Review – Associate Managing Editor (1994-95), Staff (1993-94)

National Moot Court Products Liability Team

Moot Court Executive Board

Order of the Barristers

American Jurisprudence Award: Legal Writing

Dean's Academic Achievement Scholarship

#### **Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan**

B.A. Political Science, March 1992

Michigan Competitive Scholarship (1989-92)

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

#### **Positions**

Association Dean for Academic Affairs, Liberty University School of Law, Lynchburg, Virginia, as of July 1, 2011

Associate Professor, Liberty University School of Law, Lynchburg, Virginia, July 1, 2009-present

Assistant Professor, Liberty University School of Law, Lynchburg, Virginia, July 1, 2006-June 30, 2009

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Liberty University School of Law, Lynchburg, Virginia,  
July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006

### **Courses Taught**

Lawyering Skills I, Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2010  
Family Law, Spring 2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring  
2011  
School Law, Spring 2007, Spring 2008  
Legal History, Spring 2007, Spring 2008  
Foundations of Law I, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010  
Foundations of Law II, Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011  
First Amendment Seminar, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010  
Professional Responsibility intensive, May 2010, May 2011

### **Committee Assignments**

Admissions and Financial Aid, July 2006 – August 2011  
Curriculum, Centers, and Clinics 2006-present; Chair Jan. 2007-July 2008  
Faculty Appointments, 2006-present; Chair July 2010-present  
Rank, Tenure, and Promotions, July 1, 2011-present  
Academic Support (ad hoc), Jan. 2007-July 2008

### **Other Responsibilities**

Moot Court Advisor, July 2010 – present  
Faculty Coach, Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition, Spring 2010  
Faculty Coach, Regent University National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition  
(annual)  
Faculty Coach, George Washington Religious Liberties Team, Spring 2008 & 2009  
Faculty Coach, ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Spring 2007, Spring  
2011  
Faculty Coach, Spong Moot Court Team, spring 2006  
Law School Representative, University QEP Committee, spring 2006  
Liberty University Worldview Think Tank, 2008-2009  
Liberty University Strategic Plan Committee, Academic Subcommittee, 2009-present

## **RESEARCH, WRITING, AND SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Published Books or Chapters of Books**

*Only One Mommy: One Woman's Battle for Her Life, Her Daughter, and Her Freedom – The Lisa Miller Story* (2011). Written from the perspective of one woman's struggle with same-sex attractions and the ensuing interstate custody battle for her biological child, this

book offers truth to those struggling with homosexuality, encourages churches to minister to those caught in the lifestyle, and stirs freedom-loving Americans to get involved in the culture war that is raging all around them.

## **Published Articles**

*Holding Schools Accountable When They Teach Factually Inaccurate Information Concerning Sexual Orientation*, 5 LIBERTY U. L. REV. 463 (Spring 2011). This article exposes the fallacy of the modern sexual education curriculum's view that same-sex sexual attractions are immutable, safe, and normal.

*The Fallacy of Neutrality from Beginning to End: the Battle Between Religious Liberties and Rights Based on Homosexual Conduct*, 4 LIBERTY U. L. REV. 425 (Fall 2010). This article highlights the worldview conflict that lays at the foundation of the battle between religious liberties and the quest for rights based on homosexual conduct. The article emphasizes the point that there is no neutral stance on this issue: religious liberties decrease as rights based on homosexual conduct are granted.

*Same-Sex Relationships and The Full Faith and Credit Clause: Reducing America to the Lowest Common Denominator*, 16 WILLIAM & MARY J. WOMEN & LAW 29 (Fall 2009). This article explores the proper interpretation of the full faith and credit clause as it relates to issues concerning recognition of same-sex relationships and custody orders arising out of such relationships.

*Sacrificing Motherhood on the Altar of Political Correctness: Declaring a Legal Stranger to Be a Parent Over the Objections of the Child's Fit Biological Parent*, 21 REGENT U. L. REV. 1 (Fall 2008). This article overviews various approaches used by courts to determine if third parties will be afforded visitation or custodial rights over the objections of a fit biological parent. It then sets forth a standard that is consistent with a parents' God-given responsibility to rear their children without improper government interference.

*A Battle Worth Fighting*, EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN (Oct. 2007). This magazine article encouraged Christians in Canada to continue to fight to preserve traditional marriage despite laws penalizing citizens for speaking in defense of traditional marriage.

*An Interdisciplinary Approach to Litigation Concerning Same-Sex Attractions and Gender Identity Disorder*. Analyzes the use in civil rights litigation of medical research concerning the immutability of sexual orientation and the proper treatment of gender identity disorder. (Published in NARTH 2006 Conference Reports).

## **OTHER TEACHING AND SPEAKING**

*TeenPact Judicial Conference* (Summer 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)

Lecturer on Family Law and Constitutional Law. Lynchburg, Virginia

*The Truth Academy*, sponsored by AFTAH (August 2010 & April 2011)

Speaker on religious freedoms and the homosexual agenda. Chicago, Illinois & Columbus, Ohio

*The Awakening Conference*, sponsored by The Freedom Federation (April 2010)

Panelist: LGBT Agenda. Lynchburg, Virginia.

*Symposium: Homosexual Rights and First Amendment Freedoms: Can They Truly Coexist?* (Feb. 2010)

Presented *The Fallacy of Neutrality*. Lynchburg, Virginia.

*Understanding Same-sex Attractions and Their Consequences* (Feb. 2010)

Presented an overview of the August 2009 Report of the American Psychological Association Task Force on Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation. Lynchburg, Virginia.

*National Association of Research & Therapy for Homosexuality* (November 2009)

Presented paper entitled *Strategies to Prevent Normalization of Sexual Identity Confusion in our Public Schools*. Orlando, Florida.

*State of the Family 2009* (September 2009)

CLE panel participant on Interstate Recognition of Same-Sex Parents and Their Children. Richmond, Virginia.

*Hong Kong International Conference on Family Values* (May 2008)

Invited speaker for three-day conference. Presented workshops on “Family Values and the Equality of Women,” “The Nurture of Children, Children’s Rights, and Parental Rights,” and “Chastity Education and the Prevention of AIDs.” Panel Member on “Family and the Civil Society” and “Family Values and the Challenge of the Sexual Revolution.” Presented at public seminar on “The Challenge of Homosexuality on the Liberty of Speech and Religion.” Hong Kong.

*Concerned Women for America of Virginia, Religious Freedom Seminar* (March 2008)

Invited speaker to present an update on the Miller-Jenkins interstate custody case and discuss legal ramifications of political activity by churches and pastors. Bedford,

Virginia.

*Regent University School of Law, Guest Lecturer (October 2007 & Feb. 2010)*

Invited to teach Professor Lynne Kohm's Family Law Class on the interplay of the federal Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act and federal Defense of Marriage Act with respect to a state's obligation to give full faith and credit to custody orders arising out of same-sex relationships. Virginia Beach, Virginia.

*TeenPact Judicial Conference (July 2007)*

Lecturer on the following topics: Legal Writing and Research; Appellate Advocacy; Family Law; and Substantive Due Process. Athens, GA.

*Georgetown University Law Center (February 2007)*

Member of panel discussion entitled "The Battle over Marriage: Should Same-Sex Couples be Allowed to Marry and Should the Courts Decide?" Washington, D.C.

*Law Professors' Roundtable Discussion (January 2007)*

Panel member, leading discussion on "Legal Challenges to State Marriage Amendment – Past, Present, and Future." Washington, D.C.

*National Association of Research & Therapy for Homosexuality (November 2006)*

Present paper on the use in civil rights litigation of medical evidence concerning immutability of sexual orientation and proper treatment of gender identity disorder. Orlando, Florida.

*Concerned Women for America of Lynchburg (September 2006)*

As guest speaker, addressed the topic of Same-Sex Relationships. Lynchburg, Virginia.

*Center for Constitutional Litigation & Policy (August 2006)*

As invited speaker, addressed the topic of Same-Sex Relationships to Christian leaders visiting Hong Kong. Lynchburg, Virginia.

*Orange County Federation of Republican Women (April 2005)*

As invited speaker, addressed the topic of Same-Sex Relationships. Orlando, Florida.

*Brooklyn Law School (January 2005)*

Member of panel debating the constitutionality of marriage laws defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Brooklyn, New York.

*Center for Constitutional Litigation & Policy (October 2004)*

Led CLE course, “Marriage: Hot Legal Issues and a Proposed Constitutional Amendment” at Law, Liberty, and Litigation Roundtable, Lynchburg, Virginia.

## **BROADCAST INTERVIEWS – RADIO AND TELEVISION**

Appearances on MSNBC’s “The Abrams Report” and “Scarborough Country,” CNN’s “Paula Zahn Show,” True TV (formerly Court TV), and numerous local television networks. Hundreds of radio interviews addressing topics concerning the sanctity of human life, traditional family, and religious liberties.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

*National Center for Family Law at University of Richmond (3 days)*. Attended CLE covering broad range of Family Law topics at conference entitled “State of the Family 2009.”

*American Bar Association Section of Family Law Fall 2008 CLE (3 days)*. Attended CLE covering broad range of Family Law topics, including assisted reproductive technology, tax issues for family lawyers, and ethics in family law. Scottsdale, Arizona.

*National Center for Family Law at University of Richmond (3 days)*. Attended CLE covering broad range of Family Law topics at conference entitled “State of the Family 2007.”

*Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (6 days)*. Attended seminars on topics discussing individual civil rights, judicial activism, First Amendment religion clauses, speech and liberty during war, publishing, use of foreign precedent in U.S. judicial opinions, judicial campaign speech, writing across the curriculum, and incorporating skills training into substantive courses. Palm Beach, Florida, July 2006.

*Professionalism (1 day)*. Virginia state bar mandatory professionalism course for newly admitted attorneys.

*AALS New Faculty Conference (2 days)*. Washington, D.C., June 2006.

*AALS New Clinicians Conference (1 day)*. Washington, D.C., June 2006.

*Law, Liberty, and Litigation Roundtable (3 days)*. Lynchburg, Virginia, October 2004.

*Professionalism (1 day)*. Florida state bar mandatory professionalism course for newly admitted attorneys.

*National Litigation Academy* (5 days). CLE courses concerning constitutional litigation. Laguna Niguel, California, July 2003.

*National Litigation Academy* (5 days). CLE courses concerning constitutional litigation. Maui, Hawaii, July 2001.

*Christian Legal Society Annual Meeting* (3 days). CLE courses concerning religious liberties litigation. Arlington, Virginia, November 2000.

## **PAST EMPLOYMENT**

### **Liberty Counsel**

Lynchburg, Virginia & Orlando, Florida

Senior Litigation Counsel (January 2003 to June 2006)

Special Counsel (July 2006 to present)

Actively involved in litigation and education on issues concerning sanctity of human life, traditional family, and religious liberties.

### **Katsky & Korins**

New York, New York

Associate (January 1998 to January 2003)

Handled all aspects of broad range of commercial litigation matters, including partnership disputes, federal and state securities matters, and commercial foreclosures. Provided representation to major real estate enterprises and commercial banks, including The Related Companies, LLP and Lennar Partners.

### **Sullivan & Cromwell**

New York, New York

Associate (September 1995 to December 1997)

Clerk (Summer 1994)

Specialized in securities litigation and antitrust matters. Involved in all aspects of representation of firm's clients in the 1995 DOJ/SEC investigation into Nasdaq market makers, the SEC investigation into the Orange County Bankruptcy, and private antitrust suit, *Virgin Atlantic v. British Airways*.

## **COURTS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

New York Court of Appeals (includes all New York State Courts) - 5/8/96

Florida Supreme Court (includes all Florida State Courts) - 9/18/03

Virginia Supreme Court (includes all Virginia State Courts) - 9/15/05

Supreme Court of the United States - 3/10/03

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas - 3/11/04

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Arkansas - 3/11/04

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida - 5/26/04

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida - 7/9/04  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York - 7/16/98  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York - 7/9/04  
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York - 3/17/98  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia – 11/30/07  
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia – 10/5/07  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin - 6/9/03  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit - 11/30/04  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit - 10/01/02  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit - 11/26/04  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit - 4/17/03  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit - 2/26/03  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit - 11/29/04  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit - 12/17/04  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit - 10/29/03  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit - 12/13/04  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit - 12/9/04  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit - 10/28/04

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

New York State Bar, 1996-present  
Florida State Bar, 2003-present  
Virginia State Bar, 2005-present  
American Bar Association (member)  
National Association of Research & Therapy for Homosexuality (member)