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Education

YALE LAW SCHOOL J.D. 1983

Benjamin N. Cardozo Prize (best brief)

Finalist, Moot Court Prize Trial (oral advocacy)

CORNELL UNIVERSITY A.B. 1980

Phi Beta Kappa (elected junior year)

College Scholar

Dean's List (all semesters): 3.96/4.00 GPA

Clyde Dunaway Prize in Government

Graduated with Distinction in All Subjects

**Teaching
Experience**

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
SCHOOL OF LAW** 1986 to present

Professor of Law (1994-present)

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (1998-2000)

Associate Professor of Law (1990-94)

Assistant Professor of Law (1986-90)

Instructor, CLEO Institute (Summers 2007, 2005, 2000, 1998, 1995, 1993)

Honors

Student Bar Association “Excellence-in-Teaching” Award (2005)

Elected Member, American Law Institute (2004)

Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award (2000)

Student Bar Association “Excellence-in-Teaching” Award (1990)

Scholarship

Book

PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS: A REFERENCE GUIDE TO THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION (Praeger 2004)

Law Review Articles

Are You Still My Mother?: Interstate Recognition of Adoptions by Gays and Lesbians,
58 AM. U. L. REV. 1 (2008) (forthcoming)

The Curious Complications with Back-End Opt-Out Rights, 49 WM. & MARY L. REV.
373 (2007)

Tolling: The American Pipe Tolling Rule and Successive Class Actions, 58 FLA. L. REV.
803 (2006)

Dueling Class Actions, 80 B.U. L. REV. 461 (2000)

Divorce and Domicile: Time to Sever the Knot, 39 WM. & MARY L. REV. 1 (1997)

Parents, Partners and Personal Jurisdiction, 1995 U. ILL. L. REV. 813

Rethinking Review of Remands: Proposed Amendments to the Federal Removal Statute,
43 EMORY L.J. 83 (1994)

Equity Renewed: Preliminary Injunctions to Secure Potential Money Judgments, 67
WASH. L. REV. 257 (1992) [quoted in *Grupo Mexicano de Desarrollo, S.A. v. Alliance
Bond Fund*, 527 U.S. 308 (1999)]

Equity Transformed: Preliminary Injunctions to Require the Payment of Money, 70 B.U.
L. REV. 623 (1990)

Scholarship (cont.)

Law Review Articles (cont.)

The Subpoena Power: Pennoyer's Last Vestige, 74 MINN. L. REV. 37 (1989)

Other Publications

Q&A on Same-Sex Marriage, JURIST PAPER CHASE (March 30, 2004)

(<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/paperchase/lawschools/index.htm>)

Preliminary Injunctions in Group Litigation, THE LAWYERS J., September 8, 2000, at 5

Exercising Supplemental Jurisdiction: Third Circuit Reaffirms Zahn, THE LAWYERS J., September 24, 1999, at 3

Dueling Class Actions: Third Circuit Grapples with Collision of State and Federal Class Actions, PITTSBURGH LEGAL J., August 12, 1998, at 1

Appealability of Federal Discovery Orders, PITTSBURGH LEGAL J., July 7, 1997, at 1

Abstention in Federal Interpleader Actions, PITTSBURGH LEGAL J., July 8, 1996, at 1

Settlement Class Actions, PITTSBURGH LEGAL J., July 11, 1995, at 1

Right of Absent Shareholders or Class Members to Appeal from Final Orders of Settlement, PITTSBURGH LEGAL J., July 19, 1994, at 1

Harmless Error and the Right to Appeal: How Strictly Should the Federal Rules be Construed?, 9 PREVIEW OF S. CT. CASES 256 (1988)

Recent Presentations

Co-Presenter, Tutorial on the Proposed Amendments to the Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, presented to the District Judges and the Magistrate Judges of the District, June 10, 2008

“Are You *Still* My Mother?: Interstate Recognition of Adoptions by Gays and Lesbians,” Delaware Valley Feminist Law Teachers’ Conference, February 2, 2008

“Are You *Still* My Mother?: Interstate Recognition of Adoptions by Gays and Lesbians,” Faculty Workshop, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, November 15, 2007

Recent Presentations (cont.)

“Are You *Still* My Mother?: Interstate Recognition of Adoptions by Gays and Lesbians,” Faculty Workshop, Chicago-Kent College of Law, November 14, 2007

Moderator, “Adoptees’ Interests, Children’s Interests, and the Law,” at the “Encountering New Worlds of Adoption” Conference, University of Pittsburgh, October 14, 2007

“Third Circuit Review,” Allegheny County Bar Association Federal Courts Section, May 15, 2007

“The Curious Complications with Back-End Opt-Out Rights,” Faculty Colloquium, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, April 26, 2007

“The Curious Complications with Back-End Opt-Out Rights,” Faculty Workshop, University of Cincinnati College of Law, February 12, 2007

“Third Circuit Review,” Allegheny County Bar Association Federal Courts Section, May 16, 2006

Poster Presentation, “Tolling: The *American Pipe* Tolling Rule and Successive Class Actions,” Association of American Law Schools 2006 Annual Meeting, January 6, 2006

“Third Circuit Review,” Allegheny County Bar Association Federal Courts Section, May 3, 2005

“Jet Set Divorce: Issues for a Borderless Society,” American Bar Association Family Law Section Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, plenary session, April 30, 2004

“Same-Sex Marriage Teach-In,” University of Pittsburgh School of Law, March 25, 2004

“New Local Rules,” Federal Practice Program of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, December 11, 2003

“Panel Discussion on Women in Academia,” hosted by the Pitt Law Women’s Association, October 9, 2003

Recent Law School Service

Member, Appointments Committee (2008-present)

Member, Clinic Committee (2007-08)

Recent Law School Service (cont.)

Member, Faculty Steering Committee (2006-07); chair (1997-98)

Member, Legal Writing Committee (2006-07)

Chair, Admissions Committee (2004-06)

Chair, Petitions Committee (2001-03)

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (1998-2000)

Faculty Advisor to the Pitt Law Women's Association, the Pitt Legal Income Sharing Foundation, and the student chapter of American Civil Liberties Union

Recent University Service

Selection Committee for Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award (2006-08)

Concerned Women's Faculty Group (2004-07)

Provost's Advisory Council on Instructional Excellence (2001-04 term)

University Review Board (four consecutive two-year terms: 1996-2004)

Provost's Advisory Committee on Women's Concerns (1999-2002, 1991-94 terms)

Senior Women's Faculty Group (1992-96)

Tenure and Academic Freedom Committee (1990-93)

Community and Professional Service

Member, Advisory Board, British Institute of International and Comparative Law project on The Effect in the European Community of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters: Recognition, *Res Judicata* and Abuse of Process (2007-2008)

Member, Consultative Group on Aggregate Litigation of the American Law Institute (2005-present)

Community and Professional Service (cont.)

Reporter, Local Rules Committee of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (2001-present)

Member, Executive Committee of the Section on Conflict of Laws of the Association of American Law Schools (2005)

Member, Advisory Committee for the Study of Rules of Practice, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (2003-present; *pro tem* 2001-03)

Member, Local Rules Subcommittee of the Federal Courts section of the Allegheny County Bar Association (1993-94)

Member, Board of NASD Arbitrators (1987-93)

Member, Board of Directors, American Civil Liberties Union of Greater Pittsburgh (1987-92)

Member, Allegheny County Bar Association, American Bar Association, Society of American Law Teachers, Women’s Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania

Adult Literacy Tutor, Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council (1994-97)

Legal **SHEREFF, FRIEDMAN, HOFFMAN** 1983 - 1986
Experience **& GOODMAN**

New York, New York

Associate Attorney, Litigation Department

Admitted Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, S.D.N.Y., E.D.N.Y., D.N.J.

References Available upon request