

# **BRIAN GARY SLOCUM**

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**    **UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, MCGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW, 2008-**

**Distinguished Professor of Law (2021-)**

**Professor (2012-2021)**

**Associate Professor (2008-12)**

**Courses:** Contracts, Legislation/Statutory Interpretation, Administrative Law, Statutes and Regulation, Evidence, Statutory Interpretation Practicum, and other related classes.

**Service:** Have served as Chair of the Hiring Committee; Chair of Faculty Development: Teaching & Service Committee. Have served on Curriculum Committee, Admissions Committee, Appointments Committee and others. Member of the Capital Center for Government Law & Policy.

**STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, Spring Quarter 2023**

Visiting Professor. Teaching Legislation and Statutory Interpretation.

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, SCHOOL OF LAW, Spring Semester 2022**

Visiting Professor. Taught Legislation/Statutory Interpretation, Introduction to Statutory Interpretation in the Administrative State, and Language and Legal Interpretation.

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, SCHOOL OF LAW, 2014-**

Visiting Professor. Teach Administrative Law classes to international students.

**UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS, CECIL H. HUMPHREYS SCHOOL OF LAW, 2007-2008**

Visiting Professor. Taught Business Associations, Contracts (both semesters) and Administrative Law.

**FLORIDA COASTAL SCHOOL OF LAW, 2005-2007**

Assistant Professor. Taught Administrative Law, Contracts (both semesters), Immigration Law and Statutory Interpretation. Received outstanding student evaluations in all classes taught. Served on the Academic Standards Committee during 2005-06 academic year. Served on the Bar Preparation Committee during the 2006-07 academic year. Chaired the Subcommittee on Bar Exam Preparedness. Chaired the Faculty Group on Contracts. Gave yearly

lectures for Orientation and Bar Exam Weekend. Awarded two merit-based salary increases.

**WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, 2004-2005**

Visiting Associate Professor. Taught Contracts II and Immigration Law Spring Semester 2004. Taught two sections of Contracts I Fall Semester 2004. Taught Administrative Law and Contracts II Spring Semester 2005.

**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, 2001-2002**

Adjunct Professor. Taught Legal Research and Writing during Fall Semester and Introduction to Advocacy during Spring Semester to first year law students.

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, 1999**

Student Assistant to Professor Peter L. Murray for Trial Advocacy Workshop during Winter Semester 1999. Assisted in the planning of the course and the organization and operation of each workshop.

**EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, 2014**

**Degrees:** Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Linguistics, 2014  
Master of Arts in Linguistics, 2012  
**Concentration:** Semantics and Philosophy of Language  
**Dissertation:** Ordinary Meaning  
**Honors:** Graduate Group in Linguistics Summer 2012 Research Award  
Awarded position as Research Assistant to develop a Language and Law Course

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, 1999**

**Degree:** Juris Doctorate  
**Honors:** *Cum Laude*  
**Activities:** Professor Alan Dershowitz--Research Assistant (1997-1998)  
*Journal of Law and Public Policy*—Senior Editor  
Kirkland House, Harvard College—Tutor

**PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE, 1996**

**Degree:** B.B.A. in Accounting  
**Honors:** Graduated First in Class  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
**Activities:** News Editor, Campus Chronicle  
Teaching Assistant to Professor Henry Kopitzke  
Accounting Lab Instructor  
**Memberships:** PHI ETA SIGMA Honor Society

**THE LINGUISTIC INSTITUTE, LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF  
AMERICA, SUMMER 2011**  
University of Colorado, Boulder

**LAW REVIEW  
ARTICLES**

“Ordinary Meaning and Ordinary People,” *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* (forthcoming, 2023)

- co-authors Kevin Tobia & Victoria Nourse
- argues, based on empirical evidence, that a presumption of legal meaning should displace the longstanding and universally accepted presumption of ordinary meaning

“Progressive Textualism,” *Georgetown Law Journal* (forthcoming, 2022)

- co-authors Kevin Tobia & Victoria Nourse
- invited symposium article
- offers a novel new theory of legal interpretation based on empirical evidence of ordinary people

“Statutory Interpretation from the Outside,” 122 *Columbia Law Review* 213-329 (2022)

- co-authors Kevin Tobia & Victoria Nourse
- the first empirical study of ordinary meaning as determined by ordinary people. Also reconceptualizes “ordinary meaning.”

“The Meaning of *Sex*: Dynamic Words, Novel Applications, and Original Public Meaning,” 119 *Michigan Law Review* 1503-80 (2021)

- co-authors William N. Eskridge Jr. & Stefan Th. Gries
- offers a theory of dynamic statutory interpretation using Title VII as an example

“The Vienna Convention and the Ordinary Meaning of International Law,” 46 *Yale Journal of International Law* 191-239 (2021)

- offers an interdisciplinary critique of Articles 31 and 32 of the Vienna Convention
- co-author Jarrod Wong

“Reforming the Canon of Constitutional Avoidance,” 23 *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law* 593-659 (2021)

- offers an interdisciplinary critique of the canon of constitutional avoidance and recommends a replacement canon

“Big Data and Accuracy in Statutory Interpretation,” 86 *Brooklyn Law Review* 357-88 (2021)

- invited symposium article
- offers an interdisciplinary analysis of accuracy in statutory interpretation in light of big data interpretive tools like corpus linguistics and surveys

“Judging Corpus Linguistics,” 94 *Southern California Law Review Postscript* 13 (2020)

- co-author Stefan Th. Gries
- selected as a “highly recommended, “download it while it’s hot!” article on Professor Larry Solum’s Legal Theory Blog

“‘Avoiding’ Judicial Activism: The Supreme Court’s Unconvincing Efforts to Restrict the Scope of the Avoidance Canon,” *New York University Law Review Online* (2019)

“Replacing the Flawed *Chevron* Standard,” 60 *William & Mary Law Review*, 195-266 (2018)

- selected as “Download of the Week” on Professor Larry Solum’s Legal Theory Blog

“Ordinary Meaning and Corpus Linguistics,” *Brigham Young University Law Review*, 101-49 (2017)

- invited symposium article
- selected as a “highly recommended” article on Professor Larry Solum’s Legal Theory Blog

“The Importance of Being Ambiguous: Substantive Canons, Stare Decisis and the Central Role of Ambiguity Determinations in the Administrative State,” 69 *Maryland Law Review* 791-848 (2010)

“Overlooked Temporal Issues in Statutory Interpretation,” 81 *Temple Law Review*, 635-87 (2008) (lead article)

“The Problematic Nature of Contractionist Statutory Interpretations,” 102 *Northwestern University Law Review* COLLOQUY 307 (2008), <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/lawreview/colloquy/2008/14/>

“Canons, The Plenary Power Doctrine and Immigration Law,” 34 *Florida State University Law Review* 363-413 (2007)

“The War On Terrorism and the Extraterritorial Application of the Constitution in Immigration Law,” 84 *Denver University Law Review* 1017-40 (2007) (invited symposium submission) (lead article)

“Courts vs. The Political Branches: Immigration ‘Reform’ and the Battle for the Future of Immigration Law,” 5 *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy* 509-29 (2007) (selected for symposium issue)

“Virtual Child Pornography: Does it Mean the End of the Child Pornography Exception to the First Amendment?,” 14 *Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology* 637-97 (2004) (invited symposium submission)

“The Aftermath of Free Speech: A New Definition of Child Pornography,” *U.S. Attorneys’ Bulletin*, Vol. 52, No. 2, at 8-14 (March 2004)

“The Immigration Rule of Lenity and Chevron Deference,” 17 *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal* 515-82 (Summer 2003) (lead article)

“RICO and the Legislative Supremacy Approach to Federal Criminal Lawmaking,” 31 *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal* 639-92 (Summer 2000)

**PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS** “Ordinary Meaning and Empiricism,” *Statute Law Review*, Vol. XX, No. XX, 0–12 (2018)

— published by Oxford University

Paper selected after peer review for participation at “What gives meaning to statutory rules and constitutional provisions?” at Cambridge University, Faculty of Law (May 2018)

“Pragmatics and Legal Texts,” in *The Pragmatic Turn in Law: Inference and Interpretation in Legal Discourse* (Janet Giltrow and Dieter Stein, eds.) (De Gruyter Mouton, 2017)

— Paper selected after peer review for participation at The Pragmatic Turn Conference at the University of British Columbia (July 2014)

— Paper selected after peer review for publication in book Reviewed by Professor Brian Bix (University of Minnesota) in Jotwell: <https://juris.jotwell.com/philosophy-of-language-and-legal-interpretation/>

— Selected as a “highly recommended” article on Professor Larry Solum’s Legal Theory Blog

“Conversational Implicatures and Legal Texts,” *Ratio Juris* (March 2016)

— Selected as a “highly recommended” article on Professor Larry Solum’s Legal Theory Blog

“The Ordinary Meaning of Rules,” in *Problems of Normativity, Rules and Rule-Following* (Law and Philosophy Library) (Michal Araszkwicz, Pawel Banas, Tomasz Gizbert-Studnicki and Krzysztof Pleszka, eds.) (Springer 2014)

- Paper selected after peer review for participation at the Rules 2013 Conference at Jagiellonian University (Poland)
- Paper selected after peer review for publication in conference volume
- Selected as an article of the year on Professor Larry Solum’s Legal Theory Blog
- Selected as a permanent download of the week on Professor Larry Solum’s *Legal Theory Blog*

“Linguistics and ‘Ordinary Meaning’ Determinations,” 33 *Statute Law Review*, 39-83 (2012)

- published by Oxford University

## BOOKS

*Justice Scalia: Rhetoric and the Rule of Law*, University of Chicago Press (Brian G. Slocum & Francis J. Mootz III, eds., 2019)

- wrote the Introduction and one of the chapters (*No Vehicles on Mars*)
- served as editor: invited all of the authors, wrote the book proposal and organized the structure of the book

*Inference, Intention and ‘Ordinary Meaning’: What jurists can learn about legal interpretation from linguistics and philosophy*, University of Chicago Press (Brian G. Slocum, ed., 2017)

- wrote the Introduction and Chapter One (*The Contribution of Linguistics to Legal Interpretation*)
- served as editor: organized a symposium, wrote the book proposal, and organized the structure of the book

*Ordinary Meaning: A Theory of the Most Fundamental Principle of Legal Interpretation*, University of Chicago Press (2015)

- recommended by the Legal Theory Bookworm
- reviewed by Madeline Boyce in HeinOnline:  
[http://heinonline.org/HOL/Page?handle=hein.journals/ohlj53&div=50&g\\_sent=1&casa\\_token=&collection=journals](http://heinonline.org/HOL/Page?handle=hein.journals/ohlj53&div=50&g_sent=1&casa_token=&collection=journals)
- reviewed by Daniel Peat in the CAMBRIDGE LAW JOURNAL (Cambridge University Press)
- quoted prominently in William N. Eskridge, Jr., INTERPRETING LAW: A PRIMER ON HOW TO READ STATUTES AND THE CONSTITUTION (Foundation Press)

**SCHOLARLY PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES** Brief for Amici Curiae, Corpus-Linguistics Scholars Professors Brian Slocum, Stefan Th. Gries, and Lawrence Solan  
*Bostock v. Clayton County, Altitude Express, Inc. v. Zarda, Harris Funeral Homes, Inc. v. EEOC*  
--used corpus linguistics to analyze “sex” under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

**AWARDS**

Francis J. Mootz III Award for Faculty Scholarship, Best Book, 2020  
— awarded for best scholarly book published during 2019 calendar year

Francis J. Mootz III Award for Faculty Scholarship, Best Book, 2018  
— awarded for best scholarly book published during 2017 calendar year

John G. Sprankling Award for Faculty Scholarship, 2015  
— awarded for best scholarly work published during 2015 calendar year

Julie Davies Professor of the Year, 2014  
— awarded by student vote as professor of the year

Julie Davies Professor of the Year, 2013  
— awarded by student vote as professor of the year

John G. Sprankling Award for Faculty Scholarship, 2012  
— awarded for best scholarly work published during 2012 calendar year

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS** *Statutory Interpretation from the Outside*, University of Chicago Law School, Advanced Statutory Interpretation Class, Justice Tom Lee (April 2022)

*Progressive Textualism*, Georgetown Law Center, Professor Anita Krishnakumar’s Advanced Topics in Legal Interpretation Class (April 2022)

Commentator, *Panel 3: Understanding Smart Contracts*, UCLA Journal of Law & Technology’s Special Issue Symposium on Governing the Digital Space (April 2022)

*Statutory Interpretation from the Outside & The Presumption of Legal Meaning*, Yale Law School, Theories of Statutory Interpretation Seminar, Professor William N. Eskridge Jr., Yale Law School (March 2022)

Commentator, “Beyond Formalism and Functionalism in Separation of Powers Law,” American Association of Law Schools, Annual Meeting, Section on Administrative Law, New Voices in Administrative Law and Legislation (January 2022)

— invited to comment on paper by Ilan Wurman

*Statutory Interpretation from the Outside*, Harvard Law School, Advanced Statutory Interpretation Class, Justice Tom Lee (October 2021)

*Public Meaning*, Georgetown Law Center, Legal Interpretation Seminar, Professor Victoria Nourse (September 2021)

*Statutory Interpretation from the Outside*, University of Chicago Law School, Advanced Statutory Interpretation Class, Justice Tom Lee (May 2021)

*Statutory Interpretation from the Outside*, Georgetown University Law Center, Faculty Colloquium (May 2021)

*The Meaning of Sex: Dynamic Words, Novel Applications, and Original Public Meaning*, Theories of Statutory Interpretation Seminar, Professor William N. Eskridge Jr., Yale Law School (March 2021)

Commentator, “Empirically Describing *Chevron* Deference and Statutory Interpretation in the Appellate Courts,” American Association of Law Schools, Annual Meeting, Section on Administrative Law, New Voices in Administrative Law and Legislation (January 2021)

— invited to comment on paper by Amy Semet

Debate with Professor Ilan Wurman on his book “A Debt Against the Living: An Introduction to Originalism,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (October 2020)

*Corpus Linguistics and the Structure of Interpretation*, “Data-Driven Approaches to Legal Interpretation,” Center for the Study of Law, Language, and Cognition, Brooklyn Law School (March 2020)

— invited speaker (expenses paid)

— papers to be published in the BROOKLYN LAW REVIEW

*Defending the Canon of Constitutional Avoidance*, 2020 Legislation Roundtable, Yale Law School (February 2020)

— invited speaker



*Dynamic Words and Evolving Statutes*, “Law & Corpus Linguistics Theory,” Fifth Annual Symposium on Corpus Linguistics and the Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University (February 2020)

- selected as a speaker from an open call for papers
- presentation with co-authors William N. Eskridge Jr. & Stefan Th. Gries

Commentator, *Testing Ordinary Meaning: An Experimental Assessment of What Dictionary Definitions and Linguistic Usage Data Tell Legal Interpreters*, American Association of Law Schools, Annual Meeting, Section on Law and Interpretation, New Voices in Legal Interpretation (January 2020)

- invited to comment on paper by Kevin P. Tobia, which was published in the Harvard Law Review

*Corpus Linguistics and Legal Interpretation*, Yale Law School, Legislation Class, Professor Abbe Gluck (November 2019)

- invited speaker (expenses paid)
- 1 hour speech to 150 law students and guests

*The Ordinary Meaning of International Law*, “The ASIL Midyear Meeting,” The American Society of International Law, Brooklyn Law School (November 2019)

- selected as a speaker from an open call for papers

*Theories of Statutory Interpretation*, “Ejusdem Generis? Statutory Interpretation for Lawyers,” California Lawyers Association Annual Meeting, (October 2019)

- invited speaker

*Corpus Evidence of the Meaning of "Sex" in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(a)(1)*, “Conference 2019,” International Language and Law Association, UCLA School of Law (September 2019)

- invited speaker

*Judicial Activism and the Canon of Constitutional Avoidance*, “Conference 2019,” International Language and Law Association, UCLA School of Law (September 2019)

- selected as a speaker from an open call for papers

*The Ordinary Meaning of International Law*, “Northern California International Law Scholars Meeting” (September 2019)

- selected as a speaker from an open call for papers

*Judicial Activism and the Canon of Constitutional Avoidance*, “Dignity, Democracy, Diversity,” 29th World Congress of the International

Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR),  
University of Lucerne (July 2019)

— invited speaker

*The Scope and Limits of Corpus Analysis for Legal Interpretation*, “Law & Corpus Linguistics Theory” Panel, Fourth Annual Symposium on Corpus Linguistics and the Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University (February 2019)

— invited speaker (expenses paid)

“*Judging ‘Judging Ordinary Meaning,’*” Corpus Linguistics: The Quest for Objective Interpretation, Law and Interpretation Section, American Association of Law Schools (January 2019)

— selected as a speaker from an open call for papers

*The Generality of Meaning*, “What gives meaning to statutory rules and constitutional provisions?” Symposium, The Faculty of Law, Cambridge University (May 2018)

— invited speaker

*Thoughts on Ordinary Meaning and Corpus Linguistics*, “Historical Semantics and Legal Interpretation II,” Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society at the University of Chicago (April 2018)

— invited speaker

Corpus Linguistics and Statutory Interpretation Panel, Third Annual Symposium on Corpus Linguistics and the Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University (March 2018)

— invited speaker (expenses paid)

*What Students Should Know About Language*, “The Teaching of Legislation” Symposium, La Trobe Law School (Australia) (October, 2017)

— invited speaker (expenses paid)

*Assessing Corpus Linguistics and Legal Interpretation*, “Historical Semantics and Legal Interpretation I,” Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society at the University of Chicago (May 2017)

— invited speaker (expenses paid)

*No Vehicles in the Park*, Justice Scalia: Rhetoric and the Rule of Law, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (May 2017)

- organizer of conference
- secured the following speakers: Jill Anderson (University of Connecticut), Linda Berger (UNLV), Brian Bix (University of Minnesota), Peter Brooks (Princeton University), Devon Carbado (UCLA), Mary Anne Case (University of Chicago), Edward Finegan (University of Southern California), Gene Garver (College of St. Benedict/University of St. John's), John Lucaites (Indiana University), Steven J. Mailloux (Loyola Marymount University), Francis J. Mootz III (University of the Pacific), Victoria Nourse (Georgetown University), Clarke Rountree (University of Alabama), Darien Shanske (UC Davis), Scott Soames (University of Southern California), Lawrence Solan (Brooklyn Law School), Colin Starger (University of Baltimore), George H. Taylor (University of Pittsburgh)

*Ordinary Meaning and Corpus Linguistics*, Corpus Linguistics and Legal Interpretation, Law and Corpus Linguistics Conference, Brigham Young Law Review, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University (February 2017)

- invited speaker (expenses paid)

*Linguistics and Judicial Review*, Roundtable on Linguistics and Legal Language, University of Oslo, Department of Literature, Area Studies and European Languages (October 2016)

- invited speaker (expenses paid)

*Language and Judicial Review of Agency Statutory Interpretations*, Legislation and the Role of the Judiciary, Society of Legal Scholars, St Catherine's College Oxford (September 2016)

- invited speaker (peer review process)

*Corpus Linguistics and Legal Interpretation*, Law and Corpus Linguistics Conference, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University (April 2016)

*A Linguistic Analysis of Chevron*, Texas A&M University School of Law (March 2016)

*The Contribution of Linguistics to Legal Interpretation, Inference, Intention and ‘Ordinary Meaning’*: What jurists can learn about legal interpretation from linguistics and philosophy, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (May 2015)

- organizer of conference
- secured the following speakers: Nicholas Allot (University of Oslo), Jill Anderson (University of Connecticut), Kent Greenawalt (Columbia University), Francis J Mootz III (University of the Pacific, McGeorge), Karen Petroski (Saint Louis University), Frank Ravitch (Michigan State University), Gideon Rosen (Princeton University), Benjamin Mark Shaer (Carleton University), Larry Solan (Brooklyn Law School), Larry Solum (Georgetown University)

*The Interpretation of Legal Texts in the Administrative State*, Stanford Law School (October 2015)

*Ordinary Meaning and Chevron*, Norcal Administrative Law Conference, University of California, Hastings College of the Law (October 2014)

*Conversational Implicatures and Legal Texts, The Pragmatic Turn*, University of British Columbia (July 2014)

*The Ordinary Meaning of Rules*, Rules 2013 Conference, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland (October 2013)

*Quantifier Domain Restriction and Ordinary Meaning*, West Coast Roundtable on Language and Law, San Francisco (August 2013)

*Indexicals, and the Semantics/Pragmatics Distinction*, 11th Biennial Conference on Forensic Linguistics/Language and Law of the International Association of Forensic Linguists (IAFL), Mexico City, Mexico (June 2013)

*The Ordinary Meaning of Ordinary Language in Legal Texts*, West Coast Roundtable on Language and Law, Simon Fraser University (July 2012)

*The Ordinary Meaning of Ordinary Language in Legal Texts*, International Conference on Law and Society, Honolulu, HI (June 2012)

*The Ordinary Meaning of Ordinary Language in Legal Texts*, U.C. Davis, Graduate Group in Linguistics and Philosophy of Language (May 2012)

*Rethinking “Ordinary” Meaning*, West Coast Roundtable on Language and Law, San Diego State University (August 2011)

*A Structuralist Account of “Ordinary Meaning” in Statutory Interpretation*, University of California, Davis, Department of Linguistics (June 2010).

*Interpretation and Authorial Intent*, University of California, Davis, Critical Studies Department (June 2010).

*A Structuralist Account of “Ordinary Meaning” in Statutory Interpretation*, University of California, Davis, Department of Linguistics (December 2010).

*The Importance of Being Ambiguous: Substantive Canons, Stare Decisis and the Central Role of Ambiguity Determinations in the Administrative State*, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (June 2009).

“Overlooked Temporal Issues in Statutory Interpretation,” Texas Junior Legal Scholars Conference, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (August 2007).

“The War On Terrorism and the Extraterritorial Application of the Constitution in Immigration Law,” Panel on Immigration and National Security, University of Denver (February 2007).

Presenter, *Annual Immigration Law Professors Conference*, Las Vegas, Nevada, “The Crimmification Crisis” (May 2006).

**PEER REVIEWER** Have been asked three times by the *Stanford Law Review* to act as a peer reviewer for articles that have made it to the final stages in the selection process.

Have been asked by the *Harvard Law Review* to act as a peer reviewer for an article that made it to the final stages in the selection process.

Have been asked twice by the *Yale Law Journal* to act as a peer reviewer for an article that made it to the final stages in the selection process.

Have been asked by the *Columbia Law Review* to act as a peer reviewer for an article that made it to the final stages in the selection process.

Peer review books on Law and Language for CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

Peer review books on Law and Language for OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

Peer review books on Law and Language and Jurisprudence for THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS

Peer reviewer for the *International Journal of Language & Law* (JLL)

Peer Reviewer for *Legal Theory*

Peer reviewer for *The American Journal of Jurisprudence*

Peer reviewer for *Philosophies*

**PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CRIMINAL DIVISION, 2002-2003**

Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section. Concentrated on policy and legislation. Frequently prepared Department's views and comments on proposed criminal legislation involving the sexual exploitation of children. Developed the Department's recommendations to the U.S. Sentencing Commission in light of the PROTECT Act of 2003. Authored Department's guidance on various criminal matters to federal prosecutors throughout the country. Participated in prosecutions of distributors and manufacturers of child pornography in various federal districts. Argued appeal before the Eleventh Circuit. Lectured to federal prosecutors and law enforcement agents. Wrote speech for the Attorney General and congressional testimony for the Deputy Assistant Attorney General. Received two promotions and Time Off Award.

**HONORS PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL  
DIVISION, 2000-2002**

Assigned to Office of Immigration Litigation. Conducted litigation in immigration related cases in both federal district courts and circuit courts of appeals throughout the United States. Represented the government in thirteen appellate oral arguments involving novel issues of immigration law (nine published opinions). Received two promotions and Award in Recognition of Outstanding Professional Contributions.

**JUDGE FRANK MAGILL, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE  
EIGHTH CIRCUIT, 1999-2000**

Law Clerk. Drafted opinions, prepared bench memos and questions for oral argument, and traveled with the judge. Analyzed numerous issues of federal and state law, including claims involving Fourth Amendment search and seizure, Title VII, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Interstate Commerce Act, the scope of Owner's, Landlord's and Tenant's Liability insurance policies, ERISA, the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act, and the scope of the Commerce Clause. Wrote drafts of twelve published opinions.

**ARNOLD & PORTER, WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
Summer 1999**

Summer Associate. Researched and wrote memoranda in litigation matters. Assisted in taking depositions in a pro bono disability discrimination case. Offer Extended.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,  
BOSTON, MA  
Fall-Winter 1998**

Extern. Worked in the Boston Municipal Court handling district court level cases. In addition to helping Assistant District Attorneys try cases, was assigned own case load and frequently prepared cases for trial. Also worked on various policy matters.

**SHAW PITTMAN POTTS & TROWBRIDGE, WASHINGTON,  
D.C.  
Summer 1998**

Summer Associate. Researched and wrote memoranda in litigation matters. Prepared motions and jury instructions for a negligent homicide trial that was successfully resolved. Offer Extended.

**U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CA,  
Summer 1997**

Extern. One of eight summer externs in the Criminal Division. Wrote memos, motions, trial and appellate briefs, and assisted attorneys in preparing for trial.

**WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
Summer 1994**

Intern. Worked in Communications Department and Health Care War Room. Helped conduct and disseminate research of health care plans.

**MEDIA  
APPEARANCES**

**KCRA, Channel 3 (Sacramento), March 2012**  
Interviewed about consumer camping ground agreement.

**KCRA, Channel 3 (Sacramento), June 2011**  
Interviewed about consumer contracts and what consumers can do to protect themselves.

**KCRA, Channel 3 (Sacramento), May 2011**  
Interviewed about the enforceability of automatic renewal provisions in contracts.

**KCRA, Channel 3 (Sacramento), March 2011**  
Interviewed about the enforceability of health club memberships.

**KCRA, Channel 3 (Sacramento), March 2010**

Interviewed about a local woman who had a school bus that she had painted with Disney characters. Her HOA is demanded that she re-paint it or they would fine her \$50.

**Elk Grove Citizen (newspaper), March 2010**

Interviewed about a local woman who had a school bus that she had painted with Disney characters. Her HOA is demanded that she re-paint it or they would fine her \$50.

**Call Curtis Investigates, Channel 13 (CBS), November 2009**

Interviewed about a contracts dispute between a golfer and a country club regarding a hole-in-one prize won during a golf tournament.

**Call Curtis Investigates, Channel 13 (CBS), November 2009**

Interviewed about the conflict between California law regarding non-expiration of gift certificates and federal law regarding deregulation of airlines.

**KXTV, Channel 10 (ABC), November 2009**

Asked to give advice to consumers about contracts with companies.

**Call Curtis Investigates, Channel 13 (CBS), September 2009**

Interviewed about issues regarding a contract entered into between a lawyer and a tanning salon.

**Call Curtis Investigates, Channel 13 (CBS), August 2009**

Interviewed about contractual issues regarding DirecTV and its customers.

**Call Curtis Investigates, Channel 13 (CBS), August 2009**

Interviewed about a BestBuy website offer of a HDTV for \$9.99. BestBuy claimed that the offer was a mistake and refused to ship the televisions.

**BAR ADMISSION** State of Maryland

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS** Association of American Law Schools  
American Bar Association  
International Association of Forensic Linguists  
International Language and Law Association  
Law and Society Association  
Linguistic Society of America