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EDUCATION:

1985 - 1988 **Emory University School of Law**, Atlanta, GA
J.D. with distinction

1981 - 1985 **Brown University**, Providence, RI
A.B., International Relations and Russian Studies

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

Tenure and Tenure Track Positions

2014 - Present **University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law**, Washington, DC
Professor of Law

2012 – 2014 *Visiting Professor of Law*

2010 – 2012 **University of Massachusetts School of Law**, North Dartmouth, MA
Professor of Law (tenured 2010)

2003 - 2010 **Southern New England School of Law**, North Dartmouth, MA
Associate Professor of Law (tenured 2007)

2003 - 2004 *Visiting Associate Professor of Law*

1995 - 2003 **West Virginia University College of Law**, Morgantown, WV
Associate Professor of Law (tenured 1999)

Visiting and Other Teaching Experiences

Spring 2010 **Stetson University College of Law**, Gulfport, FL

2009 **University of Baltimore School of Law**, Baltimore, MD

May 2007 **Universidad de Montevideo**, Montevideo, Uruguay

2001-2003 **Roger Williams University School of Law**, Bristol, RI

Fall 2000 **University of Richmond, TC Williams School of Law**, Richmond, VA

1993-1995 **Emory University School of Law**, Atlanta, GA

Courses Taught:

Academic Success	Advanced Business Organizations
Business Organizations	Civil Procedure
Consumer Protection	Contracts
International Trade Contracts	Legal Drafting
Legal Reasoning	Negotiable Instruments/Payment Systems

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

1992 - 1993 **Scholastic Inc.**, New York, NY
Associate Counsel

1988 - 1992 **Sullivan & Cromwell**, New York, NY
General Practice Associate, Mergers & Acquisitions subgroup

BAR ADMISSIONS: District of Columbia (2019), New York (1989), Rhode Island (1988)

PUBLICATIONS:

Matchmaker, Matchmaker Make Me A Match: An Insider's Guide to the Faculty Hiring Process
(revised 2010) http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=681111

Limited Liability Company Citizenship: Reconsidering an Illogical and Inconsistent Choice
90 MARQ. L. REV. 269 (2006)

Citizenship of Limited Liability Companies for Diversity Jurisdiction
6 J. SMALL & EMERGING BUS. L. 435 (2002)

Competent Legal Writing: A Lawyer's Professional Responsibility
67 U. CIN. L. REV. 491 (1999)

Shall - Take No. 2
7 BUS. LAW TODAY 10 (May/June 1998)

West Virginia Corporate Law: Is it Broke?
100 W. VA. L. REV. 5 (1997)

The Single Publication Rule: One Action Not One Law
62 BROOK. L. REV. 921 (1996)

CALI (Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) Lessons, available at www.cali.org

- *Are you my Partner? Is this a Partnership?* (2003)
- *Corporate Opportunity Doctrine* (2003)
- *Shareholder Derivative Actions* (2002)
- *Shareholder Inspection Rights* (2002)
- *Voting Trusts and Voting Agreements* (2002)
- *Drafting Contracts Using Shall, May and Must* (1997)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Unlearning: The Hardest Part of Law School, Igniting Law Teaching (TEDx style conference) (March 20, 2015) <https://vimeo.com/138999453> (also presented at CALICon 15 (June 19, 2015))

19th Century Pedagogy, 21st Century Tools, Co-Presenter, 2014 OpenEd Conference (November 2014)

How to Prepare for Law School, Law Day at the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law (March 2014)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1c3tP-6wCQ>

Teaching Contracts in the Digital Age, Co-Presenter, KCON9 – International Conference on Contracts (February 2014) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoDP-AdGpVM>

Introducing Students to Critical Thinking, University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth Office of Faculty Development Workshop (February 2012)

Tips for Professors on Using CALI Lessons in a Course, Co-Presenter, Webinar (November 2009)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_CMCL5Gs8s

Teaching Clinic Students with Different Learning Styles, University of Baltimore Legal Clinics Brown Bag Lunch Series (September 2009)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS: *(continued)*

- Introducing 1Ls to AThinking Like A Lawyer,*@ Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Conference (June, 2009)
- Using CALI (Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) in your Academic Assistance Program,* Law School Admission Council Academic Assistance Training Workshop (June, 2009)
- VARK and Learning Styles,* Widener School of Law Academic Support & Bar Programs Workshop (April, 2009)
- VARK and Learning Styles,* University of Baltimore Faculty Development Program (April, 2009)
- VARK and Law Student Learning Styles,* CALI Conference for Law School Computing (June, 2008)
- Learning Styles Panel B Using VARK,* Institute for Law School Teaching 13th Summer Conference (June, 2007)
- Podcasting Law School Courses: The Classcaster Experiment,* Co-Presenter, CALI Conference for Law School Computing (June, 2006)
- Avoiding Consumer Pitfalls,* Jewish Federation Senior Meals Program (June, 2005)
- Avoiding Consumer Pitfalls B College Students,* New England Tech (May, 2005)
- Drafting Exams,* Co-Presenter, Southern New England School of Law Faculty Development Program (April 2005)
- The Pedagogical Debate Over Live Internet Access During Class,* Co-Presenter, CALI Conference for Law School Computing (June 2004) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkvgzATm5tA>
- Business Law: The Impact of Competition on Regulation,* Commentator, Emory Law Journal Thrower Symposium (February 2003)
- Drafting Law School Exams,* John Marshall Atlanta Law School Faculty Development Program (February, 2003)
- Using & Authoring CALI Lessons for your Courses,* Panel Member, CALI Conference for Law School Computing (June 2002)
- Consumer Law Issues,* West Virginia Continuing Legal Education (October, 1999)
- West Virginia Corporate Law C Time for Change,* West Virginia Law Institute (September, 1998)

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law

Administrative Appointments

University of Assessment Council (2018-present)

Director of Academic Success (2014-2016)

Committee Service:

Bar Passage Task Force, *Co-Chair* (2015-16), *Member* (2014-2019)

Curriculum Committee, *Co-Chair* (2015-16, 2017-20), *Member* (2013 – Present)

Assessment Task Force, *Member* (2016-present)

Faculty Evaluation and Retention, *Member,* (2015-present)

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE: (continued)

University of Massachusetts School of Law – Dartmouth

- Accreditation Committee, Chair** (2010 – 2012)
- Adjunct Faculty Committee, Member** (2010-11)
- Curriculum Committee, Chair** (2011 – 2012), *Member* (2010 – 2011)
- Orientation Committee, Chair** (2011), *Member* (2012)

Southern New England School of Law

Administrative Appointments

- Associate Dean of Academic Affairs** (Dec 2007 - Jan 2009)
- Interim Assistant Dean of Academic Success** (Aug 2007 - Dec 2008)

Committee Service:

- Academic Standards Committee, Member** (2003 – 2008)
- Curriculum Committee, Member** (2003 – 2008)
- Legal Skills Evaluation (Ad Hoc), Chair** (Spring 2007)
- Orientation Committee, Chair** (2005-2008), *Member* (2003 – 2005)
- Technology Committee, Member** (2005 – 2008)

University of Baltimore School of Law

Administrative Appointment:

- Interim Director of Academic Support** (June 2009 – December 2009)

Roger William University School of Law

- Faculty Development Committee, Member** (2002-2003)

West Virginia University College of Law

Committee Service

- Academic Enrichment Committee, Chair** (1997 – 1999), *Member* (1995-1996)
- Academic Standards Committee, Chair** (1998 – 2001), *Member* (1996 – 1998)
- Academic Planning Committee, Member** (1997 – 2001)
- Technology Advisory Committee, Member** (1995 – 2001)

University Service:

- Institutional Review Board for Research of Human Studies, Member** (1996-2000)
- Student Administration Judicial Board of Appeals, Ex officio** (1996 – 2000)
- Center for Women's Studies, Faculty Associate** (1995-2001), *Scholarship & Awards Committee Member* (1991-2001)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Access Lex

2019 – Present Consultant (creation of an affordable bar preparation course)

American Association of Law Schools

Women in Legal Education Hospitality Suite - Faculty Recruitment Conference (FRC)

2013 – 2019 *Co-Coordinator*

1998 – 2012 *Coordinator*

1998 – 2018 *Moderator, Women in Legal Education Panel Discussion at FRC*

1996 - 2009 *Group Leader, FRC Candidates Workshop Small Group*

Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI)

2020 – Present *Treasurer*

2016 – Present *Director, Board of Directors*

2006 - Present *Member, Editorial Board*

2006 - Present *Participant, Podcasting Project*

2001 - 2002 *Fellow, Business Organization Fellowship*

National Conference of Bar Examiners

1999 – 2013 *Reviewer, Multistate Essay and Performance Test Questions*

2003 – 2018 *Drafter, Multistate Essay Questions*

2001 - 2003 *Member, Multistate Essay Exam Drafting Committee*

PatBar Law School Academic Success Program

2010 *Presenter*

Emory University School of Law

2004 - 2009 *Member, Law School Council*

1994 - 1997 *Co-Chair, Donald W. Fyr Room Fund Raising Committee (raised \$75,000)*

Rhode Island Bar Association

2001 - 2008 *Member, Business Organizations Committee*

2004 - 2006 *Member, New Lawyers Committee*

Call for Action, Inc. (Consumer Hotline)

2004 - 2007 *Ombudsman*

American Bar Association

2001 - 2003 *Member, Ross Student Writing Preliminary Judging Committee*

Nemacolin Woodlands Resort

Spring 1996 *Instructor - Employee Hospitality Law Education Program*

HONORS AND GRANTS:

American Association of Law Schools Women in Legal Education Section

Recognized for service to the Section (2004)

Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (“CALI”)

3rd place, Donald Trautman CALI Lesson Writing Competition (Faculty Division) (1997)

West Virginia University Instructional Technology Grant

Recipient (1996)

Emory University School of Law Honors:

Order of the Coif

American Jurisprudence Awards (highest grade in law school class)

Administrative Law

Computer Law

Corporate Tax

Federal Tax-Individual

Real Estate Sales

Trust & Estates

Sutherland Asbill & Brennan Tax Award