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## EDUCATION:

**LEGAL:** HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Juris Doctor, June 1986

Activities: Black Law Students Association (1984-86)  
Board of Student Advisers (1984-86)

- Co-Chaired Course Evaluation Committee
- Taught legal research, legal writing and oral argument to first year students

Upper Round Moot Court Competition (1984-85)

- Semi-finalist

**COLLEGE:** SUNY COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT, Brockport, New York  
Bachelor of Arts, December 1982  
Three Year Alternate College Program

Major: Political Science

Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*  
Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honors  
New York State Regents Scholarship

## EXPERIENCE:

<b>TEACHING:</b> 2009 to Present	DOUGLAS K. NEWELL PROFESSOR OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE, Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Teaching areas include contracts, advanced contracts: sales and leasing, family law and children and the law</li></ul>
1990 to 2009	PROFESSOR OF LAW, Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon
1998 to 2001	INSTRUCTOR, Bar/Bri Bar Review Course on Oregon Domestic Relations

	1989 to 1990	<p>TUTOR, Homeless Children, Washington, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Voluntary activity involving tutoring children ages six to sixteen in math and reading</li> </ul>
	1988 to 1990	<p>COACH, Debate Team, Banneker High School, Washington, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pro bono activity involving teaching students grades 9-12 the art of formal debate; includes teaching how to research, how to use available information and facts to support arguments, and how to argue persuasively</li> </ul>
	1984 to 1986	<p>MEMBER, Harvard Law School Board of Student Advisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Taught first year moot court; included teaching brief writing skills and the skills of oral argument</li> <li>▪ Taught legal research skills to first year students</li> <li>▪ Served as an Orientation Group Leader and as a member of the Faculty Evaluations Committee</li> </ul>
<b>LEGAL:</b>	Summer 1985 & Sept. 1986 to June 1990	<p>ASSOCIATE, Steptoe &amp; Johnson Washington, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Area of practice was general litigation; involved in cases concerning insurance coverage disputes, employment discrimination, government contracts and commercial transactions involving tort and contract allegations</li> </ul>
	Summer 1984	<p>SUMMER ASSOCIATE, Krolick and DeGraff, Albany, New York</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Firm specialized in municipal bonds; activities included drafting papers for incorporation of not for-profit corporation, researching possibility of guardianship for retarded adult, helping draft papers for sale of municipal bonds</li> </ul>

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

*The Path Forward from Shelby County v. Holder*, part of a collection of essays for a March 20, 2014 symposium on the aftermath of *Shelby County v. Holder*, forthcoming in 2014 as a joint publication by TOURO LAW CENTER'S JOURNAL OF RACE, GENDER, AND ETHNICITY and BERKELEY JOURNAL OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN LAW & POLICY.

*The Unfulfilled Promise of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act*, forthcoming in 2014 in LEWIS & CLARK LAW REVIEW.

*Legislating for the Provision of Comprehensive Substance Abuse Treatment Programs for Pregnant and Mothering Women*, 16 DUKE JOURNAL OF GENDER LAW & POLICY 315 (2009), co-authored with Dr. Traci Rieckmann, Ph.D.

*Prenatal Drug Exposure: The Impetus for Overreaction by the Legal Community or a Serious Problem Needing a Serious Solution*, 28 Children's Legal Rights Journal 29 (2008).

Author of the following short articles for the Encyclopedia on American Civil Liberties (Published in 2006 by Taylor and Francis): Child Custody and Adoption; the History of Bible Reading in Schools before and after *Abington School District v. Schempp*; explanation of *Lambert v. Wicklund*, 520 U. S. 292 (1997); explanation of *Vernonia School District v. Acton*, 515 U.S. 646 (1995); explanation of *Thornburgh v. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists*, 476 U.S. 747 (1986); and explanation of *Akron v. Akron Center for Reproductive Health*, 462 U.S. 416 (1983).

*I Mean What I Say, I Think: The Danger to Small Businesses of Entering into Legally Enforceable Agreements that May Not Reflect Their Intentions*, 7 JOURNAL OF SMALL & EMERGING BUSINESS LAW 283 (Summer 2003).

Editor of a 3-volume set of books containing cases and articles entitled CHILDREN AND THE LAW, (Published in 2002 by Taylor and Francis).

Drafter of the Oregon Domestic Relations outline for Bar/Bri Bar Review (1998).

*Interspousal Tort Claims in a Divorce Action*, 3 WILLAMETTE LAW REVIEW 757 (Fall 1995).

*Stopping Fetal Abuse With No-Pregnancy and Drug Treatment Probation Conditions*, 34 SANTA CLARA L. REV. 295 (1994).

**AWARDS:** Leo Levenson Award for Excellence in Teaching, awarded by Class of 2013; Burlington Northern Foundation Award for Outstanding Teaching, 1992.