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**WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**  
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**ACADEMIC**

**EMPLOYMENT:** Professor of Law  
Widener University School of Law  
Wilmington, DE  
August 1987-present

*Subjects taught: Family Law; Torts; Advanced Torts; Public Health Law (S); HIV and the Law (S);; Contemporary Tort Theory; Comparative Torts; Business Organizations; Comparative Legal Systems*

**Outstanding Faculty Award, May 2000 and May 1991**  
Widener University School of Law

Lecturer  
Yale University School of Medicine (Public Health Division)  
New Haven, CT  
Fall 1999-present

*Subject taught: Public Health Law*

Director, Widener International Law Institute's Program in  
Sydney, Australia (Summer 2001)

Director, International Programs and Graduate Studies  
Widener University School of Law  
July 1997-August 1999

Director, Graduate Program in Corporate Law and Finance  
Widener University School of Law  
July 1996-June 1997

Visiting Professor of Law  
California Western School of Law  
San Diego, CA  
Spring, 2002

Visiting Professor of Law,  
Southern Methodist University School of Law  
Dallas, TX  
Fall 1998

Bigelow Fellow and Lecturer in Law  
University of Chicago School of Law  
Chicago, IL  
September 1986-June 1987

**OTHER LEGAL  
EMPLOYMENT:**

Associate, Litigation Department  
Cahill Gordon & Reindel  
New York, NY  
October 1983-August 1986

Law Clerk to Hon. Joseph M. McLaughlin,  
United States District Judge  
Eastern District of New York  
Brooklyn, NY  
August 1982-September 1983

**EDUCATION:**

Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1982  
Associate Editor, FORDHAM LAW REVIEW

College of William and Mary, B.A., 1978  
High Honors in Philosophy  
Thesis: *Two Notions of Language and Language Investigation*  
Captain, Interscholastic Swim Team (four-year letter winner)

## MAJOR PUBLICATIONS:

*Even More Wrongful Death: Statutes Divorced from Reality*, \_\_\_  
FORDHAM URBAN L. J. \_\_\_ (2004) (forthcoming).

*Pleading the Case for Public Nuisance Claims Against Gun Sellers*,  
(with Jean Eggen) (in progress).

*The Heterosexual Agenda*, 13 WIDENER L. J. \_\_\_ (2004)  
(forthcoming).

*Tort, Compensation, and Two Kinds of Justice*, 55 RUTGERS L.  
REV. 1027 (2003).

*Sandbags Full of Money: Victim Compensation After 9/11*,  
DISSENT, Fall 2003 at 57.

*Gun Torts: Defining a Cause of Action for Victims in Suits Against  
Gun Manufacturers* (with Jean Eggen), 81 N. C. L. REV. 115  
(2002).

*Recurring Nightmare: Barriers to Effective Treatment of HIV in  
the United States and Internationally*, 35 JOHN MARSHALL L.  
REV. 381 (2002) (in Presentation, *Dealing with International  
AIDS: A Case Study in the Challenges of Globalization*, 35 JOHN  
MARSHALL L. REV. 381-432).

*AIDS in National and International Law* (Remarks on Barriers to  
Prevention and Treatment), in PROCEEDINGS OF THE 96<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL MEETING of The American Society of International  
Law at 320, 324 (2002).

*Defining a Proper Role for Public Nuisance Law in Municipal  
Suits Against Gun Sellers: Beyond Rhetoric and Expedience* (with  
Jean Eggen), 52 S. CAR. L. REV. 217 (2001), *abstracted by Social  
Science Research Network* (accepted papers), *available at*  
<http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/results.cfm>.

*A 'Clanging Silence': Same-Sex Couples and Tort Law*,  
89 KY. L.J. 911 (2000-2001) (lead article in symposium, *From  
Outlaws to In-Laws: Issues Surrounding the Evolving Legal Status  
of Lesbian and Gay Individuals*).

*A Tale of Two Concurrences: Same-Sex Marriage and  
Products Liability*, 7 W. & M. J. WOMEN & L. 447 (2001).

*Uprooting the Arguments Against Same-Sex Marriage*,  
20 CARDOZO L. REV. 1119 (1999).

*Book Review*, Robert Wintemute, SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND  
HUMAN RIGHTS, 16 WISC. INT'L L.J. 579 (1998).

*The Emperor Has No Causation: Exposing a Judicial  
Misconstruction of Science*, 2 WIDENER L. SYM. J. 185 (1997).

*The Limits of Product Liability Reform Within a Consumer  
Expectation Model: A Comparison of Approaches Taken by the  
United States and the European Union*,  
19 HASTINGS INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 1 (1995).

*Reinvigorating Educational Malpractice Claims: A  
Representational Focus*, 66 WASH. L. REV. 349 (1992).

*Real and Imagined Effects of Statutes Limiting the Liability of  
Non-Manufacturing Sellers of Defective Products*,  
95 DICKINSON L. REV. 287 (1991).

*Spielberg Reconsidered: Problems in Application and Content of  
the Deferral Doctrine*, 49 FORDHAM L. REV. 1116 (1981).

**MAJOR  
PRESENTATIONS:**

Panelist, Civil Unions and Gay Marriage: A Spectrum of  
Institutions  
Gay Marriage: PBI/CLE Accredited Course  
Equality Forum: The Global GLBT Event  
Philadelphia, PA  
April 29, 2004

Panelist, Same-Sex Marriage  
Voice of America radio program: "Talk to America"  
February 20, 2004  
(audio available at: [www.voanews.com/talktoamerica](http://www.voanews.com/talktoamerica))

Featured Speaker, Press Conference to address gun-industry  
immunity legislation pending before the U.S. Senate  
Sponsors: Brady Campaign/Million Mom March  
February 19, 2004  
Wilmington, DE

Panelist, “The Changing Landscape of our Communities”  
Annual Meeting,  
U. Penn. Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alumni Ass’n  
Philadelphia, PA  
November 8, 2003

Panelist, Civil Justice? The Tort System’s Treatment of LGBT  
Persons (discussing wrongful death laws)  
Lavender Law 2003  
Fordham University School of Law  
New York, NY  
October 17-19, 2003

Integrating Sexual Minority Issues into Torts Courses  
Conference on Torts: The Judge’s New Robe:  
Rethinking the Judicial Role for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Torts  
Association of American Law Schools  
Mid-Year Meeting  
New York, NY  
June 17- 20, 2003

Presentation: Teaching the “New” Public Health  
American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics  
Annual Health Law Teachers Conference  
Widener University School of Law  
Wilmington, DE  
June 6-7, 2003

Invited participant,  
Workshop: Creating a Model Syllabus for course on  
Bioterrorism and Public Health Law  
McGeorge School of Law  
Sacramento, CA  
March 20-21, 2003

Health in Difference 4: Fourth National Lesbian, Gay, Transgender  
and Bisexual Health Conference  
University of Sydney  
Sydney, Australia  
Presenter of full paper, *HIV Treatment Means HIV Prevention:  
Deconstructing the Impossibility of Treatment Argument*  
November 1, 2002

*Who Needs A Bill of Rights? Comparing the Australian and the American Experiences*

Forum, University of Technology, Sydney (UTS)

Principal Presenter

Sydney, Australia

October 25, 2002

The American Society of International Law

ASIL 96th Annual Meeting

Panelist, "AIDS in National and International Law"

March 15, 2002

Association of American Law Schools 2002 Annual Meeting

Panelist, Joint Program of Sections on Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues and International Law

Topic: *Dealing with International AIDS: A Case Study in the Challenges of Globalization*

January 4, 2002

Keynote Luncheon Address, *Same-Sex Couples: Why Can't Two Live as Cheaply as One?*

Symposium: Gender and Sexuality Studies at Penn State

Tenth Anniversary Celebration, Coalition for GLBT Equality

Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

October 13, 2001

Presenter, Annual Health Law Teachers Conference

American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics

*Defining a Proper Role for Public Nuisance Law in Municipal Suits Against Gun Sellers: Beyond Rhetoric and Expedience*

Boston University School of Law

June, 2001

Presentation on Same-Sex Marriage to Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues Section of Dallas Bar Association

December, 1998

Presenter, Annual Health Law Teachers Conference

Topic: *Solving Causation Problems in Toxic Exposure Cases*

University of Houston Law Center

June, 1998

Keynote Speaker, *Legal and Ethical Challenges in HIV/AIDS Care*

Presentation to private and public health care practitioners

Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Chester, PA

April, 1997

Presentation to Pennsylvania Assembly Majority Caucus on  
possible effects of product liability reform legislation  
February, 1989

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS  
AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Frequently interviewed and featured in various media concerning  
issues of tort and health law, and sexual orientation

Commentary,  
*Coming Out at the Old Ballpark*,  
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, August 18, 2003, at B2.

Perspective (op-ed),  
*Gun Makers Seek to Bar Justice*,  
WILMINGTON NEWS J., June 22, 2003, at A15.

Speaker, Faculty Seminar  
*Recent Developments in the United States in the Law Relating to  
Same-Sex Couples*  
University of New South Wales  
Faculty of Law  
Sydney, Australia  
October 29, 2002

Guest Professor,  
Physician Assistant Program  
Arcadia University  
Glen Mills, PA  
November 20, 2001  
Topic: *Issues in HIV Confidentiality and Disclosure*

Delaware Voices (op-ed), *Equality Has Nothing to do with a  
Disease*, WILMINGTON NEWS JOURNAL (March 19, 2001)

Op-ed piece, *High Court Rules that Boy Scouts Can Exclude Gays*,  
PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER (July 3, 2000)

Commentary, *Same-Sex Marriage: The Depth of the Opposition  
and the Importance of Victory*, 3 J. Gay & Lesbian Med. Ass'n 103  
(Sept. 1999)

Presented arguments on same-sex marriage in local Borders and Barnes & Noble bookstores, including one in a series on “Law and Society,” throughout the greater Philadelphia area (1999-2000)

Case Commentary, *General Electric Co. v. Joiner*, 522 U.S. (1997), U. HOUSTON HEALTH L. NEWS (1998)

*Graduate Legal Education in the United States*, INT’L GRADUATE 40 (1998)

Commentary, *Hart v. Jersey City*, 706 A.2d 256 (N.J. Super. A.D. 1998), THE FORENSIC ECHO, Vol. II, No. 8 at 15 (1998).

**PEER REVIEW:** Bulletin of the World Health Organization  
Article: International Law and HIV/AIDS  
August, 2002

**BAR AND LEGAL  
ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIPS:**

Admitted to practice in New York State since  
Member, American Bar Association  
Associate Member, Delaware Bar Association

**ORGANIZATIONS,  
SERVICE, OTHER**

Vice-President, Executive Board  
Center For Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights  
Philadelphia, PA  
2002-present

Member, Executive Committee, and Founding Sponsor,  
AALS Section on Post-Graduate Legal Education (1998-1999)

Member, Policy Committee of Delaware HIV Consortium  
Participated in the drafting of recommendations to the Consortium  
and to Delaware Dep’t of Public Health on reporting HIV status  
1995-2001



President, FINS Aquatics Club  
Philadelphia, PA  
Sept. 2002-Sept. 2003  
(Member since 1992, holding various positions including Head  
Coach and Meet Director)