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### Academic Appointments

#### **LSU LAW CENTER**

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge  
Associate Professor of Law  
Liskow & Lewis Professor of Law

Summer 2011 - present

*Courses Taught: Basic Civil Procedure I and II; Federal Complex Litigation; Evidence; Federal Courts*

#### **BERKELEY LAW**

University of California, Berkeley  
Fellow, Miller Institute for Global Challenges and Law, 2009-2010  
Lecturer, Fall 2009-2011

Fall 2009 - Summer 2011

*Courses Taught: Civil Procedure II (J.D. course, covering personal and subject matter jurisdiction, venue and the Erie doctrine); Introduction to U.S. Law, Fundamentals of U.S. Law, and Topics in Civil Procedure (LLM courses)*

#### **UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE COLLEGE OF LAW**

Ontario, California  
Adjunct Professor

Spring 2009

*Course Taught: Appellate Advocacy*

### Education

#### **BERKELEY LAW (BOALT HALL)**

J.D., 2002

University of California, Berkeley, California  
*Honors:*

- Order of the Coif
- Thelen Marrin Writing Award (awarded by the faculty at graduation for best published scholarly work by a student)
- Moot Court, Brief Writing Award
- Jurisprudence Awards: Freedom of Speech, Cyberlaw, Legal Profession, Introduction to Legal Theory, and Jurisprudence
- Prosser Prizes: Evidence and Constitutional Law III

#### *Activities:*

- *California Law Review*, Book Review & Essay Editor
- Faculty Appointments Committee, Student Liaison
- Research Assistant, Professor Robert Post

**AMHERST COLLEGE**

Amherst, Massachusetts

*Honors:*

- *Summa cum laude*
- Selected for membership in *Phi Beta Kappa*
- German Consulate's Award for Academic Achievement

*Foreign Study:* German Literature at Humboldt-Universität-zu-Berlin, Berlin, Germany (1992-1993)

B.A., 1994

German Literature & European Studies

**Federal Clerkships**

**U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH CIRCUIT**

Pasadena, California

**Judge Pamela Ann Rymer**

2003-2004 and 2005-2006

**U.S. DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

Los Angeles, California

**Judge George H. King**

2004-2005

**Legal Experience**

**HORVITZ & LEVY LLP**

Encino, California

April 2007-Spring 2011

*Of Counsel*

Appellate attorney. Representative matters include international trademark infringement, personal jurisdiction over foreign entities, international choice of law, celebrity rights of publicity, excessiveness of punitive damages, enforcement of arbitration agreements, complex insurance disputes, and immigration asylum.

**QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART OLIVER & HEDGES LLP**

San Francisco & Los Angeles, California

2002-2003

*Associate*

Drafted dispositive motions and other filings on matters involving international disputes over possession of state-owned fine art, enforceability of legislative privilege, consumer class actions, and validity of Internet music streaming patent. Prepared multi-million dollar, complex business dispute for trial.

**Professional Honors**

Selected by the publishers of *Southern California Super Lawyer—Rising Star Edition* as a “Rising Star” in appellate law in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

## **Publications & Works in Progress**

*Constitutionalizing Class Certification* (work in progress)

*Parens Patriae and State Police Power*, S.M.U. LAW REVIEW (forthcoming, Winter 2016/2017)

*Morphing Case Boundaries in Multidistrict Litigation Settlements*, 63 EMORY L.J. 1339 (2014)

*Constraining the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure through the Federalism Canon of Statutory Interpretation*, 16 N.Y.U. J. LEG. & PUB. POL'Y 187 (2013)

*"Rogue States" within American Borders: Remediating State Noncompliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights*, 90 CAL. L. REV. 165 (2002).

## **Presentations & Appearances**

September 2015, Irvine, CA – University of California-Irvine School of Law, Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, paper selected for presentation (*Parens Patriae and the States' Historic Police Power*)

August 2014, Amelia Island, FL – Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, New Law Teacher's Workshop: Balancing the Demands of Service, Teaching and Scholarship Within Your Law School's Culture

February 2014, Baton Rouge, LA – LSU Law Center, *A Conversation with Chief Judge Carl Stewart* (co-moderated panel discussion with Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit)

October 2013, New York, NY – Brooklyn Law School, Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, paper selected for presentation (*The Scope of the Case or Controversy in Multidistrict Litigation*)

September 2013, Milwaukee, WI – Marquette Law School, Junior Faculty Workshop, paper selected for presentation (*The Scope of the Case or Controversy in Multidistrict Litigation*)

September 10, 2013, National Media – Comments Quoted by Reuters Legal, *Probe of BP Oil Spill Claims Unlikely to Derail Settlement –Experts*

September 2013, Baton Rouge, LA – CLE Presentation, *The Law of the Jungle: The Perils of Complex Litigation* (panel discussion regarding forum non-conveniens and *Aguinda v. Chevron*)

July 26, 2013, National Media – Comments Quoted by Reuters, *Halliburton Plea May Help BP in Spill Liability Battle*

March 2013, Baton Rouge, LA – LSU Law Center, Law Review Symposium, Opening Remarks, *The Eastern District of Louisiana: The Nation's MDL Laboratory*

August 2012, Amalie Island, FL – Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, New Scholars Panel, presenting work-in-progress (*The Scope of the Case or Controversy in Multidistrict Litigation*)

January 2011, Miami, FL - Florida International University College of Law, Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, paper selected for presentation (*Constraining the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure through the Canons of Statutory Construction*)