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**ACADEMIC:**

Professor of Law, Villanova University School of Law (since August 1988). Full professor with tenure since 1992 (sabbatical leave, 1998-99, 2005-06; semester leave Fall 2012). Currently teaching courses in Constitutional Law, American Legal History, and Legal Ethics; have also taught Employment Discrimination, Torts, Comparative Federalism, and Employee Benefits. Regularly supervise student externships, including placements with the Pennsylvania Office of the Disciplinary Counsel, the United States Department of Labor, and state and federal judges.

Vice Dean (Spring Semester 2012); Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (2011).

Taught Constitutional Law at Drexel University Law School (spring 2007).

Taught Comparative Federalism at University of Montreal (summer 2004).

Faculty Advisor to *VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW* (2017-present); *VILLANOVA SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW JOURNAL/MOORAD SPORTS LAW JOURNAL* (1993-2013)

Chair, Career Strategy Committee, 2016-present. Chair, Working Group re Bar Passage 2013-15. Cochair, Strategic Planning Committee 2011-12. Chair, Student Non-Academic Misconduct Disciplinary Panel (2002-05). Chair, Tenure Screening Committee (2001-02). Chair, Curriculum Committee (2000-01). Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee (1997-98).

Member, Admissions Committee (1988-97, 1999-2000, 2003-11, 2016-present); Career Strategies Committee (2014-16). Legal Writing Committee (2014-15). Clerkship Committee (1988-98, 2013); Dean Search Committee (1996-97); Curriculum Task Force (1990-95); Legal Writing Task Force (1995-96); Tenure Screening Committee (1993-96, 1999-2002), Evaluation Committee for Nontenure Track Clinical Faculty (2001-02); Faculty Recruitment Committee (2002-04, 2009-11, 2013). First Year Orientation Committee (August 2010). Rankings Subcommittee (2010-11). Legal Writing Advisory Committee (2010-11). Strategic Planning Committee (2010).

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Published Articles:**

*Becoming A Competent 21st Century Legal Ethics Professor: Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Technology (But Were Afraid To Ask)*, 2015 ABA J. Leg. Prof. 75 (2015)

“Using Videos To Teach American Legal History, 53 AM. J. LEG. HIS. \_\_ (October 2013), reprinted in Robert M. Jarvis, ed., TEACHING LEGAL HISTORY: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES (2014)

Book Review, *Lucretia Mott's Heresy: Abolition and Women's Rights in Nineteenth-Century America* by Carol Faulkner and Elizabeth Cady Stanton: *An American Life* by Lori D. Ginzberg, 2 THE JOURNAL OF THE CIVIL WAR ERA 88 (March 2012)

*Does LegalZoom Have First Amendment Rights?: Some Thoughts About Freedom of Speech and the Unauthorized Practice of Law*, 20 TEMPLE POL. & CIVIL RIGHTS LAW. REV. 255 (2011)

*Scriveners in Cyberspace: Online Document Preparation and the Unauthorized Practice of Law*, 30 HOFSTRA L. REV. 811 (2002)

*Creating Attorney-Client Relationships by Giving Legal Advice On-Line*, 16 ST. JOHN'S J. LEG. COMM. 569 (2002)

*Secrets and Lies: The Need for a Definitive Rule of Law in Pretext Cases*, 61 LA. L. REV. 539 (2001)

*Attorney-Client Relationships in Cyberspace: The Peril And The Promise*, 49 DUKE L.J. 147 (1999)

*The Plain Meaning of Oncale*, 7 WM. & MARY BILL OF RTS. J. 913 (1999)

*Ad Hoc Decision Making And Per Se Prejudice: How Individualizing The Determination of "Disability" Undermines The ADA*, 42 VILL. L. REV. 327 (1997)

*Government Lawyers in Civil Litigation and the Rules of Professional Conduct*, 1997 PROF. LAW. 125 (1997)

*The Defendant Lies and the Plaintiff Loses: The Fallacy of the 'Pretext-Plus' Rule in Employment Discrimination Cases*, 43 HAST. L.J. 57 (1991).

*The Duty of Zealous Advocacy and the Ethics of the Federal Government Lawyer: The Three Hardest Questions*, 64 S.CAL. L. REV. 951 (1991).

## **Book Chapters:**

"Legal Ethics and the Internet" in THE INTERNET GUIDE FOR PENNSYLVANIA LAWYERS (Spring 1997) (Pennsylvania Bar Institute).

"Pretext-Plus After *Hicks*: The Circuit Split Remains," in 1996 WILEY EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE (Henry H. Perritt, Jr., editor)

"Can the Plaintiff Win If The Defendant Lies After *Hicks*?: The Fallacy of the Pretext-Plus Rule In Employment Discrimination Cases," 1994 WILEY EMP. LAW UPDATE (H. Perritt, Jr., editor)

## **Works In Progress**

*Why Every Law Student Should Listen to Hamilton: The Musical* (essay)

*"We Are At War, And You Should Not Bother The President": The Suffrage Pickets and Freedom of Speech During World War I* (article)

## **Other:**

"Stealing the President's Spotlight," Philadelphia Inquirer, Feb. 9, 2006 (op-ed on suffrage protests during Wilson's State of the Union Address in 1916).

Course Outline, "Internet: Hip or Hype? Legal Ethics and the Internet," Pennsylvania Bar Institute (December 1995) (August 1996) (April 1997)

Book Review, Paul Simon, *Advice & Consent: Clarence Thomas, Robert Bork and the Intriguing History of the Supreme Court's Nomination Battles*, TRIAL Magazine (Nov. 1992)

Quoted in numerous publications, including: New York Times; U.S. News And World Report; Christian Science Monitor; ABA Journal; Legal Intelligencer; Wall Street Journal; Philadelphia Inquirer; Bloomberg News; California Lawyer; ABA/BNA Lawyers' Manual on Professional Conduct; Black Enterprise.

## **LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

**2017** Moderator, "Congressional Oversight of the Executive Branch," 2017 Norman J. Shachoy Symposium, Villanova Law Review: "Fifty Years of Operation Under the Freedom of Information Act, 1967-2017" (October 20, 2017).

Keynote Speaker, “50th Anniversary of the Appointment of Justice Thurgood Marshall to the United States Supreme Court,” Villanova Law J. Willard O’Brien and Temple American Inns of Court, at the African American Museum (October 10, 2017).

Panelist, “Supreme Court Preview,” University of Pennsylvania Law School (event sponsored by the American Constitution Society) (September 20, 2017).

Panelist, “Executive Orders At A Glance,” CLE presentation for the Young Lawyers Division and the Diversity in the Profession Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association (April 4, 2017).

Lecture, “50th Anniversary of the Appointment of Justice Thurgood Marshall to the United States Supreme Court,” Radnor Middle School, part of the faculty community lecture series held to mark the 175th anniversary of Villanova University (March 22, 2017). Presented to the Law School community on April 3, 2017).

Informal “pop-up” lecture at the Law School on the nomination of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court (February 1, 2017).

**2016** Informal “pop-up” lecture at the Law School on the nomination of Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court (March 16, 2016).

**2015** Panelist, “The Protective Power of the President,” at Scarpa Conference, "The Perfections of Our Imperfect Constitution: Marbury and Administration, the Power of the President and Constitutional Stare Decisis," honoring Professor Henry Monaghan (October 2015).

Panelist, “The Opinions of Justice O’Connor,” Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Commission on Women in the Profession in Hershey, Pennsylvania (May 2015).

Selected presenter, “Becoming a Competent 21st Century Legal Ethics Professor: Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Technology (But Were Afraid To Ask)," AALS Section on Professional Responsibility, 2015 AALS Annual Meeting (January 2015).

**2014** CLE Presentation, “The Ethics of Social Media: Look Before You Tweet," with Molly DiBianca '04 and K.T. Newton '92, at the Villanova Law Reunion (October 2014).

- 2012** Lecture, "Sex Discrimination," Academy of Lifelong Learning (October 2012)
- 2010** Moderator, Constitution Day Symposium: "The United States Constitution: An Enduring Blueprint for Freedom in a Changing Society," Matthew J. Ryan Center, Villanova University School of Law (September 17, 2010)
- Panelist, "First Monday in October," Televised discussion on "American Law Journal with Christopher Naughton" (October 3, 2010).
- Speaker, Martin Luther King Day Commemorative Program honoring Judge Murray M. Schwartz, Widener Law School (Feb. 12, 2010).
- 2008** Moderator, Symposium, "The House that Taxpayers Built: Stadiums, Speech, and Public Funding," Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal, Villanova University School of Law (Oct. 25, 2008).
- 2007** Commentator on Presentation by Jeremy Waldron, "Textualism and Democracy" Second Annual John F. Scarpa Conference on Law, Politics, and Culture Villanova University School of Law (October 16, 2007).
- Lecturer, "Equal Protection," Academy of Lifelong Learning, University of Delaware, Wilmington, DE. (November 2007).
- "The Suffrage Pickets and Freedom of Speech During World War I," Villanova Law School Luncheon Forum. (January 2007).
- 2006** Paper presentation, "The Suffrage Pickets and Freedom of Speech During World War I," Boston College Scholarship Exchange Program.
- 2005** Panelist, "Civil Litigation Against The Government and The Model Rules of Professional Conduct," Judicial Conference, United States Court of Federal Claims, Philadelphia, PA (November 4, 2005).
- Lecturer, "Equal Protection," Academy of Lifelong Learning, University of Delaware, Wilmington, DE.
- 2004** Panelist, "Legal Ethics and the Internet," Professional Responsibility Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association.
- Lecturer, "Same Sex Marriage," Academy of Lifelong Learning, University of Delaware, Wilmington, DE.
- Luncheon Speaker, "Legal Ethics and the Internet," Villanova Law Alumni, Delaware Chapter.

- 2003** Guest Lecturer, "The Pledge Of Allegiance Case," Academy of Lifelong Learning, University of Delaware, Wilmington, DE.
- 2002** Panelist, Federal Trade Commission's Workshop on Possible Anticompetitive Efforts to Restrict Competition On The Internet (October 2002).
- Keynote Address, "The Internet and the Practice of Law: Promise and Challenge?" Summit on the Internet and the Practice of Law: Charting a Course for the Twenty-First Century (New York State Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law) (June 18, 2002).
- 2001** Invited Participant, Symposium, "The Ethics Rules: What Needs Fixing," Hofstra University Law School (Sept. 9-11, 2001).
- Faculty Member, Online Seminar on Ethics and the Internet, sponsored by Law.com (September 2001).
- Invited Participant, Symposium, "On-Line Activities and Their Impact on the Legal Profession," St. John's Journal of Legal Commentary (April 20, 2001).
- Invited Participant, Symposium, "Reeves v. Sanderson," Louisiana State University Law School (January 26, 2001).
- 2000** Faculty Member, Online Seminar on Ethics and the Internet, sponsored by Law.com (September 2000).
- Invited Participant and Panel Moderator, ABA Symposium, "E-Lawyering: Lawyers Serving Society Through Technology," Chicago-Kent Law School (March 28-29, 2000).
- 1997** Moderator, "Government Lawyers and the Rules of Legal Ethics," 23rd National Conference on Professional Responsibility, ABA Center for Professional Responsibility, Naples, Florida (May 30, 1997).
- Panelist, "Legal Ethics and the Internet," Pennsylvania Bar Institute (April 24, 1997).
- 1996** Moderator, "Advertising and Solicitation," Philadelphia Bar Association (December 3, 1996).
- Moderator, "Defining the Parameters of the Americans With Disabilities Act: Who is a 'Person With A Disability?'" Villanova Law Review Symposium, October 26, 1996.

"Legal Ethics and the Internet," Pennsylvania Bar Institute (August 19 and 22, 1996).

"The Ten Most Commonly Reported Ethical Violations," Chester County Bar Association (May 23, 1996).

"The Americans With Disabilities Act and Your Law Practice: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You," Villanova Law School Alumni Seminar (April 17, 1996)(with Julie Congdon, Esq.).

**1995** "Legal Ethics and the Internet," Pennsylvania Bar Institute (December 11, 1995).

**1994** "Ethical Considerations Under the Federal Discovery Rules," Delaware Chapter, Federal Bar Association.

**1993** "The Snitch Rule: When Must We Make That Call? The Duty to Report Attorney Misconduct," Chester County Bar Association Luncheon (July 1993).

Ethics Seminar for Government Attorneys (three-hour seminar), cosponsored by Delaware Department of Justice and Government Lawyers Section of Bar Association (June 1993).

Pennsylvania Defense Institute, Panel Discussion, "Ethical Considerations With Discovery In Civil Litigation," (March 1993).

"Sexual Harassment In The Workplace," Delaware Chapter, Federal Bar Association, Symposium, *Post Inaugural Glimpse at Work-Force 2000* (January 29, 1993).

**1992** Pennsylvania Defense Institute, Panel Discussion, "Ethical Considerations With Discovery In Civil Litigation," (December 5, 1992).

**1991** "Affirmative Action and Legal Issues," Conference On Women and Work, Women's Studies Program of Villanova University (March 23, 1991).

**1990** "The Duty of Zealous Advocacy And The Ethics Of The Federal Government Lawyer," Brown Bag Lunch, Civil Division, Department of Justice (1990)

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

**1987- 1988** Assistant Branch Director for Government Information, Federal Programs Branch, Civil Division, United States Department of Justice

**1983-1987** Trial Attorney, Federal Programs Branch, Civil Division, United States Department of Justice

**1982-1983** Associate, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, Washington, D.C.

**1981-1982** Law Clerk to the Hon. Murray M. Schwartz, U.S. Dist.Ct. Delaware

**EDUCATION:**

**Legal:** Georgetown University Law Center, J.D. 1981, *cum laude*. Case and Notes Editor, Georgetown Law Journal, 1980-81.

**Undergraduate:** Brown University, B.A. 1978, *magna cum laude* with Honors in History. Elected Commencement Speaker

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Member, Board of Directors, Delaware Theatre Company (2009-11)

Five-time Jeopardy champion (televised in the summer of 2007); participant in Tournament of Champions (televised November 2007).