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EXPERIENCE

Professor of Law, Widener University Commonwealth Law School, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 2005-Present. **Associate Professor of Law**, July 1996 – June 2005. **Assistant Professor of Law**, July 1993 – June 1996.

Courses:

Torts I & II
Civil Procedure I & II
Criminal Law (Summer Start Program)
Capital Punishment (Seminar)
Disability Law
Comparative Disability Law (Summer 2011 Lausanne Summer International Law Institute)
Comparative Products Liability (Summer 2004 Sydney Summer International Law Institute)

Legal Writing Instructor, Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, Delaware. July 1990 - June 1993. Also taught a seminar on the First Amendment in the Spring 1993 semester.

Associate Attorney, Lord, Bissell, and Brook, Chicago, Illinois. In the General Tort Litigation Department. September 1988 - June 1990.

Public Interest Law Fellow, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. Summer 1988.

Student Works Editor, South Carolina Law Review. September 1987 - May 1988.

Law Clerk, Strasberger and Price, Dallas, Texas. Summer 1987.

Law Clerk, Winston and Strawn, Phoenix, Arizona. Summer 1987.

SCHOLARSHIP

Reconciling General Personal Jurisdiction and Corporate Residence in Venue (in progress).

A Tort Perspective on the Use of Victim Impact Evidence in Capital Cases (in progress).

Kennedy, Kennedy, and the Eighth Amendment: “Still in Search of a Unifying Principle”?, 73 U. PITT. L. REV. 1127 (2011).

Impeachment Calls and Death Threats: Assessing Criticisms of the Death Penalty Jurisprudence of Justices Kennedy and O’Connor, 52 WAYNE L. REV. 1127 (2006).

Parsing Personal Predilections: A Fresh Look at the Supreme Court’s Cruel and Unusual Death Penalty Jurisprudence, 58 ME. L. REV. 99 (2006).

A Study in Judicial Sleight of Hand: Did Geier v. American Honda Motor Co. Eradicate the Presumption Against Preemption?, 17 BYU J. PUB. L. 1 (2002).

The Pre-emption Presumption That Never Was: Pre-emption Doctrine Swallows the Rule, 40 ARIZ. L. REV. 1379 (1998).

A Pro-Death, Self-Fulfilling Constitutional Construct: The Supreme Court’s Evolving Standard of Decency for the Death Penalty, 23 HASTINGS CONST. L.Q. 455 (1996).

Case Survey, *Practice and Procedure: Defendant Not Allowed to Assert Collateral Estoppel Against Stranger to Prior Judgment*, 39 S.C. L. REV. 122 (1987)

Case Survey, *Tort Law: Liability of Information Suppliers Expanded*, 39 S.C. L. REV. 194 (1987).

Case Survey, *Tort Law: Plaintiff Does Not Need to Allege a “Sale” in a Strict Liability Action*, 39 S.C. L. REV. 206 (1987).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Woman Advocate Committee of the ABA Section of Litigation (Fall 2019 to present)

AALS Section on Law and Mental Disability, Secretary, Jan. 2015-Jan. 2018.

Panel Moderator, Widener Law Journal Symposium, *Ruling the Courts: The Future of Local Rules of Civil Procedure in Pennsylvania*, February 2016.

Panel Moderator, Widener Law Journal Symposium, *Perspectives on Mass Tort Litigation*, April 2013.

A Fresh Look at the United States Supreme Court's Eighth Amendment Death Penalty Jurisprudence, part of the Research Seminar Series at the University of Technology, Sydney, in Sydney, Australia, July 22, 2004.

Panel Moderator, Widener Law Review Death Penalty Symposium, November 2003.

Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances, Victim Impact Evidence, and the Eighth Amendment, Death Penalty 2000 Conference sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union/Foundation of Delaware, October 27, 2000.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois, November 10, 1988. Licensed also to practice before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

EDUCATION

University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, South Carolina. Juris Doctor Degree, May 1988.
Rank: Top 7%

Honors and Activities:

- B Order of the Coif.
- B Student Works Editor, South Carolina Law Review, 1987-88.
- B South Carolina Law Review member, 1986-88.
- B American Jurisprudence Award for Contracts II.
- B National Dean's List.

University of Maine at Orono, Orono, Maine. Bachelor of Arts, 1984. Major: International Affairs with a concentration in Political Science. Graduated with High Distinction.

Honors and Activities:

- B Appointed Chief Delegate to the 1984 Harvard National Model United Nations.
- B National Political Science Honor Society.

Pepperdine University, Malibu, California. August 1980 - April 1981.