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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Law Aug. 2015 – Present
UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY LAW SCHOOL

Prior Appointments: Assistant Professor of Law, Aug. 2012 – July 2015
Assistant Professor of Legal Research and Writing, Aug. 2009 - July 2012
Visiting Professor of Law, Aug. 2008 - July 2009
Adjunct Professor of Law, Jan. 2008 – Aug. 2008

Courses Taught: Advanced Advocacy; Applied Legal Theory and Analysis; Civil Procedure;
Criminal Procedure -Adjudications; Criminal Procedure-Investigations;
Federal Jurisdiction; Judicial Clerkship Seminar; Pretrial Criminal Litigation

Faculty Service: Chair, Student Success Task Force, May 2020 – Present
Member, University Faculty Search Committee for President of University
of Detroit Mercy, January 2022
Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Dean of Academic Success, June
2020 – November 2020
Chair, Admissions Committee, 2019 – Present
Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2016 – 2019
Co-Chair, Self Study/Reaccreditation Committee, 2017
Chair, Moot Court Committee, 2018 – 2020
Member, Moot Court Committee, 2016 – 2018, 2008 - 2014
Member, Search Committee for Communications Specialist, 2017 & 2018
Chair, Detroit Mercy Law School Honor Council, 2016 – 2017
Chair, Admissions Committee, 2015 – 2016; 2013 – 2014
Member, Search Committee for Director of Career Service, 2018 and
2016
Member, Student Conduct Task Force, 2016
Chair, Judicial Clerkship Committee, 2011 – 2013
Member, Dean Search Committee, 2012 – 2013
Member, Bar Task Force, 2012 – 2013
Member, Law Review Committee, 2008 – 2014
Coordinator, Writing for Publications Program, 2008 – 2011
Brief Grader, Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition
(sponsored by Mercer University Law School), 2010 – 2019

Honors & Awards: University of Detroit Mercy Faculty Excellence Award, 2018
Student Bar Association Professor of the Year, 2018
James T. Barnes, Sr. Memorial Faculty Scholar Award, 2016
Moot Court Faculty Coach of the Year, 2009 and 2012

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs January 2022 - present
UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY LAW SCHOOL

*Interim Associate Dean for Enrollment Management
and Communications* Dec. 2013 – Jan. 2014
UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY LAW SCHOOL

PUBLICATIONS

MASTERING CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (3d ed. Carolina Press 2020) (with Ellen Podgor, Peter Henning, Cynthia Jones, & Sanjay Chhablani)

CRIMINAL PRETRIAL ADVOCACY (3d ed. Thompson West, 2019) (with Peter Henning and Leonid Feller)

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie: Increasing Assessments and Feedback in Law School Classes, 95 U. DET. MERCY L. REV. 35 (2017) (with Julia Belian)

“Reasonable” Police Mistakes: Fourth Amendment Claims and the Good Faith Exception After Heien, 90 ST. JOHN’S L. REV. 271 (2016) (lead article)

The Failed Legacy of Absolute Immunity under Imbler: Providing a Compromise Approach to Claims of Prosecutorial Immunity, 48 GONZAGA L. REV. 219 (2013) (lead article)

Student Comment, *“Creating a Private Cause of Action for Abusive Animal Research,”* 134 U. PENN. L. REV. 399 (1986)

PRESENTATIONS

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie: Increasing Assessments and Feedback in Law School Classes, University of Detroit Mercy Law Review Symposium, Detroit, MI, March 3, 2017 (with Julia Belian)

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie: How Bar Exam Ready Students Become Practice Ready Practitioners, INSTITUTE FOR LAW TEACHING AND LEARNING, University of Washburn Law School, Topeka, Kansas, June 11, 2016 (with Julia Belian)

Beyond the Trophy: Creating a Successful Moot Court Program, LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE-sponsored Moot Court Conference, Marquette Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 25, 2014 (with Michelle Richards)

When Bad Grades Happen to Good Students: Methods for Correcting Disparities Between Student Performance in Doctrinal and Legal Writing Courses, 2011 AALS CONFERENCE, Teaching Methods Section, San Francisco, CA, January 8, 2011 (with Julia Belian)

Teaching the Writer to Do the Heavy Lifting: A Systematic Approach to Case Analysis, 2010 LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE CONFERENCE, Poster Presentation (with Michelle Richards)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Corporation Counsel, Appellate Division 1992 – 1994
OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL (now the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia), Washington, D.C.

Litigation Associate 1987 – 1992
SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM, Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk 1986 – 1987
Hon. Collins J. Seitz
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL, Philadelphia, PA

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1986

Executive Editor, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW, 1985 – 1986

Assistant Editor, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW, 1984 – 1985

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Research Assistant, Professor Stephen J. Schulhofer, 1984 – 1985

TRINITY COLLEGE, Hartford, CT

B.A. with Honors (Political Science), 1981

BAR MEMBERSHIP

State Bar of Michigan (active), District of Columbia Bar (inactive)