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## **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

*Order of the Coif*

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

TRINITY COLLEGE, Hartford, CT

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

## **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, Admissions Committee, 2019 – Present

Chair, Faculty Search Committee for Assistant Dean of Academic Support,  
2020 – Present

Chair, Student Success Task Force, 2020 - Present

Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2016 – 2019

Co-Chair, Self Study/Reaccrediation Committee, 2017 – Present

Chair, Moot Court Committee, 2018 – Present

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 – Present

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 APPOINTMENT**

*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

## **NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE**

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Grosse Pointe, MI.

*Member, Human Sexuality Appeals Panel* 2006 – 2009  
Served on district-wide appeals panel responsible for responding to complaints regarding the Human Sexuality curriculum and the teaching of that curriculum in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools.

*Member, Steering Committee on Elementary Education,*  
Served on district-wide committee of administrators, teachers,  
and parents charged with examining the elementary school  
curriculum, researching the practices of other districts,  
and recommending changes to current practices.

2000 – 2008

**BAR MEMBERSHIP**

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