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Academic Appointments

LSU LAW CENTER

Summer 2011 - present

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge

Associate Professor of Law

Liskow & Lewis Professor of Law

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

Committees: Curriculum (Chair, Spring 2017), Faculty Appointments, Admissions, Library, Scholarship, Ad Hoc Diversity Task Force, Ad Hoc Committee on the Diploma of Comparative Law, Ad Hoc Faculty Instructional Technology Working Group

BERKELEY LAW

Fall 2009 - Summer 2011

University of California, Berkeley

Fellow, Miller Institute for Global Challenges and Law, 2009-2010

Lecturer, Fall 2009-2011

JD Course: Civil Procedure II

LLM Courses: Introduction to U.S. Law, Fundamentals of U.S. Law, and Topics in Civil Procedure

UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE COLLEGE OF LAW

Spring 2009

Ontario, California

Adjunct Professor

Course: 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

B.A., 1994

German Literature & European Studies

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)

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

Associate (2006-2008)

Of Counsel (2008-2011)

2007- 2011

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

QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART OLIVER & HEDGES LLP

San Francisco & Los Angeles, California

Associate

2002-2003

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 an 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, 95 NEB. LAW REV. ____ (2017) (forthcoming, Spring 2017, currently available on SSRN)

Parens Patriae and State Police Power, 69 SMU L. REV. 759 (2016)

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

August 2016, Amelia Island, FL – Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, New Law Teacher's Workshop, *Ways to Improve Teaching and Learning* (panelist)

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* (panelist)

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 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*, with Bloomberg Managing Editor Paul Barrett)

July 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*)