

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **CURRENT POSITION**

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Washington, DC 20052 – Fall 2014 – to Present

Robert Kramer Research Professor of Law and Former Dean – Teach Contract Theory, Media and First Amendment Law, Professional Responsibility, and Administrative Law. From 2014 to 2019, served as Dean of GW Law, a top-tier, nationally prominent law school which offers programs leading to the J.D., J.D./M.B.A., J.D./ J.D./M.A. degrees, and LL.M. in American Law degrees, with 2,094 students, 90 full-time faculty members, 166 staff members, 122 adjunct professors, Annual Budget of \$94 million. Extensive experience raising significant dollars for law schools through major capital campaigns; GW Law's capital campaign concluded in FY 17, raising \$70 million and creating 68 endowed scholarships and 10 endowed professorships.

### **OTHER DECANAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, TEACHING, AND RESEARCH POSTS**

Caruso School of Law, Pepperdine University, 24255 Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu, CA 90263 - January 2022 - May 2022

Dorothy and Leonard Straus Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law (Contracts)

University of California Irvine School of Law, 401 E. Peltason Dr., Suite 1000, Irvine, CA 92697 - August 2020 - December 2020

Distinguished Professor of law (Administrative Law)

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS, 1614 20<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009 – January 2018 – present

President Emeritus of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Fellows – Inaugural President of the AALS Fellows, a group of leading academics and administrators who support the AALS's overall mission to exalt American legal education and the profession in general.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION 321 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654 – August 2017 – Present

Member of the Commission on the Future of Legal Education (CFLE), joining 11 others leading academics to study and propose innovative ideas for American legal education.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS, 1614 20<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009 – January 2015 – to present

2024 Distinguished Counselor and Consultant. 2015 President of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) – The AALS is an association of 180 law schools nationwide that enroll most of the nation's law students and produce the majority of attorneys, judges, and lawmakers. The AALS's mission induces the advancement of excellence in legal education through the promotion of teaching, scholarship, academic freedom, and diversity, while seeking to inspire the legal profession and foster justice. The AALS sponsors numerous programs throughout the year designed to assist in the enrichment of the legal academy and serves as a public "voice" for American legal education. My duties as president included interviews and commentary on American legal education and higher education in general with national media.

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Winston-Salem, NC 27109 – Fall 2007 – to Fall 2014

Dean and Professor of Law - Led a top-tier, nationally prominent law school offering programs leading to the J.D., J.D./M.B.A., J.D./M.Div., J.D./M.A. degrees, and LL.M. in American Law degrees; Served as a Member of the University Executive Committee and Deans' Council; Taught Contract Theory, Media and First Amendment Law, and Administrative Law; Spearheaded a major capital campaign, with two-thirds of the \$30 million goal raised during my deanship.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Lexington, VA 24450 – Fall 1997 – to May 2007

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Roy L. Steinheimer, Jr. Professor of Law - Taught Contracts (one semester, 5.5 hr. course). Included the examination of the common law rules and legal theories relevant to the bargaining process and a discussion of Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code - Sales; legal method and writing component was also incorporated. American Public Law Process and Administrative Law - study of the American judicial process, including separation of powers, the operation of federal and state administrative agencies. Law and Journalism Seminar - survey of the issues relevant to various communication media, including print, television, and artistic expression. Contemporary Problems in Media Law - seminar focused on the regulatory and ethical issues confronting contemporary media forms such as traditional press, broadcast media, and the Internet. Law and Education - explored the legal rules and policies that regulate and shape public secondary education in the United States.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW, 101 Paul Bryant Drive East, Box 870382, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487 - Summer, 2002

John S. Stone Visiting Professor of Law - Summer 2002 - Taught Administrative Law (3 hr. course) surveying the issues that govern the operation of federal and state administrative agencies including Constitutional questions as they relate to agency adjudication, rulemaking and utility ratemaking; also examined issues relevant to judicial review, governmental openness and remedies.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, High Street, Oxford, England OX1 4BH - Autumn, 2001.

Visiting Fellow - Researched and participated in faculty seminars as a visiting faculty member; also participated in faculty colloquia with the law faculty of the King's College, London, School of Law.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Lexington, VA 24450 - Fall, 1996.

Visiting Professor of Law - Taught Contracts (one semester, 5.5 hr. course). (See course description above).

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL, 625 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1215 - Fall, 1994

Visiting Associate Professor of Law - Taught Contracts (one semester, 5 hr. course) - (note course description above).

COLLEGE OF LAW, THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO, 2801 West Bancroft Street, Toledo, OH 43606 - August 14, 1992 to Spring, 1994; Spring, 1995 through Spring, 1996; Spring, 1997.

Associate Professor of Law - Taught Contracts I and II - (see course description above). Also taught Administrative Law - Surveyed the issues that govern the operation of federal and state administrative agencies including Constitutional questions as they relate to agency adjudication, rulemaking and utility ratemaking; also examined issues relevant to judicial review, governmental openness and remedies.

THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016 - June 1988 to May 1992.

Adjunct Faculty Member, Instructor in Legal Methods - Taught legal writing, research, case analysis; instruction included Federal and State court systems, procedure, memorandum, appellate briefs, legal documents, and oral advocacy; Chairperson, Adjunct Faculty; Judge - Semifinal of Upper-class Moot Court Competition.

## **OTHER TEACHING**

CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY, FORT BRAGG CAMPUS, Buies Creek, NC - June 1980 to June 1982.

Instructor, Business Law - Designed lesson plans and taught undergraduate students in the various legal subjects relevant to commerce and trade, including contracts, torts, and insurance.

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY, FORT BRAGG CAMPUS, Fayetteville, NC - March 1981 to June 1981.

Instructor, Speech Communication - Designed lesson plans, lectured, and conducted clinics in the areas of oral communication and rhetorical theory.

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Contracts; Advanced Contract Theory; Government/Construction Contracts; Administrative Law; Professional Responsibility and Ethics; Legislation and Regulation; Communications Law; Law and Journalism; Media Law; Law and Education

**EDUCATION**

Graduate: University of Virginia School of Law  
Charlottesville, Virginia  
Juris Doctor

Honors: Earl Warren Scholar  
Ribble-Kennedy Scholar  
Law Council

Undergraduate: University of Virginia, College of Arts and Sciences  
Charlottesville, Virginia  
B.A., Rhetoric and Communication, with High Distinction  
Senior Thesis: "Rhetoric of Pre-Civil War Songs"  
Commissioned, Second Lieutenant, United States Army

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society  
Intermediate Honors  
Lawn Resident  
Four-Year Army R.O.T.C. Scholarship  
Honor Advisor  
Council on Legal Education Opportunity  
Concert Master, University Orchestra and Wind Ensemble

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Downton Abbey's Subtle Message On Democracy*, Forbes, October 1, 2025.

*Back to School With Caution and Hope in 2025*, Forbes, August 25, 2025.

*Vacations Are Necessities, Not Luxuries*, Forbes, July 29, 2025.

*Jurassic Park and the Negative Perception of Lawyers*, Forbes, July 8, 2025.

*Henry VII, Sir Thomas More, and the Rule of Law*, Forbes, June 12, 2025.

*Political Headwinds and the Rule of Law*, Forbes, April 2, 2025.

*A New Year, A New Way, and Executive Orders*, Forbes, February 18, 2025.

*Elections History, and Democracy*, Forbes, October 31, 2024.

*Civil Lessons from the Presidential Debate*, Forbes, September 11, 2024.

*A Lesson in Leadership from the 2024 Presidential Election*, Forbes, August 22, 2024.

*The Urgent Case for Effective Leadership*, Forbes, October 19, 2023.

*The Conundrum of Gun Violence: The University of Virginia's Inevitable Triumph Over Tragedy*, Forbes, November 30, 2023.

*Post-Pandemic Education*, Forbes, May 20, 2021

*A Postlude on Black History Month*, Forbes, March 1, 2021

*Online Secondary Education: A Pandemic Response*, Forbes, February 12, 2021

*The Incomparable Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, Forbes, October 27, 2020.

*A Prescription for Hope in 2020*, Forbes, June 1, 2020.

*Overcoming Social Distancing*, Forbes, April 27, 2020.

*Justice Ginsburg, Music and Bridging Differences*, Forbes, May 20, 2019.

*What the 2019 White House Correspondents' Dinner Says About a Free Press and Civility*, Forbes, April 29, 2019.

*March Madness, UVA, and Hope for a More Civil Society*, Forbes, April 9, 2019.

*College Admissions Scandal: A Plea for Reason*, Forbes, March 26, 2019.

*Blackface Exposed: From Controversy to Opportunity*, Forbes, February 11, 2019.

*After the Shutdown: The Essentiality of Compromise*, Forbes, January 28, 2019.  
*Hope for a Happy (and Civil) New Year*, Forbes, December 12, 2018.

*Voter Surge: Harnessing the Energy of the 2018 Midterms*, Forbes, November 7, 2018.

*Beyond the Kavanaugh Confirmation: Lessons from India*, Forbes, October 15, 2018.

*The Inspiring Professionalism of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, Forbes, September 24, 2018.

*One Year After Charlottesville: Lessons Revealed*, Forbes, August 21, 2018.

*In Praise of Civility*, The Atlantic, May 24, 2018.

*Foreword, "Divergence and Reform in the Common Law of Contracts,"* Fall 2016 Symposium: 85 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 1581 (2017).

*The Case for Holistic Education in the Wake of Charlottesville Violence*, Huffington Post, August 14, 2017.

*The Heroic Lawyer*, Huffington Post, June 20, 2017.

*A Retrospective on South Africa—Lawyers as Vanguards*, Huffington Post, September 7, 2016.

*The Continued Evolution of American Legal Education*, Summer 2016 Symposium: 51 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 245.

*Comparative Contract Law: British and American Perspectives, Contractual Interpretation in the Commercial Context. The Case for Fairness for the Small Business Industry* (Book Chapter) (2016) (Oxford Press).

*Civil Rights Laws as Catalysts: The Salience of Diversity in Legal Education*, from The Seminar on Racial Discrimination and Criminal Justice in the European Union, the University of Leeds and the British Academy (2015 – 2016) [final draft article completed].

*Benefits from Challenge: The Continual Evolution of American Legal Education, (Presidential Address)*, 64 J. *LEGAL EDUC.* 523 (2015)

*Lawyers as Conservators and Guardians: Justice, the Rule of Law, and the Relevance of Sir Thomas More*, 2012 MICH. ST. L. REV. 647 Symposium – *Lawyers as Conservators*

*The Declining Prevalence of Trials as a Dispute Resolution Device: Implications for the Academy* 38 WM. MITCHELL L. REV. 3 (2012) Symposium – Contemporary Issues in Outcomes-Based Legal Education

*Foreword, The Wake Forest Journal of Law & Policy*, 1WAKE FOREST J. L. & POL. 1 (2011).

*A Moment in the Life of a Lawyer as a Law School Dean*, CLEO EDGE MAGAZINE, Winter/Spring (2010).

*Contracts in Context and Contract as Context*, 45 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 549 (2010) (with Larry DiMatteo) (Symposium – *Contracts in Context: Identity, Power, and Contractual Justice*).

*Symposium: First Amendment Issue in Emerging Technology – The Search for a Viable Theory of Regulation in the Digital Age*, 47 UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE L. REV. 4 (2009).

*Equality-Based Perspectives on the Free Speech Norm: Twenty-First Century Considerations – An Introductory Essay*, 44 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 315 (2009).

*Reflections of A Novice: Four Tenets for A New Dean*, 40 U. of TOLEDO L. REV. 385 (2009) (Symposium: *Leadership in Legal Education Symposium IX*).

*The Inescapable Intersection of Credibility, Audience and Profit in Broadcast Media's Coverage of Elections*, 24 ST. JOHN'S J. of *LEGAL COMMENTARY* 479 (2009) (Symposium: *Making History: Race, Gender, Media and the 2008 Election*).

*Law Touched Our Hearts: A Generation Remembers Brown v. Board of Education – Brown as Catalyst* (Vanderbilt Press 2008).

*Visions of Contract Theory - Critical Aspects of Contract Doctrine* (Carolina Press 2007).

*The Salience of Power in the Regulation of Bargains: Procedural Unconscionability and the Importance of Context*, 206 MICH. ST. L. REV. 925 (2007) (Symposium: *Power, Inequality and the Bargain*).

*The Jurisprudence of Media Access to Voting Polls*, 4 FIRST AMENDMENT L. REV. 107 (2005) (Symposium: *The First Amendment and Press Coverage of Elections in the United States*).

*The Endemic Reality of Media Ethics and Self-Restraint*, 19 NOTRE DAME J. OF LAW, ETHICS & PUB. POL. 595 (2005) (Lead Article) (Symposium - *Media Ethics*).

*Lessons from Thomas More's Dilemma of Conscience: Reconciling the Clash Between a Lawyer's Beliefs and Professional Expectations* 78 ST. JOHN'S L. REV. 965 (2004) (Distinguished Colloquium Series and Lead Article).

*A Reexamination of Federal Agency Use of Declaratory Orders*, 56 ADMIN. L. REV. 1097 (2004) (with Jeffery Lubbers).

*The Commemorative Thomas More Address - Thomas More's Dilemma of Conscience: Understanding the Conflict Between Personal Beliefs and Professional Expectations*, 44 ST. DUNSTAN'S CHURCH FRIEND'S JOURNAL 6 (2004).

*Democracy, Choice and the Importance of Voice in Contemporary Media*, 55 DEPAUL L. REV. 53 (2004) (Symposium - *Race as Proxy in Law and Society: Emerging Issues in Race and the Law*).

*Electoral Integrity: Media, Democracy, and the Value of Self-Restraint*, 55 ALA. L. REV. 1 (2003) [Lead Article].

*The Quest for Bargains in an Age of Contractual Formalism: Strategic Initiatives for Small Businesses*, 7 J. SMALL & EMERGING BUS. L. REV. 233 (2003) (Symposium - *The Eighth Annual Lewis & Clark Business Law Forum: The Role of Law in Small Business Transactions*).

*The Dilemma of the Televised Fair Trial: Social Facilitation and the Intuitive Effects of Television*, 8 VA. J. OF LAW & SOCIAL POLICY 329 (2001).

*Gender Bias in the Courts of the Commonwealth, Colloquium - Essay: The Relevance of Gender Bias Studies*, 58 WASH. AND LEE L. REV. 1073 (2001).

*Contracts As Noncommercial Law: Context and Unconscionability*, 1999 American Association of Law Schools Conference on Contracts (materials accompanying the presentation).

*Law, Literature, and Contract: An Essay in Realism*, 4 MICH. J. OF RACE AND LAW 1 (1998) [Lead Article].

*The Teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Contract Theory: An Intriguing Comparison*, 50 ALA. L. REV. 63 (1998) (Symposium - *Dr. Martin Luther King's Life in Proactive Engagement: The Lawyer As Social Activist in the Community*).

*The Relevance of Race and Disparity in Discussions of Contract Law*, 30 NEW ENGLAND L. REV. 889 (1997) (Symposium - *Critical Race Perspectives for the New Millennium*).

*Communications Law: Media, Entertainment, and Regulation* (casebook and materials, co-authored with Professors D. Lively, Al. Hammond, R.L. Weaver) (Anderson 1997).

*Contractual Rules and Terms and the Maintenance of Bargains: The Case of the Fledgling Writer*, 18 HASTINGS COMM. & ENT. L.J. 753 (1996).

*Contracts Limiting Liability: A Paradox With Tacit Solutions*, 69 TULANE L. REV. 715 (1995).

*Restraint of Controversial Musical Expression After Skywalker Records, Inc. v. Navarro and Barnes v. Glen Theatre, Inc.: Can the Band Play On?* 70 DENVER U. L. REV. 1 (1992) [Lead Article].

**PRESENTATIONS**

Keynote Speaker, *The Salience of Professionalism in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*, The University of Toledo College of Law, November 12, 2025.

Panelist, *Integrity and the Rule of Law*, Wake Forest University School of Law, Journal of Law and Policy Symposium, November 7, 2025.

Panelist, AALS Advanced Workshop for Experienced Deans, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 11, 2025.

Keynote Speaker, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture, University of Virginia School of Law, January 25, 2024.

Keynote Speaker, Symposium: *Cross-Cultural Border Conflicts*, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, March 2-3, 2023.

Panelist, *Mentoring and Professionalism*, Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting, June 15, 2021.

Keynote Speaker, *ADR and Diversity*, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Champions of Diversity Program, April 23, 2021.

Caruso School of Law, Pepperdine University, *Race and the Law Series: Contracts and Contextualism*, March 25, 2021.

Conversation with the Dean, University of California Irvine School of Law, *Democracy and the Role of Lawyers*, October 29, 2020.

Keynote Speaker, Widener School of Law Harrisburg, *Professionalism's Salience*, October 12, 2020.

The University of Adelaide, Faculty Luncheon Speaker, *21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges in American Legal Education*, August 12, 2019.

Panelist, UNSW Sydney, Australia, *Legal Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, August 14, 2019.

Featured Speaker, *The Essentiality of Civility*, The Future is Now: Legal Services 2.019, Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, Chicago, IL, May 16, 2019.

Keynote Speaker, *Violence in Charlottesville: A Study of Human Rights and Responsibilities*, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, India, October 5, 2018.

Keynote Speaker, *Violence in Charlottesville: A Study of Human Rights and Responsibilities*, The George Washington University Law School Human Rights Program, New College, Oxford, England, July 9, 2018.

Keynote Speaker, *Violence in Charlottesville: A Study of Human Rights and Responsibilities*, University of Augsburg, Germany, July 5, 2018.

Keynote Speaker, *Recognizing Lawyers as Heroes: Our Collective Responsibility*, National Conference of Bar Examiners Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, April 21, 2018.

Keynote Speaker, *The Critical Need for Professional Lawyers*, 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wake Forest Black Law Students Association Scholarship Banquet, Winston-Salem, NC, February 9, 2018.

Panelist, *Beyond the Selfie: How to Promote your Faculty*, Dean's Forum Program, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, January 5, 2018.

Panelist, *Balancing the First Amendment with Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education*, Penn State University Dickinson Law Symposium, Harrisburg, PA, November 17, 2017.

Address to the ABA House of Delegates, *Image Is Everything: The Importance of Heroic Lawyers and Lawyering*, ABA Annual Meeting, New York, NY, August 14, 2017.

Featured Speaker, *The State of American Legal Education and Diversity in Crisis*, National Bar Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, August 4, 2017.

Moderator, *Post-Election Legal Firestorms: Gerrymandering, Obstacles to Voting, The Electoral College, Judicial Review, and Other Hot Topics*, Virginia State Bar Convention, June 16, 2017.

Panelist, *Free Speech on Campus: Are There Limits?*, Jewish Federation of Cleveland Panel on Free Speech, Cleveland, Ohio, March 15, 2017.)

Keynote Speaker, *Words & Images Matter: Whose Words? Which Images?*, University of Virginia MLK Celebration, Charlottesville, Va., January 30, 2017.

Moderator, *Economic and Cultural Anxiety Over Immigration and Globalization: A Trans-Atlantic Conversation*, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Washington, D.C., January 27, 2017.

Keynote Speaker, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Commemoration, Loudoun County (Va.) Courthouse, January 16, 2017.

Panelist, *Student Speech as Pedagogy: Reinforcement of the Responsible Exercise of Free Speech*, Thomas Jefferson Symposium on Free Speech on Campus, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Va., October 13, 2016.

Panelist, *The Complexities and Opportunities of Achieving Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Law Schools and the Legal Profession*, University of California, Irvine, October 10, 2016.

Panelist, *Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act: How We Got Here and What's Next*, GW School of Public Health, Washington, D.C., September 22, 2016.

Keynote Speaker, *The Continuing Evolution of Legal Education*, Teaching and Learning Conference, The University of Cape Town, South Africa, August 30, 2016

Distinguished Lecturer, *Challenges Facing the Legal Profession and Legal Education: Perspectives from the USA and their Relevance for South Africa*, 2016 Rabinowitz Lecture, The University of Cape Town, South Africa, August 29, 2016.

Speaker, *Accepting the Job and Key First Steps for a New Dean*, Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership Conference, University of Washington School of Law, August 12, 2016.

Speaker, *The Salience of Diversity as a Professional Norm*, APPLE Corporate Headquarters, Cupertino, California, June 16, 2016.

Speaker, *The New World of Legal Academia: Planning for the Future*, Association of American Law Schools Plenary, Washington, D.C., June 10, 2016.

Keynote Presentation, Annual Meeting of the Pre-Law Advisers National Council, Chicago, IL, June 6, 2016.

Keynote Speaker, *The Salience of Diversity in Legal Education*, Dean's Diversity Forum, Widener Commonwealth Law School, Harrisburg, Pa., April 11, 2016.

Speaker, *So You Want to be a Lawyer? The Legal Education Crisis and Why it Matters to Judges and Lawyers*, Senior Staff Attorneys Advisory Group Meeting, Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, Washington, D.C., April 8, 2016.

Keynote Speaker, *The Continuing Evolution of Legal Education: A Dean's Perspective*, Georgia State School of Law, February 9, 2016.

Presided, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, New York, NY, January 6-10, 2016.

Panelist, *Future in Legal Education*, Appellant Judges Education Institute Summit, November 13, 2015.

Panelist, WAKE FOREST L. REV Symposium, Wake Forest University School of Law, October 23, 2015.

Panelist, Judicial Selection and Retention Panel, 2015 Southern Conference of Bar Presidents, Alexandria, Virginia, October 9, 2015.

Keynote Speaker, Investiture of Dean Wendy Green, Mississippi College School of Law, September 2015.

Keynote Speaker, Law School Commencement, University of Montana School of Law, May 23, 2015

Distinguished Lecturer, *Dialogues in Professionalism and Diversity*, 2014 Huffman Lecture, Texas Tech University School of Law, September 11, 2014

Distinguished Lecturer, *Sir Thomas Moore's Dilemma of Conscience: Understanding the Conflict Between Personal Beliefs and Professional Expectations*, Bruce C. Hafen Lecture, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, March 15, 2012.

Panelist, *Decanal Interface with Different Constituencies and Stake-Holders*, Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership, Third Biennial Workshop, Seattle University School of Law, September 24, 2011.

Panelist, *Accepting the Job and Key First Steps*, Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership, Third Biennial Workshop, Seattle University School of Law, September 23, 2011.

Panelist, *The Future of Legal Education – The Coming Revolution in Legal Education*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Hilton Head Island, SC, July 30, 2011.

Speaker, *Sir Thomas More's Dilemma of Conscience: Understanding the Conflict Between Personal Beliefs and Professional Expectations*, Fort Bragg Army J.A.G. Corps, Fayetteville, NC, May 20, 2011.

Speaker, *The Challenges Facing the Future of Legal Education*, Charlotte, NC, March 23, 2011.

Speaker, *State of Legal Education: Response of the Wake Forest University School of Law*, Greensboro Bar Association, Greensboro, NC, January 20, 2011.

Panelist, *Getting to No: Law Professors and the Work-Life Balance*, AALS Section on New Law Professors, San Francisco, CA, January 6, 2011.

Speaker, *Changes in U.S. Legal Education and International Developments*, University of Leeds, United Kingdom, November 24, 2010.

Lead, *Perspectives on Beginning Law Teaching After an Established Career*, a small group discussion at the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference, October 28, 2010.

Presenter, *Thomas More's Dilemma of Conscientious*, Texas Tech University School of Law, Lubbock, TX, October 15, 2010.

Panelist, *Dean's Panel Discussion – Communication with Administration*, American Bar Association Law Students' Division, ABA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 6, 2010.

Panelist, *Coming Out of a Downturn*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL, August 4, 2010.

Presiding Vice President, North Carolina Bar Association, NCBA General Session Meeting, Wilmington, NC, June 26, 2010.

Panelist, *A Day in the Life of a Dean*, American Bar Association, New Deans Seminar, Jackson Hole, WY, June 1, 2010.

Panelist, *Strategic Planning and Accreditation*, American Bar Association, New Deans Seminar, Jackson Hole, WY, May 31, 2010.

Commencement Address Speaker, Pepperdine University School of Law, May 21, 2010.

Panelist, *No Place to Land: Preparing Students for the Job Market*, North Carolina Bar Association Board of Governors Meeting, Charlotte School of Law, April 17, 2010.

Speaker, *MLK Breakfast*, Winston-Salem, Chronicle, Winston-Salem, NC, January 18, 2010.

Panelist, *Multiple Views on Outcome Measures: The Details Matter*, AALS Section for Law School Deans, New Orleans, LA, January 7, 2010.

Lead, *Perspectives on Beginning Law Teaching After an Established Career*, a small group discussion at the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference, November 5, 2009.

Speaker, *Thomas More's Dilemma of Conscience: Understanding the Conflict Between Personal Beliefs and Professional Expectations*, Florida Coastal School of Law, October 22, 2009.

Panelist, *Accepting the Job and Key First Steps*, Diversity Conference at Seattle University School of Law, September 25, 2009.

Talk, High Point Bar Association, September 2, 2009.

Speaker, *Mentoring: Skyrocket a Career with the Right Mentor*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL, August 3, 2009.

Panelist, *Finding Opportunities: A recession too precious to waste? What would a long-term recession mean for legal education based on what is happening in the legal profession?* ABA Deans' Workshop, Chicago, IL, August 1, 2009.

Speaker, *You Can Do This*, Workshop for Pretenured Minority Law Teachers, AALS, June 18, 2009.

Speaker, *Thomas More, Beyond Survival Conference*, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Quantico, Virginia, June 16, 2009.

Speaker, *African American Achievement and Leadership – A Celebration of AA Achievers and Leaders*, The Society for the Study of Afro-American History, Winston-Salem State University, May 5, 2009.

Speaker, *2nd Annual Pro Bono Attorney Celebration*, Legal Aid of North Carolina-Winston-Salem Office, LANC-Winston-Salem, March 26, 2009

Speaker, *The Shifting Nature of Speech Technology*, Louisville Law Review Symposium: Free Speech and the Challenge of Advancing Technology, February 20, 2009.

Panelist, *Best Practices to Overcome Challenges to the Diversity Pipeline*, MCCA Creating Pathways to Diversity Conference, New York, November 19, 2008.

Panelist, *Developments in New Technology and Media Policy*, Making History: Race, Gender and the Media in the 2008 Elections, St. John's School of Law, New York, September 26, 2008.

CLE Presentation on, *Thomas More*, Bar Center, Cary, NC, April 24, 2008.

Chair, panel on The Legal Profession in the Marketplace, *Why Work? A Conference on Business, Professions and the Common Good*, Wake Forest University, March 27-28, 2008.

Speaker, *Current State of Legal Education and How it Intersects with Law Firms*, Smith Debnam's law firm retreat, Grandover Resort in Greensboro, NC, Friday, March 14, 2008.

Speaker, *Professional Responsibility*, Greensboro Bar Association, February 21, 2008.

*A Conversation with Dean Morant*, Wake Forest University School of Law, February 20, 2008.

Panelist, *Personal Challenges: Breakout Session #4*, ABA Deans' Workshop, ABA Annual Meeting, Santa Monica, CA, February 8, 2008.

*The Last Word*, presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, University of Maryland School of Law, January 26, 2008.

*National Security, the Media and the First Amendment*, presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlanta People of Color Scholarship Conference, University of Richmond School of Law, January 26, 2007.

*What Kind of Candidates Are Law Schools Looking For?"* presentation delivered at the American Association of Law Schools Recruitment Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2, 2006.

*Knowledge is Power*, presentation delivered at the Eighth Annual Conference of the National African-American Insurance Association, Atlanta, GA, September 14, 2006.

*Democracy, Choice and the Importance of Voice in Contemporary Broadcast Media* - Public Lecture Series, The University of East Anglia, Norwich, England, June 21, 2006.

*Rethinking the Discourse on Race: A Symposium on How the Lack of Racial Diversity in the Media Affects Social Justice and Policy* - The Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development, St. John's University School of Law, April 29, 2006.

*The Importance of Diversity*, Speech to the Diversity Task Force of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America, April 28, 2007.

*Power, Inequality and the Bargain*, Symposium - The Michigan State University College of Law, March 31, 2006.

*Media, Democracy, and Election Coverage: Compulsive Restraint in the Post-Bush v. Gore Era* - Distinguished Lecture delivered at the California Western School of Law, March 14, 2006.

*What Kind of Candidates Are Law Schools Looking For?* Candidates Workshop, 2005 American Association of Law Schools Recruitment Conference Washington, D.C.

*Contracts Across the Curriculum*, AALS CONFERENCE ON CONTRACTS, Montreal, Canada, June 16, 2005 (Moderator).

*Critiquing Contract Law*, AALS CONFERENCE ON CONTRACTS, Montreal, Canada, June 16, 2005 (Moderator).

*The First Amendment and Press Coverage of Elections in the United States*, Symposium - University of North Carolina School of Law and School of Journalism, April 15, 2005.

*The Endemic Reality of Broadcast Media=s Self Restraint in Presidential Elections, Creating and Forming the Methodology for a Successful Scholarly Agenda*, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference, The University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, KY (February 4, 2005).

*Media Frenzy, Unscrupulous Journalism, and the Bonfire=s Illusive Fair Trial*, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Law and Literature Seminar, Washington and Lee University, October 30, 2004.

*What Kind of Candidates Are Law Schools Looking For?* Candidates Workshop, 2004 American Association of Law Schools Recruitment Conference Washington, D.C.

Panelist - *Prospective Law Faculty* Workshop, Second National People of Color Legal Scholarship

Conference - *America, Race, and Law at the Crossroads* - October 8, 2004.

Panel Moderator and Presenter- *Government Contracts in the Modern War Era: The Relevance of Government Contract Law in Contemporary Society*, Second National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference - *America, Race, and Law at the Crossroads* - October 7, 2004.

Panel Moderator - *Supreme Court Decisions*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 30, 2004.

*A Reexamination of Federal Agency Use of Declaratory Orders*, Administrative Law Forum, University of San Diego School of Law, May 8, 2004.

*Lessons from Thomas More's Dilemma of Conscience: Understanding the Conflict between Personal Beliefs and Professional Expectations*, St. John's School of Law Distinguished Speaker Series, March 11, 2004.

*You Now Have Tenure: What to Do Now?* Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference, The University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD, January 30, 2004.

*The Interview Process*, Candidates' Workshop, 2003 American Association of Law Schools Recruitment Conference.

Moderator and Commentator, Supreme Court Update Panel, 2003 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL, July 20, 2003.

*Realism in Contract Law & the Swedish Perspective*, Critical Legal and Feminist Scholarship Colloquium, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden, July 8, 2003.

The Thomas More Address - *Thomas More's Dilemma of Conscience: Understanding the Conflict Between Personal Beliefs and Professional Expectations*, St. Dunstan's Church, Canterbury, England, July 6, 2003.

Symposium - Race as Proxy - *Democracy, Choice, and the Importance of Voice in Contemporary Media*, DePaul College of Law, Chicago, IL, March 8, 2003.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Institute on the Ethics in Journalism, *Media Self-Restraint: A Report of Broadcast Coverage of Midterm Election Returns in 2002*, November 9, 2002.

*The Interview Process*, Candidates' Workshop, 2002 American Association of Law Schools Recruitment Conference.

Eighth Annual Business Law Forum, *The Quest for Bargains in an Age of Contractual Formalism: Strategic Initiatives for Small Businesses*, the Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College, October 10, 2002.

*The State of Women in the Legal Profession*, Virginia Women Attorneys Association, 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, The Virginia State Bar, June 14, 2002.

*Custody and Adoption Issues in the New Millennium*, 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, The Virginia State Bar, June 14, 2002.

*Televised Trials and the Effect on Lawyering*, Virginia Continuing Legal Education Course - Lawyers and Popular Culture, May 3, 2002, Washington and Lee University School of Law.

*Lawyers and Television: Lights, Cameras, Action, and the Theory of Presentment*, Legitimating Fictions - A Symposium on Law and Literature, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C., March 1, 2002.

*Humanism, Culture, and Contract: Functionality and Equity in Bargaining Relationships*, 2001 Critical Legal Conference, University of Kent, Canterbury, England, September 2001.

*The Paradox of the Televised Fair Trial: Heuristics, Group Theory and the Effects of Broadcast Media*, 2001 Law and Society Meeting, Budapest, Hungary, July 2001.

*Tribute to Retiring Dean Donald E. Lively*, Keynote Speaker, Florida Coastal School of Law, April 27, 2001.

*Gender Bias Study of the Courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia - Colloquium*, Panelist, Sydney Lewis Hall, Washington and Lee University School of Law, March 7, 2001.

*A New Legal Paradigm: Faculty Speak*, Panelist, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, The Dickinson School of Law, Pennsylvania State University, February 2, 2001.

*The Paradox of the Televised Fair Trial*, Endowed Lecture, Clason Lecture Series, Western New England College School of Law, November 2000.

*Reemphasize Procedural Unconscionability*, Faculty Workshop, Howard University School of Law, September 2000.

*Great Trials of the Century: O.J. Simpson Criminal Trial and the Influence of Media*, Washington and Lee University Alumni College, July 2000.

*Law, Context and Relevance*, Guest Speaker, University of Toledo BLSA Honors Banquet, April 2000.

*Importance of Context and Diversity in Legal Education*, ABA Section on Diversity, March 2000.

*The Relevance of Context in Consumer Law*, Consumer Law Task Force, Virginia Legal Aid Society, August 20, 1999.

*Contracts as Noncommercial Law: Context and Unconscionability*, 1999 AALS Conference on Contracts.

*Legal Education in a Global Context*, Inaugural Commencement, The Florida Coastal School of Law, May 22, 1999.

*Incorporating Skills in the First Year Curriculum*, 1998 Southeast American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting.

*Professionalism in Legal Education*, 1998 Regional Meeting of the Circuit Court Judges of Virginia. *Does Race Belong in the Discuss of Contract Law?* 1998 University of Michigan Law School Speakers' Series, *Michigan Journal of Race and Law* [[www.law.umich.edu/pubs/journals/mjrl](http://www.law.umich.edu/pubs/journals/mjrl) (past symposia)].

*Survival Tactics for Untenured Law Teachers*, 1998 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

*The Applicability of Law and Literature to Contract Theory*, 1998 Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

*Sensibility, Identity, and Social Responsibility: The Role People of Color Can Play in Corporate America*, 1997 Northeastern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

*The Interview Process*, Candidates' Workshop, 1993 and 1995 American Association of Law Schools Recruitment Conference.

*Controversial Musical Expression- Right v. Responsibility or What's the Rap on Rap?* Presentation to the Faculty of Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, October 1995.

## **CONSULTANCIES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Consultant, University of Miami, December 2022 – April 2023.

Consultant, Michigan State University College of Law, October 2021 – April 2022

Consultant, Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i, 2021.

Elected Member, Board of Managers, The University of Virginia Alumni Association

President Emeritus, Association of American Law School Fellows

2015 President and Member of the Executive Committee, Association of American Law Schools, 2011-2016

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Washington and Lee University School of Law, 2006-2007.

Director, Frances Lewis Law Center, School of Law, Washington and Lee University 2002-2006

Named for its visionary benefactor, Mrs. Frances Lewis, the Law Center serves to foster and stimulate the intellectual and scholarly life of the law school community. As director, my duties are to further this goal through the administration of faculty workshops led by national and international scholars, yearly symposia, conferences, fora, and financial aid (summer stipends and research assistant funds) designed to support faculty scholarship.

Planning Committee, The National Pro Bono Summit, An Initiative of the ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC, October 24-25, 2011.

Co-chair, 2011 ABA Deans' Workshop, San Diego, CA, March 2011.

Member, AALS Committee on Libraries and Technology, 2011-2013.

Vice President, North Carolina Bar Association, 2009-2010.

Chair, North Carolina Law School Liaison Committee, North Carolina Bar Association, 2008-2009.

Member, ABA New Deans' Seminar Committee, 2008-2009, 2009-2010

Member, ABA Diversity Committee, 2009-2010

Member, AALS Nominating Committee, 2008-2009.

Member, Wake Forest University Dean of Business Schools Search Committee 2007-2008.

Member, Washington and Lee Presidential Search Committee 2005-2006

Member, AALS Professional Development Committee 2005-2007

Vice Chair, American Bar Association Committee on Diversity, 2004-2007

Member, Organizing Committee, 2005 AALS Conference on Contracts

Editorial Board Member, AALS Journal of Legal Education (2000 through 2002)

Virginia Supreme Court Appointment, 1998 -2000 Task Force to Study Gender Bias in the Virginia Courts

Interview, Richmond Times Dispatch - First Amendment Rights of Secondary Students

Site Inspection Team Member, American Bar Association Law School Accreditation:

Florida A&M University College of Law (Inaugural Inspection), fall 2003

University of Southern California Law School, spring 2000

University of Wisconsin School of Law, spring 1999

Hastings College of the Law, fall 1999

Chicago-Kent College of Law, spring 1998

Lecturer, West Bar Review, 1998

Co-host, "Step Up, Toledo," WNGT-TV 48, Toledo, Ohio (public interest, television program which explores issues, news, and current events pertinent to the Toledo metropolitan area)

Law School Committee Work:

Curriculum; Appointments; Dean Search; Frances Lewis Law Center; Coordinator, First-Year Coordinator, First-Year Small Sections (Fall, 1999)

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## BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Virginia  
District of Columbia

**PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS**

University of Virginia School of Law, Black Law Students Association, A. Donald McEachin Outstanding Alumni Spotlight Award, presented March 18, 2023.

Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Champion for Diversity in Dispute resolution Award, April 23, 2021.

Women Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Outstanding Lawyer Award, May 2019.

State Senate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Recognition for Outstanding Contribution to Education, January 17, 2019.

Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, National Eagle Scout Association, Washington, D.C., October 10, 2017.

Herman Marion Sweatt Award, National Bar Association, April 1, 2017.

Federal Judicial Center Board Member (appointed by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts), 2013 to Present.

Top 25 Most Influential in Legal Education – *The National Jurist* (four consecutive years).

Chief John Marshall Life Achievement Award, The Judge Advocate Association, May 15, 2012.

John R. Kramer Outstanding Law School Dean Award, Equal Justice Works, October 2010.

Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Pepperdine University, May 21, 2010.

Raven Society, University of Virginia (Alumnus Election, 2009).

Roy L. Steinheimer, Jr. Professorship in Law, July 2005.

Visiting Fellow, University College, Oxford, England, Autumn, 2001.

Professor of the Year Award, Women's Law Students Organization, Washington and Lee University School of Law, 2001.

Professor of the Year Award, Women's Law Students Organization, Washington and Lee University School of Law, 1999.

Outstanding Professor Award, The University of Toledo College of Law, Spring, 1997.

Outstanding Professor of the Year Award, The University of Toledo College of Law Black Law Students' Association, 1996-97.

Outstanding Professor Award, The University of Toledo College of Law, Fall, 1996.

Adjunct Professor of the Year Nominee, Washington College of Law, The American University.

Special Board of Directors Award, Wesley Housing Development Corporation, 1992.

Who's Who in American Law, Fifth Edition, 1987.

Outstanding Young Men of America, 1984.

U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal - First Oak Leaf Cluster, April 1985.

Young Federal Lawyers' Award Nominee, 1983.

U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal, May 19, 1982.

Honorable Discharge, U.S. Army, July 1985.

#### **OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL, WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY, 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 - August 31, 1987 to September 4, 1992.

Assistant General Counsel, Public Utilities and Regulatory Affairs - Represented the Authority's interests in electricity and telephone rate cases in litigation before the Public Service Commissions of the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland; negotiate Authority's rates for electricity with Virginia Power; reviewed and negotiated matters in real estate, insurance, environmental and administrative law.

BRAUDE, MARGULIES & REPHAN, P.C., 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20036, May 1985 to August 1987.

Senior Associate - Conducted all phases of construction and government contract litigation, bankruptcy, including full discovery; pretrial motions, hearings, trials, briefs, and oral arguments; practiced before all Virginia courts (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Supreme Court of Virginia, Circuit, General District, and Bankruptcy Courts), District of Columbia courts (Superior, U.S. District, and Court of Appeals).

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW DIVISION, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. - January 1984 to April 1985.

Administrative Law Attorney, Staff of The Judge Advocate General - Provided legal opinions concerning various military personnel law matters including separation, discharge, conscientious objection, U.S. Military Academy, Reserve Officers Training Corps; advisory opinions for the Army Board for the Correction of Military Records and the Medical Corps.

U.S. ARMY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS PROFESSIONAL RECRUITING OFFICE Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060 - June 1982 to January 1984.

Attorney - Corps' representative to Washington, D.C. area law schools; interviewed and evaluated over 450 candidates for the J.A.G. Corps; directed forty-one Corps field screening attorneys nationwide; managed recruiting budget; authored implemented minority

recruitment program; oriented new Corps attorneys.

OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE, 18th AIRBORNE CORPS, Fort Bragg, North Carolina - January 1979 to May 1982

Attorney - Negotiated and reviewed government contracts and ancillary modifications, disputes, litigation, and terminations; environmental law advisor; Standards of Conduct officer; reviewed administrative law actions.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL, N.A.S.A. HEADQUARTERS, Washington, D.C. - May 1977 to August 1977.

Law Intern - Performed research and prepared memoranda on environmental and administrative law and other legal issues.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL, N.A.S.A. Langley RESEARCH CENTER, Hampton, Virginia - May 1976 to August 1976.

Law Intern - Worked with scientific research panel on the impact of offshore launch and exploration facilities.

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Former President, Board of Directors, Wesley Housing Development Corporation (nonprofit company which provides affordable housing for those of limited income in northern Virginia)

Member, Virginia State and District of Columbia Bars

Life Member, University of Virginia Alumni Association

Boy Scouts of America - Eagle Scout; God and Country Award

Member, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

Inducted, Sigma Pi Phi (Boule') Honor Fraternity, May 18, 2012

## **AVOCATIONS**

Singing (liturgical, jazz, popular), classical music, tennis, swimming

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request