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Faculty Appointments

The University of Oklahoma College of Law 2022-2023, 2024-Present

Associate Professor of Law

- Courses: Property, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, Trademark Law, Contracts
- Committees: Faculty Appointments Committee (current), Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (2022-2023), Faculty Scholarly Enrichment (2022-2023), Clerkships (2022-2023)
- Other Service: BLSA Faculty Advisor (current), Lambda Law Faculty Advisor (current), Online Programs Task Force (2022-2023), Legal Writing Hiring Committee (2023), Honor Code Hearing Tribunal Member (2022-2023), Chess Club Faculty Advisor (2023)

The University of Maine School of Law 2023-2024

Associate Professor of Law

- Courses and Research Areas: Evidence, Professional Responsibility, Trademark Law
- Committees: Accreditation & Strategic Planning (2023-2024), Curriculum (2023-2024)
- Appointed to serve as NCBE Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence in Spring 2024

The University of Minnesota Law School 2017-2022

Professor of Practice

- Courses: Torts, Property, Professional Responsibility, Trademark Law, Evidence, Evidence Drafting, Introduction to American Law & Legal Reasoning
- Law School Leadership: Assistant Dean and Chief of Staff (2017-2019)
- Committees: Admissions (2019-2022, Co-Chair), Racial Justice and Equity (2019-2022), Strategic Planning (2017-2019), Employee Engagement (2017-2019)
- Other Service: Joint Financial Oversight Task Force (2017-2019), Law School Campaign Development (2017-2018), Coached the William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Team (2020-2022)

The University of North Carolina School of Law
Clinical Associate Professor of Law

2009-2017

- Courses: Contracts, Professional Responsibility, Evidence, Remedies, Criminal Law, Applied Legal Concepts I & II, and Legal Writing and Advocacy I & II
- Law School Leadership: Associate Dean for Administration (2015-2017), Assistant Dean for Academic Excellence (2012-2017)
- Committees: Appointments (2011-2014), Clerkships (2014-2016)
- Other Service: University Faculty Senate Representative (2015-2016), First-Year Curriculum Reform Task Force (2010-2012), Size of School Task Force (2015-2017), ABA Self Study Group (2013-2015), Law School Capital Campaign Development (2016-2017)
- Supervised students providing pro bono legal services related to wills and estate planning, veteran's legal assistance, LGBTQIA+ issues, and medical-legal partnerships
- Promoted from Clinical Assistant Professor of Law in 2013

Other Legal Experience

North Carolina Army National Guard

2007-2011

First Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps

- As Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, assessed whether command actions complied with applicable laws and regulations
- Advised the command and prepared legal opinions on ethics matters
- Drafted contracts and reviewed employment law, construction law, and fiscal law matters
- Provided legal assistance for soldiers and family members across a variety of areas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

2008-2009

Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Roger L. Gregory

- Drafted bench memoranda and proposed opinions analyzing and recommending disposition of criminal and civil matters on appeal

Law Review Articles

- A New Approach to Attorney Regulation, 65 BOSTON COLLEGE L. REV. 1625 (2024).
 - *Featured in the Legal Ethics Roundup substack*
- Sound Marks (with D. Gerhardt), 108 MINNESOTA L. REV. 2339 (2024).
 - *Selected for 2023 Harvard-Penn-NYU Trademark and Unfair Competition Scholarship Roundtable and 2022 Art Law Colloquium*
- Racism and Trademark Abandonment, 91 GEORGE WASHINGTON L. REV. 932 (2023).
 - *Presented at 2022 IP & Innovation Conference Scholarship Roundtable*
- Private Sanctions, Public Harm?, 48 BYU L. REV. 1255 (2023).
 - *Winner of the 2024 Fred C. Zacharias Memorial Prize for Scholarship in Professional Responsibility*
 - *Selected for 2023 AALS Annual Program on “The Lawyer as Public Citizen”*
- Leadership Evolution: The Rise of Lawyers in the C-Suite (with G. Jenkins), 96 TULANE L. REV. 695 (2022).
 - *Excerpted in Renee Knake Jefferson & Hannah Brenner Johnson, LEADERSHIP, LAW, AND PIPELINES TO POWER (West Academic 2024)*
- A Tale of Four Decades: Lessons from USPTO Trademark Prosecution Data (with D. Gerhardt), 112 TRADEMARK REP. 865 (2022) (peer-reviewed).
- Catching Unfitness, 34 GEORGETOWN J. LEGAL ETHICS 355 (2021).
 - *Selected for 2021 AALS Annual Program on “Legal and Judicial Ethics in a Post #MeToo World”*
- Double Standards: An Empirical Study of Patent and Trademark Discipline, 61 BOSTON COLLEGE L. REV. 1613 (2020) (lead article).
- Owing Colors (with D. Gerhardt), 40 CARDOZO L. REV. 2483 (2019) (lead article).
 - *Selected for 2018 International Trademark Association Annual Meeting Scholarship Symposium*
- Safeguarding the Propriety of the Judiciary, 91 NORTH CAROLINA L. REV. 1951 (2013).
- Do Trademark Lawyers Matter? (with D. Gerhardt), 16 STANFORD TECH. L. REV. 583 (2013).
 - *Study excerpted in Barton Beebe, TRADEMARK LAW: AN OPEN-SOURCE CASEBOOK (2021 ed.)*
 - *Selected for 2013 International Trademark Association Annual Meeting Scholarship Symposium*
- Sharpening the Blunt Blue Pencil: Renewing the Reasons for Covenants Not to Compete in North Carolina (with K. Burke), 90 NORTH CAROLINA L. REV. 1931 (2012).
- Citizen Participation in Japanese Criminal Trials: Reimagining the Right to Trial by Jury in the United States, 37 NORTH CAROLINA J. INT'L L. 725 (2012).
- The “True” Right to Trial by Jury: The Founders’ Formulation and Its Demise, 111 WEST VIRGINIA L. REV. 791 (2009).

Books and Book Chapters

- PROBLEMS IN EVIDENCE (with R. Mosteller, P. Gianelli, & L. Richter) (7th ed. West Academic forthcoming 2025).
- Leading Inclusive Change in Higher Education (with G. Jenkins), in BUILDING AN ANTI-RACIST LAW SCHOOL, LEGAL ACADEMY, AND LEGAL PROFESSION, VOLUME 1: LEADERSHIP ____ (University of California Press forthcoming 2024).

Other Selected Publications and Activities

- Video: Preventing Bias with the Model Rules of Professional Conduct (2021), (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRnVdD-NwXM>).
 - *Recommended in* INTEGRATING DOCTRINE AND DIVERSITY: BEYOND THE FIRST YEAR (2024)
- Magazine: Do Trademark Attorneys Make a Difference? (with D. Gerhardt) ITMA Review 22-24 (October/November 2013).
- Newspaper: Served as a legal expert in articles published by the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and the *Star Tribune*, among others.
- Peer Review: Served as anonymous peer reviewer for book proposal in the field of intellectual property law for Edward Elgar Publishing.

Honors and Awards

- Fred C. Zacharias Memorial Prize for Scholarship in Professional Responsibility, 2024
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation (Inducted in 2023)
- Stanley V. Kinyon Skills Teacher of the Year, University of Minnesota Law School, 2022
- Robert G. Byrd Award for Excellence and Creativity in Teaching, UNC School of Law, 2014
- Pro Bono Faculty Member of the Year, UNC School of Law, 2013

Education

The University of North Carolina School of Law

Juris Doctor with Highest Honors

- Class Rank: 1 of 212 Grade Point Average: 3.99
- Honors: Order of the Coif
- Activities: *North Carolina Law Review*; Student Director, Honors Writing Scholar Program

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics with Highest Distinction

- Grade Point Average: 3.99
- Honors: Phi Beta Kappa

National and Regional Service

- National Conference of Bar Examiners
 - NCBE Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence (2024-Present). As the NCBE's Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence, I contribute my time and expertise to a variety of initiatives at NCBE, including the development of the NextGen bar exam. I also serve as a liaison between the NCBE and the legal academy.
 - *Committee Member, Item Set Drafting Committee* (2023-Present). The ISC creates the integrated question sets that will appear on the NextGen bar exam.
 - *Committee Member, Tasks and Rubrics Advisory Committee (TRAC)* (2023-Present). The TRAC reviews and revises the tasks and rubrics from each phase of the implementation of NextGen to ensure that they accurately and fairly assess an examinee's performance.
 - *Member, Prototype Development Team* (2021-Present). As a part of the NextGen prototype development team, I am heavily involved in designing new question types for the exam.
 - *Member, Content Scope Committee (CSC)* (2021-2024). The CSC developed the test content specifications for NextGen based on the knowledge and skills that entry-level lawyers need to practice competently.
- American Association of Law Schools
 - *Executive Committee Member, Professional Responsibility Section* (2022-Present); *Treasurer* (2023-2024); *Chair-Elect* (2024-Present). As chair-elect of the Section, I am organizing the New Voices workshop for the 2025 AALS Annual Meeting. I also served as a senior commentator for the 2024 New Voices Workshop.
 - *Executive Committee Member, Law Professors with Disabilities and Allies* (2024-Present).
- Law School Admissions Council
 - *Committee Member, Emerging Markets and Innovation Committee* (2023-Present). The EMI is tasked with identifying and developing innovative products and services for prelaw students, law students, and legal professionals throughout their careers.
 - *Committee Member, LawReady Faculty Review Committee* (2024). This committee is charged with providing expert advice on LSAC's LawReady undergraduate academic initiative to align it with the current expectations of first-year law school students.
- Zacharias Memorial Prize for Scholarship in Professional Responsibility
 - *Selection Committee Member*. Invited to serve on the 2024 selection committee.

- Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice
 - *Board Member* (2019-2023). The Robina Institute engages in original, interdisciplinary education, research, and policy analysis to achieve transformative change in sentencing and correctional policies and practices.
- Great North Innocence Project
 - *Board Member, Executive Committee Member, and Chair, Development Committee* (2020-2022). GNIP works to free the wrongfully convicted and prevent future wrongful convictions in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.
- AccessLex Institute
 - *Senior Developer* (2019-2021). In this role, I created the initial MPRE materials and contributed to the design of the initial MBE materials for AccessLex’s bar initiative.

Selected Recent Speaking Engagements and Presentations

- AALS Annual Meeting, Professional Responsibility New Voices Workshop, Organizer and Moderator (forthcoming Jan. 2025).
- SEALS Conference, Discussant, Teaching Professional Responsibility in Divisive (and Strange) Times, (forthcoming July 2024).
- SEALS Conference, Senior Mentor, New Scholars Workshop (forthcoming July 2024) (invited).
- AccessLex Building Bar Skills Conference, Keynote, “NextGen Bar Exam: Redesigning Curriculum and Courses,” (Apr. 2024) (invited).
- University of Miami School of Law Faculty Workshop, Presenter, “NextGen Bar Exam: Overview and Curricular Reforms,” (Mar. 2024) (invited).
- National Conference of Bar Examiners Justices Advisory Group, Presenter, “The Legal Academy and NextGen,” (Mar. 2024) (invited).
- University of California, Irvine School of Law, Guest Presenter for Professor Ann Southworth’s Accountability for Lawyers and Legal Profession Course, “Private Sanctions, Public Harm?” and “A New Approach to Attorney Regulation,” (Jan. 2024) (invited).
- AALS Annual Meeting, Professional Responsibility New Voices Workshop, Senior Commentator (Jan. 2024).
- AALS Annual Meeting, Hot Topic Program, Presenter, “Drafting the NextGen Bar Exam,” (Jan. 2024).
- University of Maine School of Law Faculty Workshop, Presenter, “A New Approach to Attorney Regulation,” (Oct. 2023).
- Harvard-Penn-NYU Trademark and Unfair Competition Scholarship Roundtable, Presenter, “Sound Marks,” (with D. Gerhardt) (Oct. 2023) (selected).

- Central States Law Schools Association Annual Scholarship Conference, Presenter, “A New Approach to Attorney Regulation,” (Sept. 2023).
- Annual Bar Admissions Conference, Keynote, “NextGen: Content Scope and Prototypes,” (May 2023) (invited).
- Seattle University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Presenter, “Racism and Trademark Abandonment,” (Mar. 2023).
- Boston University School of Law, Guest Presenter for Intellectual Property Workshop Course, “Racism and Trademark Abandonment,” (Feb. 2023) (invited).
- AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Program, Presenter, “Leading Legal Education’s Transition to NextGen,” (Jan. 2023).
- AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Socioeconomics Program, Presenter, “Lawyer as Public Citizen,” (Jan. 2023) (*Private Sanctions* article selected).
- Council of Bar Admission Administrators Conference, Presenter, “Introducing the NextGen Bar Exam,” (Nov. 2022) (invited).
- University of Dayton School of Law Faculty Workshop, Presenter, “NextGen Bar Exam and Curricular Reforms,” (Nov. 2022) (invited).
- Oklahoma Bar Association, CLE Presenter, “Legal Ethics and Emerging Issues,” (Nov. 2022) (invited).
- Drake Law School Faculty Workshop, Presenter, “NextGen Bar Exam Discussion,” (Oct. 2022) (invited).
- Oklahoma Law Review Symposium: Name, Image, and Likeness in College Athletics, Panel Moderator, (Oct. 2022) (invited).
- Minnesota Law Review Symposium: Reimagining Legal Education for the New Era, Moderator and Panelist (Oct. 2022) (invited).
- IP & Innovation Conference, Presenter, “Racism and Trademark Abandonment,” (Oct. 2022) (invited).
- National Conference of Bar Examiners Webcast, Presenter, “Discussion of the NextGen Bar Exam,” (Sept. 2022) (invited).
- Central States Law Schools Association Annual Scholarship Conference, Presenter, “Racism and Trademark Abandonment,” (Sept. 2022).
- International Legal Ethics Conference, Presenter, “Private Sanctions, Public Harm?,” (Aug. 2022).
- Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Presenter (with D. Gerhardt), “Sound Marks,” (Aug. 2022).
- Art Law Colloquium, Presenter (with D. Gerhardt) “Sound Marks,” (June 2022) (selected).

- Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE) Annual Conference, Presenter, “The NextGen Bar Exam: Update for Legal Educators,” (May 2022) (invited).
- AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Presenter, “Institutional and Course-Based Tools to Prepare for the NextGen Bar Exam,” (May 2022).
- University of Oklahoma Law Faculty Speaker Series, Presenter, "Leadership Evolution: The Rise of Lawyers in the C-Suite," (Mar. 2022) (invited).
- Minnesota Law Squaretable Faculty Workshop, Presenter, “What Lies Beneath: An Empirical Study of Private Sanctions,” (June 2021).
- AALS Annual Meeting Professional Responsibility Program, Presenter, “Legal and Judicial Ethics in a Post #MeToo World,” (Jan. 2021) (*Catching Unfitness* article selected).
- University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Presenter, “Double Standards: An Empirical Study of Patent and Trademark Discipline,” (Sept. 2020).
- Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Presenter, “Double Standards: An Empirical Study of Patent and Trademark Discipline,” (Aug. 2019).
- Ipse Dixit Podcast, Guest (with D. Gerhardt) “Owning Colors,” (May 2019) (invited).
- International Trademark Association Annual Meeting Scholarship Symposium, Presenter (with D. Gerhardt) “Owning Colors,” (May 2018) (selected).

Bar Admissions

- North Carolina (since 2008, currently inactive)
- Minnesota (2020-2024)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit