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LEGAL EDUCATION

J.D. 1976, New York University School of Law, New York, New York

- Order of the Coif
- Research Editor, Annual Survey of American Law
- Co-author, "Constitutional Law 1974/75", 1974/75 Ann. Survey of Am. Law 271
- John Norton Pomeroy Prize for first year academic performance
- American Jurisprudence Award in Criminal Law, 1974

LL.M. 1983, Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

PRE-LEGAL EDUCATION

B.A. 1973, Fordham University, Bronx, New York

- Dean's List, 1971, 1972, 1973

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018-present: Professor, UIC School of Law

1998-2017: Professor, The John Marshall Law School

1986-1998: Associate Professor, The John Marshall Law School

1981-1986: Assistant Professor, The John Marshall Law School

- Courses taught recently: Constitutional Law; Criminal Law; Religion and the Law; First Amendment Law
- Other courses taught in prior years: Antitrust; Property; Sales Transactions; Agency and Partnership
- Compiled and edited Materials on Law and Religion (unpublished) for use in course on Religion and Law

1979-1981: Lecturer in Law and Law and Humanities Fellow, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- Taught The Lawyering Process (research, writing, advocacy) in the School of Law
- Taught Introduction to the American Legal System and American Constitutional Law in the College of Liberal Arts

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Associate, law firm of Phillips, Nizer, Benjamin, Krim and Ballon, New York, New York, 1976-1979. Primary responsibilities in the litigation department over a broad range of civil litigation; some non-litigation work in labor, corporate and immigration law.

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York, 1977

United States District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, 1977

PUBLICATIONS

“Fake News, Deliberate Lies and the First Amendment”, 44 U. Dayton L. Review 209 (2019).

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“The First Amendment in the Seventh Circuit: 2002”, 36 John Marshall Law Review 807 (2003).

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“The Juvenile Justice Counterrevolution: Responding to Cognitive Dissonance in the Law’s View of the Decision-Making Capacity of Minors,” 48 Emory L. J. 65 (1999).

“What’s Guilt (or Deterrence) Got To Do With It?: The Death Penalty, Ritual, and Mimetic Violence,” 38 Wm. & Mary L. Rev. 487 (1997).

“ ‘You’ve Got To Be Carefully Taught’: Justifying Affirmative Action After Croson and Adarand,” 74 N. C. L. Rev. 1141 (1996).

“The Role of Courts in the Debate On Assisted Suicide: A Communitarian Approach,” 9 Notre Dame J. L., Ethics & Pub. Pol. 367 (1995).

“Defining the Scope of the Constitutional Right to Marry: More Than Tradition, Less Than Unlimited Autonomy”, 70 Notre Dame L. Rev. 39 (1994).

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"Catechism or Imagination: Is Justice Scalia's Judicial Style Typically Catholic?," 38 Villanova L. Rev. 1329 (1992).

"Conditional Spending and the First Amendment: Maintaining The Commitment to Rational Liberal Dialogue", 57 Missouri L. Rev. 1117 (1992).

"Paradigms Lost: The Second Circuit Faces the New Era of Religion Clause Jurisprudence," 57 Brooklyn L. Rev. 547 (1991).

"Judicial Review and Abortion in Canada: Lessons for the United States in the Wake of *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services*," 61 U. Colo. L. Rev. 301 (1990).

"Survey of Illinois Law-Civil Procedure," 14 S. Ill. L. J. 699 (1990) (with D. Kaplan).

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