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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

### **UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF LAW, Hartford, CT**

Joel Barlow Professor (2015-present); Professor (1999-2015); Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (2012-2014); Associate Professor (1995-1999); Associate Clinical Professor (1994-95); Director, Lawyering Process Program (1994-2005)  
Courses taught: *Evidence, Lawyering Process, Legal Profession, Media & the Law*

### **UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA, GLOBAL LAW PROGRAM, Haifa, Israel**

Fulbright Senior Specialist (April-May 2012)  
Course Taught: *Comparative Perspectives on the Legal Profession*

### **CENTRE FOR PUBLIC, INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW T.C. BEIRNE SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND, St Lucia, QLD**

Visiting Research Fellow (Sept.-Oct. 2006)  
Research relating to lawyer discipline reforms in Australia

### **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

Lawyering Instructor (1992-94)  
Course taught: *Lawyering* (first year skills course)

### **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

Lecturer in Law (1982-84) (adjunct position)  
Course taught: *Professional Responsibility*

## **EDUCATION**

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW - J.D. 1979**  
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

Columbia Law Review, Articles Editor

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY - B.S.J. 1976  
Kappa Tau Alpha (Journalism Honorary Society)

## **CLERKSHIP**

THE HONORABLE ROBERT W. SWEET, U.S.D.J - 1979-1980  
Southern District of New York

## **PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

PATTERSON, BELKNAP, WEBB & TYLER - 1980-1994  
New York, New York

Extensive experience in the areas of media law (including representation of *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Daily News* and *The Chicago Tribune*), contract and commercial litigation. Served on law firm's ethics committee.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Book and Book Chapters

LAWYERS IN PRACTICE: ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN CONTEXT (Leslie C. Levin and Lynn Mather eds. 2012)

*Pro Bono and Low Bono in the Solo and Small Firm Context* in PRIVATE LAWYERS AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST: THE EVOLVING ROLE OF PRO BONO IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION (Robert Granfield & Lynn Mather eds., 2009)

### Journal Articles

*Lawyers Going Bare and Clients Going Blind*, 68 FLA. L. REV. 1281 (2016) (winner of 2017 Fred Zacharias Prize awarded by AALS Professional Responsibility Section)

*Regulators at the Margins: The Impact of Malpractice Insurers on Solo and Small Firm Lawyers*, 49 CONN. L. REV. 553 (2016)

*The Questionable Character of the Bar's Character and Fitness Inquiry*, 40 LAW & SOC. INQUIRY 51 (2015) (with Peter Siegelman and Christine Zozula)

Journal Articles (con'd)

*The Folly of Expecting Evil: Reconsidering the Bar's Character and Fitness Requirement*, 2014 BYU L. REV. 775 (2014)

*The Monopoly Myth and Other Tales About the Superiority of Lawyers*, 82 FORDHAM L. REV. 2611 (2014)

*The Character and Fitness Inquiry Reconsidered*, 22 PROF'L L. No. 3 (2014)

*Misbehaving Lawyers: Cross-Country Comparisons*, 15 LEGAL ETHICS 357 (2012)

*Specialty Bars as a Site of Professionalism: The Immigration Bar Example*, 8 ST. THOMAS L. J. 194 (2011)

*Bad Apples, Bad Lawyers or Bad Decisionmaking?: Lessons from Psychology and from Lawyers in the Dock*, 22 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 1549 (2009)

*Pro Bono Publico in a Parallel Universe: The Meaning of Pro Bono in Solo and Small Law Firms*, 37 HOFSTRA L. REV. 699 (2009)

*Guardians at the Gates: The Backgrounds, Career Paths and Professional Development of Private U.S. Immigration Lawyers*, 34 LAW & SOC. INQUIRY 399 (2009)

*The Case for Less Secrecy in Lawyer Discipline*, 20 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 1 (2007)

*Building a Better Lawyer Discipline System: The Queensland Experience*, 9 LEGAL ETHICS 187 (2006)

*Lawyers in Cyberspace: The Impact of Legal Listservs on the Professional Development and Ethical Decisionmaking of Lawyers*, 37 ARIZ. ST. L. REV. 89 (2005)

*The Ethical Decisionmaking of Solo and Small Law Firm Practitioners*, 41 HOUSTON L. REV. 308 (2004)

*Preliminary Reflections on the Professional Development of Solo and Small Law Firm Practitioners*, 70 FORDHAM L. REV. 847 (2001)

*The Emperor's Clothes and Other Tales About the Standards for Imposing Lawyer Discipline Sanctions*, 48 AM. U. L. REV. 1 (1998)

*The MPRE Reconsidered*, 86 KY. L. J. 395 (1997-98)

Journal Articles (con'd)

*Testing the Radical Experiment: A Study of Lawyer Response to Clients Who Intend to Harm Others*, 47 RUTGERS L. REV. 81 (1994)

*ERISA Preemption and Indirect Regulation of Employee Welfare Plans Through State Insurance Laws*, 78 COLUM. L. REV. 1536 (1978)

*A Constitutional Right to Republish Defamation*, 77 COLUM. L. REV. 1266 (1977)

Reports

*Report and Recommendations for Access to Justice in Connecticut*, Connecticut Access to Justice Commission (2013) (with Melanie Abbott and Steven Wizner)

*The Relationship Between Bar Admissions Data and Subsequent Lawyer Discipline*, Law School Admissions Council, March 2013 (with Christine Zozula and Peter Siegelman)

**PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

*When and Why Do Lawyer Organizations Seek to Influence the Law?*, Australia National University College of Law Faculty Workshop, Canberra, Australia (May 24, 2017)

*Reimagining Lawyer Ethics in Light of the Realities of Practice*, Australia National University College of Law Ethics Roundtable, Canberra, Australia (May 23, 2017)

*Regulators at the Margins: The Impact of Malpractice Insurers on Solo and Small Firm Lawyers*, International Legal Ethics Conference VII, Fordham Law School, NY, NY (July 16, 2016)

*When and Why Do Lawyer Organizations Seek to Influence the Law?*, RCSL International Working Group on the Legal Professions, Andorra del Valle, Andorra (July 7, 2017)

*The Move to Allow Non-Lawyers to Provide Legal Services in the U.S.*, David Weiner Center for Legal Ethics Lecture, COMAS, Rishon LeZion, Israel (May 16, 2016)

*Regulators at the Margins: The Impact of Malpractice Insurers on Solo and Small Firm Lawyers*, New York Professional Responsibility Scholars' Roundtable, NY, NY (Feb. 26, 2016)

*Lawyers Going Bare and Clients Going Blind*, Workshop on Consumer Redress When

Presentations and Conference Participation (con'd)

Clients Are Negligent, Onati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Onati, Spain (July 10, 2015)

*Lawyers Going Bare and Clients Going Blind*, ABA 41<sup>st</sup> National Conference on Professional Responsibility, Scholar's Roundtable, Denver, CO (May 29, 2015)

*The Folly of Expecting Evil: Reconsidering the Bar's Character and Fitness Requirement*, Chicago-Kent Law School Faculty Workshop, Chicago, IL (March 31, 2015)

*The Questionable Character of the Bar's Character and Fitness Inquiry* (with Peter Siegelman), Connecticut District Court Judges' Conference, Hartford, CT (October 23, 2014)

*The Character and Fitness Inquiry Reconsidered*, International Legal Ethics Conference VI, London, UK (July 11, 2014)

Workshop on Qualitative and Mixed Methods, Co-organizer and Presenter, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, NY, NY (January 4-5, 2014)

*The Monopoly Myth and Other Tales About the Superiority of Lawyers*, Fordham Law Review Symposium, Fordham Law School, NY, NY (October 18, 2013)

*The Questionable Character of the Bar's Character and Fitness Inquiry*, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (May 31, 2013)

*Author Meets Reader: LAWYERS IN PRACTICE: ETHICAL DECISION MAKING IN PRACTICE*, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (May 30, 2013)

*Challenging Assumptions About Character and Fitness*, National Conference of Bar Examiners Annual Bar Admissions Conference, Boston, MA (April 26, 2013)

*Building and Maintaining an Ethical Infrastructure: Challenges for Firm Leaders in Promoting Compliance and Ethical Conduct by Lawyers and Staff*, Commentator, Conference on The Ethical Infrastructure and Culture of Law Firms, Hofstra Law School, Hempstead, NY (April 5, 2013)

*Admissions/Character & Fitness Update*, Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers, Dallas, TX (February 8, 2013)

Presentations and Conference Participation (con'd)

*Empirical Research on Legal Ethics: Where we have been and where we are going (or should be going)*, International Legal Ethics Conference V, Banff, Canada (July 14, 2012)

*Can We Predict Lawyer Deviance from U.S. Bar Admissions Data?*, RCSL International Working Group on the Legal Profession, Bonn/Konigswinter, Germany (July 4, 2012)

*Character and Fitness: Predicting Problem Behavior in the Workplace*, ABA 38<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Professional Responsibility, Boston, MA (May 31, 2012)

*A Study of the Relationship between Bar Admissions Data and Subsequent Lawyer Discipline*, Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics, Fordham Law School, New York, NY (March 23, 2012)

*New Approaches to Teaching Professional Responsibility*, Workshop on the Future of the Legal Profession and Legal Education, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (January 5, 2012)

*Specialty Bars as a Site of Professionalism: The Immigration Bar Example*, Law and Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (June 3, 2011)

*Comparative Studies of Lawyer Deviance and Discipline*, Discussant, Law and Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (June 2, 2011)

*Specialty Bars as a Site of Professionalism: The Immigration Bar Example*, Conference on Empirical Professional Ethics, St. Thomas Law School, Minneapolis, MN (November 6, 2010)

*Immigration Lawyers and the Lying Client*, International Legal Ethics Conference IV, Palo Alto, CA (July 17, 2010)

*Immigration Lawyers and the Lying Client*, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (May 28, 2010)

*Immigration Lawyers and the Lying Client*, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, University at Buffalo Law School, Buffalo, NY (April 23, 2010)

*Pro Bono Publico in a Parallel Universe: The Meaning of Pro Bono in Solo and Small Law Firms*, National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism, Cartersville, GA (March 20, 2010)

Presentations and Conference Participation (con'd)

*Pro Bono Publico in a Parallel Universe: The Meaning of Pro Bono in Solo and Small Law Firms*, Howard Lichtenstein Distinguished Professorship of Legal Ethics Lecture, Hofstra Law School, Hempstead, NY (November 12, 2008)

*The Ethical World of U.S. Immigration Lawyers*, University of South Queensland, Toowoomba, QLD Australia (July 17, 2008)

*The Ethical World of U.S. Immigration Lawyers*, International Legal Ethics Conference III, Gold Coast QLD Australia (July 15, 2008)

*Can the U.S. Character and Fitness Inquiry Predict Future Disciplinary Problems?*, Third International Legal Ethics Conference, Gold Coast QLD Australia (July 14, 2008).

*Pro Bono and Low Bono in the Solo and Small Firm Context*, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Montreal Canada (May 29, 2008)

*Pro Bono and Low Bono in the Solo and Small Firm Context*, Conference on Private Lawyers and the Public Interest, University of Buffalo Law School, Buffalo, NY (April 25, 2008)

*Guardians at the Gate: The Backgrounds, Career Paths and Professional Development of Private U.S. Immigration Lawyers*, University of Indiana School of Law, Bloomington, IN (February 8, 2008)

*The Career Paths and Professional Development of New York Immigration Lawyers*, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Berlin Germany (July 28, 2007)

*The Case for Less Secrecy in Lawyer Discipline: The U.S. Example*, T.C. Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland, St. Lucia QLD Australia (Oct. 27, 2006)

*The Case for Less Secrecy in Lawyer Discipline: The U.S. Example*, University of Melbourne School of Law, Melbourne VIC Australia (Oct. 20, 2006)

*The Case for Less Secrecy in Lawyer Discipline: The U.S. Example*, Socio-Legal Research Centre, Griffith Law School, Gold Coast Campus QLD Australia (Oct. 9, 2006)

*Research and Reality: What Do We Really Know About Lawyers= Ethics in Practice?* ABA National Conference on Professional Responsibility, Chicago, IL (June 3, 2005)

Poster Presentation on Empirical Scholarship, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (Jan. 8, 2005)

Presentations and Conference Participation (con'd)

*Trial Lawyer Listservs and the Professional Development of Lawyers: One Example*, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (May 30, 2004)

**OTHER RECENT PANEL PARTICIPATION**

Moderated Panel, *Navigating Race and the Constitutional Rights of Students and the Media at American Universities*, Connecticut Bar Association (Young Lawyers' Section), Quinnipiac Law School, Hamden, CT (Feb. 16, 2016)

Moderated Panel, *Expression Rights and Responsibilities*, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT (October 20, 2015)

Moderated Panel, Connecticut Law School Diversity Week, *Mental Health, Substance Abuse and the Bar Exam*, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT (March 26, 2014)

Welcome, *The American Dream: The Future of Immigration Policy and Reform*, Connecticut International Law Journal Symposium, Hartford, CT (February 21, 2014)

Moderated Panel, Connecticut Law Review Symposium, Rethinking the "Model" Law School – Disdain and Solutions for the Current Framework: *Are Law Schools Passing the Bar?: Examining the Demands and Limitations of the Legal Education Market*, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT (November 16, 2012)

Invited Participant, *Free Speech in Higher Education*, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT (November 12, 2012)

Invited Participant, *Ethical Dilemmas for Insurers and Defense Counsel*, ALFA EPLI and Professional Liability Seminar, NY, NY (June 16, 2012).

Invited Participant, Connecticut Bar Association Symposium, *Why Women Walk: The Female Brain Drain from the Profession and How to Stop It: Who is Teaching the Next Generation of Lawyers?*, Quinnipiac Law School, Hamden, CT (May 15, 2008)

Moderated Panel, Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal Symposium, *Political Speech and the Internet: Democratic Values in the Digital Age*, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT (February 7, 2008).



Invited Participant, *The First National Annual Institute on E-Discovery*, ABA Section of Litigation, Chicago, IL. (March 9, 2007)

## RECENT MEDIA APPEARANCES

*Details of Christmas Fire Settlement Will Take Time to Surface*, Stamford Advocate, May 4, 2017

*Honesty is the Best Policy for Character and Fitness Screenings*, ABA Journal, June 1, 2016

*Ethics Opinion Revisits Rule on Providing Client Representation Information*, ABA Journal, May 1, 2016

*Disciplinary Actions Against Lawyers Who Commit Acts of Domestic Violence Appear to be on the Rise*, ABA Journal, November 1, 2015

*Ethics Panel Backs Judges' Letters Asking Lawyers to Consider Community Service*, ABA Journal, August 1, 2015.

*A Custody Battle and a First Amendment Fight*, CTPost.com, December 2, 2014

*7 Ways to Figure Out if Going to Law School is Worth It*, Bankrate.com, December 26, 2013

*State Moves Closer to Allowing Partial Representation; Pilot program aimed at helping pro se*, Connecticut Law Tribune, April 25, 2013

*Rules Committee Kicks Around "Boot Camp" MCLE Proposal: Some members not sold on one-day program for new bar members*, Connecticut Law Tribune, March 1, 2013

*Educators Debate Proposal to Offer Two-Year Law School Option*, Connecticut Law Tribune, Feb. 1, 2013

*Critics Take Dim View of Pay-for-Experience Idea*, Connecticut Law Tribune, Jan. 18, 2013

*Ethics Panel Cautions Judges Not to Accept Award from MADD*, Connecticut Law Tribune, Sept. 14, 2012

*Ethics Goes Beyond Just Following the Rules*, Connecticut Law Tribune, April 16, 2012

*Online Civility, Where We Live*, WNPR.org, Aug. 1, 2011.

*Law Firms Embracing Business Practices*, Hartford Courant, March 23, 2011.

*Public Defenders Work for those who can't get private attorneys*, Bristol News, May 1, 2010.

*Who Gave Trial Lawyers a Bad Name?*, HARTFORD COURANT, July 18, 2004, at C3 (editorial).

## **FUNDED RESEARCH**

Principal Investigator, *A Study of the Relationship between Bar Admissions Data and Subsequent Lawyer Discipline*, Law School Admissions Council (LSAC), 2010-2012

## **EDITORIAL BOARDS AND EXPERT ADVISING**

National Conference of Bar Examiners – MPRE reviewer (2017- )  
Office of Lawyer Regulation of the Wisconsin Supreme Court (2017- )  
*Law & Social Inquiry*, Editorial Board (2016- )

## **ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (2012-2014)  
Secretary to the Faculty (2010-2012)  
Faculty Pro Bono Coordinator (2007-2009)  
Faculty Advisor to *Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal* (2005-2014)  
Faculty Advisor to Women's Law Student Association (2006-2014)  
Supervision of First-Year Moot Court Program (1994-2001)  
Chair of Academic Support Committee (2005-2006)  
Chair of Curriculum Review Committee (Fall 2014); Member (2011-12)  
Chair of Educational Policy Committee (1998); Member (1994-2005)  
Chair of Public Interest and Pro Bono Committee (2011-12); Member (2005-07, 2010-11)  
Chair of Quality of Life Committee (2004-2005)  
Member of New Programs Committee (Fall 2014)  
Member of Faculty Appointments Committee (elected) (1995-1996, 1999-2000, 2008-2010, 2015- 2017)  
Chair of Personnel Appointments Committee (elected) (2015); Member (2001, 2007-2009, 2011-2012, 2016)

Member of Admissions Committee (2000-2001, 2006-2007, 2010-2011)

Member of Petitions Committee (1998)

Member of Facilities Committee (1999-2000, 2002-2004)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Executive Committee Member, Association of American Law Schools, Professional Responsibility Section (2005-07, 2016- ); ex-officio Committee Member (2009)

Planning Committee, International Legal Ethics Conference VII (2014- 2016)

James W. Cooper Fellow, Connecticut Bar Foundation (2013- )

Appointed Member, Connecticut Bar Association Task Force on Mentoring (2006)

Appointed Member, Connecticut Bar Association Task Force on the Future of the Legal Profession (2005-06)

Appointed Member, Connecticut Joint Task Force on Attorney Trustee Accounts (2005-2009)

Appointed Member, American Bar Association Communication Skills Committee (2001-04)

Secretary to Committee on Professional and Judicial Ethics of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (1983-84)

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Admitted to Bars in Connecticut and New York

Admitted to U.S. District Courts for Connecticut and the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York