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Education:

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

J.D., magna cum laude, 1974.

Member, Board of Editors, Harvard Law Review, 1972-1974.

Supreme Court Note and Note Editor, Volume 87 (1973-1974).

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

What NSA Is Doing . . . and Why It's Illegal, 33 Hastings Const. L.Q. 105-140 (2006).

“The Uneven Pursuit of Disinterestedness (‘Désintéressement’) in Regulating Lawyers in the United States,” Union Internationale des Avocats, Fez, Morocco, September 1, 2005 (paper delivered as part of a program on “Lawyers of the World: A Single Code of Ethics?”).

Compliance Without Remands: The Experience Under the European Convention on Human Rights, 36 Ariz. St. L.J. 639-660 (2004).

“An Overview of the Experience of the United States with International Terrorism Prior to September 11, 2001,” Novgorod State University School of Law, Novgorod, Russia, October 25, 2002 (paper delivered at a conference on international terrorism).

“Lawyers After September 11, 2001: Some of the Effects of the New U.S. Anti-Terrorism Laws

April 6, 2014 (supporting the intended modification by the Obama Administration of the control structure for the Internet).

“Responses to the Ten Questions,” 37 Wm. Mitchell L. Rev. 101-113 (2011) (participant in the Journal of the National Security Forum, a special law review issue).

Book Review of Stone, Perilous Times: Free Speech in Wartime from the Sedition Act of 1798 to the War on Terrorism, 20 Western Legal Hist. 126-131 (2007).

“Disinviting Summers Was Justified” [with Deb

UIA Brief for Rights of Death Row Paraguayan, Juriste International (July 1997), at 38-40 (English) and 35-37 (French translation).

Pharmaceutical Fleecing: Pending Bill Is an Abuse of Regulation, S.F. Daily J., September 14, 1994, at 4.

Book Review of Tushnet, The NAACP's Strategy Against Segregated Education, 1925-1950, 6 Const. Comment. 183-189 (1989).

The Bar Admission Maze: Varying Standards for Federal District Courts Cause Problems, L.A. Daily J., February 22, 1988, at 4.

Residency Ruling Poses New Questions for Bar: How Far Does New York Decision Reach?, Nat'l L.J., January 14, 1980, at 12.

Case Note, Hackett v. General Host Corp., 86 Harv. L. Rev. 438-447 (1972).

Selected Addresses, Panels, and Other Presentations:

“Should *Roe* Be Overturned?”, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, September 17, 2020 (debate on Zoom organized by the Federalist Society, with Professor Adam MacLeod).

“Ethical Issues in Employment Litigation,” Labor & Employment Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, March 10, 2020 (continuing legal education presentation, with Robert A. Hawley).

“The New California Rules of Professional Conduct – Where Do We Stand Now That They’ve Been in Operation for a Year?”, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, January 24, 2020, and Long Beach, January 18, 2020 (continuing legal education presentations). A similar presentation was given to the Civil Litigation Section of the Sacramento Bar Association (November 6, 2019).

“The Internet as Our Most Influential Modern-Day ‘Town Square’ for the Exchange of Views,” Roseville, California, April 13, 2019 (continuing legal education presentation for the Placer County Bar Association).

“The Legal Principles Affecting Decisions at the End of Life,” Stockton and Lodi, California, October 29, 30 & 31, 2018 (lectures for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of the Pacific).

“Foreign Interference with Elections,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, March 2, 2018 (panelist addressing issues of constitutional and election law).

“The Disparate Boundaries of Privacy Protections in the United States – Physical, Reputational, and Electronic,” VIT University, Chennai, India, January 20, 2018 (panelist).

“Restricting the First Use of Nuclear Weapons,” Davis, California, January 13, 2018 (panelist at a teach-in on H.R. 669).

“A Supreme Court in Transition: Reviewing the 2016 Term and Looking Ahead to the First Monday in October,” American Association of Visually Impaired Attorneys, Sparks, Nevada, July 2, 2017.

“The Immigration Executive Orders: Lessons in Legality, Advocacy, and Engagement,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, February 21, 2017 (panelist).

“Upholding Classic Principles of Professional Responsibility in the Turbulent World of the Internet,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, January 27, 2017, and Oakland, January 7, 2017 (continuing legal education presentations).

“Voting Rights and Restrictions, Back Then and Right Now,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, November 1, 2016 (panelist).

“How Elections Influence the ‘Independent’ Federal Judiciary Created by Article III of the Constitution,” University of the Pacific, Stockton, September 22, 2016 (Honors Seminar lecture).

“Has Terrorism Changed US?,” University of the Pacific, Stockton, March 3, 2016 (panelist on the inaugural “Crossing Boundaries” program organized by the College of the Pacific).

“The Evolving Professional Challenges of Practicing Law in the Internet Age,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Oakland, January 9, 2016 (continuing legal education presentation).

“The Legal Principles Affecting Decisions at the End of Life,” Lodi, October 6, 2015 (lecture for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of the Pacific).

“Freedom of Press vs. Suppression of Press,” University of California, Davis, School of Law, February 27, 2015 (panelist in an event convened after the attack on *Charlie Hebdo* in Paris).

“Some Professional Responsibility Challenges of Practicing Law in the Internet Age,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, January 31, 2015, and San Diego, January 10, 2015 (continuing legal education presentations).

“The *Poletown Case* and the Constitutional Limits on Eminent Domain,” Right of Way Association, Sacramento, September 9, 2014.

“What Ever Happened to That Proposal To Amend the California Rules of Professional Conduct To Make Them More Similar to the ABA Model Rules?,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, January 11, 2014 (continuing legal education presentation).

“The Dramatic Effects of U.S. Principles of Federalism on Efforts to Loosen Restraints on International Competition in the Provision of Legal Services,” Union Internationale des Avocats, Lisbon, Portugal, June 30, 2007 (panelist).

“The NSA, Wiretapping, and the Law,” Constitutional Law and Civil Rights Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, Sacramento, May 17, 2007.

“And Then the Attorney General Blinkered: The NSA’s Warrantless Surveillance Program and Separation of Powers,” Ohlone College, Fremont, February 22, 2007.

“The Military Commissions Act,” Milton Schwartz Inn of Court, University of California, Davis, November 8, 2006 (program participant).

“The Lawyer and Advertising – Need, Content, Limits: The Search for Global Harmonisation,” Union Internationale des Avocats, Salvador, Brazil, November 1, 2006 (panelist).

“National Security Issues and the Practice of Journalism,” Graduate School of Journalism, University of California, Berkeley, September 30, 2006 (panelist at a conference organized by the First Amendment Coalition).

“What the Controversy over NSA’s Warrantless Surveillance Program Can Teach Us About Separation of Powers,” San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, September 20, 2006.

“The Future of the Geneva Conventions: The Challenges of Assuring Humane Treatment of Prisoners in a World of Unconventional Warfare, Terrorism, and Failed States,” School of International Studies, University of the Pacific, Stockton, September 5, 2006.

“Terrorism, the Rule of Law, and Military Tribunals,” Legal Heritage Institute, State Capitol, Sacramento, August 10, 2006 (panelist).

“The Vienna Convention on Consular Relations,”

“The Oregon ‘Death with Dignity’ Case,” Supreme Court Preview, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, September 28, 2005 (panelist).

“Student Privacy Rights and the Constitution,” University of the Pacific, Stockton, September 21, 2005 (Constitution Day panelist).

“The War on Terrorism and Separation of Powers,” Sacramento City College, Sacramento, September 16, 2005 (Constitution Day speaker).

“Issues of Lawyers’ Professional Responsibility in Terrorism Cases,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Long Beach and Sacramento, January 22 and 29, 2005 (participant in continuing legal education presentations).

“Regulation in the 21st Century: Public Protection v. Laissez Faire,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, October 27, 2004 (panelist).

“The War on Terror and International Human Rights,” Constitutional Law and Civil Rights Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, October 13, 2004.

“Terrorism and National Security Law,” California Court Interpreters Association, Sacramento, October 9, 2004.

“The Medical Marijuana Case,” Supreme Court Preview, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, October 6, 2004 (panelist).

“The International Criminal Court: How It Will Assist in Enforcing Human Rights Standards
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“The Constitutional, Statutory, and Political Elements of U.S. Policymaking in Response to Terrorism,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, October 5, 2001 (panelist).

“Federalism, State Constitutions and Judicial Interpretation in the Wake of *Bush I*,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, March 17, 2001 (panelist).

“Shield or Sieve: California’s Shield Law in 2001,” Center for California Studies, California State University, Sacramento, March 1, 2001 (panelist).

“With US or Without US? The Future of the Proposed International Criminal Court and the Controversy over U.S. Policy Toward Accountability for War Crimes, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, February 3, 2001 (organizer and panelist).

“Face to Face with the Death Penalty: What Roles for Bars and Law Societies?,” United Nations, New York City, July 7, 2000 (panelist in a briefing for the representatives of the bar associations and law societies that are collective members of the Union Internationale des Avocats).

“The Two Faces of Prop. 22,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, March 2, 2000 (ad15 Tm0 gchool of Law, March 2, 2000)

the expiration of the statute authorizing the imposition of such fees).

Assembly Natural Resources Committee, California Legislature, September 2, 1997 (First Amendment issues raised by S.B. 638, a proposal to exempt ceremonial burning of worn U.S. flags from air pollution laws).

Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, California Legislature, June 18, 1997 (First Amendment issues raised by S.B. 1013, which would have imposed a tax on pornography).

California Judicial Council Task Force on Photographing, Recording and Broadcasting in the Courtroom, San Francisco, California, January 8, 1996 (testimony in opposition to proposed restrictions on televised coverage of trials).

Assembly Committee on Judiciary, California Legislature, May 24, 1995 (First Amendment issues raised by a proposal to auction off the right to televise high-profile trials).

Assembly Committee on Health, California Legislature, March 21, 1995 (constitutional issues raised by a proposal to withhold prenatal medical care from undocumented aliens).

Assembly Governmental Efficiency and Consumer Protection Committee and Senate Business

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Other Professional Activities:

Covid Act Now (volunteer content creator) (September 2020-).

Blogger on “California Exceptionalism” for the Pacific McGeorge CAP•impact blog,

Section on National Security Law, Association of American Law Schools (2004-2012) (member of executive committee).

Accredited representative of NGO Union Internationale des Avocats to the election of judges of the International Criminal Court, United Nations, New York, New York (February 2003).

D.C. Bar Committee on the Model Rules of Professional Conduct (Jordan Committee) (1983-1987) (member).