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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**West Virginia University College of Law**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs June 2015 - present, Professor, May 2015 - present, Associate Professor, August 2012 – May, 2015

- ◆ Responsible for academic programming, class scheduling, curriculum development, and other administrative and supervisory duties
- ◆ Teaching Family Law; Parent, Child, and State; Advanced Family Law; Civil Procedure; and Professional Responsibility

**University of North Dakota School of Law**, Assistant Professor, 2007-2012

- ◆ Taught Employment Discrimination Law to upperclass students
- ◆ Taught Advanced Trial Advocacy to upperclass students
  - Students compete in TYLA trial competition; one team advanced to semi-final round at regional competition in Portland, OR
- ◆ Taught comprehensive legal research, writing, and analysis skills to first year law students to prepare them for legal practice, including:
  - Design and grade multiple writing, research, and analysis assignments throughout the semester, including four memos in Fall Semester and an appellate brief in the Spring
  - Conduct individual conferences with up to 60 students at least twice a semester
  - Hear and grade 30-60 (depending on the year) oral arguments in the Spring semester

**Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law**, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2006-07

- ◆ Developed curriculum and taught Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing to first class of law students on University Park campus

**Tulane Law School**, Senior Fellow, Legal Research & Writing Program, 2002-03 New Orleans, LA

## **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

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**The University of North Dakota School of Law**

- ◆ Alphon Research Fellow Award, in recognition of pre-tenured scholarly productivity and promise
- ◆ West Virginia Law Review Outstanding Faculty Award, 2014-2015

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- ◆ *Annual Survey of Periodical Literature*, 49 Fam. L.Q. 663 (2016).
- ◆ *Annual Survey of Periodical Literature*, 48 Fam. L.Q. 731 (2015).

- ◆ *Lifting the Burden: Protecting Parental Rights in West Virginia*, 117 W.V. L. Rev. Online 29 (2015).
- ◆ *Same-Sex Marriage in West Virginia, What's Next?*, *Jurist.org*, <http://jurist.org/forum/2015/01/kendra-fershee-west-virginia.php> (2015).
- ◆ *The Prima Facie Parent: Implementing a Simple, Fair, and Efficient Standing Test in Courts Considering Custody Disputes by Unmarried Gay or Lesbian Parents*, 48 Fam. L.Q. 435 (2014).
- ◆ *The Parent Trap: The Unconstitutional Severing of Parental Rights without Due Process of Law*, 30 Ga. St. U. L. Rev. 639 (2014).
- ◆ *Writing Professional E-mail; Yes You Can!*, <http://www.bloomberglaw.com/start> (2013).
- ◆ *A Parent Is a Parent, No Matter How Small*, 18 Wm. and Mary J. Women & L. 425 (2012).
- ◆ *The New Legal Writing: The Importance of Teaching Law Students How to Use E-mail Professionally*, 71 Md. L. Rev. Endnotes 1 (2011).
- ◆ *An Act for All Contexts: Incorporating the Pregnancy Discrimination Act into Title IX to Help Students Gain and Retain Access to Education*, 39 Hofstra L. Rev. 281 (2010).
- ◆ *Hollow Promises for Pregnant Students: How the Regulations Governing Title IX Fail to Prevent Pregnancy Discrimination in School*, 43 Ind. L. Rev. 79 (2009).
- ◆ *Discretionary Recusal and the Appearance of Partiality Through the Eyes of the Fifth Circuit in Republic of Panama v. American Tobacco Co.*, 77 Tul. L. Rev. 517 (2002).

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- ◆ Editor in Chief of the Family Law Quarterly

## PRESENTATIONS

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- ◆ Presenter, "Family Law Hot Topics," West Virginia Continuing Legal Education, WVU College of Law, Sep. 10, 2016
- ◆ Presenter, "Family Law Hot Topics," West Virginia Continuing Legal Education, WVU Medical Center in Charleston, WV, March 10, 2016
- ◆ Panelist, "Critical Conversations: Hostile Climate for Women on Campus," West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, April 23, 2015.

- ◆ Presenter, “Let the Sun Shine In: How Family Court Confidentiality Harms Families,” University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio, Nov. 14, 2014.
- ◆ Panelist, “Same-Sex Marriage in West Virginia and the U.S., How We Got Here and What’s Next,” WVU Department of Political Science Event at West Virginia University, Oct. 21, 2014.
- ◆ Panelist, “Hot Topics and Current Events Related to Race, Gender, and LGBT Issues,” WVU College of Law, October 3, 2014.
- ◆ Presenter, “The Prima Facie Parent: Implementing a Simple, Fair, and Efficient Standing Test in Courts Considering Custody Disputes by Unmarried Gay or Lesbian Parents,” SEALS Annual Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, August 1, 2014.
- ◆ Presenter, “The Prima Facie Parent: Implementing a Simple, Fair, and Efficient Standing Test in Courts Considering Custody Disputes by Unmarried Gay or Lesbian Parents,” Third Annual Mon River Law Faculty Colloquium at West Virginia University College of Law, April 10, 2014
- ◆ Panelist, Critical Conversations: Pregnant and Parenting Youth Convening, hosted by the New York City Administration for Children’s Services Family Permanency Services at New York University, Friday, July 19, 2013
- ◆ Presenter, Two Sessions of Conversations about Legal Challenges Confronting Young Parents, Critical Conversations: Pregnant and Parenting Youth Convening, hosted by the New York City Administration for Children’s Services Family Permanency Services at New York University, Friday, July 19, 2013
- ◆ Presenter, “A Parent Is a Parent, No Matter How Small,” WVU Law Review Symposium, WVU College of Law, Morgantown, WV, November 8, 2012
- ◆ Speaker, “The Affordable Care Act and Family Law in West Virginia,” WVU College of Law Continuing Legal Education Program, October 19, 2012
- ◆ Panel Presentation about “The Good Employer” and How it Treats Pregnant Women in the Workplace at the United Association for Labor Education Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, March 23, 2012
- ◆ The Birth and Life of the Pregnancy Discrimination Act: Presentation to UND Law Women’s Caucus, Nov. 16, 2011, The University of North Dakota School of Law
- ◆ Panel Presentation about Employment Obstacles for Adolescents who Suffer Pregnancy Discrimination at the Working Class Studies Association Conference, June 25, 2011, hosted by the University of Illinois in Chicago, IL.
- ◆ An Act for All Contexts: Incorporating the Pregnancy Discrimination Act into Title IX to Help Students Gain and Retain Access to Education, Presented to the Central States Law Schools Association Conference, Sep. 2010, The University of North Dakota School of Law.

- ◆ Co-Poster Presentation with Kirsten Dauphinais, Get Them Early and Their Yours Forever, Lawyering Skills Bootcamp, Presented During the Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Marco Island, Florida, June 2010.
- ◆ Invited speaker, X Marks the Spot, Piquing Students' Interest in Research Early, Presentation during the Innovative Teaching Ideas Workshop at the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference at the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers School of Law in Tucson, Arizona, March 2010.
- ◆ Invited speaker to a Summit regarding education access for pregnant students, held at Fordham School of Law in New York City, October 2009.
- ◆ Faculty Brownbag, Teaching Writing to Upperclass Students in Doctrinal Courses, University of North Dakota School of Law, October 2009.
- ◆ X Marks the Spot; Piquing Students' Interest in Research Early, Presentation during the Innovative Teaching Ideas Workshop at the Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference at the University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Law, July 2009.
- ◆ X Marks the Spot; Piquing Students' Interest in Research Early, Presentation to the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference at Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law, Tempe, Arizona, March 2009.
- ◆ Co-presented, with Kirsten Dauphinais, an informational poster about the history of the Legal Writing Institute at the biennial LWI conference at the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, July, 2008.
- ◆ Hey, Here's My Memo :) / Writing E-mail Professionally in Legal Practice, Presentation at the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2008.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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- ◆ Jessica M. Karmasek, USSC Ruling in Florida Judge Money Case Hits Close to Home, The West Virginia Record, May 6, 2015.
- ◆ Radio Interview with Shauna Johnson on Talkline with Hoppy Kercheval about Marriage Equality Supreme Court Arguments, April 28, 2015.
- ◆ Evening News Segment Regarding Same-Sex Marriage in West Virginia, WBOY, Telephone Interview, Oct. 7, 2014
- ◆ Interview with Andrea Lannom, Scrutiny Continues in Case Involving Justice Davis, Charleston Daily Mail, Dec. 11, 2014.

## **EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

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**Tulane Law School, J.D., *cum laude* – 2003** New Orleans, LA

- ◆ Senior Managing Editor, Tulane Law Review, Volume 77
- ◆ Dean's Advisory Committee Class Representative, 2000 – 2003
- ◆ Aegean Institute of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law, Summer Abroad – 2001 (Greece)
- ◆ Awards:
  - Conrad Meyer III Law Review Award

**University of Michigan, B.A./Communications and Political Science – 1995** Ann Arbor, MI

- ◆ President's Advisory Committee on Women's Issues School Representative

**Admitted to Practice:** New York and Washington, DC

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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### **West Virginia University College of Law**

- ◆ 2017-2018 Academic Year
  - Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
  - Chair, Academic Planning Committee
  - Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Curricular Reform
  - Member, Academic Standards Review Committee, WVU
  - Academic Advisor to First Year Students
  - Panelist and Presenter for Multiple Orientation and School Year Programs about Academics
- ◆ 2016-2017 Academic Year
  - Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
  - Chair, Academic Planning Committee
  - Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Curricular Reform
  - Member, Academic Standards Review Committee, WVU
  - Academic Advisor to First Year Law Students Interested in Family Law
  - Panelist and Presenter for Multiple Orientation and School Year Programs about Academics
- ◆ 2015-2016 Academic Year
  - Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
  - Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Curricular Reform
  - Chair, Academic Planning Committee
  - Coach, 2 Teams, Whittier Family Law Moot Court Competition
  - Panelist, First Year Orientation Program, "What to Expect in Class"
- ◆ 2014-2015 Academic Year
  - Member, Dean Search Committee
  - Chair, Teaching Professor Promotion and Evaluation Committee
  - Faculty Co-advisor, Women's Leadership Council
  - Co-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
  - Associate Editor, ABA Family Law Section's Family Law Quarterly
  - Judge, Howard C. Schwab Essay Contest for the ABA Family Law Section
  - First Year Orientation Small Group Teacher

- Panelist First Year Orientation Program, “What to Expect in Class”
- Faculty Advisor for Students Interested in Family Law
- Reviewed proposed changes to the WV Rules of Professional Responsibility to help the Dean submit comments
  
- ◆ 2013-2014 Academic Year
  - Faculty Co-advisor, Women’s Leadership Council
  - Co-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
  - Member, Teaching Professor Promotion Review Committee
  - Member, Board of Editors, ABA Family Law Section’s Family Law Quarterly
  - Faculty Case Note Advisor to two Law Review Members
  - First Year Orientation Small Group Teacher
  
- ◆ 2012-2013 Academic Year
  - Co-advisor, First Year Student Mentor Group
  - Co-advisor, Women’s Leadership Council
  - Chair, Teaching Professor Standards Drafting Committee
  - Member, Assistant Dean for Career Services Hiring Committee

#### **University of North Dakota School of Law**

- ◆ 2011-2012 Academic Year
  - Chair, UND Law Bar Exam Passage Committee
  - Member, UND Law Academic Affairs Committee
  - Member, UND Law Faculty Selection Committee
  - Member, Academic Success and Skills Working Group
  - Member, UND Honorary Degrees Committee
  - Advisor, UND Chapter, National Society of Collegiate Scholars
  - Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors
  - Member, Legal Writing Institute
  - Presenter to External Moot Court Competition Teams at UND School of Law
  - Judge for Internal Moot Court Competition at UND School of Law
  
- ◆ 2010-2011 Academic Year
  - Member, UND Law Academic Affairs Committee
  - Member, UND Law Faculty Selection Committee
  - Co-chair, Bar Exam Passage Committee
  - Member, Law Dean Search Committee
  - Member, Academic Success and Skills Working Group
  - Senator, UND Faculty Senate
  - Advisor, UND Chapter, National Society of Collegiate Scholars
  - Member, Legal Writing Institute
  - Member, Legal Writing Institute Committee to Select Poster Presentations for the 2011 AALS Conference Legal Writing Section
  - Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors
  - Assistant Editor, Legal Writing, The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute
  - Judged a quarterfinal round of the Fall intramural moot court competition
  - Presenter, Grammar Skills in Moot Court Briefs, Presentation to UND Moot Court External Teams

- ◆ 2009-2010 Academic Year
  - Member, UND Law Academic Affairs Committee
  - Member, UND Law Faculty Selection Committee
  - Member, Bar Exam Faculty Working Group
  - Member, Academic Success and Skills Working Group
  - Member, Legal Writing Institute
  - Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors
  - Assistant Editor, Legal Writing, The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute
  - Advisor, UND Chapter, National Society of Collegiate Scholars
  - Coached UND Trial Team for final month before competition
  - Coached UND Trial Team at competition at Willamette School of Law in Oregon
  - Coached moot court appellate team for Evans Moot Court Competition at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin
  - Judged a preliminary round of the Fall intramural moot court competition
  - Presenter, Grammar Skills in Moot Court Briefs, Presentation to UND Moot Court External Teams
  - Presenter, Grammar Skills in Law Review Articles, Presentation to UND Law Review Members
  - Guest Judged a Round of Carrigan Cup Internal Moot Court Competition
  - Member of University Long-Term Sick Leave Policy Task Force
  
- ◆ 2008-2009 Academic Year
  - Member, UND Law Academic Affairs Committee
  - Member, Legal Writing Institute
  - Member, Legal Writing Institute Welcoming Committee for new members
    - Helped organize “Welcome Fair” at biennial LWI Conference
  - Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors
  - Assistant Editor, Legal Writing, The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute
  - Advisor, UND Chapter, National Society of Collegiate Scholars
  - Completed UND’s Alice T. Clark new faculty program
  - Judged a preliminary round of the Fall intramural moot court competition
  - Tulane Mardi Gras Sports Law Moot Court Competition Team Coach
  - Member of University Long-Term Sick Leave Policy Task Force and Policy Re-writing Subcommittee
  
- ◆ 2007-2008 Academic Year
  - Member, Legal Writing Institute
  - Assisted in evaluating and rating the Minnesota Board of Law Examiners Essay Question for the July 2007 Bar Exam
  - Advisor to the UND chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars
  - Guest judged UND Trial Team practice several times
  - Guest judged UND external moot court team participating in tax competition
  - Judged a preliminary round of the Carrigan Cup intramural moot court competition

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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10/2003 – 8/2006      **Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy**      Washington, DC; New York, NY  
**Associate; Attorney, Litigation (Summer Associate – 2002)**

- ◆ Researched legal issues, prepared witnesses for examination, and prepared exhibits for hearings; drafted legal memoranda for state and federal litigation, SEC investigations, and state arbitration; drafted portions of an appeal brought in the U.S. Federal Circuit; coordinated document collection and supervised review of documents in preparation for federal litigation

7/2001 – 8/2001      **Federal District Judge Edith Brown Clement**      New Orleans, LA  
**Summer Extern**

- ◆ Assisted clerks with drafting legal opinions; discussed legal issues with Judge; and participated in open and closed hearings

8/2000 – 10/2003      **Attended Tulane Law School, Prepared for Bar Exam**

1/1996 – 7/2000      **People For the American Way**      Los Angeles, CA; Washington, DC  
**Interim L.A. Office Director, National Deputy Field Director**

- ◆ Organized activists to mobilize on first amendment, public education, and civil rights issues; managed training workshops and conferences; supervised Field Coordinators and Senior Organizers; testified at school board hearings; participated in media interviews on civil rights issues; supervised and managed satellite office staff to a successful fundraising dinner with more than 650 attendees and a gross of over \$680,000

1/1994 – 8/1994      **Lana Pollack for U.S. Senate**

- ◆ Candidate's Driver, Events Coordinator, Fundraiser

## **SERVICE TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY**

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**American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Family Law Quarterly**, Editor in Chief

- ◆ Edit four issues yearly of a scholarly publication about family law
- ◆ Chair of the Board of Editors of the Family Law Quarterly
- ◆ Manage a six-figure budget
- ◆ Supervise student and professional editors to prepare for publication

**American Bar Association, Family Law Section**, Advisory Council Member

- ◆ Serve as a voting member of the governing body of the Family Law Section, which meets three times a year to set policy and budgetary priorities for the Section

**West Virginia Court Improvement Program**, Board Member

- ◆ Attend quarterly meetings of leaders in the child abuse and neglect prevention system to improve services, efficiency, and outcomes for kids and families
- ◆ Sub-committee on Statutes, Rules, and Regulations Member
- ◆ Reviewed jurisdictional issues for serving out-of-state protection orders

**Tulane Law Review Alumni Association**, Board Member, 2008-present



- ◆ Chair, Membership Committee, 2015-16
- ◆ Helped create the Association as a Founding Board Member
- ◆ Assisting in outreach to past members of the Tulane Law Review to facilitate future involvement and fundraising opportunities for the Law Review

**Tulane Law Review Board of Advisory Editors, Board Member**

- ◆ Elected to serve March, 2011

**Flood Relief Volunteer, Sandbag Levy Construction, April 2009**

**University of North Dakota University Children's Center, Annual Fundraiser Co-Chair, 2008; Chair, 2009; Member, 2010; Advisory Committee Member 2009-2012**

- ◆ Sharing leadership and planning duties to organize a benefit on behalf of the University daycare center, which provides excellent care to many children in the UND community