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EDUCATION

Yale University

M.A., 2000

Thesis: "Advowson Law and Litigation in the English Royal Courts, 1154-1250."

Readers:

Magna Carta and the Definition of Fundamental Rights, 59 *Tulsa L. Rev.* 39 (2024).

Royal Privilege and Episcopal Rights in the Later Thirteenth Century: The Case of the Ashbourne Advowson, 1270-1289, in *Law and Society in Later Medieval England and Ireland: Essays in Honour of Paul Brand*, at 97 (Travis R. Baker ed., 2017).

Glanvill and the Development of the English Advowson Writs, in *Texts and Context in Legal History: Essays in Honor of Charles Donahue*, at 129 (Sara McDougall, Anna di Robilant & John Witte, Jr., eds., 2016).

Magna Carta and the Fundamental Right to Due Process, in *Magna Carta: 800 Anos de Influência no Constitucionalismo e nos Direitos Fundamentais*, at 129 (Zulmar Fachin, Jairo Néia Lima & Éverton Willian Pona eds., 2015), *reprinted in* 11 *Frontiers of Law in China* 236 (2016) (symposium issue).

Episcopal Power and Royal Jurisdiction in Angevin England, in *Studies in Canon Law and Common Law in Honor of R.H. Helmholz*, at 15 (Troy L. Harris ed., 2015).

Competing Institutions and Dispute Settlement in Medieval England, in *Law and Disputing in the Middle Ages: Proceedings of the Ninth Carlberg Academy Conference on Medieval Legal History 2012*, at 235 (Per Andersen et al. eds., 2013).

The Third Lateran Council and the

New Thoughts on the "Will of Dasumius," 122 *Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte, Romanistische Abteilung* 166 (2005).

The Origins of Quare Impedit, 25 *J. Legal Hist.* 203 (2004) (lead article).

Roman and Visigothic Procedural Law in the False Decretals of Pseudo-Isidore, 90 *Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte, Kanonistische Abteilung* 510 (2004).

Justice, in *A Cultural History of Law in the Middle Ages* 11 (Emanuele Conte & Laurent Mayali eds., 2019).

La Carta Magna y los orígenes del procedimiento judicial o legal, 6 *Precedente,* Jan.-June 2015, at 145 (in Spanish).

William Blackstone, in 1

Honorary Mellon Fellow in Humanistic Studies, 1996-97.

Pomona College/Downing College Scholar, 1996-97.

LEGAL CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Carlos F. Lucero, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Denver, CO
Law Clerk, 2002-03.

“The Next Generation of Trusts and Estates Scholarship,” Section on Trusts and Estates, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, New York, New York, January 2014.

Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Amelia Island, Florida, July 2012.

Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 2012.

Perpetuities and the Genius of a Free State

Symposium on the Role of Federal Law in Private Wealth Transfer (sponsored by the ACTEC Foundation and the *Vanderbilt Law Review*), Nashville, Tennessee, February 2014.

Immortal Fame: Publicity Rights, Taxation, and the Power of Testation (and previous titles)

Dallas Bar Association, Tax Section, February 2010.

William and Mary Law School, Faculty Colloquium, October 2009.

SMU Dedman School of Law, Tax Policy Colloquium, August 2009.

Property Works-in-Progress Conference, Boulder, Colorado, June 2009.

Internal Revenue Service, North Texas Estate and Gift Tax Group, March 2009.

“New Voices in Trusts and Estates,” Section on Donative Transfers, Fiduciaries, and Estate Planning, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, San Diego, California, January 2009.

Should Charitable Trust Enforcement Rights Be Assignable?

Symposium on the Law of Philanthropy in the Twenty-First Century (sponsored by the ACTEC Foundation and the *Chicago-Kent Law Review*), Chicago, Illinois, October 2009.

Caregiving and the Case for Testamentary Freedom (and previous titles)

SMU Dedman School of Law, Faculty Forum, September 2008.

Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Berkeley, California, March 2008.

University of Miami Law School, Faculty Workshop, March 2008.

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Ad Hoc Workshop, February 2008.

Third Biennial Conference of the European Society for Comparative Legal History, Macerata, Italy, July 2014.

Torcuato Di Tella University, Law Faculty Workshop, Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 2014.

Thirty-Second Annual Australian and New Zealand Law and History Conference, Dunedin, New Zealand, November 2013.

Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Miami, Florida, November 2013.

Competing Institutions and Dispute Settlement in Medieval England (and previous titles)

Twenty-

Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Tempe, Arizona, October 2007.

New York University School of Law, Legal History Colloquium, September 2004.

Yale Law School, Legal History Forum, March 2004.

The Third Lateran Council and the Ius Patronatus in England

Twenty-Eighth International Conference of the Charles Homer Haskins Society, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2009.

Thirteenth International Congress of Medieval Canon Law, Esztergom-Budapest, Hungary, August 2008.

Eighteenth British Legal History Conference, Oxford, England, July 2007.

Advowson Litigation in Medieval England: A Quantitative Approach

Nineteenth British Legal History Conference, Exeter, England, July 2009.

The Legal Status of Abandoned Children in the Later Roman Empire

Law and Literature International Colloquium, Swansea, Wales, July 2007.

Ownership and Possession in the Early Common Law: The Advowson Writs

American-

The History of the English Court of Chancery and the Division of Law and Equity

Midland County Bar Association, November 2019.

Atlanta Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section, September 2016.

Magna Carta and the American Revolution

Daughters of the American Revolution, Nancy Horton Davis Chapter, Dallas, Texas, April 2019.

Keys to Law School Success

University of Alaska at Fairbanks, March 2019.

Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, February 2019.

Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi, February 2019.

Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana, February 2019.

Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri, April 2017.

University of California at Merced, Phi Alpha Delta Chapter, April 2017.

Oakwood University, Huntsville, Alabama, April 2017.

University of Alabama in Huntsville, April 2017.

University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, March 2017.

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, March 2017.

Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, March 2017.

Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, January 2017.

University of California at Riverside, Phi Alpha Delta Chapter, April 2016.

University of California at Irvine, Phi Alpha Delta Chapter, April 2016.

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, October 2015.

University of Texas at Arlington/AT&T Mentoring Program, Dallas, Texas, April 2015.

Magna Carta and the Charter of the Forest

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, October 2017.

Dallas Bar Association, Real Property Law Section, October 2017.

Rice University, Pre-Law Society (Legalese), Houston, Texas, September 2017.

Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, September 2017.

Lyon College, Batesville, Arkansas, August 2017.

Annual Convention of the State Bar of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, June 2017.

Sacramento County Bar Association, Sacramento, California, June 2017.

Smith County Bar Association, Tyler, Texas, June 2017.

Tenth Circuit Historical Society (co-sponsored by Faculty of Federal Advocates), Denver, Colorado, May 2017.

U.S. District Court of Oregon Historical Society (co-sponsored by Federal Bar Association), Portland, Oregon, April 2017.

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, April 2017.

Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois, March 2017.

University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, March 2017.

Midland County Bar Association, Midland, Texas, March 2017.

Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, Mississippi, February 2017.

Mecklenburg County Bar Association, Charlotte, North Carolina, February 2017.

Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, February 2017.

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 2017.

Atlanta Bar Association, Atlanta, Georgia, February 2017.

Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, January 2017.

Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, January 2017.

Donald Trump and the State of American Democracy

Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois, March 2017.

Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, March 2017.

The Doctrine of Discovery and the Founding of Virginia

Jamestowne Society, First Mississippi Company, Jackson, Mississippi, April 2017.

Jamestowne Society, Lone Star Company, Dallas, Texas, October 2016.

The Grand Jury in Historical Perspective

Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan, December 2016.

Constitutional Court of Peru, Center for Constitutional Studies, Lima, Peru, December 2016.

Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association, Huntsville, Alabama, December 2016.

Memphis Bar Association, Memphis, Tennessee, December 2016.

Smith County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (co-

The Future of Comparative Legal History

Session Chair, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2016.

Magna Carta and the Origins of Due Process

Comillas Pontifical University, Faculty of Law, Madrid, Spain, December 2015.

University of Valladolid, Faculty of Law, Valladolid, Spain, December 2015.

Legal History Colloquium, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain, December 2015.

University of Tokyo, Japan, November 2015.

Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand, November 2015.

Selden Society, Texas Chapter, Dallas, Texas, November 2015.

Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida, November 2015.

University of California at Santa Barbara, November 2015.

Rotary Club, Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 2015.

Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaíso, Chile, October 2015.

Selden Society, Illinois and Wisconsin Chapters, Chicago, Illinois, September 2015.

University of the North (Uninorte), Barranquilla, Colombia, September 2015.

Pomona College, Claremont, California, September 2015.

Forum on the Past, Present, and Future of the Rule of Law, Renmin University Law School, Beijing, China, September 2015.

Panamerican University, Bonaterra Campus, Aguascalientes, Mexico, August 2015.

Centre on Public Law and Jurisprudence, Jindal Global Law School, Sonapat, India, August 2015.

Pontifical Bolivarian University, Medellín, Colombia, August 2015.

University of the Andes (Uniandes), Bogota, Colombia, August 2015.

Federal University of Paraná, Curitiba, Brazil, August 2014.

State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 2014.

Forum on Law, Politics, and Society, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil, August 2014.

Federal University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, August 2014.

University of Antioquia and EAFIT University, Medellín, Colombia, August 2014.

National Taiwan University, Taipei, May 2014.

Foreign Authority Forum, Seoul National University School of Law, Seoul, Korea, May 2014.

Yonsei University College of Law and Soongsil University

Grayson County Bar Association, Sherman, Texas, July 2015.

University of Texas at Arlington, March 2015.

Dallas Bar Association, February 2015.

El Paso Bar Association, Nineteenth Annual Civil Trial Practice Seminar, February 2015.

Commercial Trusts in the United States: Creating Confidence for Business Transactions

Hanoi Law University, Vietnam, June 2015.

Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hanoi, Vietnam, June 2015.

Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, Vietnam, December 2014.

Peruvian University of Applied Sciences, Lima, Peru, March 2014.

Magna Carta and the Future of Liberty, Taiwan, and the World

American Club, Taipei (co-sponsored by the British Office, Taiwan Foreign Correspondents' Club, Yale Club of Taipei, and international chambers of commerce), June 2015.

Perspectives on Magna Carta

Panelist, SMU Godbey Lecture Series, February 2015.

Migratory Clients and the Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act

American Bar Association, Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section Spring Symposia, Chicago, Illinois, May 2014.

Gambling and the "Free State of Galveston," 1918-1957

Speaker, Winter Meeting of the Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association, Dallas, Texas, January 2014.

History of Anglo-American Legal Institutions

Lecturer, Appellate Judges Certificate Program, Santa Fe, New Mexico, June 2012.

Author Meets Reader: Karl Shoemaker, Sanctuary and Crime in the Middle Ages

Panelist, Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Fort Worth, Texas, March 2012.

Incentive Trusts: Control from the Grave

Panelist, East Texas Estate Planning Council, March 2011.

Panelist, Estate Planning Council of North Texas, May 2010.

The Changing World of Trusts and Estates: Pedagogy

Panelist, Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, Florida, August 2010.

Rational Choice Approaches to Ancient Law

Commentator, Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Dallas, Texas, November 2009.

Basic Planning for Incapacity: Issues and Options

Speaker, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program and Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Elder Law Committee, April 2009.

Marginalized People, Contested Use, and the Regulation of Space

Session Chair, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Montreal, Canada, May 2008.

Recent Developments in Trust and Estate Law and Taxation

Speaker, Dallas Bar Association, Probate, Trusts, and Estates Section, November 2007.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Southern Methodist University

Educational Programs Committee, 2017-22.

Faculty Advisor, SMU Mock Trial Team, 2017-21.

Faculty Senator, 2011-12; 2013-19 (Secretary, 2014-17).

Subcommittee on the Economic Status of the Faculty, 2016-18.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2013-17.

Faculty Secretary, 2006-07.

American Bar Association

Uniform Acts Committee, Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section (Co-Chair, 2012-20; Co-Vice-Chair, 2011-12).

American Society for Legal History

Program Committee, 2010-11 (2011 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA); 2017-18 (2018 Annual Meeting, Houston, TX).

Sutherland Prize Committee, 2012-15 (Chair, 2013-14).

Standing Committee on Conferences and the Annual Meeting, 2009-12.

Local Arrangements Committee, 2008-09 (Co-Chair, 2009 Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX).

Communities Foundation of Texas

Professional Seminar Committee, 2009-13.

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

Elder Law Committee, 2008-09.

International Law Conference Liaison Committee, 2007-09 (Community Program Director).

Journal of Legal History

Editorial Committee, 2013-present.

Selden Society

Council Member, 2018-present.

Honorary Treasurer for the United States of America, 2013-present.

Southeastern Association of Law Schools

International Committee, 2013-16.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas (admitted 2011).

Connecticut (admitted 2004).

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