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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Widener University Commonwealth Law School

Assistant Professor of Law, July 2024

- Courses: Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence

Mississippi College School of Law

Assistant Professor of Law, August 2023 – June 2024

- Courses: Civil Procedure, Administrative Law

Director, Center for Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Special Assistant U. S. Attorney, EDNC, 2022-2023

- Prosecuted criminal cases in the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
- Prosecuted misdemeanors and felonies in the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Judge Advocate General Corps, US Army, 2021-2023

- Advised on employment and dozens of sexual harassment cases.
- Advised senior leaders on matter relating to employment law, ethics, and federal regulations.

ARTICLES

The Mutability of Dangerousness: Restoring the Second Amendment Rights of the Dangerous, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (Forthcoming 2025) (Invited).

The Addiction Restriction: Addiction and the Right to Bear Arms, WEST VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW (Forthcoming 2025).

Defining Dangerousness: When Disarmament is Appropriate, TEXAS TECH LAW REVIEW (Forthcoming 2024).

Of the Rights of Parents: Parental Authority and the Common Law, TEXAS REVIEW OF LAW AND POLITICS (2024) (Invited).

Armed and Under the Influence: The Second Amendment and the Intoxicant Rule After Bruen, MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW (Forthcoming 2024).

- Cited in SUPPLEMENT FOR FIREARMS LAW AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT: REGULATION, RIGHTS, AND POLICY. Ed. Johnson, et al, 2023. (Casebook)

The History of Policing and the Impact on Minority Communities, MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE LAW REVIEW (Forthcoming 2024).

In Loco Parentis and the Fourth Amendment Rights of Minors in Public Schools, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (2022).

Who Decides: What the Constitution Says About Parental Authority and the Rights of Minor Children to Seek Gender Transition Treatment, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL (2022).

- Mentioned on HealthLawProf Blog.
- Cited in the Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (2022).
- Cited in *Kanuszewski v. Shah* (Eastern District of Michigan, 2023).

Remembering Congress and the Separation-of-Powers: The Case Against ‘Judicial Updating’ of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 12 JOURNAL OF RACE, GENDER, & POVERTY (2021).

- Mentioned on Legal Theory Blog.

In Memoriam: The Republican Form and the Separation-of-Powers Among the Four Branches of Government Brazilian Journal of Public Policy (2020) (Peer-reviewed).

BOOK CHAPTERS

“A Sartorial Tapestry: The Rhetorical Shifts of Hillary Rodham Clinton.” HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON AND THE 2016 ELECTION: HER POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DISCOURSE. Ed. Michele Lockhart and Kathleen Mollick. Lexington Books, 2015. (with Rochelle Gregory).

- Cited in THE DYNAMICS OF POLITICAL COMMUNICATION: MEDIA AND POLITICS IN A DIGITAL AGE (2017).

“Pardoning Marijuana Possession While Using Marijuana to Criminalize Firearm Ownership.” SUPPLEMENT FOR FIREARMS LAW AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT: REGULATION, RIGHTS, AND POLICY. Ed. Johnson, et al, 2023. (Casebook)

BOOK REVIEWS

RADICAL MOVES: CARIBBEAN MIGRANTS AND THE POLITICS OF RACE IN THE JAZZ AGE (Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2013. Pp. 336), 540-542.

CULTIVATION AND CATASTROPHE: THE LYRIC ECOLOGY OF MODERN BLACK LITERATURE (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017. Pp. 304), 719-721.

AMICUS BRIEFS

Brief of Amicus Curiae Scholars of Second Amendment Law and The Independence Institute in Support of Defendant-Appellant, *U.S. v. Daniels*, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (2023) (principal author of brief addressing the constitutionality of 18 U.S.C. §922(g)(3)).

- Cited in *United States v. Daniels* (US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 2023).

PRESENTATIONS

The Addiction Restriction: Addiction and the Right to Bear Arms – Duke University (2024)

“Litigating the Second Amendment” – Miss. State Public Defenders Conf. (2023)

ADMISSIONS

State of New Jersey – Bar No. 387292021

United States District Court – Eastern District of North Carolina

United States District Court – Western District of Wisconsin

United States Court of Appeals – Fourth Circuit

EDUCATION

Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, J.D., 2020

- Associate Editor, Journal of Labor and Employment Law

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, M.A. (Rhetoric and Composition)
2015

Advanced Graduate Certificates (African American Studies, 2017, and Women and Gender Studies, 2014)

Campbell University, B.S., Social Science (Political Science and Humanities)
2013