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## **EXPERIENCE**

**Professor of Law**, Widener University Commonwealth Law School, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 2005-Present. **Associate Professor of Law**, July 1996 – June 2005. **Assistant Professor of Law**, July 1993 – June 1996.

### Courses:

Torts I & II  
Civil Procedure I & II  
Criminal Law (Summer Start Program)  
Capital Punishment (Seminar)  
Disability Law  
Comparative Disability Law (Summer 2011 Lausanne Summer International Law Institute)  
Comparative Products Liability (Summer 2004 Sydney Summer International Law Institute)

**Legal Writing Instructor**, Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, Delaware. July 1990 - June 1993. Also taught a seminar on the First Amendment in the Spring 1993 semester.

**Associate Attorney**, Lord, Bissell, and Brook, Chicago, Illinois. In the General Tort Litigation Department. September 1988 - June 1990.

**Public Interest Law Fellow**, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. Summer 1988.

**Student Works Editor**, South Carolina Law Review. September 1987 - May 1988.

**Law Clerk**, Strasberger and Price, Dallas, Texas. Summer 1987.

**Law Clerk**, Winston and Strawn, Phoenix, Arizona. Summer 1987.

## SCHOLARSHIP

*Kennedy, Kennedy, and the Eighth Amendment: "Still in Search of a Unifying Principle"?*, 73 U. PITT. L. REV. 1127 (2011).

*Impeachment Calls and Death Threats: Assessing Criticisms of the Death Penalty Jurisprudence of Justices Kennedy and O'Connor*, 52 WAYNE L. REV. 1127 (2006).

*Parsing Personal Predilections: A Fresh Look at the Supreme Court's Cruel and Unusual Death Penalty Jurisprudence*, 58 ME. L. REV. 99 (2006).

*A Study in Judicial Sleight of Hand: Did Geier v. American Honda Motor Co. Eradicate the Presumption Against Preemption?*, 17 BYU J. PUB. L. 1 (2002).

*The Pre-emption Presumption That Never Was: Pre-emption Doctrine Swallows the Rule*, 40 ARIZ. L. REV. 1379 (1998).

*A Pro-Death, Self-Fulfilling Constitutional Construct: The Supreme Court's Evolving Standard of Decency for the Death Penalty*, 23 HASTINGS CONST. L.Q. 455 (1996).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

AALS Section on Law and Mental Disability, Secretary, 2015-2018.

Panel Moderator, Widener Law Journal Symposium, *Ruling the Courts: The Future of Local Rules of Civil Procedure in Pennsylvania*, February 2016.

Panel Moderator, Widener Law Journal Symposium, *Perspectives on Mass Tort Litigation*, April 2013.

*A Fresh Look at the United States Supreme Court's Eighth Amendment Death Penalty Jurisprudence*, part of the Research Seminar Series at the University of Technology, Sydney, in Sydney, Australia, July 22, 2004.

Panel Moderator, Widener Law Review Death Penalty Symposium, November 2003.

*Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances, Victim Impact Evidence, and the Eighth Amendment*, Death Penalty 2000 Conference sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union/Foundation of Delaware, October 27, 2000.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

**Illinois**, November 10, 1988. Licensed also to practice before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

## **STUDENT PUBLICATIONS**

Case Survey, *Practice and Procedure: Defendant Not Allowed to Assert Collateral Estoppel Against Stranger to Prior Judgment*, 39 S.C. L. REV. 122 (1987)

Case Survey, *Tort Law: Liability of Information Suppliers Expanded*, 39 S.C. L. REV. 194 (1987).

Case Survey, *Tort Law: Plaintiff Does Not Need to Allege a Sale@ in a Strict Liability Action*, 39 S.C. L. REV. 206 (1987).

## **EDUCATION**

**University of South Carolina School of Law**, Columbia, South Carolina. Juris Doctor Degree, May 1988.  
Rank: Top 7%

### **Honors and Activities:**

- B Order of the Coif.
- B Student Works Editor, South Carolina Law Review, 1987-88.
- B South Carolina Law Review member, 1986-88.
- B American Jurisprudence Award for Contracts II.
- B National Dean=s List.

**University of Maine at Orono**, Orono, Maine. Bachelor of Arts, 1984. Major: International Affairs with a concentration in Political Science. Graduated with High Distinction.

### **Honors and Activities:**

- B Appointed Chief Delegate to the 1984 Harvard National Model United Nations.
- B National Political Science Honor Society.

**Pepperdine University**, Malibu, California. August 1980 - April 1981.