

# Scott Rempell

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## CURRENT POSITION

**South Texas College of Law Houston**  
Houston, TX

*Professor of Law*, August 2016 – present

*Associate Professor of Law*, August 2013 – August 2016

*Assistant Professor of Law*, August 2010 – August 2013

Courses: Legal Research & Writing I, Legal Research & Writing II, Asylum & Refugee Law, Immigration Law

Committees: Curricular Pathways Committee Chair (2014–2016), Curriculum Committee (2011–), Clinical Fellowship Committee (2010–2016), Financial Aid Committee (2010–2011), Program Effectiveness Committee (2016–).

Select Additional Service: Co-designer and Editor of Pathways to Practice, a curricular progression tool designed to help students match course selection with career objectives (<http://pathways.hcl.edu>); Faculty liaison for the HCL Student-Faculty Advisory Program.

## EDUCATION

**American University, Washington College of Law**, Washington, DC  
J.D., May 2006; GPA: 3.70, *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif

Editor-in-Chief, *American University International Law Review*  
David B. Newman Jr. & Kathryn R. Newman Prize for Trial Advocacy

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI  
B.A., April 2001; GPA: 3.52, James B. Angell Scholar, University Honors, Class Honors

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

*Unpublished Decisions and Precedent Shaping: A Case Study of Asylum Claims*, 31 GEORGETOWN IMMIGRATION LAW JOURNAL (forthcoming) (available at [ssrn.com/author=1642152](http://ssrn.com/author=1642152)).

*Credible Fears, Unaccompanied Minors, and the Causes of the Southwestern Border Surge*, 18 CHAPMAN LAW REVIEW 337 (2015) (symposium contribution).

*Asylum Discord: Disparities in Persecution Assessments*, 15 NEVADA LAW JOURNAL 142 (2014).

*Defining Persecution*, 2013 UTAH LAW REVIEW 283.

*Judging the Judges: Appellate Review of Immigration Decisions*, 53 SOUTH TEXAS LAW REVIEW (2012) (symposium contribution).

*The Board of Immigration Appeals' Standard of Review: An Argument for Regulatory Reform*, 63 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW REVIEW 284 (2011).

*Gauging Credibility in Immigration Proceedings: Immaterial Inconsistencies, Demeanor, and the Rule of Reason*, 25 GEORGETOWN IMMIGRATION LAW JOURNAL 377 (2011).

Cited in *United States v. Pickering*, 794 F.3d 802, 805 (7th Cir. 2015).

*Credibility Assessments and the REAL ID Act's Amendments to Immigration Law*, 44 TEXAS INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 185 (2009).

Quoted in *Shrestha v. Holder*, 590 F.3d 1034, 1043 (9th Cir. 2010); *Ren v. Holder*, 648 F.3d 1079, 1086 (9th Cir. 2011); *Singh v. Holder*, 699 F.3d 321, 332 n.13 (4th Cir. 2012); and *Mamane v. Lynch*, No. 15-3128, 637 F. App'x 874, 887 (6th Cir. 2016).

*Privacy, Personal Data, and Subject Access Rights in the European Data Directive and Implementing UK Statute*, 18 FLORIDA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 807 (2006).

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

"Soft Discretion in the Asylum Process," Human Rights Initiative of North Texas Blog, Jan. 23, 2013.

"Credibility and the Asylum Process," ImmigrationProf Blog, Dec. 28, 2012.

*Five Grounds: A Novel* (2012).

"Second Circuit Focuses on Suspension Clause," 11 Immigration Litigation Bulletin, Mar. 2007, at 1.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

"The Future of Legal Education in an ABA World: Creating Learning Objectives Under the New ABA Standards," Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, July 2015.

"Asylum Law and Related Relief," 4th Annual Immigration Symposium, South Texas College of Law/Thurgood Marshall School of Law/University of Houston Law Center, March 2014.

“The Human Face of the Immigration Debate,” Anti-Defamation League/South Texas College of Law, October 2013.

“Persecution Compelled,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, August 2013.

“Ethical Considerations Facing the Judiciary,” Ethical Issues in Immigration Law, Practice, and Policy, South Texas Law Review Symposium, October 2011.

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

Interviewed for NPR radio program “Houston Matters” on the privacy and safety issues surrounding police use of body cameras, December 2014.

Interviewed by Fox News Houston affiliate KRIV on immigration reform, April 2013.

Interviewed by VAN-TV on the naturalization process, how to select a competent immigration attorney, marriage fraud, and rights afforded to immigrant children, November 2011.

Interviewed by ABC News Houston affiliate KTRK on birthright citizenship, January 2011.

### **SELECT PRIOR EXPERIENCE**

**United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, Office of Immigration Litigation**, Washington, DC  
*Appellate Attorney*, November 2006 – June 2010

Author of seventy-five briefs submitted to the United States Courts of Appeals; Presented oral argument in nine cases; Successfully briefed and/or argued several precedential cases concerning matters of first impression (e.g., *Garcia-Villeda v. Mukasey*, 531 F.3d 141 (2d Cir. 2008)); Monitored all procedural matters and filed appropriate motions in approximately two hundred cases in the Second, Fifth, and Ninth Circuits; First-chaired a bench trial in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

**Court of Appeals of Virginia, The Honorable Rosemarie Annunziata**, Fairfax, VA  
*Legal Intern*, June 2005 – November 2005

Conducted research on state and federal law, including bankruptcy matters and rules of evidence; Composed case memoranda and drafted opinions, including a matter of first impression in Virginia.