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**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS:**

**South Texas  
College of Law:**

Vinson & Elkins LLP Research Professor (2013-Present)  
Godwin Ronquillo PC Research Professor (2008-2012)  
Professor of Law (2007-Present)

Associate Professor of Law (2004-2007)  
Assistant Professor of Law (2001-2004)

Courses: Constitutional Law, First Amendment Law, State Constitutional Law,  
Civil Procedure, Texas Trial & Appellate Procedure, Complex Litigation,  
American Constitutional History, Comparative Constitutional Law, and  
International Human Rights

**Baylor University  
School of Law:**

Adjunct Professor (1998-2001)

Courses: Civil Procedure, Remedies, Criminal Law, and Post-Conviction  
Procedure: Sentencing

**BOOKS:**

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS: CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, 3d ed. (Durham, NC: Carolina  
Academic Press 2017) (with Paul E. McGreal and Linda S. Eads).

THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION IN STATE AND NATION: COMPARATIVE STATE  
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW IN THE FEDERAL SYSTEM (Lake Mary, FL: Vandeplas Pub.,  
2014).

SKILLS & VALUES: THE FIRST AMENDMENT, 2d ed. (Newark, NJ: LexisNexis,  
2013) (with Paul E. McGreal).

CASES AND MATERIALS ON CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, 5th ed. (Newark, NJ:  
LexisNexis, 2009) (with yearly supplements in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013)  
(with David Crump, Eugene Gressman, and David Day).

**ARTICLES:**

*Over the Threshold of Constitutional Adjudicative Retroactivity*, 17 NEV. L.J. \_\_\_\_  
(forthcoming 2016).

*A Shifting Equilibrium: Transnational Litigation, Personal Jurisdiction, and the  
Problem of Nonparties*, 19 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 643 (2015) (symposium)  
(with Cassandra Burke Robertson).

*Toward a New Equilibrium in Personal Jurisdiction*, 48 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 207  
(2014) (with Cassandra Burke Robertson).

*The First Amendment Structure for Speakers and Speech*, 44 SETON HALL L.  
REV. 395 (2014).

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*Speech, Subsidies, and Traditions: AID v. AOSI and the First Amendment*, 2012-13 CATO SUP. CT. REV. 363 (2013).

*Nineteenth Century Personal Jurisdiction Doctrine in a Twenty-First Century World*, 64 FLA. L. REV. 387 (2012).

Featured in JURISDICTION AND PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (Patrick J. Borchers, ed., Edward Elgar Pub. 2014).

*What Conservative Constitutional Revolution? Moderating Five Degrees of Judicial Conservatism After Six Years of the Roberts Court*, 64 RUTGERS L. REV. 1 (2011).

*Navigating the Path of the Supreme Appointment*, 38 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 537 (2011).

*Rethinking Personal Jurisdiction over the World-Wide Web*, 52 ADVOC. 53 (2010) (symposium).

*Liberty, Substantive Due Process, and Personal Jurisdiction*, 82 TUL. L. REV. 567 (2007).

*Public Employee Speech Rights Fall Prey to an Emerging Doctrinal Formalism*, 15 WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 1173 (2007).

*Attorneys’ Fees in Common-Fund Class Actions: A View from the Federal Circuits*, 35 ADVOC. 56 (2006) (symposium).

*The Predictability Principle in Personal Jurisdiction Doctrine: A Case Study on the Effects of a “Generally” too Broad, but “Specifically” too Narrow Approach to Minimum Contacts*, 57 BAYLOR L. REV. 135 (2005).

*Clarifying General Jurisdiction*, 34 SETON HALL L. REV. 807 (2004).

*Civil Procedure, Fifth Circuit Survey, June 2001-May 2002*, 34 TEX. TECH L. REV. 571 (2003) (solicited).

*Civil Procedure, Fifth Circuit Survey, June 2000 - May 2001*, 33 TEX. TECH L. REV. 685 (2002) (solicited).

*A Proposal for Interpreting Corresponding United States and Texas Constitutional Guarantees in the New Millennium*, 51 BAYLOR L. REV. 269 (1999) (symposium).

*Demystifying the Extraordinary Writ: Substantive and Procedural Requirements for the Issuance of Mandamus*, 29 ST. MARY’S L.J. 525 (1998) (solicited).

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*Broad Form Submissions and Spencer v. Eagle Star Insurance Company: The Death of the Immaterial Issue*, 46 BAYLOR L. REV. 841 (1994) (symposium).

**CHAPTERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS:**

2015 CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT, JENNIFER FRIESEN, STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: LITIGATING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, CLAIMS, AND DEFENSES (Matthew Bender & Co., 2015) (two volumes) (prior cumulative supplements in 2013 and 2014).

*The Impact of American Lockean Constitutional Theory on Economic Markets*, in SELECTED ESSAYS ON CURRENT LEGAL ISSUES 49 (David A Frenkel & Carsten Gerner-Beuerle eds.) (Athens: ATINER, 2008).

*Civil Liberties under State Constitutions, Modern History*, in 3 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES 1544 (Paul Finkelman ed.) (New York: Routledge, 2006).

*State Constitution, Privacy Provisions*, in 3 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES 1532 (Paul Finkelman ed.) (New York: Routledge, 2006).

**COMMENTARY:**

*State Constitutional First Principles in Challenging the Texas Voter Photo Identification Law*, JURIST – Academic Commentary, Oct. 29, 2014, <http://jurist.org/forum/2014/10/charles-rhodes-texas-voterid.php>.

*Violence, Gamers, and Free Speech: Brown v. Entertainment Merchants Association*, 2012 Emerging Issues 6375 (LexisNexis June 2012).

*Legislative Voting and the Limits of Speech in Nevada Commission on Ethics v. Carrigan*, 2012 Emerging Issues 6374 (LexisNexis June 2012).

*Funeral Mourning and Protesting: Snyder v. Phelps*, 2011 Emerging Issues 6161 (LexisNexis Dec. 2011).

*Balancing Freedom of Speech and National Security in Holder v. Humanitarian Law Project*, 2010 Emerging Issues 5393 (LexisNexis Nov. 2010).

*The Historical Approach to Unprotected Speech and the Quantitative Analysis of Overbreadth in United States v. Stevens*, 2010 Emerging Issues 5227 (LexisNexis July 2010).

*McDonald v. City of Chicago: The Second Amendment Applies to State and Local Governments*, 2010 Emerging Issues 5195 (LexisNexis July 2010).

**ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS:**

Discussant, Towards “Speedy, Fair, and Efficient Justice:” Assessing the New Federal Rules, 2016 Annual Conference, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Amelia Island, Florida, Aug. 2016.

Panel Moderator, Supreme Court Update: Individual Rights, 2016 Annual Conference, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Amelia Island, Florida, Aug. 2016.

Discussant, Civil Procedure Roundtable: Procedural Hurdles and the Day in Court, 2014 Annual Conference, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Amelia Island, Florida, Aug. 2014.

Panel Moderator, Supreme Court Update: Business and Regulatory Issues, 2014 Annual Conference, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Amelia Island, Florida, Aug. 2014.

Discussant, Affirmative Action in the Wake of *Fisher*, Constitutional Law Workshop, 2013 Annual Conference, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, Florida, Aug. 2013.

“The Speaker and the Speech: Dimensions of the First Amendment,” Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Information Society Project at Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, May 2013.

Discussant, Pedagogical Choices and Challenges in Civil Procedure, 2012 Annual Conference, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Amelia Island, Florida, Aug. 2012.

Discussant, The Supreme Court Nomination Process—Is There a Litmus Test for Supreme Court Nominees, 2011 Annual Conference, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Hilton Head, South Carolina, July 2011.

Discussant, Evolution or Revolution? American Civil Procedure in the 21st Century, 2011 Annual Conference, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Hilton Head, South Carolina, July 2011.

Discussant, The Roberts Court and the Future of American Constitutional Law, Constitutional Law Workshop, 2010 Annual Conference, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, Florida, Aug. 2010.

Panelist, Obama, Empathy, and the Constitution, Constitutional Law Workshop, 2010 Annual Conference, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, Florida, July 2010.

Panel Moderator, The Free Exercise Clause, First Amendment Workshop, 2009 Annual Conference, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, Florida, Aug. 2009.

Featured Panelist (with Ilya Shapiro, Cato Institute), Originalism and the Second Amendment, The Federalist Society, South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas, Feb. 2009.

Featured Panelist (with Professor Lino A. Graglia), The U.S. Constitution: The Presidency, Wiley Lecture Series at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, Sept. 2007.

“The Impact of American Lockean Constitutional Theory on Economic Markets,” 4th International Conference on Law, Athens, Greece, July 2007.

“In Search of Specificity for General Jurisdiction,” Young Scholars Workshop, 2002 Annual Conference, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Kiawah, South Carolina, July 2002.

**BAR AND CLE  
PRESENTATIONS:**

“A Most Unusual Year: The Supreme Court’s 2015-2016 Term,” Federal Bar Association for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, Aug. 2016.

“United States Supreme Court Update: The 2014-2015 Term,” Federal Bar Association for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, July 2015.

Panelist, Originalism v. Organic Approach: Exploring the Constitutional Divide, Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court, Houston, Texas, Jan. 2015.

“A Backward Glance: The Supreme Court’s 2013-14 Term,” Federal Bar Association for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, Aug. 2014.

“Trends and Highlights from the Supreme Court’s 2012-13 Term,” Federal Bar Association for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, July 2013.

Panelist, Equal Protection under the Law and the Redefinition of Marriage, Gulf Coast Family Law Specialists, Houston, Texas, April 2013.

“The 2011-12 Term of the Supreme Court: Notable Decisions and Discernible Trends,” Federal Bar Association for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, Sept. 2012.

“The October 2010 Supreme Court Term in Review,” Federal Bar Association for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, Aug. 2011.

Panelist, Greg Coleman Memorial Supreme Court Term in Review, The Federalist Society, Houston Lawyers Chapter, Houston, Texas, July 2011.

Panelist, Will Social Media Re-write Traditional Venue Law?, Reynolds National Center for Courts and Media Winter Regional Conference, Houston, Texas, Jan. 2011.

Panelist, Speaking Freely, Living Securely: An Update on Freedom of Speech in the Post-9/11 Era, American Bar Association Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities Fall Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, Oct. 2010.

“Supreme Court Update: Significant Cases Decided by the Court during the October 2009 Term,” Federal Bar Association for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, Aug. 2010.

“The Many Faces of Sovereign Immunity,” Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court, Houston, Texas, Nov. 2009.

“The October 2008 Term of the Supreme Court: Significant Released and Forthcoming Decisions and the Nomination of Judge Sotomayor,” Federal Bar Association for the Southern District of Texas, Houston, Texas, June 2009.

“Public Displays of Religious Imagery and Symbols,” Separation of Church & State—Why? (Austin: Texas Lyceum Public Conference Journal, July 2007).

Panelist, The Constitutional Convention of 1787, Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court, Houston, Texas, Dec. 2003.

Panelist, Religion v. The Constitution, Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court, Houston, Texas, Nov. 2002.

“Strategies for Persuasive Briefwriting,” Civil Appellate Practice Seminar (Austin: Travis County Bar Association, 2000).

“Mandamus Practice in the Supreme Court of Texas,” Appellate Practice: A Practical Skills Course (Austin: State Bar of Texas, 1998).

“Mandamus in the Texas Supreme Court: Tips and Internal Procedures,” 11th Annual Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course (Austin: State Bar of Texas, 1997).

“Challenging the Damage Award on Appeal,” Damage Control Institute (Houston, TX: Houston Bar Association, 1997).

**CIVIC  
PRESENTATIONS:**

“Lincoln’s Dilemma: Civil Liberties and Constitutional Crisis,” Harris County Public Library Exhibition of Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War, Cypress, Texas, Feb. 2012.

Featured Speaker, The Reconstruction Amendments, Houston Great Books Council July 4<sup>th</sup> Event, Houston, Texas, July 2011.

“The Supreme Court: How It Was, How It Is,” The Windsor Club, Houston, Texas, Oct. 2010.

“How the Supreme Court’s Recent Decisions Impact Us,” Bellaire Rotary Club, Houston, Texas, Sept. 2010.

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Featured Speaker, Article III of the Constitution, Houston Great Books Council July 4<sup>th</sup> Event, Houston, Texas, July 2009.

Presenter and Advocate’s Role as John W. Davis, Re-enactment of Final Oral Arguments in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 50th Anniversary of *Brown v. Board*, Houston Bar Association, Houston, Texas, May 2004.

“War and Constitutional Liberties,” Houston Rotary Club, Houston, Texas, April 2004.

**MEDIA  
COMMENTARY:**

Interviewed in over 325 media stories on various constitutional and procedural issues, including interviews on CNN, NPR’s Morning Edition, BBC Radio’s World Business News, NPR’s Day to Day, Bloomberg Radio, and newspapers and magazines nationwide, such as the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *ABA Journal*, *Dallas Morning News*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *American Lawyer*, *Washington Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Washington Examiner*, and *Houston Chronicle*.

**MEMBERSHIPS  
AND HONORS:**

Board Certified, Civil Appellate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization  
Charter Life Member, Baylor Law Review Association  
Master of the Bench, Garland Walker American Inn of Court  
National Eagle Scout Association  
Member of the State Bar of Texas, the Houston Bar Association, and the American Bar Association

**EDUCATION:**

***Baylor University School of Law*** (1989-1992)

J. D., *cum laude* (graduated in top 1.5%)

Honors: Editor-in-Chief of *Baylor Law Review*

President’s Award as Outstanding 3L

Order of the Barristers

***Baylor University*** (1986-1990)

B.B.A., *summa cum laude* (graduated in top 2%)

Honors: National Merit Scholar

Beta Gamma Sigma and Beta Alpha Psi honorary fraternities

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**PROFESSIONAL  
HISTORY:**

***Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP***, Austin, Texas (1998-2001)

Senior Counsel in the Appellate Practice Group of the Litigation Section. Argued several cases before the Texas Supreme Court and Texas appellate courts, briefed numerous federal and state appeals, and consulted with litigators on trial procedure in complex cases in state and federal court.

***The Supreme Court of Texas***, Austin, Texas (1996-1998)

Staff Attorney for Justice Greg Abbott. Assisted in preparing Justice Abbott’s written opinions, supervised briefing attorneys and interns, and prepared memoranda on mandamus and other extraordinary proceedings for the Court.

***Liddell, Sapp, Zivley, Hill & LaBoon, L.L.P.***, Dallas, Texas (1993-1996)

Associate in Litigation Section. Practice focused on commercial and complex litigation, labor and employment litigation, and appellate law.

***The Supreme Court of Texas***, Austin, Texas (1992-1993)

Briefing Attorney for Justice Raul A. Gonzalez. Assisted in preparing opinions and drafted research memoranda for the Court.