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Academic Experience

Professor, South Texas College of Law Houston (STCL Houston), 2007 to present

- Courses: Legal Research and Writing, Texas Criminal Procedure, & Criminal Litigation Drafting
- Professorships: Harry & Helen Hutchens Research Professorship, 2015-2019
- Awards: AALS Teach of the Year for STCL Houston, 2019

Visiting Professor, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland, 2011

- Course: International Responses to Human Trafficking

Books

TEXAS CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (2nd ed., Wolters Kluwer 2019).

TEXAS CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (1st ed., Wolters Kluwer 2017).

Scholarship

Why the Supreme Court's Fourth Amendment Analysis Must Prevail Over the Causation Doctrine in § 1983 Cases, ____ PEPP. L. REV. ____ (2020).

Mass Arrests and the Particularized Probable Cause Requirement, 60 B.C. L. REV. 217 (2019).

Reconsidering Federal and State Obstacles to Human Trafficking Victim Status and Entitlements, 2016 UTAH L. REV. 535 (2016).

Improving Insanity Aftercare, 42 MITCHELL HAMLINE L. REV. 564 (2016) (with Indira Azizi Lex).

New Frontiers for Conditional Release, 34 BEHAV. SCI. & L. 407 (2016) (co-authored) (peer edited).

Modern Prostitution Legal Reform and the Return of Volitional Consent, 3 VA. J. CRIM. L. 1 (2015).

Disparate Protections for American Human Trafficking Victims, 61 CLEV. ST. L. REV. 1 (2013).

Resource Problem Solving in Therapeutic Courts, 2 MENTAL HEALTH L. & POLICY J. 117 (2013).

Lawyers Who Break the Law: What Congress Can Do to Prevent Mental Health Patient Advocates from Violating Federal Legislation, 89 OR. L. REV. 133 (2010).

The Meaning, Measure, and Misuse of Standards of Review, 13 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 233 (2009).

Thirty-One Years in the Making: Why the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals' New Single-Method Approach to Lesser-Included Offense Analysis is a Step in the Right Direction, 60 BAYLOR L. REV. 231 (2008).

An Analysis of Texas Capital Sentencing Procedure: Is Texas Denying Its Capital Defendants Due Process by Keeping Jurors Uninformed of Parole Eligibility?, 29 TEXAS TECH L. REV. 1111 (1998).

Amicus Briefs

Amicus Brief for Petitioner in *Torres v. Madrid*, No. 19-292, which is currently before the United States Supreme Court (2020) (with Fourth Amendment Scholars). Oral arguments are set for October of 2020.

Amicus Brief in *Beltran Leyva v. United States*, No. 19-5796 before the Supreme Court (2019) (with The Due Process Institute), cert. denied.

Amicus Brief for Petitioner *Eric Hillman v. Nueces County*, 2018 WL 5279550 (Tex. 2018) (with the Cato Institute, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Due Process Institute, Law Enforcement Action Partnership and Texas Criminal Law Scholars).

Amicus Brief for Plaintiffs *Heidi Gilbert, Amber Means, Mandy Meloon, Gabriela Joslin, & Kay Poe v. United States Olympic Committee, USA Taekwondo, U.S. Center for Safesport, Steven Lopez, & Jean Lopez, Defendants*, Civil Action No. 18-cv-00981-CMA-MEH (D. Colo. 2018) (with Nancy Levit, Bridgette Carr, Jesse Fishman, Leigh Goodmark, and Claire Hunter).

Amicus Brief for Petitioner, *Bennie v. Munn*, 137 S. Ct. 812 (2017) (No. 16-452), 2016 WL 6609823 (with Eugene Volokh, Jonas Anderson, S. Alan Childress, Joshua B. Fischman, Steven Morrison, Max Schanzenbach, Steven Semeraro, and Ned Snow).

Presentations

Publishing Law School Text Books, 2020 Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Arizona Law School, Tucson, AZ (March 13, 2020) – presentation accepted but conference cancelled due to Covid-19.

New Frontiers for Conditional Release, International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Prague, Czech Republic (July 13, 2017).

Rethinking Conditional Release After an Insanity Acquittal, *Mental Health Law Symposium*, Texas Tech Law School, Lubbock, Texas (November 18, 2016).

Legal Writing without Borders: How to Cultivate Your Second Teaching and Research Subject, 2016 Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Portland, Oregon (July 10, 2016).

Improving Insanity Aftercare, Therapeutic Jurisprudence, Invited Participant, Suffolk Law School, Boston, Massachusetts (September 25, 2015).

The Legal Success and Therapeutic Failure of American Sex Trafficking Laws, International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Vienna, Austria (July 16, 2015).

Ethical Consideration in Human Trafficking Cases, Just Ethics CLE, Houston College of Law, Houston, Texas (May 9, 2014).

Mental Health Courts, The Study and Practice of Law In A Therapeutic Key: An Introduction to Therapeutic Jurisprudence, Invited Participant, Suffolk Law School, Boston, Massachusetts (April 11, 2014).

American Legal Writing & Research, Ocean University Law School, Qingdao, Shandong Province, China (May 14, 2013).

Therapeutic Court Troubleshooting, New Voices in Mental Health and Drug Courts Symposium, Invited Participant, University of Memphis Law School, Memphis, Tennessee (October 19, 2013).

Public Biases and Perceptions of Human Trafficking Victims, Just Rights, University of Saskatchewan Law School, Saskatoon, Canada (September 24, 2012).

Disparate Protections for American Human Trafficking Victims, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Conference, Amelia Island, Florida (July 30, 2012).

What Readers Want and How to Make Writers Care, 2012 Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Palm Desert, California (June 1, 2012).

Teaching Standards of Review More Effectively: Giving Students Context through Standard of Review Policy and History, 9th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University (March 13-14, 2009).

Embezzlement, White Collar Practice for the Business Lawyer and In-house Counsel, Houston College of Law (August 2008).

Legal Practice Experience

Criminal Defense Attorney, Houston, Texas, 2007-2010

- Worked on numerous misdemeanor and felony cases at the trial level. Authored five appellate briefs before the Courts of Appeals in Houston, and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin.

Harris County District Attorney's Office, Houston, Texas, 1999-2007

- Authored 177 appellate briefs to various courts of appeals and to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, argued before appellate courts, researched extensively, examined appellate records and briefs from opposing counsel, and counseled trial attorneys. Handled thousands of criminal cases, litigated numerous bench trials and 40 jury trials, participated in extensive negotiations with opposing counsel, and supervised attorneys as Chief of various misdemeanor courts. Wrote arrest warrants, replies to motions to suppress, replies to motions for new trial, affidavits, and informal legal memorandum.

Education

Texas Tech School of Law, Lubbock, Texas, J.D., 1999.

Activities: Law Review Member and Student Casenote Editor; Legal Research Board Member

Awards: Outstanding Law Review Editor Award; LRW CALI Award

Internships: Federal Public Defender's Office, Dallas County District Attorney's Office, and Lubbock County District Attorney's Office.

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, B.A., 1996.

Major: English with a Specialization in Technical Writing

Minor: Communications

Awards: Dean's List for Academic Achievement

Extra-Curricular Organizations & Leadership:

Baptist Student Ministries – Student Bible Study Leader 1994-95; Summer Missionary to Estonia 1995, and President 1995-96.

Women's Service Organization – Pledge Class President 1992; Service Project Coordinator 1993-94; Pledge Trainer 1994.