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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

South Texas College of Law Houston, Houston, TX

Professor of Law
Summer 2007-

Associate Professor of Law
Fall 2004-Spring 2007

Assistant Professor of Law
Fall 2001-Spring 2004

Assistant Professor of Legal Writing
Fall 1996-Summer 2001

Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Writing
Fall 1995-Spring 1996
Fall 1989-Summer 1990

Adjunct Professor
Summer 1989, Fall 1990, Spring 1991

Courses Taught: American Legal History, American Legal Profession, Asian Americans and the Law, Consumer Transactions, Internet Legal Research, Legal Research & Writing I & II, Practice of Consumer Law, Texas Pretrial Procedure, Texas Trial & Appellate Procedure, Torts I & II

Faculty of Law
University of Latvia
Riga, Latvia

Lecturer, U.S. Law Summer School
Summer 2015

Course Taught:
American Legal History

Fulbright Scholar
Spring 2011

Courses Taught: American Legal History, Comparative Consumer Law

College of Law
National Taiwan University
Taipei, Taiwan

Fulbright Scholar
Fall 2005

Courses Taught: The Chinese in America: A Legal History, Comparative
Consumer Law (with Professor Jan Sheng-lin)

University of Houston Law Center
Houston, Texas

Adjunct Professor
Fall 1993 (with Professor Craig Joyce), Spring 1999

Course Taught: American Legal History

William Mitchell College of Law
St. Paul, Minnesota

Adjunct Professor
Winter 2000, Spring 2000, Winter 2001, Summer 2001

Course Taught: Internet Legal Research (with Professor Robert Oliphant)

Adult Reading Center
Pearland, Texas

Citizenship Class Instructor
Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2010

EDUCATION

University of Houston (Ph.D. in History 1993)
Dissertation: Abraham Lincoln and the Antebellum Legal Profession
Murry A. Miller Scholarship, 1992
Graduate Student Research Grant, 1991

University of Houston (J.D. 1982)

University of Texas (B.A. with Special Honors in History 1978)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

LINCOLN AND CITIZENSHIP

(under contract, Southern Illinois University Press)

AN HONEST CALLING: THE LAW PRACTICE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(Northern Illinois University Press, 2006)

- Award of Superior Achievement, Illinois State Historical Society
- “Best of the Best from the University Presses for 2007,” American Association of University Presses

Book Chapters

Lincoln and Citizenship, in LINCOLN AND LEADERSHIP (Charles Hubbard, ed., Southern Illinois University Press 2015)

Legal Profession, in A COMPANION TO AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY (Alfred L. Brophy & Sally Hadden, eds., Blackwell Publishing 2013)

Does Lawyer Lincoln Matter?, in ABRAHAM LINCOLN, ESQ.: THE LEGAL CAREER OF AMERICA’S GREATEST PRESIDENT (Roger Billings & Frank J. Williams, eds. 2010)

Academic Journal Articles

Inclusion and Exclusion in American Legal History, 23 ASIAN AMERICAN LAW JOURNAL 69 (2016)

Abraham Lincoln and the Rule of Law Books, 93 MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW 1283 (2010)

“The Sober Judgement of Courts: Lincoln, Lawyers, and the Rule of Law,” 36 NORTHERN KENTUCKY LAW REVIEW 279 (2009)

Judging Judges, 48 SOUTH TEXAS LAW REVIEW 1096 (2007)

Cram Schooled, 24 WISCONSIN INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 377 (2006)

General Catalogue of Law Books, Alphabetically Classified by Subjects (1859), 17 LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES QUARTERLY 47 (1999)

The Secret History of Proprietary Legal Education: The Case of the Houston Law School, 47 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 341 (1997)

The New Jersey Radium Dial Workers and the Dynamics of Occupational Health Litigation, 60 MISSOURI LAW REVIEW 281 (1997)(with Kenneth De Ville)

Learning from Lincoln: Lawyers and Legal Change in Antebellum America, 74
UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY LAW REVIEW 427 (1997)

Abolitionists and Escaped Slaves in Jacksonville, 89 ILLINOIS HISTORICAL JOURNAL 213
(1996)

The Lawyer as Peacemaker: Law and Community in Abraham Lincoln's Slander Cases, 17
JOURNAL OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN ASSOCIATION 1 (1995)

The Empire Strikes Back: A Postscript to "Heroes of the Revolution," 4 SCRIBES
JOURNAL OF LEGAL WRITING 133 (1993)

Abraham Lincoln's Continuing Legal Education, 95 LINCOLN HERALD 11 (Spring 1993)

Heroes of the Revolution: Henry Dwight Sedgwick and Timothy Walker, 3 SCRIBES
JOURNAL OF LEGAL WRITING 43 (1992)

"An Intent to Terrify": State Antitrust in the Formative Years of the Modern Oil Industry,
29 WASHBURN LAW JOURNAL 270 (1990)(with Joseph A. Pratt)

"If We Don't Do Anything But Give an Annual Dinner": The Early History of the
Houston Bar Association, 11 HOUSTON REVIEW 95 (1989)

The Container as Customary Freight Unit: Round Two of the Container Debate, 24
SOUTH TEXAS LAW JOURNAL 513 (1983)(with R. M. Sharpe, Jr.)

Bar Journal Articles

Will El Apple Today Keep Attorney's Fees Away?, 19 JOURNAL OF CONSUMER AND
COMMERCIAL LAW 114 (2016)

Abe Lincoln, Esq.: A Docket that Reflects Then and Now, 95 ABA JOURNAL 39 (Feb.
2009)

Does Lawyer Lincoln Matter? 70 TEXAS BAR JOURNAL 784 (Feb. 2009)

Abraham Lincoln and the Lawyer as Peacemaker, 24 THE BENCHER 20 (Jan./Feb. 2009)

Internet Resources for Texas Criminal Lawyers, 70 TEXAS BAR JOURNAL 784 (Oct. 2007)

Without Precedent: The Use of Footnotes in Judicial Opinions, 12 APPELLATE ADVOCATE
3 (September 1999)

Not Fade Away: The Continuing Relevance of "Writ Refused" Opinions, 12 APPELLATE
ADVOCATE 3 (February 1999)

Abraham Lincoln, Appellate Lawyer, 7 APPELLATE ADVOCATE 13 (January 1995)

Grit Your Teeth and Cite It: The Duty to Disclose Adverse Authority, 5 APPELLATE LAWYER 3 (Winter 1998-99)

The Writ Stuff: Why Prayers for Mandamus Relief Go Unanswered, 2 APPELLATE ADVOCATE 8 (Winter 1989)

Texas Civil Appellate Update, APPELLATE ADVOCATE (regular feature in quarterly report of Appellate Practice and Advocacy Section of the State Bar of Texas, Spring 1988-Spring 1991)

Encyclopedia Entries

James Addison Baker, in YALE BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN LAW (Yale University Press 2009)

The Slaughter-House Cases, ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (MacMillan Reference 2008)

Book Reviews

Review-Essay, Lawyer Lincoln, Case by Case, 37 JOURNAL OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN ASSOCIATION (forthcoming)

Book Review, DOUGLAS L. WILSON & RODNEY O. DAVIS, EDs., HERNDON ON LINCOLN: LETTERS, 82 JOURNAL OF SOUTHERN HISTORY (forthcoming)

Book Review, MARGARET A. LEARY, GIVING IT ALL AWAY: THE STORY OF WILLIAM W. COOK AND HIS MICHIGAN LAW QUADRANGLE, 39 MICHIGAN HISTORICAL REVIEW 146 (Spring 2013)

Book Review, ERIC FONER, ED., OUR LINCOLN: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON LINCOLN AND HIS WORLD, 52 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LEGAL HISTORY 234 (2012)

Book Review, STEPHEN C. NEFF, JUSTICE IN BLUE AND GRAY: A LEGAL HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR, 116 AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW 177 (2011)

Book Review, BRIAN MCGINTY, LINCOLN AND THE COURT, 114 AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW 1460 (2010)

Book Review, LINCOLN REVISITED (John Y. Simon, et al., eds.), 107 REGISTER OF THE KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 110 (2009)

Book Review, WILLIAM C. HARRIS, LINCOLN'S RISE TO THE PRESIDENCY, 105 INDIANA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY 395 (2009)

Book Review, BRIAN DIRCK, LINCOLN THE LAWYER, 26 LAW & HISTORY REVIEW 754 (2008)

Book Review, JAMES SIMON, LINCOLN AND CHIEF JUSTICE TANEY: SLAVERY, SECESSION, AND THE PRESIDENT'S WAR POWERS, CIVIL WAR BOOK REVIEW (Spring 2007)

PEER REVIEW/OUTSIDE READER

Journal of Illinois History (2014), Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association (2010), Law & History Review (2016), Ohio University Press (2006), Southern Illinois University Press (2011, 2016), University of North Carolina Press (2008)

PRESENTATIONS

Practical Effects of El Apple, 12th Annual Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Course, State Bar of Texas, Austin, TX (Sept. 16, 2016)(moderator and author of paper)

Wrongful Debt Collection Update, Consumer and Commercial Law Section, State Bar of Texas, Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX (June 17, 2016)

Bad Advice for Collection Lawyers, Collections and Creditor's Rights Course, State Bar of Texas, Dallas, TX (May 6, 2015)(with Rich Tomlinson)

Getting a Second Bite of El Apple: Recent Developments in Attorney's Fees Recovery, Houston Bar Association Commercial & Consumer Law Section Meeting (Jan. 2016)

"My Fellow Citizens": Lincoln and Citizenship, R. Gerald McMurtry Lecture, Lincoln Memorial University, Knoxville, TN (Nov. 5, 2015)

Will El Apple Today Keep Attorneys Fees Away? Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Course, State Bar of Texas, Austin, TX (Sept. 25, 2015)

Will El Apple Today Keep Attorneys Fees Away? Consumer and Commercial Law Section, State Bar of Texas, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (June 19, 2015)

Developments Under the FDCPA and TDCA, Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Course, State Bar of Texas (Sept. 12, 2014)

Wrongful Debt Collection Update, Consumer and Commercial Law Section, State Bar of Texas, Annual Meeting, Austin, TX (June 27, 2014)

Lincoln and Citizenship, Faculty Presentation, St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, TX (Feb. 10, 2014)

Lincoln, Immigration, and Citizenship, Faculty Development & Exchange Series, Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX (Oct. 30, 2013)

Debt Collection Update, Houston Bar Association Commercial & Consumer Law Section Meeting (Oct. 9, 2013)

FDCPA/TDCA Update: Even More Good News for Lawyers who Love Bad News, Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Course, State Bar of Texas, Houston, TX (Aug. 23, 2013)

Suing and Defending under the Texas Debt Collection Act, Consumer and Commercial Law Section, State Bar of Texas, Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX (June 21, 2013)

Panelist, Did Lincoln Practice Law the Way He Practiced Politics? 39th ABA National Conference on Professional Responsibility, San Antonio, TX (May 31, 2013)

FDCPA/TDCA Update: Good News for Lawyers who Love Bad News, Fifth Annual Suing, Defending, and Negotiating with Financial Institutions Course, State Bar of Texas, Dallas, TX (Feb. 8, 2013)

FDCPA/TDCA Update, Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Course, State Bar of Texas, Dallas, TX (Aug. 17, 2012)

Suing and Defending under the Texas Debt Collection Act, Consumer and Commercial Law Section, State Bar of Texas, Annual Meeting, Houston, TX (June 15, 2012)

Abraham Lincoln and the Rule of Law Books, Legacies of Lincoln Symposium, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI (Oct. 2, 2009)

A Legacy of Liberty: Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial

- Annual Law Day Gala, Hidalgo County Bar Association, Edinburg, TX (May 7, 2009)
- Annual Law Day Luncheon, Houston Young Lawyers Association (May 1, 2009)
- Annual Law Day Luncheon, Galveston County Young Lawyers Association (April 30, 2009)

Has the Lawyer Lincoln Theme Been Exhausted? Illinois State Historical Society Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, IL (March 28, 2009)

Lincoln and the Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL (March 20, 2009)

Abraham Lincoln the Lawyer: Ethical Issues Raised by Lincoln's Law Practice, Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, DE (Feb. 23, 2009)

What We Still Can Learn from Lincoln the Lawyer, ABA Connection Teleconference, American Bar Association, Chicago, IL (Feb. 18, 2009)

The Ethics of Lincoln the Lawyer, Clifford Law Firm Webinar, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Springfield, IL (Feb. 10, 2009)

Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL (Feb. 11, 2009)

Lincoln's Law Practice, Looking for Lincoln Workshop, HoustonPBS/ Channel 8 (Jan. 15, 2009)

Hate Crimes,

- College Leadership Day, Rice University Vietnamese Student Association (Oct. 18, 2008)
- Advocacy & Legal Issues Day, Organization of Chinese-Americans—Greater Houston (Oct. 11, 2008)
- Houston Community College West Loop Campus (Oct. 10, 2008)

The Sober Judgement of Courts: Lincoln, Lawyers, and the Rule of Law, Lincoln: The Lawyer Symposium, Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University (Oct. 4, 2008)

The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln, Texas Supreme Court Historical Society, John Hemphill Dinner, Austin, TX (May 30, 2008)

The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln, Lone Star College-North Harris (Feb. 12, 2008)

Commentator, Lincoln's Writing in his Law Practice Symposium, Scribes: The American Society of Legal Writers & Legal History Committee of the New York City Bar, New York, NY (Jan. 3, 2008)

Panelist, Lincoln and the Law, Twelfth Annual Lincoln Forum Symposium, Gettysburg, PA (Nov. 18, 2007)

The Sober Judgement of Courts: Lincoln, Lawyers, and the Rule of Law, 2007 Lincoln Legacy Lecture, University of Illinois at Springfield (Oct. 4, 2007)

The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln, Latest in Lincoln Scholarship Tenth Annual Symposium, Abraham Lincoln Institute, National Archives II, College Park, MD (March 24, 2007)

Panelist, Lincoln Authors Panel Discussion, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Springfield, IL (Feb. 10, 2007)

Internet Legal Resources in English, Shandong University—Weihai Branch, Weihai, China (Dec. 12, 14, 2006)

Teaching in Taiwan, Houston/South East Texas Fulbright Alumni Association Chapter (Dec. 8, 2006)

Commentator, Judicial Ethics Panel, Roscoe Pound Symposium, South Texas College of Law (Nov. 9, 2006)

Hate Crimes, Legal Issues Day, Organization of Chinese Americans—Greater Houston (Oct. 14, 2006)

Not Just Black and White: Chinese Immigrants and American Law, Department of Financial and Economic Law, Chung Yuan Christian University, Chung Li, Taiwan (Jan. 11, 2006)

Abraham Lincoln's Law Practice, College of Law, Soochow University, Taipei, Taiwan (Dec. 17, 2006)

The Changing Image of Abraham Lincoln, Graduate Institute of American Studies, Tamkang University, Tamsui, Taiwan (Dec. 20, 2005)

Consumer Choice and American Competition and Consumer Protection Law,

- College of Law, Fu Jen Catholic University, Hsinchuang, Taiwan (Dec. 7, 2005)
- Competition Policy Information Center, Fair Trade Commission, Executive Yuan, Taipei, Taiwan (Nov. 22, 2005)
- College of Law, National Taipei University, Taipei, Taiwan (Nov. 14, 2005) Speech reprinted in 9 COMPETITION POLICY NEWSLETTER 1 (Dec. 31, 2005), Competition Policy Information & Research Center, Fair Trade Commission, Executive Yuan, Taiwan

Internet Resources for Labor and Employment Lawyers, Labor and Employment Law Section, State Bar of Texas, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (June 25, 2004)

Legal Research Implications of the TRAP Amendments, Conference on State and Federal Appeals, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX (June 6, 2003)(paper only)

Researching Your Case, Civil Appellate Law for Trial Practitioners, South Texas College of Law (Dec. 6, 2002)

Lone Stare Decisis: Ethics and Authority in Texas Courts, Civil Appeals for Trial Lawyers, South Texas College of Law (Dec. 7, 2001)

Footnotes, Citations, Footnoting Citations, and Citing Footnotes, Judicial Section Annual Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Houston, TX (Sept. 24, 2001)

The Internet for Appellate Lawyers, 11th Annual Conference on State and Federal Appeals, University of Texas, Austin, TX (May 11, 2001)

Evidence Update, Advanced Civil Trial Course, South Texas College of Law (Feb. 23, 2001)

Internet Legal Research Lab for Trial and Appellate Lawyers, Civil Appellate Law Course for Trial Practitioners, South Texas College of Law (Dec. 3, 2000)

Lone Stare Decisis: Ethics and Authority in Texas Courts, Civil Appellate Law Course for Trial Practitioners, South Texas College of Law (Dec. 3, 2000)

Internet Legal Research, Second Annual General Practice Institute, Legal Assistants Division, State Bar of Texas, Houston, TX (Oct. 27, 2000)

Stuck in the Middle: The Texas Courts of Appeal in the New Millennium, Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course, State Bar of Texas, Dallas, TX (Sept. 15, 2000)

Cites for Sore Eyes: Authority in Federal Courts, Federal Practice Seminar, Federal Bar Association, South Texas Chapter, Houston (Sept. 14, 2000)(paper co-author Karlene Dunn)

Evidence Update, Advanced Civil Trial Course, State Bar of Texas,

- Houston, TX (Aug. 30, 2000)
- San Antonio, TX (Sept. 27, 2000)
- Dallas, TX (Nov. 1, 2000)

Authority in Texas Courts, Court Attorney Training Video, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section (Aug. 2000)

Internet Legal Research Lab, What You Need to Know to Make Technology and the Internet Work for Your Law Practice, South Texas College of Law (Aug. 4, 2000)

The Internet for Litigators, Woodard, Hall, & Primm, Houston, TX (June 30, 2000)

How the Internet Can Help You Increase Productivity, Have More Fun, Lose Weight, and Feel Better about Yourself, Legal Secretaries of Texas Annual Meeting, Lake Conroe, TX (June 9, 2000)

Panelist, Appellate Ethics: A Report from the Front Lines, Houston Bar Association Appellate Section Meeting (May 26, 2000)

The Houston Courts of Appeals in the New Millennium, Appellate Bench Bar Conference, Houston Bar Association (April 7, 2000)

Cites for Sore Eyes: Authority in Texas Courts, Fear and Loathing on Appeal, South Texas College of Law (Dec. 2, 1999)

Internet Legal Research for Appellate Lawyers, Houston Bar Association Appellate Section Meeting (Oct. 27, 1999)

Internet Legal Research Lab, What You Need to Know to Make Technology and the Internet Work for Your Law Practice, South Texas College of Law (Oct. 20, 1999)

The Use and Abuse of Authority, Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course, State Bar of Texas, Houston, TX (Oct. 8, 1999)

Internet Legal Research, Exxon Law Department, Houston, TX (Sept. 17, 1999)

The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln Institute of the Mid-Atlantic Annual Symposium, National Archives, Washington, D.C. (March 29, 1999)

Commentator, Electing Judges in Texas: From Reconstruction to the Reagan Era, Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX (March 2, 1999)

Using Authority in Texas Courts, Civil Appellate Law Course for Trial Lawyers, South Texas College of Law (Dec. 3, 1998)

Advanced Search Strategies, Exploring New Frontiers: How to Make Technology and the Internet Work for Your Law Practice, South Texas College of Law (Oct. 23, 1998)

The Unheroic Mr. Lincoln?: In the Matter of Jane, a Woman of Color Reconsidered, Twenty-Fourth Annual Abraham Lincoln Symposium, Springfield, IL (Feb. 12, 1997)

Slander in Antebellum Illinois: Honor, Insult, and the Small Politics of Everyday Life, Law & Society Association 1995 Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada (June 1, 1995)

Abraham Lincoln, Appellate Lawyer, Houston Bar Association, Appellate Section Meeting (June 29, 1994)

The New Jersey Radium Dial Workers and the Dynamics of Occupational Health Litigation in the Early Twentieth Century, American Society for Legal History 1992 Program, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (Oct. 31, 1992)

Out of Cite, Out of Mind: An Overview of Legal Citation Style, Mystery-Solving Legal Education Seminar, Greater Houston Legal Secretaries Association (July 20, 1991)

Appellate Case Update, Houston Bar Association, Appellate Section Meeting (Jan. 30, 1991)

Standards of Review in Texas Civil Cases, Southeast Texas Appellate Law Seminar, Beaumont, TX (Jefferson County Bar Association, March 31, 1989)

Anti-Smoking in Houston: A Legal History, Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Houston, TX (March 25, 1988)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

State Bar of Texas, Pro Bono College (Member, 2014, 2015)

State Bar of Texas, Consumer and Commercial Law Section (Member, Council 2014-2016)

State Bar of Texas, Appellate Practice Section (Member, Council 1999-2002); Continuing Legal Education Committee, 1988-89; Heritage Committee, 1997-1998, 1998-1999 (co-chair); Program Committee, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-1992, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1999-2000; Publications Committee, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-1992 (Associate Editor, Appellate Advocate); Website Committee, 1999-2000 2000-2001 (chair), 2001-2002 (co-chair), 2002-2003 (co-chair); 2007-2008 (co-chair)

State Bar of Texas, Standing Committee on History and Traditions of the Bar, 1989-92; Special Committee on Plain Language, 1991-92, 1992-1993

Houston Bar Association, Consumer Task Force, Chair, 2013-2014, Member, 2012-13; Appellate Practice Section, Member, Board of Directors, 1991-92; Historical Committee 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91

Latvijas Universitātes Žurnāls: Juridiskā zinātne (Law Journal of the University of Latvia), Member, Editorial Board (2016)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Neighborhood Centers, Inc., Immigration Advisory Committee, Chair, 2015-2016; V.O.I.C.E. (Volunteers Organizing in Community Engagement) Council, Member, 2015-2016

Organization for Chinese Americans—Greater Houston, Vice-President, 2007-2009; Board of Directors, 2006-2007, 2007-2009

People's Law School, University of Houston Law Center, Lecturer on Consumer Law April 4, 2015, October 3, 2015, April 2, 2016, October 1, 2016

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PERSONAL

Born, April 30, 1955, New Orleans, Louisiana

Spouse: Lee Helmers; children: twins Emma and Hannah