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Academic Experience

South Texas College of Law Houston, 2007 to present

- Courses
 - Legal Research & Writing I and II
 - Texas Criminal Procedure
 - Criminal Litigation Drafting (co-taught with Prof. Njeri Mathis Rutledge)
 - Negotiation Skills for Criminal Practitioners (co-taught with Dean Cathy Burnett)
- Research Professorships
 - Godwin Lewis PC Research Professor, 2020-2024
 - Harry & Helen Hutchens Research Professor, 2015-2019
- Awards
 - Scholarship Faculty Excellence Award, 2021-22
 - Teaching Faculty Excellence Award, 2019-20
 - AALS Teacher of the Year for South Texas, 2018-19
- Faculty Co-Sponsor for the following Student Organizations
 - South Texas Law Review
 - Christian Legal Society
 - Criminal Law Society

National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland, 2011

- Visiting Professor
- Course: International Responses to Human Trafficking
- Guest Speaker: Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy

Books

TEXAS CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (3rd ed., Aspen 2023).

- First edition published in 2017; second edition published in 2019.
- Adopted by other professors at U. North Texas, Texas Southern, South Texas, and Southern Methodist University law schools.

Articles

Revocations and Confrontations (forthcoming).

The Limitations of Consensual Encounters (forthcoming).

Eliminating Federal Civil Rights Protection for Corporate Carceral Defendants, 76 ALA. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming) (co-authored with Grecia Sarda).

What Torres v. Madrid Reveals about Fact Bias in Civil Rights Cases, 50 FL. ST. L. REV. 569 (2023).

When Coaching Becomes Criminal, 20 N.H. L. REV. 1 (2022).

The Case for Replacing the Independent Intermediary Doctrine with Proximate Cause and Fourth Amendment Review in § 1983 Civil Rights Cases, 48 PEPP. L. REV. 1 (2021).

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 HAMLIN L. REV. 564 (2016) (co-authored 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 *Johnson v. Indiana*, on petition for writ of certiorari before the United States Supreme Court (2021) (joined other criminal procedure law professors).

Amicus Brief for Petitioner in *Torres v. Madrid*, 141 S. Ct. 989 (2020) (joined Fourth Amendment Scholars) (5-3 ruling in favor of position advanced in brief).

Amicus Brief in *Beltran Leyva v. United States*, No. 19-5796 to the U.S. Supreme Court (2019) (joined The Due Process Institute).

Amicus Brief for Petitioner *Eric Hillman v. Nueces County*, 2018 WL 5279550 (Tex. 2018) (joined 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) (joined academics with legal expertise in human trafficking).

Amicus Brief for Petitioner, *Bennie v. Munn*, 137 S. Ct. 812 (2017) (No. 16-452), 2016 WL 6609823 (joined Eugene Volokh, at his invitation, and other appellate law academics).

Presentations

Revocations & Confrontations, Texas Criminal Scholars Workshop, University of Houston Law Center, Houston (April 5, 2024) (forthcoming).

Writing and Publishing Law School Textbooks, Lone Star Legal Writing Conference, Texas Tech Law School, Lubbock (April 14, 2023).

The Limits of Consensual Encounters, Texas Criminal Scholars Workshop, University of Houston Law Center, Houston (March 31, 2023).

The Limits of Consensual Encounters, South Texas Faculty Scholarship Presentation, (Oct. 14, 2022).

From Foot in the Door to Tenure Track: How to Make the Most of Your Visitor Position, LWI One-Day Workshops, University of Oregon School of Law (December 3, 2021).

- Related short article: *From Visiting Professor to Tenured Professor*, University of Oregon Proceedings Online Journal (forthcoming).

Mass Arrests, Law Review Symposium, South Texas College of Law Houston (March 12, 2021).

- Related short article: *Ethical Issues Related to Mass Arrests*, South Texas College of Law Review (forthcoming).

Writing & Publishing Law School Textbooks, 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 University School of Law, 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, South Texas College of Law Houston (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 Conference, 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, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Arizona State University (March 13-14, 2009).

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

Legal Practice Experience

Criminal Defense Attorney, Houston & Galveston Counties, 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

- Appellate Division (2002-2005): 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. Specialized in white collar crime.
- Trial Bureau (1999-2002, 2005-2007): 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 prosecutor 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 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

Organizations & Leadership: Baptist Student Ministries & Women's Service Organization