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EDUCATION

Law School: Boston College Law School, Newton, Massachusetts
J.D. Degree Cum Laude, May 1976

College: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
A.B. Degree with High Distinction in Russian Studies, May 1972

Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts, 1968-70

Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel
Summer Program in Mideast History, 1970

HONORS

Law School: Boston College Law Review
Boston College 1975 National Moot Court Team
Winning Team, 1975 Region One Finals of the National Moot Court
Competition
Best Oral Advocate Award, 1975 Region One of the 1975 National
Moot Court Competition
Best Team Brief Award, Region One of the 1975 National Moot Court
Competition
Joseph S. Oteri Award, presented at graduation "for outstanding work in
moot court"
Winning Team, 1974-75 Boston College, Wendell F. Grimes Moot
Court Competition

College: University of Michigan Angell Scholar Award
University of Michigan Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement,
1971 and 1972

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

EDUCATION LAW: FIRST AMENDMENT, DUE PROCESS AND DISCRIMINATION LITIGATION
(2 volumes) (Thomson West 2004)
Annual Supplements 2005-2013 (print and Westlaw versions)

EDUCATION LAW STORIES (co-editor with Michael A. Olivas) (Foundation Press 2008)

Book Chapter:

“Hate Speech in the United States: Recent Legal Developments” in STRIKING A BALANCE: HATE SPEECH, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND NON-DISCRIMINATION 269 (Sandy Colliver, ed., Article 19, International Centre Against Censorship and the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex, UK 1992)

Articles:

Does the Federal Constitution Ban Michigan's Ban on Affirmative Action, ---Midwest Journal of Law and Policy—(invited article in progress to be published Spring, 2014)

The Crucifix in the Classroom, A Book Review of THE LAUTSI PAPERS: MULTIDISCIPLINARY REFLECTIONS ON RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM, edited by Jeroen Temperman (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers Leiden * Boston 2012), -- HUM. RTS. Q. -- (2014)

Ireland's International Human Rights Dilemma: The Role of Religion in Ireland's Primary School System, A Book Review of FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND SCHOOLS: THE CASE OF IRELAND, A FAILURE TO PROTECT INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS, by Alison Mawhinney, 33 HUM. RTS. Q. 1163 (2011)

God, Schools, and Country, A Book Review of THE BATTLE OVER SCHOOL PRAYER: HOW ENGEL V. VITALE CHANGED AMERICA, by Bruce J. Dierenfield (University Press of Kansas 2007), 30 HUM. RTS. Q. 797 (2008)

A Rare Look At Education in Tibet, A Book Review of EDUCATION IN TIBET, POLICY AND PRACTICE SINCE 1950, by Catriona Bass (Tibet Information Network and Zed Books 1998), 24 HUM. RTS. Q. 1066 (2002)

Getting Help With Their Homework: Schools, Lower Courts, and the Supreme Court Justices Look for Answers Under the Establishment Clause, 53 ADMIN. L. REV. 943 (2001)

The Law of Sexual Harassment: Some Brief Observations, 4 MD. J. CONTEMP. LEGAL ISSUES (1993)

Sexual Harassment and Higher Education, 65 TEX. L. REV. 525 (1987).

The 1982 State Action Trilogy: Doctrinal Contraction, Confusion, and a Proposal for Change, 60 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 1150 (1985).

State Action: Making Sense Out of Chaos -- An Historical Approach, 37 U. FLA. L. REV. 737 (1985).

Case Comment, *Newsman Privilege: Dow Jones & Co. v. Superior Court*, 1974 Annual Survey of Massachusetts Law 215 (The Annual Survey is published by the Boston College Law Review)

Guest Blog Posts

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts (1977)
United States District Court, District of Massachusetts (1977)
United States Court of Appeals, First Circuit (1977)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Law (since 1987)
Associate Professor of Law (1985-1987)
Assistant Professor of Law (1980-1985) (on leave 1981-82)
University of Cincinnati College of Law

Legal consultation for the Honorable John F. Kerry, then United States Senator, on issues involving the nomination of Robert Bork to be an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court (1987), and on issues surrounding an Amendment to the Constitution proscribing flag burning (1989).

Lecturer in Law
Boston College Law School (1979)

Attorney
Boston, Massachusetts (1979-1980)

Law Clerk to the Honorable Frank H. Freedman
United States District Judge
United States District Court
District of Massachusetts (1976-1978)

Bingham, Dana, Gould
Boston, Massachusetts
Summer Associate (1975)

COURSES TAUGHT

Civil Procedure; Constitutional Law; Education Law Seminar; Employment Discrimination; First Amendment Seminar; Torts

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Harold C. Schott Publication Prize, 2005, for EDUCATION LAW: FIRST AMENDMENT, DUE PROCESS AND DISCRIMINATION LITIGATION (2 volumes) (Thomson West 2004)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“Does the Federal Constitution Ban Michigan’s Ban on Affirmative Action,” invited speaker at a symposium at the University of Chicago Law School on the Jurisprudence of Affirmative Action, Past, Present & Future, sponsored by the Midwest Black Law Students Association, Chicago, Illinois, February 21, 2014

University of Cincinnati College of Law Faculty Downtown CLE Teach-In for Student Scholarships, “First Things First – A Look at Hot Issues Under the First Amendment,” Cincinnati, Ohio, March 7, 2013

Religion and Hate in the Public Sphere, part of the Changemakers Lecture Series, Wolf Center for Arts & Ideas, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 5, 2013

University of Cincinnati College of Law Faculty Downtown CLE Teach-In for Student Scholarships, “Hot Topics under the First Amendment,” Cincinnati, Ohio, March 1, 2013

Lawyers Club, “Who’s on First? Speech, Press, Assembly, and Religion, From in the Dugout and on the Diamond” (with Jack Greiner), November, 2012

The Fraternal Law Conference - *Christian Legal Society of the University of California, Hastings College of Law v. Martinez* - The Decision and Its Aftermath, Cincinnati, Ohio, November 6, 2010

Lawyers Club, “Religion, Schools and the Supreme Court,” February, 2010

Organized and helped moderate conference, “Education Law Stories: The People and Principles Behind Education’s Most Contentious Legal Controversies” based on the book, EDUCATION LAW STORIES (co-editor with Michael A. Olivas) (Foundation Press 2007), University of Cincinnati College of Law, April, 2008

Panelist, War on the Press, “The AIPAC Prosecution and Its Implications for the Press,” Ohio Law and Media Conference, sponsored by the Ohio State Bar Association, Columbus, Ohio, October, 2007

Chapman University College of Law, Orange, California, April, 2007, “Confusing Lessons on Religion in the Public Schools - Or Nine Justices in Search of A Doctrine”

University of Cincinnati Faculty Summer Talks, July, 2006, “Establishment Clause Jurisprudence and Schools” (summer faculty workshop, University of Cincinnati College of Law)

West Legal Publishing Offices, Rochester, New York, May, 2006, “Scopes Revisited: Religion in the Public Schools in the Twenty-First Century”

Speaker, “Constitutionality of Faith Based Initiatives,” 6th Annual Joint Women’s Education Forum, Cincinnati, Ohio, January, 2006 (part of program on Faith Based Initiatives)

West Legal Publishing Headquarters, Thomson University, Eagan, Minnesota, December, 2005, “Equal Educational Opportunities in a Diverse Society in the Post-*Brown* World”

Speaker, “Legal Issues Surrounding the Teaching of Intelligent Design,” Cincinnati, Ohio, November 2005 (part of larger program on Religion in Our Public Schools: The Evolution Controversy), sponsored by American Jewish Committee, Adath Israel Social Action Committee, National Council of Jewish Women, St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, The Interfaith Alliance, Under One Tent, Wise Temple Political Advocacy Committee, and Woman’s City Club

Ohio Judicial College, Cleveland, Ohio, November, 2004, “U.S. Constitutional Law Update: Religion, Speech and Affirmative Action”

Lawyers’ Club of Cincinnati, November, 2004, “Constitutional Law”

Presenter with attorney Edward Marks, “American First Amendment Law,” Cincinnati, Ohio, 2004, Sister Cities program for journalists from Kharkiv, Ukraine

Ohio Judicial College, Columbus, Ohio, October, 2004, “U.S. Constitutional Law Update: Religion, Speech and Affirmative Action”

Panelist, West Legal Publishing Headquarters, Thomson University, Eagan, Minnesota, March, 2004, “*Brown v. Board of Education* on its 50th Anniversary- Impact on Education Today”

Panelist, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, Program of the Section on Education Law on Education and Religion, January 2003

Ohio Courts of Appeals Judges Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, June, 2002, “The Courts and Religion: Clarity or Confusion”

Ohio Judicial College, Columbus, Ohio, April, 2002, “The Courts and Religion: Clarity or Confusion”

Interviews and commentary with various media on issues involving constitutional and civil liberties issues

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (Selected)

Elected to American Law Institute membership (2008)

Advisory Committee to Drafters of Ohio Defamation Jury Instructions

Professional Development Committee, Association of American Law Schools

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Law and Education
Section Chair (1991-1992, 1999-2000); Secretary, Treasurer (1998-1999);
Executive Committee (1992-2000, 2004 - 2011)

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Mass Communications Law
Executive Committee (2004 - 2009)

