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EDUCATION: J.D., 1983. Indiana University School Of Law—Bloomington  
Summa Cum Laude. Order of the Coif. Indiana Law Journal.  
B.A., English, 1978. Auburn University. With High Honor.  
Graduate study, 1978-1980 English, Auburn University,

SPECIALIZATION: Research Focus: Federal Jurisdiction

Courses Taught: Civil Procedure I & II; Federal Jurisdiction;  
Constitutional Litigation; Appellate Practice Colloquium;  
Constitutional Law; Appellate Procedure; Federal Courts Clinic

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE:

Dean, Indiana University School of Law, 2003-present  
Acting Dean, Indiana University School of Law, 2002  
Associate Dean, Indiana University School of Law, 1991-2002;  
Professor of Law, 1990-present.  
Associate Professor of Law, 1987-1990.  
Assistant Professor of Law, 1985-1987.  
Law Clerk to the Honorable Jesse Eschbach, United States Court  
of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1983-1985.

HONORS AND  
AWARDS:

2007 Distinguished Barrister Award  
2002 Leonard D. Fromm Public Interest Award  
2000 Indiana State Bar Women and the Law Recognition Award  
1999 Named Val Nolan Professor of Law  
1999 Leonard D. Fromm Public Interest Award  
1997 Indiana Bar Foundation Pro Bono Publico Award  
1997 Leon Wallace Teaching Award  
1997 Teaching Excellence Recognition Award  
1999 Teaching Excellence Recognition Award  
1996-1997 Ira C. Batman Faculty Fellow  
1993-1995 Harry Ice Faculty Fellow  
1993 Gavel Award: Presented by members of the Indiana  
University School of Law graduating class to the individual who

BOOKS:

made the greatest overall contribution to their legal education.  
FEDERAL COURTS: CASES AND MATERIALS ON JUDICIAL  
FEDERALISM AND THE LAWYERING PROCESS (with Arthur  
Hellman), Lexis-Nexis 2005.

LES ÉTATS DES NOIRS: FEDERALISME ET QUESTION RACIALE AUX  
ÉTATS-UNIS, (Presses Universitaires de France, 2000) (with  
Elisabeth Zoller)

ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, ESSAYS:

*The Myth of the Disposable Opinion*, 85 Michigan Law Review  
940-962 (1989). (Reprinted in G. Grossman, LAW BOOKS: FROM  
PARCHMENT TO COMPUTERS (Oxford Univ. Press 1994)).

"Violent Pornography and the Law: What the Law Can Do," FOR  
ADULT USERS ONLY: THE DILEMMA OF VIOLENT PORNOGRAPHY.  
178-197. Ed. Susan Gubar and Joan Hoff-Wilson. Indiana Univ.  
Press: 1989.

*Caseload and Judging*, 1990 Brigham Young University Law  
Review 3 (1990) (symposium on the federal courts).

*The Politics of Crisis and the Federal Courts*, 7 Ohio State J. of  
Dispute Resolution 115-137 (1991).

*Private Justice and the Federal Bench*, 68 Ind. L. J. 891 (1993).

*Grass Roots Procedure: The Work of Advisory Groups Under the  
Civil Justice Reform Act*, 59 Brooklyn Law Review 879 (1993)  
(symposium on civil justice reform).

*Fractured Procedure: The Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990*, 46  
Stanford Law Rev. 1447 (1994) (symposium on civil justice  
reform).

*Mandatory Disclosure and Local Abrogation: In Search of a  
Theory for Optional Rules*, 14 Rev. of Litigation 49 (1994)  
(symposium on the new Federal Rules of Civil Procedure).

*Federal Court Supervision of State Criminal Justice Administration*, 543 ANNALS AM. ACAD. POL. & SOC. SCI. 154 (1996) (with Joseph Hoffmann).

*Impermeable Federalism, Pragmatic Silence, and the Long Range Plan for the Federal Courts*, 71 Indiana Law Journal 841 (1996).

*The Practice of Precedent: Anastasoff, Noncitation Rules, and the Meaning of Precedent in an Interpretive Community*, Indiana Law Review, 35 Ind. L. Rev. 399 (2002).

*Sovereignty and Democracy: The States' Obligations to Their Citizens Under Federal Statutory Law*, 78 Ind. L. J. 543 (2003) (symposium on Congressional Power in the Shadow of the Rehnquist Court).

Selected Reviews, Miscellaneous Publications, Conference Presentations:

Review of Glendon, ABORTION AND DIVORCE IN WESTERN LAW, 6 Constitutional Commentary 131 (1989).

Review of Karst, BELONGING TO AMERICA, 8 Constitutional Commentary 309 (1991).

*The Civil Justice Reform Act and the Goal of Uniform Federal Procedure: Resolving the Tension*, 37 For The Defense 13 (Sept. 1995).

*Introduction, Symposium on Law, Morality, and Popular Culture in the Public Sphere*, 77 Ind. L. J. 222 (2002)

*Opening Our Classrooms Effectively to Foreign Graduate Students*, 24 Penn. St. Int. L. Rev. 797 (2006)

Affirmative Action: Lessons From The Military  
<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/forum/symposium-aa/robel.php>

"Unpublished Opinions in the Federal Courts of Appeals," University of Wisconsin School of Law, April 1986.

"Government Use of Unpublished Opinions," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 1987.

"Unpublished Opinions in the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit," Federal Judicial Center, October 1988.

"Violence and Power: The Protective Order Project," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 1990.

"The Privatization Continuum: Views From the Bench," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 1990.

"Civil Justice Reform," ICLEF, Oct. 1991.

"The Civil Justice Reform Act," Bar Association for the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, May 1992.

"Civil Justice Reform," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 1992

Appellate Administration, ABA Judicial Administration Conference, Boston, June 1992

Municipal Liability Under § 1983, ICLU CLE, Indianapolis, In. May 1993

Report on Civil Justice Reform, Seventh Circuit Bar Association Meeting, May 1993

The New Rules of Federal Discovery, ICLEF, Seminar on Federal Practice, March 1994

The § 1983 Cause of Action, ICLEF, Seminar on Suing the Sovereign, January 1995.

Municipal Liability Under § 1983, Indiana Civil Liberties Union Continuing Legal Education, Indianapolis, May 1995.

Procedural Uniformity and the Civil Justice Reform Act, AALS Conference on Civil Procedure, Washington, D.C., June 1995.

Civil Protective and Restraining Orders as Remedies for Domestic Violence, ICLEF, Seminar on Domestic Violence, Indianapolis, July 1995.

The Meanings of Multiple Procedures, AALS Annual Meeting, Civil Procedure Section, January 1996 (San Antonio, Tex.)

Panelist, Rand Institute for Civil Justice and ABA Conference on the Civil Justice

Reform Act, March, 1997, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

“Procedural Optimism and Civil Justice Reform,” National Workshop for District Court Judges, May 8, 1997, Washington, D.C.

New Developments in Section 1983, ICLEF, May 9, 1997, Indianapolis, Indiana.

“The Importance of Theory,” paper at National Association of Women Judges Annual Conference, “The Education of a Judge,” St. Louis, October 1998.

“The Supremacy Clause, the Nondiscrimination Principle, and *Alden v. Maine*,” Office of the Indiana Attorney General, Oct. 4, 1999.

“The Supreme Court’s Recent Federalism Decisions,” Indiana Civil Liberties Union CLE, October 1999.

“Nonpublication and Appellate Practice,” University of California–Davis Conference on the Ninth Circuit (May 2000)

“What is Precedent?” Symposium for Intermediate Appellate Judges, Indiana Univ. School of Law—Indianapolis, May 2001.

“Collegiality, Social Capital, and Structure at the United States Courts of Appeals,” Symposium on Dispute Resolution in the 21st Century, University of Las Vegas, Nevada, Boyd School of Law, Jan. 25, 2002.

“*Alden* Undone: Mitigating Immunity Doctrine in the States,” Conference, Congressional Power in the Shadow of the Rehnquist Court, Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington, Feb. 1-2, 2002.

Appellate Master Class Presenter, Nov. 15, 2002, ICLEF, Indianapolis.

Appellate Judges Seminar, ABA, Providence, RI, July 24, 2003.

## **SERVICE**

### **University Service**

Chair, Search Committee for Dean of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, 2007

Member, Presidential Search Committee, 2006.

Chair, Search Committee for Dean of College of Arts and Science, 2006.

Chair, Board of Governors, Kinsey Institute, 2007-present. Member since 2006.

Chair, Committee to Review Office of Affirmative Action, 1997

Chair, Search Committee, Affirmative Action Director, 1998

Committee to Review Responsibility Centered Management, 2000

Ad Hoc Committee on Gender Studies Department Status, 2002

Committee to Review Dean of the Libraries, 2001

### **Professional Service**

Member, Executive Committee, Association of American Law Schools, 2006-present.

Chair, Committee on Research, American Association of Law Schools, 2006-2007.

Chair, Committee on Curriculum and Research, American Association of Law Schools, 2005; member 2003-2005.

Group Reporter, National Conference on Appellate Justice, 2005.

Chair, Conference on New Ideas for Experienced Teachers, American Association of Law Schools, 2005-2006.

Chair, Civil Procedure Section, American Association of Law Schools, 1994-1995.

Member, Advisory Board, Law School Survey of Student Engagement, 2005-present.

Member, Rules Enabling Act Subcommittee, American Bar Association Section

on Litigation, 1994-1995.

Member, Circuit Rules Committee, Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1994-present.

Consultant, Federal Courts Study Committee, Subcommittee on Role of the Federal Courts and their Relationship to the State Courts. 1989.

Report to the Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Unpublished Opinions in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. 1988.

### **Other Service**

Pro Bono Representation as appointed counsel in criminal, habeas, and civil rights cases, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, ongoing

Co-Chair, Indiana Conclave on Legal Education and the Bar, 2006-2007.

Reporter, Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group, United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, 1990-1993.

Reporter, Local Rules Committee, United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, from 1990 to 2006.

Member, Indiana Supreme Court Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1995 -2006.

Member, Legal Services Organization of Indiana, Advisory Committee for the Study of Legal Needs of Poor, 1989-1991. Advised the state LSO organization on funded study of Indiana residents' legal needs.

Chair, Bloomington Human Rights Commission, 1986-1991.

Member, Board of Directors, Community Organizations Legal Assistance Program, 1992-1993.

Faculty Director and Founder, Indiana University School of Law Protective Order Project for Victims of Abuse, 1989-present.

President, Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County, Indiana, 2000, 2001, Board Member, 2000-2004.

Member and Secretary, Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity of Indiana, 1999-2002

Co-Chair, United Way Campaign, Indiana University, 2005-2007.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:**

States of Indiana and Illinois

Supreme Court of the United States

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Illinois

United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Bar Association

Indiana Bar Association

Law & Society Association

American Bar Foundation Fellow

Indiana Bar Foundation Fellow

Indianapolis Bar Foundation Fellow