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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Clinical Professor of Law/Associate Dean for Experiential Learning

Western New England University School of Law, July 2006 – present

Supervise students in providing legal services to local entrepreneurs with limited economic resources. Legal services include entity formation, trademark and copyright registration, employment law compliance, contract drafting, and regulatory compliance. Teach doctrinal courses including Business Law and Racism, Nonprofit Law, Business Planning, and International Military Conflict and the Law. Faculty advisor to the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition and National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition teams. Institutional service includes: Personnel Committee (Chair 2019-2020, 2022-24), Admissions Committee (Chair 2022-2026), Honor Committee, University Senate (2017-2021), University Senate Technology Committee, and Office for Information Technology Faculty Advisory Board. Previously developed and taught online courses relating to drafting corporate and partnership operating documents in LLM Program and administered Real Estate Practicum placing students in law firms and title companies providing practical exposure to real estate transactions. As Associate Dean for Experiential Learning, oversees all clinical and externship opportunities for upper-level students.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Air Force Staff Judge Advocate - Colonel (ret)

Joint Force Headquarters, Connecticut Air National Guard, July 2018 – October 2023
103rd Airlift Wing, Connecticut Air National Guard, December 1997 – July 2018

Advise commanders on Connecticut statutes and Air Force regulations regarding administration of military justice, misconduct investigations, environmental compliance, government contracting, congressional inquiries, operational/international law and governmental claims. Recipient of Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and NATO Medal.

Office of the High Representative (OHR), Bosnia, Oct. 1999 – Apr. 2000 (Operation Joint Forge)
Assigned by U.S. Air Force to work with the recently created Bosnian Department of Civil Aviation. Negotiated and drafted air traffic control agreements between neighboring countries during the immediate post-war period. Consulted as to aviation infrastructure through coordination with international aviation organizations, lending institutions, and various embassies.

Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, Oct. 1993 – Oct. 1997
Dhahran Air Base, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Jan. - May 1996 (Operation Southern Watch)
Reviewed base-level government contracts to ensure legal sufficiency. Processed claims filed against the Air Force under the Federal Tort Claims Act. Prepared response memoranda for the EPA and state regulators in response to alleged environmental violations. Defended and prosecuted military members charged with criminal and administrative violations.

Lecturer

United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT
August 2002 - May 2004, January 2011 – May 2012, August 2013 – May 2015
Taught Criminal Justice and Business Law to upper-level cadets (eleven semesters total). Served as Course Coordinator and assisted in developing and revising the curriculum for both courses.

Associate/Of-Counsel

Tobin, Carberry, O'Malley, Riley & Selinger, P.C., New London, CT
June 2001 – June 2006 (Associate), July 2006 – December 2012 (Of-Counsel)
Transactional attorney dealing primarily with corporate structure/finance and estate planning.

Associate

Ryan, Ryan, Johnson & Deluca, LLP, Dec. 1997 – Oct. 1999, Stamford, Connecticut
Represented clients in all phases of federal and state civil litigation to include court-annexed arbitration, private binding arbitration, non-binding mediation, and jury trials.

EDUCATION

Boston University, Masters of Law (LLM) in Taxation, 2005
University of Connecticut, M.B.A., 2001
Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D., 1993
Clark University, B.A. cum laude, History and International Development, 1990

PUBLICATIONS

[forthcoming publication in January 2027] Chapter on Assessing Clinical and Field Placement Curricular Developments in Response to the New ABA Standard 303(c) for book series BUILDING AN ANTIRACIST LAW SCHOOL, LEGAL ACADEMY, AND LEGAL PROFESSION, sponsored by the Penn State Dickinson Law Antiracist Development Institute.

Business Law and Racism (chapter), INTEGRATING DOCTRINE & DIVERSITY: INCLUSION AND EQUITY BEYOND THE FIRST YEAR (Carolina Academic Press, 2024).

CLINICIANS, PRACTITIONERS AND SCRIBES: DRAFTING CLIENT WORK PRODUCT IN A SMALL BUSINESS CLINIC, 56 New York Law School Law Review 233 (2011/2012). Reprinted in its entirety in LAW AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP, edited by Robert E. Litan and Anthony J. Luppino, Edward Elgar Publishing (2013).

INTERDISCIPLINARY TRANSACTIONAL COURSES, Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law, Special Report 2011 (Transcription from June 2010 Conference entitled “Transactional Education: What’s Next?” sponsored by the Center for Transactional Law and Practice at Emory University School of Law)

TEACHING TRANSACTIONAL SKILLS IN A CLINIC, Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law, Special Report 2009 (Transcription from May 2008 Conference entitled “Teaching Drafting and Transactional Skills – The Basics and Beyond” sponsored by the Center for Transactional Law and Practice at Emory University School of Law)

PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, “Regulation: Startup and Small Business Legal Considerations,” Connecticut State Small Business Seminars sponsored by the State of Connecticut, November 18, 2022.

Presenter, “Legal Basics for Start-ups,” Collegiate Summer Venture Program sponsored by Valley Venture Mentors, Springfield, Massachusetts, July 18, 2022.

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Presenter, "Serving the Business Legal Needs of Low-Income Unauthorized Immigrant Entrepreneurs," 18th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference, Berkeley Law, University of California, May 2, 2019.

Conference Coordinator, "A Community Legal Forum on Hate Crimes, Extremist Activities, and Bias Incidents in Western Massachusetts," Western New England University School of Law, March 31, 2017.

Conference Coordinator, "A Forum on Immigration Issues in Hampden County," Western New England University School of Law, February 3, 2017.

Chair and Panelist for Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education program, "How to Build a Successful Practice Representing Start-up Entrepreneurs & Microenterprises," June 28, 2016.

Presenter, "Student Self-Assessment Survey Tools," 15th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland, April 29, 2016.

Member of Planning Committee for the Fourth Biennial Conference of the Emory Law Center for Transactional Law and Practice, *Educating the Transactional Lawyer of Tomorrow*, June 6-7, 2014. Also participated in panel discussion, "Clinical Transactional Skills: Meeting Specific Needs" and specifically presented on "Using an Academic Environment to Impact Transactional Law Policy for Micro-Entrepreneurs."

Panelist, "Top Ten Legal Mistakes of Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs," presented at Small Business Development Center at the Scibeli Enterprise Center, Springfield, Massachusetts, November 18, 2014.

Presenter, "You're Not the Boss of Me: Part Time Service/Full Time Standards (Lautenberg Amendment and Unprofessional Relationships)," Contemporary Base Issues Course, New York Air National Guard, May 17-18, 2013.

Panelist, "Preparing 'Main Street' Lawyers: Practicing Without Big Firm Experience" at the "Preparing the Transactional Lawyer: From Doctrine to Practice Conference," Emory Law School, November 2-3, 2012.

Presenter, "'Clinics in the Cloud: Ethical Responsibilities and Technological Imperatives for Cloud Based Practice Management in a Law School Clinic," AALS Conference on Clinical Education, Los Angeles, California, May 3, 2012.

Moderator of a panel, "Collaboration in Technology Transfer Alternatives" as part of the Law and Business Center for Advancing Entrepreneurship 6th Annual Conference: The Entrepreneurial University," at Western New England University School of Law, October 14, 2011.

Presenter, "Commander and the Law," at the United States Air Force Reserve Forces Annual Survey of the Law, Denver, Colorado, January 23, 2011.

Panelist, "Resources for Aspiring Entrepreneurs" at the "Grinspoon, Garvey & Young Entrepreneurship Conference," Springfield, Massachusetts, November 5, 2010.

Presenter, "Clinicians, Practitioners and Scribes: Drafting Client Work Product in a Small Business Clinic," at the 25th Anniversary Clinical Theory Workshop, New York Law School, October 1, 2010.

Panelist, "Interdisciplinary Transactional Courses" at the "Transactional Education: What's Next? Conference" Emory Law School, June 4-5, 2010.

Panelist, "Resources for Aspiring Entrepreneurs" at the "Grinspoon, Garvey & Young Entrepreneurship Conference," Springfield, Massachusetts, November 6, 2009.

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Moderator of panel, "Access to Financial Capital" as part of the Law and Business Center for Advancing Entrepreneurship 4th Annual Conference: Women, Ethnicity & Entrepreneurship," at Western New England University School of Law, October 23, 2009.

Moderator of panel, "Finance and Entrepreneurship" as part of the Law and Business Center for Advancing Entrepreneurship 3rd Annual Conference: Entrepreneurship in a Global Economy," at Western New England University School of Law, October 17, 2008.

Panelist, "Teaching Transactional Skills in a Clinic" at the "Teaching Drafting and Transactional Skills Conference," Emory Law School, May 30-31, 2008.

Moderator of panel, "Public-Private Partnerships in Community Development," as part of the "Law and Business Center for Advancing Entrepreneurship 2nd Annual Conference: Current Issues in Community Development," at Western New England University School of Law, March 30, 2007.

Presenter, "Massachusetts Corporate Law Update," delivered to the Affiliated Chamber of Commerce of Greater Springfield, June 6, 2007.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois (1993) (inactive)
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (1994)
Connecticut (1997)
Connecticut U.S. District Court (1999)
Rhode Island (2005) (inactive)
Massachusetts (2007)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Elected Member, Stonington Democratic Town Committee, 2018-present
Elected Member, Board of Finance, Town of Stonington, 2019-2023
Member of Charter Revision Commission, Town of Stonington, CT, 2015
Board of Directors, Higher Edge, Inc., New London, CT 2016-2020
Top Secret Federal Security Clearance
Member of the House of Delegates, Connecticut Bar Association, 2002-2005
Adjunct Professor: St. Leo College, 1995 –1997; Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, 1996
Judicial Clerk: Magistrate Thomas C. Rosemond, 7th Cir, Summer, 1991
Journalist: THE WARSAW VOICE, Warsaw, Poland, Summer, 1990
Congressional Intern: Congressman Richard A. Gephardt, Jun. 1989 – Jan. 1990