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EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA (1990 – present)
***James G. Schmidt Emerita Chair in Law* (7/2026-present), *James G. Schmidt Chair in Law* (2018-6/2026), *Senior Advisor to the Dean* (2013-7/2020)**

Faculty member, specializing in Conflict of Laws, Federal Courts, First Amendment and Constitutional Law. Promoted to Full Professor in July 1997. Served as James E. Beasley Professor of Law 2002-2009 and as Charles Klein Professor of Law and Government (2013-2018). Other courses taught: U.S. Constitution and Popular Culture, Civil Procedure, International Criminal Law, Remedies.

Awards: Temple University "Great Teacher" Award (2004); Regional Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching (2000); George P. Williams Outstanding Teaching Prizes (1993, 1997, 2001). Friel-Scanlan Prize for Outstanding Scholarship (1995). Temple Alumni Law Faculty Prize for Contributions to the Law School (2005). Temple Law Review Alumni Merit Award (2015).

International Teaching and Appointments: Taught American J.D. students and Japanese lawyers in Temple's Tokyo semester program (2007, 2004). Taught in Temple's J.D. Program in Rome, Italy (2017, 2009, 2003, 2021). Lectured to Chinese judges and scholars in U.S. and China. Served as Visiting Professor at University of Sydney, Australia (2010) and at University College Cork, Ireland (2012).

American Law Institute: ***Associate Reporter***--Restatement (Third) of Conflict of Laws (2014-present).

FEDERAL JUDICIARY:

***Law Clerk,* Honorable William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States, United States Supreme Court,** Washington, DC (1986 – 1987).

***Law Clerk,* Honorable James Hunter III, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit,** Camden, NJ (1985 – 1986).

Lecturer to U.S. Court of Appeals, District, and Bankruptcy Judges: Engaged by federal judiciary to lecture on conflict of laws, judicial ethics, regulation of humor, and other issues pertaining to the federal courts (1995-present).

Appellate Advocate: Recruited and appointed by United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit to brief and argue constitutional questions concerning the U.S. Senate (1991).

Civil Rules Advisor*:* Appointed to advise the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on amendments to the local rules of civil procedure (2022-2023). Awarded a commendation for service to the court and the administration of justice.

LAW PRACTICE:

Legal Consultant (1990 – present)
Attorney, expert witness, and consultant in state and federal court proceedings. Retained by national and foreign law firms as an expert in conflict of laws, constitutional law, and federal jurisdiction. Represented a prominent member of royalty. Review briefs and petitions filed in the United States Supreme Court.

Kohn, Savett, Klein & Graf, P.C., Philadelphia, PA
Associate (1989–1990). Represented metropolitan newspapers and magazines in libel suits. Counseled reporters seeking access to news. Reviewed draft articles for potential legal problems.

Dechert Price & Rhoads, Philadelphia, PA
Associate (1987–1989). Practice included general civil and appellate litigation and bankruptcy.

Drinker Biddle & Reath, Philadelphia, PA *Summer Associate* (1984).

CIGNA Corporation, Philadelphia, PA *Law Clerk* (1983).

PRE-LAW SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT:

CIGNA Corporation, Philadelphia, PA, Investment Group *Legal Assistant* (1981– 1983).

Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis, Philadelphia, PA, *Legal Assistant*, (1979; late 1980 – 1981).

Manager of Calf Nursery, Kibbutz Gezer, Israel (1980). Cared for calves. Milked dairy cattle.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Little, FEDERAL COURTS: EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS (ASPEN 5th ed. 2025).

Little, CONFLICT OF LAWS: CASES, CONCEPTS, AND PROBLEMS (ASPEN 3rd ed. 2025): Casebook; Teacher's Manual (3rd ed. 2025).

Little, THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION: LAW, POLICY, AND SOCIETY (ASPEN 2024); Teacher's Manual (2024) (2d ed. forthcoming).

Little, FIRST AMENDMENT: EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS (ASPEN 2021) (2d ed. 2026)

Little, GUILTY PLEASURES: LAW AND COMEDY IN AMERICA (OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS 2019): Monograph cross-listed in the scholar's Masters Series and as a trade book. Adopted as a course text at Harvard Law School.

Little, ADVOCACY BEFORE APPELLATE COURTS, VOLS. I and II (NITA 1998): Two volume book developed with Professors Anthony Bocchino and David Sonenshein.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:

Little, "Silent Communications, Serious Consequences: The Legal Impact of Emojis," in INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK OF LEGAL LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION: FROM TEXT TO SEMIOTICS (WAGNER, A. ED.) (SPRINGER PUB. 2026).

Little, *An Homage to Conflict of Laws and Law Review Articles,* 87 PITTSBURGH L. REV. 887 (1926) (invited symposium).

Little, *Laughter Could Have Saved Us: Lowering the Temperature during Contentious Depositions* (in progress 2026).

Little, *Laughing Out of Bounds: Law's Struggle with Digital Humor* (in progress 2026).

Little, *The Current Status of the Contractual Choice of Law Clause Provisions in the Draft Restatement (Third) of Conflict of Laws*, 26(5) GERMAN L. REV 815 (2025) (invited symposium by University of Bremen, Germany).

Godioli & Little, *Different Systems, Similar Challenges: Regulating Offensive Humor in the United States and Western Europe,* 35 HUMOR 305 (2022) (symposium in peer-reviewed publication).

Little, *A Taxonomy of Taxonomies,* 71 J. LEGAL EDUCATION 192 (2021) (reviewing Pierre Schlag and Amy J. Griffin, HOW TO DO THINGS WITH LEGAL DOCTRINE (2020)).

Little, Erie's *Unintended Consequences: Federal Courts Making State Law,* 52 AKRON L. REV. 275 (2018) (solicited symposium article)

Little, "Judicial Regulation of Humour in the United States," in JUDGES, JUDGING, AND HUMOUR (Jessica Milner Davis and Sharon Locklyer, eds.) (Palgrave MacMillan, 2018)

Little, *Laughing at Censorship,* 28 YALE J. OF LAW AND HUMANITIES 161 (2016)

Little, *Conflict of Laws Structure and Vision: Updating a Venerable Discipline,* 31 Georgia State L. Rev. 231 (2015).

Little, *Internet Defamation, Freedom of Expression, the Lesson of Private International Law for the United States,* 14 European Yearbook of Private International Law 181 (2012/2013) (European Institute of Comparative Law, University of Lausanne, Swizerland).

Little*, Internet Choice of Law Governance*, 4 INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW (China University of Political Science and Law Press 2013) (prepared for Globalization Workshop,

hosted by Chinese Private International Law Society, Beijing).

Little, *Just a Joke: Defamatory Humor and Incongruity's Promise*, 21 Southern California Interdisciplinary L.J. 95 (2011).

Little, *Regulating Funny: Humor and the Law*, 94 Cornell L. Rev.1235 (2009), *reprinted in* First Amendment Law Handbook, 2010-11 Edition (West Thompson).

*Designated by West Publishing as one of the most notable First Amendment articles of 2010.

Little, *Empowerment Through Restraint: Reverse Preemption or Hybrid Lawmaking*, 59 Case Western Law Review 955 (2010) (symposium on Access to Courts in the Roberts Era).

Little, *Teaching Federal Courts: From Bottom Line to Mystery*, 53 St. Louis L. Rev.797 (2009) (symposium on Teaching Federal Courts).

Little, *Transnational Guidance in Terrorism Cases*, 38 George Washington International Law Review 1 (2006) *reprinted in* M.B. Malleswari, ed., ANTITERRORISM LAWS: GLOBAL SCENARIO (2007).

Little, *Hairsplitting and Complexity in Conflict of Laws: The Paradox of Formalism*, 37 University of California at Davis Law Review 925 (2004), *reprinted in* 54 Defense Law Journal 377 (2005).

Little & Barrett, *Lessons of Yugoslav Rape Trials: A Role for Conspiracy Law in International Tribunals*, 88 Minnesota Law Review 30 (2003).

Little, *Adjudication and Emotion*, 3 Florida Coastal Law Review 205 (2002) (Therapeutic Jurisprudence Symposium).

Little, *The ABA's Role in Prescreening Federal Judicial Candidates: Are We Ready to Give up on the Lawyers?* 10 William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal 37 (2001), *reprinted in* Susan Bloch, SUPREME COURT POLITICS: THE INSTITUTION AND ITS PROCEDURES (2008).

Little, *Negotiating the Tangle of Law and Emotion*, 86 Cornell Law Review 974 (2001) (reviewing Susan Bandes, THE PASSIONS OF LAW (1999)).

Little, *Jealousy, Envy, and Separation of Powers*, 52 Hastings Law Journal 47 (2000).

Little, *Hiding with Words: Obfuscation, Avoidance, and Federal Jurisdiction Opinions*, 46 U.C.L.A. Law Review 75 (1998).

Little, *Characterization and Legal Discourse*, 42 Journal of Legal Education 372 (1996).

Little, *Loyalty, Gratitude, and the Federal Judiciary,* 44 American University Law Review 699 (1995).

*Cited and quoted extensively by the Indian Supreme Court in an opinion declaring unconstitutional the Indian system of appointing judges (2015)

Little, *It's About Time: Unraveling Standing and Equitable Ripeness*, 42 Buffalo Law Review 933 (1993).

Little, *An Excursion into the Uncharted Waters of the Seventeenth Amendment*, 64 Temple Law Review 629 (1991).

Little, *Out of Woods and into the Rules: The Relationship Between State Foreign Corporation Door-Closing Statutes and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 17(b),* 72 Virginia Law Review 767 (1986).

Note, *The Role of the Erie and Full Faith and Credit Doctrines in the Choice Between State and Federal Res Judicata Law in Consecutive Diversity Actions*, 57 Temple Law Review 159 (1984).

Note, *Coal Owner Holds Rights of Ownership and Development of Coalbed Gas*, 57 Temple Law Review 427 (1984).

RESTATEMENT (THIRD) OF CONFLICT OF LAWS:

Responsible for drafting the Chapters on Domicile, Contracts, and Personal Jurisdiction. These Chapters go through many iterations before the American Law Institute Advisors, Council, and Nationwide Membership. The Membership has approved the Domicile Contract chapters, which will now become part of the next Restatement. Participate in drafting and reviewing other chapters primarily written by Kermit Roosevelt, Ann Esten, and Christopher Whytock, including Families, Choice of Law Methodology, Procedure, Torts, and Real Property. Each iteration of the draft created is coupled with separate presentations to the Advisors, Council, and Nationwide Membership. (2014-present).

BLOGS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, COMMEMORATIONS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Little, Multiple Blog Posts on the Law and Humor Website www.ForHum.org (2021-present) Examples include:

"Are Parody and Satire Alive and Well? South Park's Episode and Its Constitutional Protections," Appeared on www.Forhum.org August 4, 2025 (with Anja Hayes).

"Gestures and Jest**:** Non-Verbal Communication with Serious Legal Consequences," Appeared on www.Forhum.org July 2, 2025 (with Max Klenk).

Little, "The Many Faces of Humor and the Law," California Litigation Journal (2023)

Godioli and Little: Cofounders in 2022 of a website devoted to the intersection of humor and the law: www.ForHum.org. Authored multiple blog posts documenting humor related developments in U.S. courts for the website.

Little, *First Amendment Pedagogy: New Challenges and Old Doctrine* (published online at SSRN 2021).

Little, "Comedy Collides with the Courtroom," (Temple Law Review Online 2020) (with Professor Rachel DiCioccio)

*Awarded the Edward R. Ohlbaum Prize for Advocacy Scholarship

Little, "What Jokes are OK to Say?, 106 N.J. LAW. (OCTOBER 2020)

Little, "Political Cartoonist Pat Oliphant," ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN POLITICAL SATIRE (ABC-CLIO 2019)

LITTLE, ONLINE ESSAY: FROM COAL BED GAS TO REGULATING FUNNY, TEMPLE LAW REVIEW AT 90 (TEMPLE LAW REVIEW ONLINE) (2019)

LITTLE, "FOOD, HUMOR, AND LAW," ONLINE ARTICLE FOR "STUDYING HUMOUR," HTTPS://EJOURNALS.LIB.AUTH.GR/HUMOUR (2019)

MANKOFF AND LITTLE, "JUDGING HUMOR," FEATURED ON THE NEW YORKER WEBSITE, HTTP://WWW.NEWYORKER.COM/ONLINE/BLOGS/CARTOONISTS/2013/03/JUDGING-HUMOR.HTML

LITTLE, "LEGAL RESTRICTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMOR," THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HUMOR: A SOCIAL HISTORY (SALVATORE ATTARDO, ED. 2014)

LITTLE, "HAIL TO THE CHIEF," ABA JOURNAL 44 (NOVEMBER 2005)

LITTLE, "DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP JURISDICTION," FEDERALISM IN AMERICA: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA (JOSEPH R. MARBACH, ET AL., EDS. (2006)

LITTLE, *CONTRADICTION AND RESOLUTION IN FEDERAL JUDICIAL SELECTION* (ESSAY WRITTEN FOR AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN 2005)

RAHDERT AND LITTLE, *THE FUTURE OF THE TEMPLE LAW REVIEW: STASIS AND CHANGE*, 75 TEMPLE LAW REVIEW 13 (2002)

LITTLE, *THE FUTURE OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY*, 70 TEMPLE LAW REVIEW 1151 (1997) (SPEECH DELIVERED AT THIRD CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CONFERENCE)

MAJOR PRESENTATIONS AND PODCAST

*Presenter, U.S. Supreme Court Round Up: Significant Decisions from October Term 2024, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Retreat (2026).

*Panelist and Coordinator, *More Than a Wink: Context, Meaning, and Emojis in Litigation*, International Humor Studies Society Annual Conference (Niteroi, Brazil 2026).

*Presenter, *Legal Complications Posed by Humor and Artificial Intelligence*, International Computational Linguists Symposium (2026).

*Presenter, *The Intersection of Humor and the Law,* IE University (Segovia Spain 2026).

*Presenter, Constitutional Issues Raised by the Second Trump Administration, Comillas University Law School (Madrid, Spain 2026).

*Presenter, *An Homage to Law Review Articles and Conflict of Laws,* University of Pittsburgh (2026).

*Panelist, *Current Issues in Civil Rights,* William Coleman Foundation (National Constitution Center March 2026).

*Presenter**,** *Digital Disfunction and the First Amendment* on the mismatch between digital communication and First Amendment doctrine at the Warwick Legal Network's Autumn Conference in Philadelphia, October 2025.

*Presenter, An overview of developments in the study of humor and the law at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Humor Studies hosted by Jagiellonian University in Krakow, July 2025

*Panelist, Laughing Out of Bounds, Law's Struggle with Digital Humor, a review of the First Amendment doctrine's weakness in handling questions regarding digital humor at a panel held as part of the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Humor Studies hosted by Jagiellonian University in Krakow, July 2025.

*Moderator, Latin American Law and Humor Issues, at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Humor Studies hosted by Jagiellonian University in Krakow. July 2025.

*Panelist, Presented Strange Bedfellows: Conflict of Laws and Humor Issues in Defamation Law for the Law Department of the City of Philadelphia. July 2025

*Presenter: Presented Contractual Choice of Law Clauses at a faculty seminar of the law faculty of the University of New South Wales on the contractual choice of law clause sections of the Restatement (Third) of Conflict of Laws. Sydney, Australia, May 2025

*Presenter, Presented The Intersection of Law and Humor at the Faculty Seminar for the Law Faculty of the University of Adelaide, Australia. May 2025

*Presenter, The Usefulness of Legal Knowledge for Effective Leadership, discussing legal issues pertaining to business management, for MBA students at Central Queensland University in Cairns, Australia. May 2025

*Presenter/Panelist, Participated in a podcast hosted by the Australasian Humour Studies Network concerning current events that implicate law and humor at University of Sydney, Australia, May 2025

Presenter: Presented Constitutional Issues Arising from the Trump Administration to the U.S. Study Centre of the University of Sydney (Australia). April 2025

*Organizer and Panelist, "Time to Overrule *Citizens United* ?*:* Proposed Amendment to Return Campaign Financing Regulation to the State and Federal Legislatures." February 2025.

*Panelist and Moderator, What's in a Joke: Humor in Free Speech Jurisprudence and Content Moderation, Columbia University Global Freedom of Expression Project. October 2024

*Panelist, An Overview of Current Ethical issues in Federal Courts to the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Symposium on Federal Practice. September 2024

*Presenter, Current issues of Free Speech on Campus. Temple Law School. September 2024.

*Presenter, Presented on matters related to content moderation, regulation of student speech, content based restrictions, and hate speech at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. December 2025 and October 2024.

*Panelist, Presented Strange Bedfellows: Conflict of Laws and Humor Issues in Defamation Law for the Law Department of the City of Philadelphia. July 2025.

"Law Meets Laughter: Current Free Speech Issues*"* Analyzed the difficulty of accommodating free speech law to edgy humor on the internet. Presented to a group of European scholars studying the intersection of humor and the law at a symposium on Humor and Free Speech in the Digital Age: Law and Humanities Perspectives at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands. (July 2024).

"Contractual Choice of Law Clauses under the Restatement (Third) of Conflict of Law." Presented at a symposium held at the University of Bremen, Germany. (July 2024).

Organizer and Co-host: Organized and co-hosted a webinar with several presenters providing diverse perspectives on humor and the law as part of a webinar series sponsored by the International Society for the Study of Humor. (May 2024)

"Joking and Digital Communication." Presented on the consequences of joking in a digital forum. (International Society for the Study of Humor meeting May 2024).

"The Imminence Requirement for Incitement to Violence over Social Media." Presented an analysis of problems posed by the First Amendment requirement of proving imminence for incitements of violence over social media, and acted as convener, organizer, and moderator of program on digital for Texas A&M, Dallas. (April 2024).

"Introduction to Federalism, the First Amendment, and the Second Amendment." Discover America: Program for Italian Lawyers in Riccione, Italy (March 2024).

"Humor and the US Constitution." Tor Vergata Law School in Rome, Italy (March 2024).

"Comparative Approaches to Humor and the Law." Temple University Rome (March 2024).

"Constitutional Controversies Concerning Donald Trump." Presented on 14th amendment, 1st amendment, and official immunity claims (Luiss University, Rome, March 2024).

"Implications of the Supreme Court's 303 Creative Decision on the First Amendment's Religion Clauses." Temple Inn of Court (Philadelphia January 2024).

"First Amendment Protections for International Students in the United States. Temple University's International Affairs Office." (November 2024).

"Choice of law issues on Capacity to Contract and Contractual Formalities." Advisors for the Restatement (Third) of Conflict of Law at the American Law Institute (October 2024).

Podcast, "Supreme Court Term 2022-2023, KYW One-on-One with Matt Leon (Podcast 2023)

Presenter, "Censorship Humor," International Interdisciplinary Society for the Study of Humor" (Boston University 2023)

*Presenter, "International Issues of Censorship of Humor," UNESCO World Press Day (Columbia University 2023)

*Presenter, "Intersection of Law and Humor," Federal Bar Association (2023)

*Presenter, "Professional Comics and Censorship," Socio-Legal Studies Association (Derry, Northern Ireland 2023)

*Presenter "Current Issues in Law and Humor" (University College Cork, Ireland 2023)

*Presenter, "Approaches to Resolving Internet Disputes Relating to Personal Jurisdiction, Choice of Law, and Judgment Recognition" (University College Cork, Ireland 2023)

*Presenter "Current Constitutional Issues and Career in Constitutional Law," University of Pennsylvania 2023

*Podcast Presenter, "*Novak v. City of Parma,*" Criminal—Episode 207, Vox, 2023

*Presenter, "Constitutional Doctrine Governing Hate Speech," Diversity and Inclusion Summit, Pennsylvania Bar Association (2022)

*Organizer and Presenter, "Humor and Free Speech in the Digital Era," Columbia University Freedom of Expression Initiative, 2022

*Presenter, "Preview of Major Cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, October Term 2022, Conference for the Judges of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2022.

*Presenter, "Law and Humor," Montgomery County Bar Association (2022)

*Presenter, "The Process of Studying Law and Humor," International Interdisciplinary Society for the Study of Humor" (University of Bologna, Italy 2022)

In each of the following, I was a Presenter:

"Law's Intersection with Humor," Law Alumni Association, Philadelphia, Pa (2022)

"Humor and the Law," Presentation to the Court System of the State of Georgia (Young Harris, Georgia 2022)

"A Dialogue on the First Amendment," Joint Presentation with Erwin Chemerinsky, Endowed Lecture (Temple University, Philadelphia 2022)

"Law's Intersection with Humor," Washington County, PA Bar Association (virtual 2022).

"The Intersection of Humor and the Law," Administrators of the Pennsylvania Court System (State College, Pa 2021)

"Humor and the Law," President Judges of the Pennsylvania Courts (State College Pa 2021)

"Cartoons in Court," Presentation at the European Central University (virtual/Budapest 2021)

"Regulation of Cartoons: Comparing the U.S. Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights," Yale University Freedom of Speech Conference (virtual 2021)

"Current Issues in First Amendment Law" (sponsored by Wolters Kluwer Publishing—with Erwin Chemerinsky) (virtual 2021)

"Regulating Cartoons," ProVisor Lawyers (Sponsored by Cartoon Collections) (virtual 2021)

"U.S. Criminal Law," University of Burgundy (virtual 2021)

"The Restatement Process and the Restatement (Third) of Conflict of Laws," (University of North Carolina Law -Chapel Hill) (2020, 2021, 2022)

"Censorship of Campus Comedians," Brunel University (Virtual: Uxbridge, England 2020)

"Comedy and Law in America," Golden Gate University (Virtual: San Francisco 2020) (faculty

colloquium)

"Comedy Collides with the Courtroom," Progressive Connections (with Professor Rachel DiCioccio) (Prague, Czech Republic 2020)

"Contractual Choice of Law Clauses," Conflict of Laws Session, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (Washington DC 2020)

"Conflict of Laws," Bar Review Lectures, sponsored by Bar-Bri (Pittsburgh, Villanova, and Philadelphia; annually from 1998 - 2021)

"Amendments to the U.S. Constitution," Maritime Academy (Philadelphia) (2019)

"Humor and the Law," Appellate Judges of Pennsylvania (2019)

"Teaching Federal Courts," Federal Courts Section, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (New Orleans 2019)

"Comedy and Law," Duke University (2019)

"Humor and the Law," University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill (2019)

Book Events for GUILTY PLEASURES: COMEDY AND LAW IN AMERICA: Wilmington, Delaware Public Library; Philadelphia Ethical Society; Philadelphia Public Library, Abington, Pennsylvania Public Library; Book Passages (San Francisco); William Penn House (Philadelphia) (2018-2020)

"The Intersection of Humor and the Law," 2018 Judicial College (Judicial Conferences for all of the judges in the State of New Jersey) (2018)

"Comedy and Law in America," Presentation to the Judges of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2018)

"*Erie's* Unintended Consequences," Symposium on *Erie* at 80 (Akron Law School 2018) "The

Intersection of Law and Humor," University of Akron (all campus lecture) 2018)

"Humor Dynamics in Adversary Litigation," International Society for the Study of Humor (with Professor Rachel DiCioccio) (Tallinn, Estonia 2018)

"RBG," Presentation in connection with the local premier of the documentary on Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Ambler, PA 2018).

"Hate Speech on Campus and Online," All-campus lecture: Bucks Country Community College (2018)

"Censorship Humor Around the World," Keynote Speech, Australasian Humour Studies Network, (Cairns, Australia 2018)

"Censorship Comedy," Villanova Law School Faculty Colloquium (2018)

"Free Speech and Censorship in Graphic Illustration," Temple University Liberal Arts Conference on

“Graphic Thinking.” (2017)

“Legal Regulation of Humor,” Fordham University (New York City 2017)

“Defamatory Restaurant Reviews,” University of Burgundy Humor Conference (Dijon, France 2016)

“Internationalizing the New Conflict of Laws Restatement: Chapter on Families (Duke Law School 2017)

“Laughing at Censorship,” International Society for the Study of Humor (Trinity College, Dublin Ireland 2016)

“Why is Censorship Funny?” Law and Society Annual Conference (New Orleans 2016)

“The December 2015 Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,” United States District Court Judges for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2016)

“The Power of Humor,” University of Rhode Island Honors Colloquium (2015)

"Freedom of Expression and Humor Regulation," Doshisha University (Kyoto, Japan), Temple University Japan (Tokyo, Japan), Sophia University (Tokyo, Japan) (2015)

“Private International Law and the United States Restatement Process," East China University of Political Science and Law (Shanghai, China), Tshinghua University (Beijing), China University of International Business and Economics (Beijing), China University of Political Science and Law (Beijing), Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (Shanghai) (2015)

“Regulating Political Speech and Hate Speech,” International Conference of Democracy and the Rule of Law, The Catholic University of Salta, (Salta, Argentina 2015)

“Why is Censorship Funny?” Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference (New Haven 2014)

“Cross-Border Regulation of Internet Abuse,” Co-Sponsored Program of the Ontario Bar Association and the New York Bar Association (Toronto, Canada 2014)

“Conflict of Laws Structure and Vision: Updating a Venerable Discipline,” University of Auckland, New Zealand (2014)

“Comparative Defamation Law,” University of Victoria, Wellington, New Zealand (2014)

“Just a Joke: Humour as a Defense in Defamation Suits,” Australasian Humour Society, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington (2014)

“Civil Regulation of Humour: Contract, Trademark, Employment, and Defamation Law,” University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand (2014)

“Why is Law Funny?” Temple University’s Beasley School of Law (with THE NEW YORKER CARTOON EDITOR Bob Mankoff (2013)

“Protection and Restrictions of Humor,” Interdisciplinary Humor Conference sponsored by Texas A&M University and Southern Methodist University (Texas 2013)

“Legal Regulation of Humor” Trinity College Dublin, University College Cork and University College Dublin (Ireland 2012)

“Military Tribunals” University College (Cork, Ireland 2012)

“Publishing in U.S. Law Journals (Cork, Ireland 2012)

“Regulating Humor through Civil Actions,” Queens University Belfast (Belfast, Northern Ireland 2012)

“Internet Choice of Law Governance” (workshop on Private International Law in the Context of Globalization, Chinese Society of Private International Law, Beijing 2011)

“Legal Regulation of Humor” China University of Politics and Law (FaDa) (Beijing 2011)

“The First Amendment and Internet Governance in the United States,” University of International Business and Economics (Beijing 2011)

“Rhetoric and Spin,” Delaware Bar Association (Rehoboth DE 2011)

"Humor and the Law," Rutgers Law School Faculty Colloquium (Camden NJ 2010)

“Legal Regulation of Humor,” Continuing Legal Education lecture to the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia 2010)

“Humor and the Law,” Literature and Law Symposium, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (New York 2010)

“Legal Regulation of Humor,” Faculty Seminar, The Australian National University (Canberra, Australia 2010)

“Risk-Taking and Transgression,” Australasian Humour Studies Network (Sydney, Australia 2010)

“Adjudication and Emotion,” University of Sydney Law School (Sydney, Australia 2010)

“Regulating Funny,” Flinders University (Adelaide, Australia 2010)

“Hybrid Lawmaking and Reverse Preemption,” Case Western Reserve Law School Symposium on Access to Courts in the Roberts Era (Cleveland, Ohio 2009)

“Humor and the Law,” United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Judges Retreat (Gettysburg 2008)

“Conflict of Laws in Bankruptcy” Federal Judicial Center Meeting of Bankruptcy Judges (Plenary session panel, Seattle 2008)

"Regulating Funny: Humor and the Law," International Society for the Study of Humor (Spain 2008)

"Judicial Independence" (with retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor), New Mexico Bar Association Annual Meeting (New Mexico 2007)

"Serving on the Supreme Court: How Should a Nation Select its Most Powerful Judges? Taking a Look at U.S. and Japanese Models" (with Professor Daniel Foote), Foreign Women Lawyer's Association (Tokyo, Japan 2006)

"American Judicial Selection: Recent Experience from the Roberts, Miers and Alito Nominations" Temple University Japan (Tokyo, Japan 2006)

"William H. Rehnquist: In Memoriam" National Constitution Center (Philadelphia 2005)

"The Rehnquist Legacy," American Constitution Society (Panel discussion, Philadelphia 2005)

"Domestic Conflict of Laws in American System," Conflict of Laws Roundtable for Chinese Scholars (Philadelphia 2005)

"Becoming Justice Blackmun," Interview of New York Times Reporter Linda Greenhouse, National Constitution Center (Philadelphia 2005)

"National Security & Individual Liberty," 2004 Third Circuit Judicial Conference Panel together with Ted Olson, Paul Clement, Dick Thornburg, Michael Chertoff, John Gibbons, and David Cole (Plenary Session, Harrisburg 2004)

"The Criminal Process: Trial, Punishment, and Appeal," Doshisha University (Kyoto, Japan 2004)

"Current Issues in Conflict of Laws: Contractual Choice of Law Clauses and the Internet (Skadden, Arps, Tokyo, Japan 2004)

"The Media and the Judicial Process," People's Procuratorate (Shanghai 2004)

"Media and Fair Trial" Tsinghua University (roundtable participant) (Beijing 2004)

"American Judicial Decision-making," Chinese National Judicial College (Beijing 2004)

"Judicial Decision-making and the Common Law," Chinese Prosecutors (Philadelphia 2003)

"Jurisdictional Concurrency in the United States," Cyberlaw Symposium for Visiting Chinese Scholars (Philadelphia 2003)

"Adjudication and Emotion," International Congress on Law and Mental Health (Amsterdam, The Netherlands 2002)

"Federalism and the Operation of the United States Supreme Court, WTO Symposium for Visiting Chinese Scholars (Philadelphia 2002)

"Judicial Opinion-writing," Superior Court of Pennsylvania Judicial Conference (Pittsburgh 2002)

"Federal Judicial Selection," Symposium, Univ. of California at Davis (Davis, CA 2002)

"Adjudication and Emotion," Second International Conference on Therapeutic Jurisprudence (Cincinnati, OH 2001)

"Operation of the United States Supreme Court," Philadelphia Bar Association Appellate Courts Committee (Philadelphia 2000)

"Better Communication," Workshop for the United States Court of Federal Claims (Williamsburg, VA 1999)

"Federalism," Second Constitutional Law Conclave, sponsored by Pennsylvania Bar Institute (Philadelphia 1999)

"Judging on the Edge," American Association of Women Judges (Miami1999)

"Legal Language -- Better Communication," United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference (Grand Traverse, Michigan 1999)

"Future of the Federal Courts," United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit Judicial Conference (Plenary Session; Philadelphia 1997)

"Conflict of Laws in the Federal System," National Conference of United States District Judges, sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center (Arizona 1996)

"Future of the Federal Judiciary," Conference for the Judges of the Eleventh Circuit, sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center (Alabama 1996)

"Characterization and Legal Discourse," Delaware Valley Law Women (Philadelphia 1996)

"Loyalty, Gratitude, and the Federal Judiciary," National Conferences of United States District Judges, sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center (Atlanta 3/95; Seattle 9/95; Boston 7/95)

"O. J. Simpson and Legal Issues of News Coverage," Associated Press Managing Editors Conference (Plenary Session Philadelphia 1994)

"Major Changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure," sponsored by the Philadelphia Bar Association (1993)

BOARDS AND MAJOR ACADEMIC SERVICE

Appointed as an Advisor to Dutch Research Council's project to develop a tool kit for international entities on regulation that promotes humor and free speech (2023-present).

Website Co-founder, ForHum: Devoted to presenting international developments on the intersection of humor and the law

Appointed member, Advisory Committee for Amendments to the Local Civil Rules for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2022-2024) (appointed by judges of the court/commendation received from the judges).

Legal Advisor for the United States, Cartoonists' Legal Advisory Network of the Cartoon Rights Network International (2021-present).

Expert Consultant, Conflict of Laws in Precision Medicine. (University of Georgia 2021-2022).

Executive Committee, Conflict of Laws Section of the American Association of Law Schools (2015-present)

University College Cork, Board of External Advisors (Law Faculty) (2013-2016; 2019-present)

Academic Participant, Study of Collective and Individual Responsibility for Atrocities, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (Groupe de Sociologie Politique et Morale) at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris (2011)

Advisory Board Member, ISRAELI JOURNAL OF HUMOR (2011– present)

Faculty Advisor, TEMPLE LAW REVIEW (1992–2014; 2016-present)

Editorial Referee, UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES LAW JOURNAL (Australia); LAW AND SOCIETY REVIEW (U.S.); HUMOR: INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL OF HUMOR RESEARCH; EUROPEAN OPEN LIBRARY OF THE HUMANITIES

Tenure and Promotions Referee, University of Sydney (Law School), Minnesota Law School, Michigan State University College of Law School

Manuscript Referee, ASPEN PUBLISHING: Reviewed and commented on works related to Conflict of Laws, Remedies, Constitutional Law, and Federal Courts

Ph.D. Referee, Temple University, Department of Psychology, Dissertation on "Personality Characteristics of Lawyers"

S.J.D. Advisor and Doctoral Advisory Committee Chair, Professor Fu-Mei Sung, Dissertation on "Judicial Independence in Taiwan"

S.J.D. Doctoral Advisory Committee Member, Professor Lina Maria Cėspedes-Báez, Dissertation on "Justice and the Legal Creation of Identity around Women and Sexual Bias in the Colombian Armed Conflict"

Individual Faculty Advisor for over 150 J.D. student law journal articles and guided research papers

Co-Chair, Temple Law School Strategic Planning Committee (2012-2015)

EDUCATION

J.D., 1985 – Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, *Summa Cum Laude*; Graduated first in class of day division students.

> Honors and Activities: TEMPLE LAW REVIEW: Editor-in-Chief (1984 – 1985); Staff Member (1983 – 1984). Awards: Honorable Donald J. Orlowsky Award for Appellate Brief Writing; Law Faculty Award for Distinguished Scholastic Performance; Corpus Juris Secundum Award for Overall Legal Scholarship; West Publishing Award for the Highest Average in the Senior Year; Robert E. Lamberton Award in Constitutional Law; Sarah A. Shull Memorial Award for Excellence in Legal Research and Writing; American Jurisprudence Awards in Constitutional Law and Criminal Procedure.

B.A. in Economics, 1979 – University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, *Magna Cum Laude*

Smith College, Northampton, MA (1975 – 1976)

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