

CURRENT POSITION

CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF LAW, August 2015 to present

ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF LAW, 2010 to July 2015

Penn State Law, The Pennsylvania State University

Supervising Faculty Attorney, Veterans and Servicemembers Legal Clinic, June 2016 -

Director, International Sustainable Development Projects Law Clinic, 2011 -

Supervising Faculty Attorney, Rural Economic Development Clinic, 2010 to 2012

Other Courses Taught: Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing I & II; Applied Legal Analysis and Writing I & II; Workers' Compensation Law; Summer Intensive Bar Examination Preparation

Other Duties: Penn State Law Ombudsman, Sept. 2015 to present

Current and Past Committees: Strategic Planning; Clinics and Experiential Learning; Law-School of International Affairs Partnership; Relevance and Reach; Partnerships and Development

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to practice in Pennsylvania state courts (2009 to present)

Accredited to practice before the Board of Veterans Appeals and Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (2016)

Previously admitted to practice in Colorado state courts (2003), U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado (2004), U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals (2004), Colorado Office of Administrative Courts (2004), and Division of Workers' Compensation (2004)

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, May 2003

Bachelor of Science, Geography, The Pennsylvania State University, 1997

PRIOR LEGAL EXPERIENCE

ATTORNEY, Lee & Kinder, LLC, July 2008 to May 2010

Helped launch firm specializing in workers' compensation and appeals, subrogation and Division of Workers' Compensation audit defense practice.

ATTORNEY, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, Sept. 2005 to July 2008

Insurance defense practice focusing primarily on workers' compensation and appeals; also including insurance coverage, personal injury, construction defect practice.

ATTORNEY, Johnson, McConaty & Sargent, PC, Jan. 2004 to June 2005

Complex civil litigation focused primarily on defense of medical malpractice actions; also including contract arbitration, contract review, legal malpractice, personal injury and workers' compensation practice.

LAW CLERK to the Honorable Chief Judge John P. Leopold (Ret.) and the Honorable Chief Judge William B. Sylvester, Colorado 18th Judicial District, Jan. 2003 to Jan. 2004

Responsibilities: Researched diverse legal issues, drafted orders, managed docket, recorded minutes, bailiff. Researched and wrote extensively on post-conviction ineffective assistance of counsel arguments and mitigation evidence at sentencing phase in death penalty cases.

INTERN to Leopold, C.J., Colorado 18th Judicial District, October 2002 to January 2003

Responsibilities: Researched and wrote on post-conviction litigation in capital cases.

STUDENT ATTORNEY, University of Denver Sturm College of Law Criminal Law Clinic, fall semester, 2002

Responsibilities: Represented indigent clients in misdemeanor cases including theft, disorderly conduct, and driving under the influence.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Rwanda Initiative Faculty Advisory Committee, Pennsylvania State University, 2015

The Committee was formed to advise in all areas of the project to establish and grow the Institute of Applied Agriculture in Rwanda – a four-year degree granting educational institution focused on practical agricultural education, applied research, and extension education. (Howard G Buffett Foundation)

Student Legal Services Advisory Board, Pennsylvania State University, 2011, continuing

FUNDED RESEARCH PROPOSALS AND EDUCATIONAL BOARDS

Scientific Advisory Council, IGERT Multi-scale Dynamic Materials for Global Healthcare and Traineeship (NSF)(Dong Cheng)

Advisory Board, Modular Assessment Framework for Professional Skills Using a Model of Domain Learning Approach (NSF)(Sadan Kulturel)

Collaborator, Sustainable Communities Initiative, PSU Sustainability Institute

iKARE proposal innovative Knowledge for Action, Resilience and Entrepreneurship (iKARE)(Rob Crane)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Annual Guest Lecture to Science Diving class and Dive Safety Officer on intersection of law, regulations, and research protections with underwater research, 2012 to present.

Presentation to Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association Annual Conference, October 2012
Batson, equal protection of the community in jury selection, and the hybrid race-gender class.

Interprofessional Committee of the Colorado & Denver Bar Associations, 2006, 2007
Conferenced with attorneys and other professionals to promote better understanding among the professions, prepare statements of principles governing interprofessional relations, assist in resolving disputes between professionals (in practice, principally physicians and attorneys), and maintain the Interprofessional Code.

Working Group of COPIC Insurance Co.'s medical malpractice panel counsel, Feb./Mar. 2005
Intensive research, analysis, synthesis, and drafting with group formed to study and prescribe defense tactics in response to Colorado Supreme Court opinion with broad ramifications to discovery in medical malpractice actions.

Presentation to COPIC's medical malpractice panel counsel, August 2004
Topic: The effects of repeal and re-enactment of Colorado's "Dead Man's Statute" (DMS) on medical malpractice actions in Colorado. Thesis that new law on competency of evidence was applicable in broader range of cases (where previously limited to probate) was subsequently used successfully.

PRO BONO

Pro Bono – Legal Night Task Force, Mi Casa Resource Center for Women and Legal Night at Centro San Juan Diego, 2006 to 2010

Volunteer attorney for Colorado Lawyers Committee task force to assist individuals in underserved communities with diverse legal issues.

Volunteer, The Innocence Project, 2002/03

Analyzed cases submitted by inmates for The Innocence Project representation. The Innocence Project is a national organization that litigates post-conviction cases to exonerate wrongfully convicted persons and lobbies for criminal justice system reform.

Volunteer, The Interpreter Project, 2002/03

Sought statewide policy for interpreters for non-English speaking criminal defendants.

PUBLICATIONS

A Case for Legal Due Diligence in Humanitarian Engagements, INTERNATIONAL IN-HOUSE COUNSEL JOURNAL, Vol. 9, No. 35, Spring 2016.

Logistics Advice for Students and Graduates Pursuing Development Careers and Experiences in Less Developed Countries, SOLVING PROBLEMS THAT MATTER (AND GETTING PAID FOR IT): STEM CAREERS IN SOCIAL INNOVATION AND GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, ISBN: 978-1514838006, Oct. 2015.

Numbers Game: Equal Protection Analyses under Batson v. Kentucky, "Hybrid" Race-Gender Class Implications, and the Future of Peremptory Strikes, SSRN, 2012.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Architecture Intern, Architecture Matters, LLC, Jan. 2000 to Aug. 2001

Assisted in all aspects of varied architecture practice, including design, CAD drafting and rendering, specifications, and field visits.

Senior Research Assistant, Pennsylvania State University, Environmental Resources Research Institute (n/k/a Institutes of Energy and the Environment), Office for Remote Sensing of Earth Resources, June 1996 to May 1998

Responsibilities: Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping and statistical modeling, project development and management, programming and fieldwork, research and analytical contributions to numerous theses.