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EDUCATION

McGill University Faculty of Law

Montreal, Quebec

- Doctor of Civil Laws (D.C.L.) in Comparative Law, October 2011
- Master of Law (LL.M.) Comparative Law, August 2007
- Recipient of 2007 Quebec Society of Comparative Law Thesis Award

The George Washington University Law School

Washington, D.C.

- Juris Doctor (J.D.) with Honors, May 2003 (Top 1/3 of class)
- Notes Editor, *The George Washington International Law Review*

Newcomb College at Tulane University

New Orleans, Louisiana

- B.A., Sociology and Psychology, May 1999
- Magna Cum Laude with Honors in Sociology
- *Phi Mu* Award for Most Outstanding Senior in Sociology

EXPERIENCE

Alexander Blewett III School of Law, University of Montana

Missoula, Montana

Assistant Professor

August 2022 to present

- Teach Remedies, Comparative Law, International Law and Pre-trial Civil Advocacy
- Serve on Appointments and Curriculum Faculty Committees

Missoula County Attorney's Office

Missoula, Montana

Civil Chief Deputy

August 2019 to July 2022

Senior Civil Deputy

March 2017 to August 2019

- Supervise attorneys and support staff in three civil units, including in-house civil defense, dependent neglect and civil commitment units.
- Defend civil actions against Missoula County and its employees.
- Bring enforcement actions on behalf of Missoula County and Missoula County departments.
- Provide legal advice to Missoula County departments on various legal issues, including human resources, open meetings and records laws, constitutional law, risk management, and environmental and clinical health laws.
- Contract review and negotiation for Missoula County departments.
- Facilitate contract procurement for vendors providing services to civil units and with state agencies relating to dependent neglect and civil commitment services and reimbursements.
- Coordinate with community and government stakeholders relating to issues impacting civil units.
- Collaborate with criminal prosecutors on issues impacting both criminal and civil units.
- Participate in Missoula County Senior Leadership Team as department liaison.

University of Montana Department of Political Science

Missoula, Montana

Adjunct Professor

January 2017 to December 2021

- Develop and teach Constitutional Law, International Law and Organizations and Comparative Legal Systems courses.

Datsopoulos, McDonald and Lind, P.C.

Missoula, Montana

Contract Counsel

July 2014 to March 2017

- Practice as contract counsel for Datsopoulos, McDonald and Lind, P.C.
- Litigate complex cases in state, federal and administrative tribunals in many legal areas, including commercial law, employment law, constitutional law, and land use and planning.

- Engage in discovery in complex civil cases, including taking and defending depositions, written discovery, and legal research and briefing regarding discovery-related issues.
- Present oral arguments on a variety of motions to judges.
- Direct and cross examine witnesses at trial and evidentiary hearings.
- Briefing and legal research, including drafting of complaints, answers, motions and memos.

Alexander Blewett III School of Law, University of Montana

Missoula, Montana

Adjunct Professor

August 2007 to 2016

- Taught Global Perspectives on Law, fall 2016; previously taught 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016
- Co-taught Public International Law 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014 and 2015
- Coached Jessup International Law Moot Court team, 2010, 2011

American Civil Liberties Union of Montana

Missoula, Montana

Staff Attorney

April 2012 to July 2014

- Litigated on behalf of plaintiffs against government entities in cases involving constitutional issues, including class actions and cases brought by institutional plaintiffs.
- Appeared in federal and state court.
- Wrote briefs and memos regarding constitutional legal issues and federal statutes.
- Researched and wrote amicus briefs for cases before the Montana Supreme Court.

McGill University UNCITRAL Arbitration Database Project

Montreal, Quebec

Senior Research Scholar (working remotely)

May 2007 – March 2011

- Conducted comparative law research on legislation, caselaw and scholarly works relating to international arbitration for 26 countries that have adopted the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration.

Zelle, LLP

San Francisco, California

Attorney

August 2003 – August 2005

- Practiced in state and federal antitrust and consumer class actions, civil litigation and arbitration.

U. S. Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser

Washington, D.C.

Legal Extern

August 2002 – August 2003

- Conducted extensive research, drafting and editing for annual international law digests.
- Assisted State Department attorneys on diplomatic and consular immunity legal issues.

OTHER EXPERIENCE**America House, U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine**

August 2018

Rule of Law Lecturer and Keynote Speaker

- Presented three-day seminar on U.S. Constitutional law, U.S. law regarding elections and voting, U.S. law regarding freedom of press, U.S. safeguards against judicial corruption, and U.S. teaching methods to Ukrainian law professors and lawyers.
- Gave public talks and media interviews regarding U.S. safeguards against judicial corruption.

U.S. Embassy in Hanoi

December 2015

International Human Rights Rule of Law Initiative

- Presented lectures on the international law, civil rights and human rights, including freedom of public assembly to government officials and civil society and participated in roundtables with international organizations in Hanoi, Vietnam at invitation of U.S. Embassy in Vietnam.

U.S. Embassy in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

October 2014

International Human Rights Rule of Law Initiative

- Lectured and provided instruction to government officials and civil society, participated in roundtable discussions and press interviews regarding civil rights of criminal defendants under

international human rights law in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, Vietnam at invitation of U.S. Embassy in Vietnam.

U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam

August 2013

Criminal Justice Lecturer for Rule of Law Initiative

- Presented lectures and participated in round tables on U.S. criminal justice system and representation of marginalized groups to law enforcement and legal community in Hanoi, Vietnam at invitation of U.S. Embassy in Vietnam.

Montana Osher Life Long Learning Institute (“MOLLI”)

2012-present

Instructor

- Taught the following six week courses: International Law: Foundations and Current Challenges (Fall 2019); Judicial Power: A Historical, Comparative and Functional Inquiry (Spring 2019); Incarceration in Montana (2014), International Law (2013), and Legal Traditions of the World (comparative law) (2012).

PUBLICATIONS

Comparing Essential Components of Transnational Jurisdiction: A Proposed Comparative Methodology, forthcoming in Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law (January 2023). This article received the AALS Comparative Law Section Mark Tushnet Award recognizing scholarly excellence in comparative law.

Torture in US Jails and Prisons: An Analysis of Solitary Confinement Under International Law, Vienna Journal on International Constitutional Law, Vol. 7, 4/2013 (December 2013)

Getting Individuals Committed to the Montana State Hospital out of County Jails, 39-NOV Mont. Law 10 (November 2013)

Preserving Reasonable Suspicion, 37-JUNE/JULY Mont. Law 5 (June 2012)

The Montana Supreme Court’s Continued, Not-so-subtle Assault on Arbitration, 35-FEB Mont. Law. 6 (Feb. 2010). This article received the Haswell Award from the State Bar of Montana for the most outstanding Montana Lawyer article of the year.

Email Service on Foreign Defendants: Time for an International Approach?, 38 Georgetown J. Int’l L. 775 (2007) (with David Stewart)

A Comparative Analysis of U.S. Judicial Assistance, 2007 World Arb. & Mediation Rev. 609 (2007)

A New World of Discovery: The Ramifications of Two Recent Federal Courts’ Decisions Granting Judicial Assistance to Arbitral Tribunals Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1782, 17 Am. Rev. Int’l. Arb. 45 (2006). Cited by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas at 617 F.Supp.2d 481, 487 (2008).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SPEAKING EVENTS

Presenter, Montana Supreme Court Caselaw Update - Civil, Montana Judges Association Conference, May 2023

Paper Presenter, Equity as a Legal Transplant – the History of Injunctions as a Principle-based Adaptable Judicial Power, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, as part of the institute’s annual Masterclass in International Law, April 2023

Panelist, Comparative Law Works-in-Progress on the Cutting Edge of a Plural and Global World Disorder, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, January 2023

Guest Lecturer (remote), Russian Invasion of Ukraine Through an International Law Lens, Odessa I.I. Mechnikov Nat. Univ. for International Cooperation, Odessa, Ukraine, November 2022

Lecturer, UM School of Public and Community Health Sciences Public Health Fall 2022 Seminar Series "Public Health laws in Montana after the 2021 Legislature" October 2022

Co-Presenter, Lies and Technology: Ethical Considerations for Civil and Criminal Practitioners, MT Bar Annual Meeting, September 2022

Speaker, Overview of the American Legal System, Mansfield Center Global Educators Program, June 2022

Panelist, Montana Bar Association Rule of Law Continuing Legal Education Event, April 2022

Panelist, Rights and Responsibilities in a time of COVID, Mansfield Dialogues, February 2021