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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Associate Professor of Practice & Director, First Amendment Clinic

Assistant Professor of Practice & Director, First Amendment Clinic

St. Louis, MO

July 2023 to present

July 2019 to June 2023

Teach and supervise second- and third-year law students providing legal assistance to organizations, students, journalists, and others in matters implicating the freedom of speech, press, or assembly or implicating statutory rights of access to public records. Oversee all aspects of student lawyering and provide one-on-one and team supervision through regular student meetings and case rounds. Lead a weekly seminar on substantive First Amendment law and practical lawyering skills. Develop and manage relationships with potential repeat organizational clients and with community and national organizations that promote free speech and government transparency.

Courses Taught: First Amendment Clinic, Media Law

DOWD BENNETT LLP

Partner

St. Louis, MO

September 2011 to June 2019

Represented clients in complex litigation matters in state and federal courts across the country. Managed fact investigation, case strategy, fact and expert discovery, dispositive and pre-trial motion practice, and trial preparation. Drafted appellate briefs in state and federal court. Conducted internal investigations on sensitive matters, including a highly publicized investigation into alleged Title IX violations by a state university. Represented several journalists charged after their arrests while covering protests in Ferguson, Missouri. Served as coordinator of the firm's summer associate program.

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

Law Clerk to the Hon. Susan H. Black

Jacksonville, FL

September 2010 to August 2011

Conducted legal research and drafted opinions and bench memoranda for criminal and civil appeals.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Summer Law Intern Program, Employment Litigation Section

Washington, DC

July 2009 to August 2009

Researched legal issues and prepared analytical memoranda on issues of employment discrimination and civil rights law.

CAHILL GORDON & REINDEL LLP

Summer Law Clerk

New York, NY

May 2009 to June 2009

Prepared memoranda relating to First Amendment issues, including commercial speech and prior restraints.

U.S. SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Law Clerk, Sen. Patrick Leahy

Washington, DC
June 2008 to August 2008
Researched proposed legislation, prepared draft statements and committee reports, and drafted memoranda regarding judicial nominees.

THE NEWS & OBSERVER

Staff Writer, Chapel Hill Bureau

Raleigh, NC
June 2005 to July 2007
Covered county government, with a focus on issues of growth, agriculture and education. Previously reported on local business and economic development.

WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL

Staff Writer

Winston-Salem, NC
September 2003 to June 2005
Reported on criminal and civil cases in state and federal court, legal issues, and judicial elections. Previously covered two rural counties in newspaper's circulation area, reporting on issues of county government, police, courts, and education.

EDUCATION

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., May 2010

Durham, NC

Summa cum laude and Order of the Coif

- Wallace and Sue Vick McCown Scholar
- *Duke Law Journal*, Notes Editor
- Teaching Assistant, Contracts (Fall 2009) and Legal Analysis, Research & Writing (2008-09)
- Award for Outstanding Leadership in Public Interest and Pro Bono Programs

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, M.A. Mass Communication, August 2010

Chapel Hill, NC

- Completed a master's degree in the program's law track
- Thesis: Watching the watchdogs: assessing a First Amendment claim against the government's use of national security letters to track journalists' newsgathering activities

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, B.A. Political Science, May 2003

Winston-Salem, NC

Summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with honors in political science

PUBLICATIONS

Gag Orders, in THE SAGE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JOURNALISM (Gregory A. Borchard, ed., 2022).

PRESENTATIONS

"Censorship, Book Banning and the First Amendment," Kirkwood Public Library, July 28, 2020.

"Public Access to Court Records," Missouri Bar Fall Committee Meetings, November 22, 2019.

ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Free Expression Legal Network

- Steering committee member (2019 to present)
- Programming committee member (2021 to present)

Board of Directors, ArchCity Defenders (2016-2022)

Board Member, St. Louis Bar Foundation (2019 to present)

Bar admissions: Missouri, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, U.S. Supreme Court