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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Experiential Learning, August 2022-Present

Professor of Law, July 2014-Present

Faculty Director, Field Placement Department, July 2014-August 2022

Faculty Director, Moot Court Program *Primary Duties:*

Teaching: Appellate Advocacy, Civil Procedure, Negotiations, Ethical Lawyering, Advanced

Revision, and Writing, Judicial Process, Legal Analysis and Writing (online), Appellate

Practice for the Judicial Clerk, Teaching Assistant Seminar, Directing Loyola's Externship

program for a public agency, public interest, and judicial branch placements (2014-2022);

Faculty Advisor for Moot Court Programs and Competition Teams, 2006 to Present

Adjunct Professor of Law, 1999 to July 2014;

Dean's Advisory Committee 2015-2016

Faculty Committees, 2014-Present

Member: Advocacy; Curriculum; Professional Skills Committees

Chair: Externships, Clinics, Pro Bono and Public Interest Committee; Advocacy,
Clinical Promotions

California Court Of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Seven (1997-2015)

Lead Senior Appellate Attorney

Primary Duties:

Legal research and preparation of appellate opinions, orders and bench memorandum in 750 appeals and writ proceedings in criminal, civil, family law, juvenile delinquency and juvenile dependency matters.

Los Angeles County Superior Court, Judge Pro Tem Panel

Judge Pro Tem, 2006 to 2015

Primary Duties:

Presiding as bench officer in small claims and traffic court matters.

Los Angeles County Superior Court ADR Program

Arbitrator (Pro Bono), 1999 to 2014

Primary Duties:

Presiding in court-ordered arbitrations in 100 limited jurisdiction civil cases since 1999.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Cont.)

Glendale Community College, Glendale California

Instructor Political Science Department, 2011 to present

Primary Duties:

Teaching Courses: Introduction to Political Science; and California State and Local Government

Lorman Education Services

Instructor on Employment Law, 2000-2002

Kirkland & Ellis, Los Angeles; and Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Oliver, Los Angeles

Litigation Associate, 1993 to August 1997

Primary Duties:

Law and Motion and Appellate Practice in State and Federal Courts; Mediations; Depositions; Witness Interviews; Trial Preparation; Document Review and Production.

Practice Areas:

Business Litigation; Criminal Defense; Contract Disputes; Employment; Securities; Intellectual Property; Products Liability; Construction; Pro Bono Criminal Defense, Insurance Fraud and Immigration.

Nevada State Supreme Court

Judicial Clerkship with Justice Cliff Young, 1992-1993

U.S. District Court Eastern District Of California

Judicial Extern for Judge William B. Shubb, Spring Semester, 1992

Los Angeles Unified School District

66th Street School, South Central Los Angeles,
Elementary School Teacher, 1988-1989

EDUCATION:

University Of California, Davis

Juris Doctorate, 1992

Awards/ Activities:

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American Jurisprudence Awards: Contracts, Remedies & Legal Writing

National Order of the Barristers, National Mock Trial Team

National Moot Court Team, Moot Court Board Competition Chair,

Neumiller Competition Best Brief

Legal Research Teaching Assistant

Law Students Association, Class Representative

The Advocate: Law School Newspaper Editor-in-Chief

Cardozorama Talent Show: Director & Producer

EDUCATION (Cont.):

Cambridge University, England

Course work:

International Law, History, Jurisprudence and Litigation; European
Economic Community Law 1990

University Of California, Los Angeles

Bachelor of Arts in History, 1988

Awards/ Activities:

Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa
Phi Gamma Mu, Phi Alpha Theta, Highest Honors in Major
Chancellor's Marshall, Student Government Positions
Carey McWilliams Award Best Senior Honors Thesis
UCLA Theater Department: Roles in six productions
Playwright, two plays produced at UCLA
National Award Winner for acting at the American College
Theater Festival, Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C., 1988

University Du Benin, Togo, West Africa

Course work:

French, West African Economic, Social and Political History;
Field Study on Voodoo and Indigenous Religions, 1987

APPOINTMENTS:

California State Bar Legal Services Trust Fund Commission:

Appointed by the Chief Justice of the California State Supreme Court
Member: 2017-2021

Judicial Council of California Access and Fairness Advisory Committee:

Appointed by the Chief Justice of the California State Supreme Court
Member: 2011-2014

California State Bar Committee on the Administration of Justice:

Member: 2007-2010

City of Glendale Audit Committee:

Appointed by Glendale City Council in February appointed in 2005, Commissioner:
2005-2007; Chair of Committee: 2007-2011; Second term expired in 2013

Glendale Unified School District:

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to oversee the expenditure of bond proceeds
generated from the 270-million-dollar general obligation bond for school construction
passed in April 2011 by the residents of the Glendale Unified School District:
Vice Chair of Committee 2011 to 2017

Glendale Education Foundation:

Board of Directors: 2011 to 2018

Glendale Education Foundation, Summer School Inc.:

Board of Directors: 2012 to 2018

Glendale Community College Career Education Advisory Committee for the Child Development Department:

Member: 2008 to Present

Fremont Elementary School:

School Site Council, Vice Chair 2011-2013, Chair 2013-2015

Parents & Community for Fremont Foundation Board Member: 2009-2011, President 2012-2015

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Los Angeles County Bar Association Board of Trustees:

Board of Trustees Member 2013-2017

Los Angeles County Bar Association Bar Foundation:

Board of Directors: 2002-2005

Los Angeles County Bar Association Committees:

Access to Justice; Appellate Courts; Sexual Orientation Bias; Diversity; Professional Responsibility and Ethics; Juvenile Courts Task Force; State Appellate Judicial Evaluation

Los Angeles County Bar Association Barristers:

Vice President: 2003-2004;

Barristers Committees: Barristers Executive Board Committee Member: 1999-2004

Chairperson, Equity in the Legal Profession: 2001-2004.

Italian American Lawyers Association:

President: 2013

President-Elect: 2012

First Vice President: 2011

Second Vice President: 2010

Recording Secretary: 2009

Board of Governors: 2006 to Present

Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles:

Member

California Women Lawyers:

Member

Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators:

Member

VOLUNTEER SERVICE:

“Yes on Measure S” --- School Facilities Campaign Bond Committee,

Glendale Unified School District:

Vice Chair of Campaign Committee

(Measure S: 70-million-dollar school bond measure

passed in April 2011 Glendale municipal elections with 69.9% of the vote)

“Save Our Schools” Glendale: (K-12 Educational Advocacy Group)

Founding Member 2010

Fremont Elementary School PTA:

Member, 2008 to 2016

Fremont Elementary School Site Council:

President, 2013-2015

Member, Elected term 2011-2013

Crescenta Valley Soccer Club:

Board Member & Team Manager: GU11 team, 2013-2014, GU12 team, 2014-2015

GU14 team, 2015-2016, GU15 team, 2016-2017

America Youth Soccer Association (AYSO) Region 88:

Advanced Referee Candidate, 2011 to Present

Constitutional Rights Foundation ACE Program:

Instructor, 2007, 2010

Glendale Community College Child Development Center Parents' Advisory Group:

Co-Chair, 2005-2009 & 2014-2015; Treasurer, 2004-2005

Los Angeles County Bar Association Blue Car Project:

Instructor, 1999-2002

Law Day “Ask A Lawyer:”

Site Coordinator, 1998

Meditation Center for the Zen Community:

Board of Directors, 1999-2003

LACBA, Dispute Resolution Services:

Basic Mediation Training Participant (30 hours), 2004

American Red Cross, Earthquake Preparedness:

Instructor/Disaster Services Volunteer, 1988-1989

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:

California Congress of the PTA “Very Special Person Award” in “recognition of volunteer service to the PTA:” February, 2016

California Congress of the PTA “Honorary Service Award” in “recognition of outstanding service to children and youth:” February, 2013

Burtis E. Taylor Community Education Award, presented by the Glendale Unified School Board to members of the Measure S Committee, June 2011

Certificate of Appreciation from the Judges of the Los Angeles County Superior Court for service as a Temporary Judge and Arbitrator: 2006-2011

Special Recognition Award from the Los Angeles County Bar Association Barristers for “many years of contribution, dedication and leadership to the Barristers, the public, and the legal community at large:” 2004

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES, BROADCASTS, CITATIONS, BOOKS, ARTICLES, & PUBLICATIONS

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES AND CITATIONS:

[*Viral Deepfakes Of Taylor Swift Highlight Need For Regulation*](#), Nicole Brenner and Susie Ruiz-Lichter, LAW360.com, (Cited) (May 6, 2024)

Law360.com, Interview with Jack Karp on a proposed change to FRE to address Deepfake and AI Evidence (May 1, 2024).

ABC News, Interview on Pornographic Deepfake with Alexandra Myers, Producer (April 11, 2024).

[*Fast Rise In AI Nudes Of Teens Has Unprepared Schools, Legal System Scrambling For Solutions*](#), Josh Cain, Los Angeles Daily News, (Interviewed and Cited) (April 11, 2024).

[*As Deepfakes Rise, Prof Says Expert Fee Rules Must Change*](#), Sarah Martinson, LAW360.com (Featured Interview), (March 8, 2024).

[*We Need A “Swift” Resolution: Taylor Swift Controversy Sparks Federal Debate About Pornographic Deepfakes*](#), Taylor Gilbertson, Loyola Entertainment Law Review, News and Insights, (Interviewed and Cited) (March 1, 2024).

[*The Taylor Swift Deepfakes Were Awful. How Do We Stop the Next One?*](#) Bill Donahue, Billboard Magazine, (Interviewed and Cited) (January 31, 2024).

[*Could Taylor Swift Use Her Immeasurable Power To Squash Pornographic Deepfakes?*](#), Airtalk with Larry Mantel, LAist, NPR affiliate, Los Angeles, (Featured Interview) (January 30, 2024).

[Yonhapnews TV Part I; Yonhapnews TV Part II](#), AP News Korea, Dangers of Deepfakes, (Featured Interview), (November 30, 2023).

[Law Scholars Propose Court Rule Tweak Aimed At Deepfakes](#), Sarah Martinson, LAW360.Com, (Cited) (October 13, 2023).

[Courts Need To Brace Themselves For Deepfake Evidence](#), Sarah Martinson, LAW360.com (Featured Interview), (September 19, 2023).

[Is Deepfake Pornography Illegal? It Depends.](#), The Endless Thread, WBUR NPR, (Featured Interview) (June 23, 2023).

[States Are Rushing to Regulate Deepfakes as AI Goes Mainstream](#), Isaiah Portiz, Bloomberg.com (Interviewed and Cited) (June 20, 2023).

[People Are Trying To Claim Real Videos Are Deepfakes. The Courts Are Not Amused](#), All Things Considered, NPR (May 8, 2023).

[How Celebrities Can Use IP Law To Go After Deepfake Ads](#), Tiffany Hu, LAW360.com (Interview and Cited), (October 27, 2022).

[The Portia Project](#), Episode 27, Pod Cast, Featured Guest (June 23, 2022).

[Rebecca Delfino on the Opioid Crisis](#), LMU Magazine Podcast, Episode 44, (July 18, 2022).

[What Deepfake Technology Means For Women](#), The Takeaway, NPR/WNYC STUDIOS (Featured Interview) (September 16, 2021).

[Tackling deepfakes in European policy](#), STUDY Panel for the Future of Science and Technology EPRS | European Parliamentary Research Service Scientific Foresight Unit (STOA) PE 690.039, (cited by) – July 2021.

Inside the News with Alex Cohen, Spectrum News 1, Discussing the Katie Hill Civil Case (April 15, 2021).

[Identity Manipulation: Responding to Advances in Artificial Identity Manipulation: Responding to Advances in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics](#), Suzie Dunn, Schulich Law Scholars, Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law (Cited in) (2020).

[Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence: An Overview](#), Supporting a Safer Internet Paper No. 1, Suzie Dunn, Center for International Governance Innovation, (Cited in) (2020)

[Lies, fakes and deep fakes](#), Deceptions and scams in the age of Trump, Sidney Tarrow, Eurozine, (Interviewed and Cited) (October 24, 2019).

Inside the News with Alex Cohen, Spectrum News 1, On legislation in California seeking to regulate Deepfakes (Featured Interview) (September 4, 2019).

A-1 with A Martinez, LAist, NPR affiliate, Los Angeles, On new proposed law regulating deepfakes (Featured Interview) (September 10, 2019).

TESTIMONY AND REGULATORY COMMENT:

United States Federal Courts, Advisory Committee on Evidence Rules, [Report](#) on Proposed Changes to the Federal Rules of Evidence to Address AI Evidence, (April 19, 2024).

Maryland General Assembly: [Testimony](#) on the Impact of Deepfakes (February 16, 2024).

United States Federal Courts, Advisory Committee on Evidence Rules, [Report](#) on Proposed Changes to the Federal Rules of Evidence to Address AI Evidence, (October 23, 2023).

Maryland General Assembly: [Testimony](#) on the need for creating a task force on Deepfakes, (February 13, 2023).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Panelist, *How Litigation and Legislation is Shaping the AI Future*, ABA Spring Forum on Entertainment and Sports Spring Meeting, presentation, Southwestern Law School (April 12, 2024).

Panelist, *Privacy Risks for Vulnerable Populations*, AALS, Section on Defamation and Privacy AALS Annual Meeting (January 5, 2024).

Presenter, *Pay-To-Play: Access To Justice In The Era Of Ai And Deepfakes*, Clinical Law Review Conference, NYU Law School, (October 2023.)

Presenter, *The Deepfake Defense—Exploring The Limits Of The Law And Ethical Norms In Protecting Legal Proceedings From Lying Lawyers*, Clinical Law Review Conference, NYU Law School, (October 2022.)

Keynote Speaker, LMU, [Faculty PUB\(lication\) Night](#), *On the Opioid Crisis* (April 12, 2022).

Presenter, *Deepfakes On Trial: A Call To Expand The Trial Judge's Gatekeeping Role To Protect Legal Proceedings From Technological Fakery*, Clinical Law Review Conference, NYU Law School (Virtual) (September 2021.)

Presenter, (Virtual) *Deepfake Evidence and Data Privacy*, Global Advanced eDiscovery Institute, (November 12, 2020).

Presenter, *A New Prescription for The Opioid Epidemic: 360-Degree Accountability for Pharmaceutical Companies And Their Executives*, Clinical Law Review Conference, NYU Law School, Virtual, (September 2020.)

Presenter, *The Prescription Abuse Prevention Act: A New Federal Statute to Criminalize Overprescribing Opioids*, Clinical Law Review Conference, NYU Law School, (October 2019.)

BOOKS:

Rebecca A. Delfino and Dan Selmi, *Principles of Appellate Advocacy*, 2nd Ed., Wolters Kluwer, 2021. ISBN: 9781543808896

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES:

Pay-To-Play: Access To Justice In The Era Of Ai And Deepfakes, 55 Seton Hall L.Rev., Book 3, __ (forthcoming 2025) Loyola Law School, Los Angeles Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2024-08, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4722364> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4722364>

Silencing The Administrative State: A Critique of Missouri V. Biden, __ CUNY Law Rev. __ (forthcoming 2024) Symposium Issue on “Destroying Democracy from the Inside Out: Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Attacks on the Administrative State.”

The Deepfake Defense—Exploring The Limits Of The Law And Ethical Norms In Protecting Legal Proceedings From Lying Lawyers, 84 Ohio St. L.J. Issue 5, 1068 (2024) Loyola Law School, Los Angeles Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2023-02, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4355140> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4355140>

Deepfakes on Trial: A Call to Expand the Trial Judge’s Gatekeeping Role To Protect Legal Proceedings from Technological Fakery, 74 Hastings L.J. 293 (2023) Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4032094> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4032094>

A New Prescription for The Opioid Epidemic: 360-Degree Accountability for Pharmaceutical Companies And Their Executives, 73 Hastings L.J. 101 (2022) Available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3797972> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3797972>

The Prescription Abuse Prevention Act: A New Federal Statute to Criminalize Overprescribing Opioids, 39 Yale L. & Pol’y Rev. 347 (2021) Available at <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3535943> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3535943>

Pornographic Deepfakes: The Case for Federal Criminalization of Revenge Porn’s Next Tragic Act, 88 Fordham L. Rev. 887 (2019) Available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3341593>

The Equal Protection Doctrine in the Age of Trump: The Example of Unaccompanied Immigrant Children, 84 Brook. L. Rev. 74 (2019) Available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3160978

“Prohibition on Successive Prosecutions for the Same Offense —In Search of the ‘Goldilocks Zone’— The California Approach to a National Conundrum,” 54 Am. Crim. L. Rev. 423 (2017) Available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2962554

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

[Deepfake Defense Emergence Needs Ethical Oversight](#), Los Angeles Daily Journal, Guest Column (February 10, 2023).

[The Dangers of Deepfakes](#), Los Angeles Daily Journal, Guest Column, (May 1, 2019).

“Frequent Failings and Fatal Flaws in Briefs Filed in The California Court of Appeal,”
Journal of Consumer Attorneys Associations of Southern California, December 2008

“Your First Appeal in a California Court of Appeal,” article written for LACBA’s website as part of
“Your First Series” – www.lacba.org/barristers/yourfirst, May 2008

“Going Beyond Traditional Pro Bono,” Los Angeles Lawyer, Vol. 27, No.4, June 2004

“Practice Tips from My Grandmother,” Los Angeles Lawyer, Vol. 26, No.3, May 2003

“Making the Most Out of Court-Ordered Arbitration,” Los Angeles Lawyer, Vol. 25., No.5,
July/August 2002