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TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Civil Procedure, Evidence, Appellate Practice
Secondary: Law and Religion, Hermeneutics, Constitutionalism, Federal and State Habeas Corpus, Statutory Interpretation, Law and Literature

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center

Adjunct Professor of Legal Process

August 2022–July 2023

Assistant Professor of Legal Process

August 2023–July 2025

Assistant Professor of Law

August 2025- present

- Faculty co-adviser to Moot Court
- Awards:
 - Judge George C. Pratt Moot Court Board Alumni Association Award in Appellate Advocacy (Fall 2024)
 - Student Bar Association Faculty Excellence (Spring 2025)
 - Devoted Service to the Ideals and Purpose of Legal Education (Spring 2025)
 - Professor of the Year (Spring 2025)
- Faculty advised 3 Law Review notes (on constitutional, administrative, and criminal law)
- Committee Service: Outcomes & Assessments (2023-24); Law School Success (2024-25); Student Affairs APC (2024-present); Appointments (2025-present)
- Interim Faculty Liaison for Herstory (Pro Bono Program) (Fall 2024)

NYC Department of Education Teaching Fellows Program

2005–2006

English Teacher (9th & 11th grades) in South Bronx public school

Stony Brook University

1994–2000, 2003

Adjunct Professor

- Political Science Department: taught 2-semester 300-level sequence in Civil Liberties and Constitutional Law
- English Department: taught 200-level course in Literary Analysis

St. John's University School of Law

1993–1996

Legal Writing Instructor

- Taught required first-year legal writing course in full-time day, night, and January-admit programs

Harvard Law School

1986–1988

Legal Writing Instructor

THE PRACTICE OF LAW

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP (New York, NY) 1990–1991
Litigation Associate

Ackerman, Levine, et. al. (Great Neck, NY) 1991–1993
Litigation Associate

Law Office of John R. Quinn (Bay Shore, NY) 1997–2004

- Sole Practitioner — trial and appellate work in federal and state courts
- Obtained favorable results in several David-vs-Goliath settings, including a 7-year employment discrimination class action against a regional common carrier

**Appointed to Criminal Justice Act Panel,
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit** August 2023–current

- Panel appointment based on quality of briefs and arguments in five prior federal appeals
- Assigned, at Court’s discretion, to represent indigent criminal defendants on appeal

Admissions: New York, Massachusetts, U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second and Fifth Circuits, and Eastern and Southern Districts of New York

PUBLIC SECTOR

United States District Court, Eastern District of New York 2008–2023
Long-term Law Clerk to U.S. District Judge Raymond J. Dearie

- Re-appointed by Judge Dearie in 2008, upon his outreach when he became Chief Judge of the Eastern District, after serving as his term clerk during his third year on the bench (1988–89)
- Consulted on full range of civil and criminal proceedings including appeals when Judge Dearie sat by designation with the Second and Ninth Circuits

SCHOLARSHIP

“‘Attitudinal’ Decision-making in the Federal Courts: Constitutional Self-Representation Claims,” 33 San Diego L. Rev. 701-54 (1996).

“*Corpus Juris Tertium*: Redemptive Jurisprudence in *Angels in America*,” 48 Theatre J. (Johns Hopkins) 79-90 (1996).

Abortion Gothic in American Literature and Law, State University of New York at Stony Brook, United States (New York, 2004) (300 pp. +) *ProQuest*, <https://www.proquest.com/dissertations-theses/abortion-gothic-american-literature-law/docview/305057864/se-2>.

IN PROGRESS:

“Tradition” and Its Discontents: Re-examining *Dobbs* through the *Aggadic* Lens of Literary Abortion Narrative, the American Gothic, and Lot’s Wife” (an interdisciplinary analysis using Robert Cover’s *jurisgenesis* framework)

“Reports of the Death of *Chevron* Are Greatly Exaggerated: The Persistence of Deference in Fact if Not in Name” (argues that *Chevron*-based reasoning continues to infect interpretation of a pivotal First Step Act provision and thereby undermine Congress’s clear rehabilitative objective)

OTHER:

Deputy Editor, 2024 ABA Section of International Law Year in Review, *Canada*.

PRESENTATIONS

Touro Law Review Podcast: “SCOTUS Subject Matter Jurisdiction – *Royal Canin, U.S.A., Inc. v. Wullschleger*,” April 2025

Touro “Lunch & Learn” Series: Presentation and Panel Discussion on Solo Practice, October 2024

Touro Law Center, Commencement Address (Class Professor), May 2025.

Oral argument, *Giovinco v. Pullen*, 23-251, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, June 2024 (interpretation questions of first impression under the First Step Act)

EDUCATION

Stony Brook University, Ph.D., English

- Full-scholarship Graduate Council Fellow

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*

Harvard College, B.A., *magna cum laude*

French Language: study at language institutes in Montréal, Québec & France (CEFR Level C1/B2)