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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Washington College of Law, American University Washington, DC
2001-present

Practitioner-in-Residence

Assistant Director, Glushko-Samuels Intellectual Property Law Clinic

Courses Taught: Intellectual Property Law Clinic, Communications Law, Communications and Technology Law Seminar.

Intellectual Property Law Clinic:

Teach clinic seminar on lawyering skills and values, including interviewing, case theory, fact investigation, strategic planning, counseling, negotiation, trial skills and legislative advocacy. Supervise Intellectual Property Clinic students representing clients seeking representation and counseling on intellectual property and related issues. Lead weekly case rounds for Intellectual Property Clinic students. Co-created clinic seminar curriculum and year-long lawyering skills simulation.

Communications Law:

Teach annual survey course providing general overview of the legal and public policy issues in domestic regulation of the communications industry including, broadcasting, cable, satellite, telephone, wireless and broadband services.

Communications and Technology Law Seminar:

Created and taught externship seminar composed of students placed in externships in the communications and technology field. Focused in small class on shared practice experience and on discussion of substantive law commonly encountered in legal practice in this field.

Service:

Instituted and direct WCL Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property with other IP faculty.
WCL Faculty Moot Court Committee.
Faculty Advisor, WCL Communications Law Society.
Faculty Coach, Saul Lefkowitz Intellectual Property and BMI Entertainment Law Moot Court Teams.
Supervise numerous student independent studies, law journal comments and writing requirement projects.

Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC
Fall 2004, Spring 2006

Visiting Lecturer

Taught annual six hour course "Introduction to Communications Law" to agency professional staff.

Washington College of Law, American University Washington, DC
1986-1988

Teaching Assistant, Legal Methods

Taught a legal writing and research course to first year law students.

EDUCATION

Washington College of Law, American University Washington, DC
J.D., *cum laude*, 1988
American University Law Review, Editorial Staff

Smith College Northampton, MA
B.A., 1982

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC
Mass Media Bureau
1998-2001
Chief, Legal Branch, Policy and Rules Division
Advised Commission and staff on media policy issues and supervised staff of ten attorneys.

Mass Media Bureau
1997-1998
Senior Counsel
Advised Commission and staff on media policy issues including ownership, public interest obligations, digital television, children's programming, political programming and public broadcasting.

Office of General Counsel
1994-1997
Counsel
Advised Commission and staff on media, wireless communications, and intellectual property issues.

National Endowment for the Humanities Washington, DC
1991-1993
Assistant General Counsel
Advised NEH Chairman and staff on legal issues and served as liaison with Congress for agency programs, authorizing legislation, appropriations and nominations.

Wiley, Rein & Fielding Washington, DC
1989-1991
Associate
Drafted pleadings and memoranda and advised and represented clients in media, wireless communications and intellectual property practice areas.

Hon. Edward S. Northrop, U.S. District Judge Baltimore, MD
1988-1989
Judicial Clerk

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Building Community in the New Media Landscape
(work in progress).

Clinical Legal Education and the Public Interest in Intellectual Property Law, 52 ST. LOUIS U. LAW J. (2008) with Christine Haight Farley, Peter Jaszi, Joshua Sarnoff, and Ann Shalleck (forthcoming).

Summing Up the Public Interest: A Review of "Localism and Diversity: Meaning and Metrics" edited by Philip M. Napoli, 60 FED. COMM. L.J., 157 (2007)

Commodification, Intellectual Property and the Women of Gee's Bend, 15 AM. U. J. GENDER SOC. POLICY & L. 359 (2007).

On Media Consolidation, the Public Interest and Angels Earning Wings, 55 AM. U. L. REV. 613 (2004).

PRESENTATIONS

"FCC Outlook: Who Will Be the Winners and Losers in 2007," panelist at Fourth Annual Digital Media Conference, sponsored by Digital Media Wire Inc., Silver Spring, MD, June 2007.

"Net Neutrality and Media Ownership," panelist at Music and Intellectual Property Policy Day, sponsored by the American Constitution Society and the Future of Music Coalition, Washington DC, May 2007.

"Copyright Challenges in User-Generated Content: A Confidential Convening," discussant at Ford Foundation sponsored event hosted by The Center for Social Media, in the School of Communication, and the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property, Washington College of Law, Washington DC, April 2007.

"IP/Gender: Mapping The Connections," delivered closing remarks at annual conference sponsored by Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property, Program on Women and the Law and Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law, Washington College of Law, Washington DC, March 2007.

"Intellectual Property and Communications Technology," lecturer at Washington Seminar on Intellectual Property for SungKyun Kwan University, Seoul, Korea, sponsored by Office of Grants and Programs, Washington College of Law, Washington DC, February 2007.

"Clinical Teaching Methods and Materials," presenter at National Conference on Intellectual Property and Technology Clinics, Washington College of Law, Washington DC, September 2006.

"Collaboration in Clinical Legal Education," working group leader, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, New York, NY, May 2006.

"How to Commodify an American Quilt: The Women of Gee's Bend," paper presenter at IP/Gender: The Unmapped Connections, sponsored by Program on IP and the Public Interest, Program on Women and the Law and Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law, Washington College of Law, Washington DC, March 2006.

"Media Consolidation and Copyright Ownership," moderator at panel sponsored by the Intellectual Property Law Society and Communications Law Society, Washington College of Law, Washington DC, November 2005.

“Intellectual Property Clinics—Theory and Practice,” presenter to Gender and Law Association (GALA) of India, sponsored by Program on Women and International Law, Washington College of Law, Washington DC, October 2005.

“Debating the Broadcast Flag,” moderator at panel sponsored by the Communications Law Society, Washington College of Law, Washington DC, April 2005.

“Broadcast Media Censorship and Indecency,” moderator at panel sponsored by the Law and Government Society, Washington College of Law, Washington DC, March 2005.

“If We Build It They Will Come: Creating the Foundation for an Effective Clinical Structure,” presenter at Back to the Basics/Back to the Future, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Diego, CA, May 2004.

“Few Gatekeepers, Many Views” panel moderator at Regulating Media Competition: The Development and Implications of the FCC's New Broadcast Ownership Rules, sponsored by the American University Law Review, Washington College of Law, Washington DC, November 2003, published in 55 AM. U. L. REV 547 (2004).

Multiple presentations made to government and academic delegations from various countries regarding U.S. communications and intellectual property law, 2001-present.

MEMBERSHIPS

Federal Communications Bar Association
Federal Communications Bar Association Law Journal Committee
American Bar Association, Section on Mass Communications Law
District of Columbia Bar

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland (1989)
District of Columbia (1990)
Massachusetts (1990) (inactive)
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (2003)
U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland (1989)
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1989)