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### **CAPSULE PROFILE**

Professor Hoffman is the Law Foundation Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center. An expert on procedural law in federal and state courts, he is a highly prolific scholar whose work has appeared in the leading law reviews in the country and been highly influential with commentators, lawyers and courts. In addition to his scholarly work, Professor Hoffman remains actively involved in professional practice. He has testified before Congress and lectured around the country on federal and state litigation subjects. In 2009 he was elected as a member to the American Law Institute. At the state level, Professor Hoffman serves on numerous professional committees and organizations, including the Supreme Court of Texas Rules Advisory Committee. A recipient of several teaching awards, Professor Hoffman emphasizes the blending of doctrinal study with practical, applied learning in the classroom. Throughout his career, he has written and spoken extensively on the subject of law school pedagogy.

### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**University of Houston Law Center (Houston, Texas).** Law Foundation Professor of Law (2013-present). Associate Dean (2013-15). George Butler Research Professor of Law (2004-13) Assistant Professor of Law (2001-04).

**Yetter, Coleman (Houston Texas).** Of Counsel (2013-present).

**Universite Paris Ouest, Nanterre University (Paris, France).** Invited lecturer (Sum 2018; Sum 2013; Spr. 2012; Spr. 2011).

**Vanderbilt University School of Law.** Visiting Professor (Spr. 2008).

**University of Texas School of Law.** Visiting Professor (2005-06).

**University of Cincinnati School of Law.** Visiting Assistant Professor (1999-2001).

**Schlanger, Mills, Meyer & Grossberg, L.L.P.** Litigation Associate (1996-99).

**Beck, Redden & Secrest, L.L.P.** Litigation Associate (1992-96).

## EDUCATION

**University of Texas at Austin, School of Law.** J.D., 1992. Notes Editor, Texas Law Review.

**Columbia College, Columbia University.** B.A. *cum laude*, 1989

## ACADEMIC HONORS

FULBRIGHT SENIOR SPECIALIST CANDIDATE ON THE FULBRIGHT SENIOR SPECIALIST ROSTER (2013-18)

- Selected by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State, and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 2002-2007
- Award renewed for five-year period beginning March 2013

POUND CIVIL JUSTICE ACADEMIC FELLOW (2017- present)

- Selected by Board of Trustees of Pound Civil Justice Institute

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FACULTY DISTINCTION AWARD (2015)

- Annual award to a UHLC faculty member

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (2013-14)

- Selected by Provost to participate in university-wide leadership academy

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ENRON TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD (2004)

- One of four recipients of the highest teaching honor awarded University-wide

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI COLLEGE OF LAW GOLDMAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING (1999)

- College's highest annual teaching award, awarded by students

## PUBLICATIONS

*Pereira's Aftershocks* (forthcoming 2018/19)

*The Exceptions Prove the Rule: Recalibrating the Discovery Rule and Equitable Fraud Exceptions to the Legal Injury Rule* (with Bret Wells) \_\_ BAY. L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2018/19)

*Comments on Professor Adam Steinman, State Court Jurisdiction in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, in JURISDICTION: DEFINING STATE COURTS' AUTHORITY 90 (2018)

*Examining The Empirical Case for Discovery Reform in Texas*, 58 S. TEX. L. REV. 209 (2017), full text available [here](#)

*The Limits of Comprehensive Peace: The Example of the FLSA* (with C. Ward), 38 BERKELEY J. OF EMPL. & LAB. LAW 266 (2017), full text available [here](#)

*Plausible Theory, Implausible Conclusions: A Response to Professor Hubbard*, 83 UNIV. CHI. L. REV. ONLINE 143 (2016), full text available [here](#)

*Neutralizing the Stratagem of "Snap Removal": A Proposed Amendment to the Judicial Code* (with A. Hellman, T. Rowe, J. Steinman and G. Vairo), 9 FED. COURTS L. REV. 103 (2016), full text available [here](#)

*The Proposed Amendments to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*, Advanced Civil Trial 2014, State Bar of Texas (2014) (with Anna Rotman)

*Further Thinking About Vicarious Jurisdiction: Reflecting on Goodyear v. Brown and Looking Ahead to Daimler AG v. Bauman*, 34 U. PA. J. INT'L. L. 765 (2013), available [here](#)

*Rulemaking in the Age of Twombly and Iqbal*, 46 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 1483 (2013), full text available [here](#)

*Twombly and Iqbal's Measure: An Assessment of the Federal Judicial Center's Study of Motions to Dismiss*, 6 FED. COURTS L. REV. 1 (2012) (peer- and judge-reviewed), full text available [here](#)

*The Case Against the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2011*, 48 HOUS. L. REV. 545 (2011), full text available [here](#)

*The Ongoing Milberg Weiss Controversy*, 30 REV. OF LITIG. (Univ. of Texas) 183 (2010) (with Alan Steinberg), full text available [here](#)

*Multidistrict Litigation* in LITIGATION MANAGEMENT (Law Journal Press, 2010) (chapter in book).

*The Peculiar Case of James Vasilas*, 13 JOURNAL OF CONS. & COMM. LAW 5 (2009) (solicited)

*Burn Up the Chaff With Unquenchable Fire: What Two Doctrinal Intersections Can Teach Us About Access and Efficiency*, 88 B.U. L. REV. 1217 (2008), full text available [here](#)

*Burdens of Jurisdictional Proof*, 59 ALA. L. REV. 409 (2008), full text available [here](#)

*Harmar and the Ever-Expanding Scope of Legal Sufficiency Review*, 49 S. TEX. L. REV. 611 (2008) (solicited)

*Using Presuit Discovery to Overcome Barriers to the Courthouse*, 34 LITIGATION 31 (2008) (solicited)

*The Effect of Martin v. Franklin on Recovery of Attorney's Fees after Remand as Illustrated by Lott v. Pfizer*, LexisNexis Expert Commentary (2008) (solicited)

*Grable & Sons Metal Products v. Darue Engineering & Manufacturing and the Substantial Federal Question Doctrine*, LexisNexis Expert Commentary (2008) (solicited)

*Access to Information, Access to Justice: The Role of Presuit Investigatory Discovery*, 40 UNIV. MICH. J. L. REF. 217 (2007), full text available [here](#)

*Problems in Federal Forum Selection and Concurrent Federal State Jurisdiction* (2007 Update), SN009 ALI-ABA 1283 (July 2007)

*Interrelationship of Federal and State Litigation*, SN009 ALI-ABA 1861 (July 2007)

*Intersections of State and Federal Power: State Judges, Federal Law and the "Reliance Principle,"* 81 TUL. L. REV. 283 (2006), full text available [here](#)

*The "Commencement" Problem: Lessons from a Statute's First Year*, 40 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 469 (2006), full text available [here](#)

*In Retrospect: A First Year Review of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005*, 39 LOY. L.A. L. REV. 1135 (2006) (solicited for symposium on CAFA) full text available [here](#)

*The Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act: The Legislative Bid to Regulate Lawyer Conduct*, 25 THE REV. OF LIT. 719 (2006) solicited for symposium, "The Future of Litigation", full text available [here](#)

*The Allocation of Jurisdiction in the American Federal Judicial System and Treatment of Interjurisdictional Conflicts* in DEVELOPING AMERICAN LAW AND ITS IMPACT ON CHINA (ALI-ABA 2006) [prepared for American Law Institute/American Bar Association conference at Renmin University, Beijing, China (June 7-9, 2006)], full text available [here](#)

“*Unintended Consequences and a Missed Opportunity*,” TEXAS LAWYER (Feb. 21, 2005) at 39 (solicited op-ed piece on passage of the Class Action Fairness Act)

*Problems in Federal Forum Selection and Concurrent Federal State Jurisdiction* (2005 Update), SL083 ALI-ABA 121 (November 3-4, 2005), full text available [here](#)

*The Case Against Vicarious Jurisdiction*, 152 U. PA. L. REV. 1023 (2004), full text available [here](#)

*Syngenta, Stephenson and the Federal Judicial Injunctive Power*, 37 AKR. L. REV. 605 (2004) (solicited lead article in symposium, *Current Issues Affecting Complex Litigation*), full text available [here](#)

“*Property*,” IN TEACHING THE LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM (S. Friedland and G. Hess, Eds., 2004) at 321-22 (solicited contribution)

*Civil Action Reforms of the 78th Legislative Session*, 24 THE ADVOCATE 5 (Fall 2003)

*The Trilogy of 2003: Venue, Forum Non Conveniens and Multidistrict Litigation in The Civil Action Reforms of the 78th Legislative Session*, 24 THE ADVOCATE 74 (2003), full text available [here](#)

*A Parting Reprise*, 47 SAINT LOUIS U. L. J. 43 (2003) (solicited for symposium, *Teaching Civil Procedure*), full text available [here](#)

UNITED STATES DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR IMPACT ON U.S. AND EUROPEAN COMPANIES, INSURERS AND LAWYERS, published by the American Law Institute-American Bar Association (2002)(manuscript collection of essays)(co-edited manuscript with Sol Schreiber).

*Traditional and Non-Traditional Uses of the All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a) by Federal Courts in Civil Cases*, in CIVIL PRACTICE AND LITIGATION TECHNIQUES IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURT, SG046 ALI0ABA 819 (February 2002)

*Forum Non Conveniens - State and Federal Movements*, in CIVIL PRACTICE AND LITIGATION TECHNIQUES IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURT, SG046 ALI0ABA 441 (February 2002).

*A Window Into the Courts: Legal Process and the 2000 Presidential Election*, 95 NW. U. L. R. 1533 (2001) (reviewing WHEN ELECTIONS GO BAD, by Sam Issacharoff, Pamela Karlan and Richard Pildes), full text available [here](#)

*Forum Non Conveniens in Federal Statutory Cases*, 49 EMORY L. J. 1137 (2000) (with Keith Rowley), full text available [here](#)

*Removal Jurisdiction and the All Writs Act*, 148 U. PA. L. REV. 401 (1999) (cited, inter alia, in *Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. v. Henson*, 537 U.S. 28, 35 n.1 (2003) (Stevens, J., concurring)), full text available [here](#)

“*Let the Judicial System Do Its Job*,” TEXAS LAWYER, December 10, 2001 at page 47 (op-ed)

*Rethinking the Special Appearance Rule: Does Rule 120a Offend Due Process When Alter Ego is Asserted as the Jurisdictional Basis*, 46 BAY. L. REV. 559 (1994), full text available at [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=903145](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=903145)

*Recovery and Calculation of Prejudgment Interest Under Texas Law*, 35 S. TEX. L. REV. 439 (1994), full text available [here](#)

*The Madness of the Method: Challenging Electrocutation as Cruel and Unusual Punishment*, 70 TEX. L. REV. 1039 (1992), full text available [here](#)

## CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

Prepared Testimony of Lonny Hoffman, Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act of 2015: Hearing on H.R. 3624 Before the Subcomm. on Constitution & Civil Justice of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary, 114th Cong., 1st Sess. 21 (2015), full text available at [https://judiciary.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/114-44\\_96273.pdf](https://judiciary.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/114-44_96273.pdf)

Prepared Testimony of Lonny Hoffman, Hearing on Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 201: Hearing on H.R. 966, Before the Subcomm. on Constitution & Civil Justice of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary, 112th Cong., 1st Sess. 25 (2011), full text available [http://judiciary.house.gov/\\_files/hearings/printers/112th/112-18\\_65079.pdf](http://judiciary.house.gov/_files/hearings/printers/112th/112-18_65079.pdf)

Prepared Testimony of Lonny Hoffman, Removal Clarification Act of 2010: Hearing on H.R. 5281 Before the Subcomm. on Courts, Commercial & Administrative Law of the H. Committee on the Judiciary, 111th Cong., 2nd Sess. 32 (2010), full text available at [http://judiciary.house.gov/\\_files/hearings/printers/111th/111-128\\_56640.pdf](http://judiciary.house.gov/_files/hearings/printers/111th/111-128_56640.pdf)

## CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, *Pereira's Aftershocks*, South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas, September 2018.

Panelist, *Rule 91a and Anti-SLAPP*, HBA 2017 Civil/Appellate Bench Bar Conference, Houston, Texas, April 2017

Keynote Speaker, *The Changing Face of Legal Education*, Federal Bar Association Annual Dinner, Houston, Texas, November 2016

Panelist, *Proposed Amendments to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*, Advanced Civil Trial Course, Houston, Texas, October 2014

Panelist, *Vulnerability to Suit Amid Changing Doctrines*, 2012 Symposium, "Mass Tort Litigation in a Shrinking World," University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia PA, November 2012

Panelist, *Access to Justice, What Process is Due?*, 2012 Appellate Judges Education Institute (AJEI) Summit, New Orleans, LA, November 2012

Panelist, *Evolution or Revolution? American Civil Procedure in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, SEALS Annual Meeting, Section on Civil Procedure, Hilton Head, SC, July 2011 (panelist)

Moderator, *Electronic Revolution in Litigation*, AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Civil Procedure, San Francisco, CA, January 2011

Panelist, *Federal Civil Pleading After Iqbal and Twombly*, SEALS Annual Meeting, Section on Civil Procedure, Palm Beach, FL, August 2010

Invited participant, *Civil Litigation Conference*, Duke University (sponsored by the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules), May 2010

Moderator, *Revisiting Discovery*, AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Civil Procedure, New Orleans, LA, January 2010

Presenter, *Whither Pleading Standards*, Central States Law Schools Associations 2008 Conference, Southern Illinois University, September 2008

Panelist, *An Anti-Plaintiff Bias in Modern Procedural Law?*, Southeastern American Association Law Schools (SEALS), August 2008

Presenter, *Burn Up the Chaff With Unquenchable Fire*, (presenting work in progress, January-February 2008) at Florida State School of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law, University of Cincinnati, College of Law, Roger Williams University School of Law, Stetson University College of Law, NKU Chase College of Law

Panelist, *The Closing of the Courthouse Doors: Latest Twists*, American Constitution Society, Houston, Texas, November 2007

Speaker, *United States Supreme Court Update*, ALI-ABA Audio CLE (with Tom Goldstein, Akin Gump), October 2007

Faculty Lecturer, *Choice of Forum Issues: Personal, Diversity and Supplemental Jurisdiction and Change of Venue*, Faculty Lecturer, American Law Institute-American Bar Association, Civil Practice and Litigation Techniques in Federal and State Courts, Sante Fe, New Mexico, July 2007

Panelist, *Teaching and Scholarship: The Partnership*, Southeastern Conference AALS Annual Meeting Program, Amelia Island, Florida, July 2007

Moderator, *Legislative and Supreme Court Update*, Moderator, Houston-Galveston Bench Bar Conference, April 2007

Faculty Lecturer, *The Allocation of Jurisdiction in the American Federal System*, American Law Institute-American Bar Association, Civil Practice and Litigation Techniques in Federal and State Courts, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, March 2007

Panelist, *The Vanishing Civil Jury*, *Texas Civil Jury Trial Summit: Improving Civil Jury Trials in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Houston, Texas, October 2006

Presenter, *Jurisdictional Battles: A Look at Some of the Court's Most Recent and Important Decisions*, Presentation to Texas Association of Civil Trial & Appellate Specialists, Houston Texas, September 2006

Faculty Lecturer, *The Allocation of Jurisdiction in the American Federal System*, American Law Institute-American Bar Association, Program on the American Judicial System, Beijing, China, June 2006

Speaker, *Presuit Discovery Under Rule 202 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure*, State Bar of Texas, Advanced Evidence and Discovery, San Antonio, Texas May 2006

Speaker, *Presuit Discovery Under Rule 202 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure*, State Bar of Texas, Advanced Evidence and Discovery, Dallas, Texas May 2006



Faculty Lecturer, *Current Developments in Class Actions, Federal Subject Matter Jurisdiction, Supplemental Jurisdiction, Removal, Personal Jurisdiction, and Venue*, American Law Institute-American Bar Association, Civil Practice and Litigation Techniques in Federal and State Courts, Charleston, South Carolina, May 2006

Panelist, *Developments in Rule 11*, The Review of Litigation At 25: Looking to the Future (Spring 2006 Symposium), Austin, Texas, February 2006

Presenter, *Before Litigation*, Loyola University Chicago School of Law (presenting work in progress, Chicago, Illinois, November 2005

Faculty Lecturer, *Current Developments in Class Actions, Federal Subject Matter Jurisdiction, Supplemental Jurisdiction, Removal, Personal Jurisdiction, and Venue*, American Law Institute-American Bar Association, The Art and Science of Serving as a Special Master in Federal and State Court, Chicago, Illinois, November 2005

Appearance, *The Connection*, (PBS, Channel 8, Houston, Texas) (discussing judicial activism and independence), June 2005

Presenter, *Congress in the Courts*, American Constitution Society (Houston, Texas, April 2005)

Presenter, *Teaching the Law School Curriculum*, Villanova University, organized by Gonzaga University's Institute for Law School Teaching, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 2005

Faculty Lecturer, *Interrelationship of State and Federal Litigation and Sanctions Under Federal Law*, American Law Institute-American Bar Association, Civil Practice and Litigation Techniques in Federal and State Courts, Maui, Hawaii, March 2005

Faculty Lecturer, *Interrelationship of State and Federal Litigation and Sanctions Under Federal Law*, American Law Institute-American Bar Association, Civil Practice and Litigation Techniques in Federal and State Courts, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2005

Faculty Lecturer, *Federal Courts Law Update and Forum Non Conveniens*, American Law Institute-American Bar Association, Manual on Complex Litigation, San Diego, California, December 2003

Faculty Lecturer, *Federal Courts Law Update*, American Law Institute-American Bar Association, Civil Practice and Litigation Techniques in Federal and State Courts, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, January 2003

Presenter, *At the Crossroads of Substance and Procedure: A Critique of the Model of Vicarious Jurisdiction*, Southeastern Conference AALS Annual Meeting Program, Kiawah Island Resort, Kiawah Island, South Carolina, July 2002

Guest Faculty Speaker (by video teleconference), Introduction to Law course, University of Cincinnati Law Center, co-taught with Professor Paul Caron, August 2002

Presenter, *At the Crossroads of Substance and Procedure: A Critique of the Model of Vicarious Jurisdiction*, University of Cincinnati, presenting work in progress, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 2002

Faculty Lecturer, *Federal Courts Law, and Forum Non Conveniens*, American Law Institute-American Bar Association, Civil Practice and Litigation Techniques in Federal and State Courts, Orlando, Florida, February 2002

Faculty Lecturer, *Federal Courts Law, and Forum Non Conveniens*, American Law Institute-American Bar Association, Civil Practice and Litigation Techniques in Federal and State Courts, Washington, D.C., November 2000

Presenter, *Forum Non Conveniens in Federal Statutory Cases*, University of Kansas, presenting work in progress, Lawrence, Kansas, March 2000

Presenter, *Forum Non Conveniens in Federal Statutory Cases*, University of Nebraska, presenting work in progress, Lincoln, Nebraska, January 2000

Faculty Lecturer, *Forum Non Conveniens*, American Law Institute-American Bar Association Semiannual Course of Study, Civil Practice and Litigation Techniques in Federal and State Courts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 1999

## AMICUS BRIEFS/LETTERS

*Comment in Support of proposed regulation CFPB-2016-0020, RIN 3170-AA51*, May 23, 2016 (Consumer Financial Protection Bureau regulation regarding use of arbitration in the consumer financial context) (joining comment letter)

*Joint Comments by Professors Helen Hershkoff, Lonny Hoffman, Alexander A. Reinert, Elizabeth M. Schneider, David L. Shapiro, and Adam N. Steinman on Proposed Amendments to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*, February 5, 2014 (principal co-author, with Alex Reinert and Adam Steinman)

*In re Volkswagen*, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, en banc (2008) (principal author of amicus brief filed on behalf of Civil Procedure Law Professors)

*Lanier v. Norfolk Southern*, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2007) (principal author of amicus brief filed on behalf of Public Citizen)

*Vasilas v. State*, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (2007) (principal author of amicus brief filed on behalf of NAACP (Texas Chapter), ACLU (Texas Chapter), Litigation Section, State Bar of Texas, Texas Trial Lawyers Association, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association)

*Harmar v. Coca-Cola*, Texas Supreme Court (2007) (principal author of amicus brief filed on behalf of group of Texas law professors)

*Syngenta v. Henson*, United States Supreme Court (2003) (principal author of amicus brief filed on behalf of the State of Texas)

## UNIVERSITY RESPONSIBILITIES

### 2018-19

University Faculty Senate  
University Faculty Senate, Faculty Affairs Committee

### 2017-18

University Faculty Senate  
University Faculty Senate, Faculty Affairs Committee  
Chair, UHLC's Non-Tenure Track Faculty Committee  
Faculty mentor to students

### 2016-17

University Faculty Senate  
University Faculty Senate, Faculty Affairs Committee  
Chair, UHLC's Non-Tenure Track Faculty Committee

### 2015-16

University Faculty Senate  
University Faculty Senate, Budget and Facilities Committee  
Chair, UHLC's Non-Tenure Track Faculty Committee

### 2014-2015

Associate Dean  
Member, University's Non-Tenure Track Faculty Committee (Provost-created)  
Chair, UHLC's Non-Tenure Track Faculty Committee

### 2013-14

Member, University Committee, Non-Tenure Track Faculty (Provost-created)  
Chair, UHLC Non-Tenure Track Faculty Committee  
University of Houston Leadership Academy (leadership program organized by Provost)

2012-13

Chair, Third-Year Writing Curriculum Committee

2011-12

Curriculum Committee, Univ. of Houston Law Center  
Chair, Library Committee, Univ. of Houston Law Center

2010-11

Curriculum Committee, Univ. of Houston Law Center  
Chair, Library Committee, Univ. of Houston Law Center

2009-10

Faculty Appointments Committee, University of Houston Law Center  
Faculty mentor to students

2008 (spring semester)

(visited at Vanderbilt)

2007 (fall semester)

Faculty Member, University of Houston Honor Court  
Faculty mentor to students, University of Houston Law Center

2006-07

Organizer, internal faculty scholarship workshop luncheon program (2006-07)  
Member, ad hoc committee on faculty visitors

Faculty Liaison, 1L student mentoring program

Faculty mentor to students, University of Houston Law Center

2005-06

(visited at University of Texas School of Law)

2004-05

Chair, Curriculum Committee  
Project Magellan Committee, University of Houston Law Center (committee to study institutional strategic planning)  
Faculty mentor to students, University of Houston Law Center

2003-04

Faculty Appointments Committee, University of Houston Law Center  
Teaching Committee, University of Houston Law Center  
Project Magellan Committee, University of Houston Law Center  
Faculty mentor to students, University of Houston Law Center

2002-03

Teaching Committee, University of Houston Law Center  
Faculty Advisor, Honor Court, University of Houston Law Center  
Faculty mentor to students, University of Houston Law Center

2001-02

Faculty Advisor, Honor Court, University of Houston Law Center  
Faculty mentor to students, University of Houston Law Center  
Judge, National Moot Court Competition

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Member, American Law Institute (elected September 2009)  
Member, Texas Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee (2005-present)  
Member, Texas Access to Justice, Rules and Legislation Committee (2015-present)  
Editor, THE ADVOCATE (quarterly journal for Litigation Section, State Bar of Texas) (2002-present)  
Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation (2017-present)  
Reporter, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Pattern Jury Charge Revision Project (2012-2014)  
Academic Advisor, Jury Innovation Pilot Project, Harris County (outgrowth of the ABA's American Jury Project) (2009- 2011).  
Chair, Civil Procedure Section, American Association of Law Schools (for 2012-13 academic year)  
Reporter, Texas Supreme Court, Task Force on Jury Assembly & Administration (2006)  
Editorial Board, First Chair Press, American Bar Association (2006–2007)  
Administration of Justice Committee, Houston Bar Association (2006-2007)  
Supreme Court of the United States, member of the bar (2002-present)  
State Bar of Texas, member of the bar (1992-present)  
American Association of Law Schools (1999-present). Member of Sections on Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Federal Courts, Conflict of Laws, Legal History, and Property Law  
American Bar Association, Section on Legal Education (1999-present)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Board of Trustees, Jewish Community Center Houston (2015-present)  
Advisory Board of Directors, Houston Achievement Place (2002-present)  
Volunteer, Houston Urban Debate League (2008-2013)  
Advisory Board, Inprint Houston (2008-2010)  
Advisory Board of Directors, American Jewish Committee (2004-2006)  
Volunteer Speech and Debate Coach, Emory Weiner High School (2001-02)  
Volunteer Co-Coordinator, and Teacher, Street Law Program (Cincinnati, Ohio 1998)  
Board of Directors, American Jewish Committee, Houston Chapter (1994-1998).  
Founder, Adopt-A-School Program, Crespo Elementary School (1994)  
Dream Partner, I Have A Dream Program (1993-1998)