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OVERVIEW

Seasoned professional with more than a decade of executive leadership experience in higher education, including oversight as trustee of R1 public research university. Award-winning author of four books and numerous academic articles cited in Supreme Court briefs and leading law reviews. Frequent consulting and testifying expert for lawyer and judicial ethics matters. Media appearances include CNN, MSNBC, National Public Radio, New York Times, Politico, and Wall Street Journal. Elected member of the American Law Institute and recipient of a Fulbright Distinguished Chair Award.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Law Center, Professor of Law (with tenure) and the Doherty Chair of Legal Ethics (2016-present)
Administrative Leadership: Director, Law Center Outcomes and Assessments (2017-present)
Teaching: Constitutional Law; Professional Responsibility; Gender, Power, Law & Leadership
Service: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (2017-present); Executive Committee (elected by faculty, 2019-21); Honor Board Faculty Justice (elected by students, 2018-19); Promotion and Tenure Committee (2017-19); Admitted Students Lecturer (2018); Appointments Committee (2016-17); Student Affairs (2016-17); 1L Faculty Mentor (2016-18, 2021-22)

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Trustee, Appointed to Board of Trustees by Governor Gretchen Whitmer (2019-present)
Administrative Leadership: Championed reforms to policies governing sexual harassment and workplace misconduct. Implemented new process for annual presidential performance review. Supported adoption of university strategic plan. Assisted in hiring of provost, police chief, chief financial officer, athletic director, board secretary, vice president of diversity/equity/inclusion.
Service: Academic Affairs Committee; Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee
College of Law, Foster Swift Professor of Legal Ethics (2015-16); Professor of Law (2014-16); Assistant/Associate Professor (2009-14, tenured 2013); Lecturer in Law (2006-09)
Administrative Leadership: Co-Director, Frank J. Kelley Institute of Ethics (2011-2016); Director, 21st Century Law Summer Program in London (2011-14); Co-Founder, ReInvent Law Lab for Tech, Innovation & Entrepreneurship (2012-14) (recognized as “Three Programs to Watch in Building a Faculty Culture of Innovation,” Wolters Kluwer Leading Edge Report 2015)
Teaching: Entrepreneurial Lawyering; Federal Jurisdiction; Freedom of Expression; First Amendment and Lawyer Speech; Professional Responsibility; 21st Century Law Practice
Service: Appointments (2011-12, 2014, Chair 2015-16); Career Services Dean Search (2014); Promotion Committee (2013-14); Curriculum Committee (2013-14); Honors Program (2012-16); Admissions (2012-13); Admitted Students Lecturer (2012-13); Journals Committee (2009-11)
Honors College, Professor of Law for Honors Research Seminar (2014-15)
Eli Broad College of Business, Associate Professor (2013-14)
Teaching: Legal, Ethical, and Intellectual Property Issues in Big Data Analytics

ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY

School of Law, Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship and Innovation (2019)

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY | **College of Law**, Academic Visitor (June 2019)

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL | **Center on the Legal Profession**, Scholar-in-Residence (2015)

AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION | Visiting Scholar (2015)

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 1999

NORTH PARK COLLEGE, Chicago, IL, 1996, *Summa Cum Laude*
B.A. Communication Arts & Economics

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. SHORTLISTED: WOMEN IN THE SHADOWS OF THE SUPREME COURT, with H. Johnson (New York University Press 2020, paperback edition forthcoming 2022)

Select Reviews

“This fascinating book reconstructs a chapter of women’s history that has been hiding in plain sight: the numerous qualified women whose names were floated for the Supreme Court but who never got there. Just as they were overlooked, so have their individual stories, until now.”

— Linda Greenhouse, *New York Times* contributing columnist

“Stunningly original in its focus and its careful research, *Shortlisted* is beautifully written and an important addition to the literature about the Supreme Court, the process of nominating justices, and the role of gender in American law.”

— Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean and Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law, University of California, Berkeley School of Law

“This is a major contribution to the story of women lawyers.”

— The Honorable Nancy Gertner, United States District Court Judge (Ret.) and Senior Lecturer, Harvard Law School

“Shortlisted tells the political and personal sagas of women publicly considered for appointment to the Supreme Court but never actually nominated by a president... With fresh research, the authors effectively humanize the women who never received the nominations they deserved.”

— *Kirkus Reviews*

“An excellent contribution...and essential for anyone who values diversity.”

— *Library Journal*

“A perfect read ... for anyone hoping to learn from our history about how to brighten our future through systemic change that truly accounts for the diversity that the American populous represents. ... While many scholarly works leave us yearning for more, *Shortlisted* follows through on its promise to provide practical advice for change.”

— *Law & Politics Book Review*

— Named as “Exemplary Legal Writing of 2020” by the *Green Bag Almanac & Reader*

2. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH, 4TH ED. lead author with R. Pearce, B. Green, E. Murphy, S. Kim, P. Joy, and L. Terry (West Academic Publishing 2020)
3. GENDER, POWER, LAW & LEADERSHIP, with H. Brenner (West Academic Publishing 2019)
4. LEGAL ETHICS FOR THE REAL WORLD—BUILDING SKILLS THROUGH CASE STUDY, with E. Murphy (Foundation Press 2018)

Scholarly Articles and Essays

1. *Lawyer Lies and the First Amendment*, 31 YALE LAW JOURNAL FORUM 114 (2021) ([read](#))
2. *Judicial Ethics in the #MeToo World*, 89 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 1198 (2021) ([read](#))
3. *Lawyer Ethics for Innovation*, 35 NOTRE DAME JOURNAL OF LEGAL ETHICS 1 (2021) ([read](#))
4. *The Behavioral Economics of Lawyer Advertising: An Empirical Assessment*, 2019 ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW 1105 (2019) (with J. Hawkins) ([read](#))
5. *The Legal Monopoly*, 93 WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 1294 (2018) ([read](#))
6. *Abolishing Death*, DUKE JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW & POLICY (2018) ([read](#))
 - Notable citation: *Settled Law*, 107 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 57, 91 (2021)
7. *Lawyer Speech in the Regulatory State*, 84 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 2099 (2016) ([read](#))
8. *Commercialization of Legal Ethics*, 29 GEORGETOWN JOURNAL LEGAL ETHICS 715 (2016) ([read](#))
 - Reviewed in JOURNAL OF THINGS WE LIKE LOTS (JOTWELL) Nov. 21, 2016
9. *Legal Information, the Consumer Law Market, and the First Amendment*, 82 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 2843 (2014) ([read](#))
 - Notable citation: *The Lawyer as Public Figure for First Amendment Purposes*, 57 BOSTON COLLEGE LAW REVIEW 1543, 1596 (2016)
10. *Democratizing Legal Education*, 45 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW 1281 (2013) ([read](#))
 - Reviewed in JOURNAL OF THINGS WE LIKE LOTS (JOTWELL) Apr. 29, 2013
 - Notable citation: *Licensing Knowledge*, 72 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 501, 541 (2019)
11. *Democratizing the Delivery of Legal Services*, 73 OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL 1 (2012) ([read](#))
 - Winner, Association of American Law Schools PR Section Paper Competition (2012)
12. *Rethinking Gender Equality in the Legal Profession: A Study on Media Coverage of Supreme Court Nominees*, 84 TEMPLE LAW REVIEW 325 (2012) (with H. Brenner) ([read](#))
 - Winner, Association of American Law Schools Gender New Voices Competition (2012)
13. *Attorney Advice and the First Amendment*, 68 WASHINGTON & LEE LAW REVIEW 639 (2011) ([read](#))
 - Notable citation: *The "Speech Integral to Criminal Conduct" Exception*, 101 CORNELL LAW REVIEW 981, 1043 (2016)
 - Notable citation: *Professional Speech*, 125 YALE LAW JOURNAL 1238, 1246 (2016)
14. *The Supreme Court's Increased Attention to the Law of Lawyering: Mere Coincidence or Something More?* 59 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1499 (2010) (lead article) ([read](#))
 - Notable citation: *Brief of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers as Amicus Curiae, Rubashkin v. United States*, US Supreme Court No. 11-1203 (2012)
15. *Why the Law Needs Music: Revisiting NAACP v. Button through the Songs of Bob Dylan*, 38 FORDHAM URBAN LAW JOURNAL 110 (2011) ([read](#))
16. *From Research Conclusions to Real Change: Understanding the First Amendment's (Non)Response to the Effects of Media on Children*, 63 SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 101 (2010) ([read](#))
 - Notable citation: *The Child Paradox in First Amendment Doctrine*, 87 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1414, 1422 (2012)

Book Chapters/Reviews/Short Pieces

1. *Not the End of Lawyers, But a Beginning—The Place of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Legal Ethics*, LEADING WORKS IN LEGAL ETHICS (forthcoming 2022, with R. Pearce)
2. *Hidden Women of History: Flos Greig, Australia's First Female Lawyer and Early Innovator*, THE CONVERSATION (2019) ([read](#))
3. *Becoming Visible*, FIFTY LESSONS FOR WOMEN LAWYERS, FROM WOMEN LAWYERS (2019) ([read](#))
4. *Legal and Ethical Impediments to Data Sharing and Integration Among Medical Legal Partnerships*, ANNALS OF HEALTH LAW (2018) (with J. Mantel) ([read](#))
5. *Shortlisted*, 24 UCLA WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL 67 (2017) (with H. Brenner) ([read](#))
6. *What We Know and Need to Know About "Access to Justice" Research*, 67 SOUTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 193 (2016) (with E. Chambliss and R. Nelson) ([read](#))
7. *A Taxonomy of Lawyer Regulation*, LEGAL ETHICS (2014) (peer reviewed) (with R. Pearce and N. Semple) ([read](#))
8. *Cultivating Learners Who Will Invent the Future of Law: Some Thoughts on Educating Entrepreneurial and Innovative Lawyers*, 38 OHIO NORTHERN LAW REVIEW 1 (2012) ([read](#))
9. *Gender and the Legal Profession's Pipeline to Power*, MSU LAW REVIEW 1419 (2012) ([read](#))
10. *Contemplating Free Speech and Congressional Efforts to Constrain Legal Advice*, 37 RUTGERS LAW RECORD 12 (2010) ([read](#))
11. *Prioritizing Professional Responsibility and the Legal Profession: A Preview of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2009 Term*, 5 DUKE JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW SIDEBAR 1 (2009) ([read](#))
12. *The Progress of Women in the Legal Profession*, 29 PACE LAW REVIEW 293 (2009) ([read](#))
13. *Resolving Ethical Dilemmas in James Welch's The Indian Lawyer*, 33 AMERICAN INDIAN LAW REVIEW 13 (2008-09) ([read](#))
14. *Beyond Atticus Finch: Lessons on Ethics and Morality from Lawyers and Judges in Postcolonial Literature*, 32 JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION 37 (2008) ([read](#))

Op-Eds

1. *Cold Cases, Misogyny, and Race in America: A Conversation with Jillian Lauren, host of Confronting a Serial Killer*, MS. MAGAZINE, April 19, 2021 ([read](#))
2. *The Women Shortlisted Before O'Connor*, THE HILL, March 22, 2021 (with H. Johnson) ([read](#))
3. *Rest in Power: Judge Joan Dempsey Klein, Who Devoted Every Day to Eliminating Gender Discrimination*, MS. MAGAZINE, Jan. 21, 2021 (with H. Johnson) ([read](#))
4. *Amy Coney Barrett Must Recuse Herself from Election-Related Cases*, NY DAILY NEWS, Oct. 26, 2020, cited in Respondents' Motion to Recuse, *Republican Party of Pennsylvania v. Boockvar*, United States Supreme Court No. 20-542 (Oct. 27, 2020) ([read](#))
5. *Amy Coney Barrett and the Threat to Women's Rights*, NY DAILY NEWS, Sept. 26, 2020 (with H. Johnson) ([read](#))

Op-Eds continued

6. *How RBG Went from a 'Moderate' Choice to a Fiery Dissenter*, CNN OPINION, Sept. 25, 2020 (with H. Johnson) ([read](#))
7. *The Legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, FROM THE SQUARE, Sept. 23, 2020 (with H. Johnson) ([read](#))
8. *Texas Should Cancel Its 2020 Bar Exam*, LAW360, June 30, 2020 (with D. Fagundes) ([read](#))
9. *No Men Allowed: With Biden's VP Shortlist, Women are Finally Gaining Political Ground*, THE HILL, May 1, 2020 ([read](#))
10. *Trump Should Select a Woman from his SCOTUS Shortlist*, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, July 9, 2018 (with H. Brenner) ([read](#))
11. *How Big Data Analytics is Changing Legal Ethics*, BLOOMBERG LAW (2016) ([read](#))
12. *Why Law Students Should Be Thinking About Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Legal Services*, BLOOMBERG LAW (2012) ([read](#))

Other Writing Projects

1. Written Testimony, *U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary* (2021) ([read](#))
2. Guest Blogger, *The Faculty Lounge* (2020)
3. Author, *Constitutional Law Assessment Questions* (West Academic Publishing 2020)
4. Author, *Professional Responsibility Office Hours* (West Academic Publishing 2020)
5. Consultation, *Australian Human Rights Commission* (2019)
6. Subject Matter Expert, *National Conference of Bar Examiners Multi-State Professional Responsibility Exam* (2018-present)
7. Written Testimony, *Federal Judicial Committees on Codes of Conduct and Judicial Conduct & Disability* (2018) ([read](#))
8. Author, *Professional Responsibility Assessment Questions* (West Academic Publishing 2018)
9. Contributor, *Truth on the Market Blog Symposium, "Unlocking the Law"* (2011)
10. Contributor, *Legal Ethics Forum Blog* (2009-present)

Works-in-Progress

1. *Law Democratized: A Blueprint for Justice* (under review)
2. *Mentored: The Ethical Obligations of Leaders*
3. *Compliance Not Silence: Changing the Culture of Institutions*

HONORS & AWARDS

1. *Faculty Fellow Award, Elizabeth D. Rockwell Center on Leadership and Ethics, University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs*, course buy-out for research and writing project “Mentored: The Ethical Obligations of Leaders” (2021-22)
2. *West Academic Publishing’s Law School Advisory Board* (2020-present)
3. *Fulbright Distinguished Chair*, one of approximately forty annual awards “viewed as among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program” (2019)
4. *50-in-5 University of Houston Faculty Achievement for National Recognition Award* (2019)
5. Elected member of the *American Law Institute*, “the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law” (2018-present)
6. Fellow of the *American Bar Foundation*, “an honorary organization of attorneys, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession” (2016-present)
7. Named as an *American Bar Association Journal Legal Rebel*, an “annual honors program for the change leaders of the legal profession” (2013)
8. Named as one of the *Fastcase 50*, an award that “recognizes 50 of the smartest, most courageous innovators, techies, visionaries, and leaders in the law” (2013)
9. Recipient of the *College of Law Practice Management Innovation Award*, honoring “lawyers, law firms, and other deliverers of legal services who are currently engaged in some extraordinary innovative efforts” (2013)

SELECT CONSULTING/TESTIMONY

Testimony – U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, Washington DC (2021)

- Testified regarding judicial recusal and conflicts of interest ([view](#))

Testimony – Federal Judicial Committees on Codes of Conduct and Judicial Conduct & Disability, Washington DC (2018)

- Testified regarding sexual harassment and workplace misconduct reforms ([view](#))

Consulting/Testimony – *In re Ginsberg, CJC No. 17-0739-DI* (2018)

- Consulting expert supporting successful reversal of discipline by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct; testified before Texas Supreme Court Special Court of Review

Consulting/Testimony – *In re Slaughter, 480 S.W.3rd 842* (2015)

- Consulting expert supporting successful reversal of discipline for judge’s comments on social media; testified before Texas Supreme Court Special Court of Review

Consulting – Lawyer and Judicial Ethics

- Consulting/testifying expert including issuance of declarations and opinion letters for various matters such as confidentiality, conflicts of interest, malpractice, lawyer/judicial discipline, recusal

SELECT MEDIA – TELEVISION/VIDEO

1. Interviewed on *Reuters* about Congressional testimony on judicial financial interests and other conflicts, “Judicial Recusal Rules Under Scrutiny,” Oct. 28, 2021 ([view](#))
2. Interviewed for *Texas Young Lawyers Association Iconic Women in History Project*, March 2021 ([view](#))
3. Election night and related coverage, *CBS Affiliate Houston Channel 11 KHOU*, Nov. 3-7, 2020 ([view](#))
4. Interviewed on *NBC Affiliate Charlotte Channel 36 WCNC*, “Margin is Simply Too Big – Law Professors Weigh In On President Trump’s Legal Battle,” Nov. 7, 2020 ([view](#))
5. Interviewed on *MSNBC’s The Week with Joshua Johnson* about the Amy Coney Barrett confirmation hearings, Oct. 11, 2020 ([view](#))
6. Interviewed on *MSNBC’s The Week with Joshua Johnson* about the legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sept. 26, 2020 ([view](#))
7. Interviewed for *American Law Institute Women’s Suffrage Tribute*, 2020 ([view](#))
8. Interviewed on *NBC Affiliate Houston Channel 2 KPRC*, “Brother of Botham Jean Talks about Courtroom Hug with Amber Guyger,” Oct. 4, 2019

SELECT MEDIA –RADIO AND PODCASTS

1. Interviewed on *Yale Law Journal Podcast*, “Lawyer Lies & Political Speech,” Dec. 2021 ([listen](#))
2. Interviewed on *Reimagining Justice Podcast*, “What the First Female Lawyers Can Teach Us About Innovation Today,” March 1, 2021 ([listen](#))
3. Interviewed on *Heritage Foundation SCOTUS 101 Podcast*, “Shortlists, Snubs, and Also-Rans,” Oct. 23, 2020 ([listen](#))
4. Interviewed on *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Radio* about the Amy Coney Barrett confirmation hearings, Oct. 18, 2020 ([listen](#))
5. Interviewed on *Washington Independent Review of Books Podcast*, Oct. 14, 2020 ([listen](#))
6. Quoted in *Voice of America*, “Female Supreme Court Justices Can Change the Conversation,” Oct. 3, 2020 ([listen](#))
7. Interviewed on the *Texas Standard*, “The Legacy and the Future: Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Women’s Rise to the Supreme Court,” Sept. 25, 2020 ([listen](#))
8. Interviewed on the *Strict Scrutiny Podcast*, “I Want More,” Sept. 14, 2020 ([listen](#))
9. Interviewed on *Signal Boost with Zerlina Maxwell and Jess McIntosh*, June 2, 2020 ([listen](#))
10. Interviewed on the *Texas Standard*, “What Might Have Been: The Forgotten History of Women on the Supreme Court Shortlist,” May 25, 2020 ([listen](#))
11. Interviewed on *Top of Mind* podcast, “Women in the Shadows of the Supreme Court,” May 21, 2020 ([listen](#))
12. Interviewed on *ABA Journal Modern Law Library* podcast, “Meet 9 American Women Shortlisted for the Supreme Court Before Sandra Day O’Connor,” May 20, 2020 ([listen](#))
13. Interviewed on *WNYC All of It With Alison Stewart Show*, May 20, 2020 ([listen](#))
14. Interviewed on *Houston Matters*, “Plenty Of Women Have Been Shortlisted For The Supreme Court — But Mostly For Show,” May 15, 2020 ([listen](#))
15. Interviewed on *Emphasis Added Podcast*, May 8, 2020 ([listen](#))
16. Interviewed on *WKAR Public Radio*, “Trustee Knake: Build on the Land Grant Heritage and Help MSU Be as Safer Place for Everyone,” Jan. 8, 2020 ([listen](#))

17. Interviewed on the *Texas Standard Radio Show* about constitutional requirements for presidential impeachment, Aug. 23, 2018 ([listen](#))
18. Interviewed on the *Texas Standard Radio Show* on judge's use of electric shock when questioning a criminal defendant, March 9, 2018 ([listen](#))
19. Interviewed on *Houston Public Media*, "Briefcase: Access to Justice," Jan. 11, 2107 ([listen](#))
20. Interviewed on *All Things Considered, National Public Radio*, "Out of State Lawyers Descend on Flint, Mich., Aid Water Crisis," Apr. 14, 2016 ([listen](#))

SELECT MEDIA – PRINT

1. Quoted in *San Diego Union-Tribune*, "Congress Calls for Reform After 131 Judges With Stock Holdings Fail to Recuse from Cases," Nov. 29, 2021.
2. Quoted in *Wall Street Journal*, "Federal Judge Files Recusal Notices in 138 Cases After WSJ Queries," Nov. 2, 2021.
3. Quoted in *Reuters*, "Judiciary Plans New Financial Disclosure System to Identify Conflicts," Nov. 1, 2021.
4. Quoted in *The 19th News*, "Senate Confirms Second Ever Woman Solicitor General, Who Represents Federal Government Before Supreme Court," Oct. 28, 2021.
5. Quoted in *Wall Street Journal*, "Federal Judges Would Face Tougher Stock-Trading Rules Under Bipartisan Bill," Oct. 25, 2021.
6. Quoted in *The National Law Journal*, "After Scathing Sanctions Ruling, Kraken Lawyers Face Future Penalties," Aug. 26, 2021.
7. Quoted in *Lansing State Journal*, "Pressure Mounts as Legislators Ask MSU to Release Documents," March 25, 2021.
8. Quoted in *The National Law Journal*, "Can't Have It Both Ways: Sidney Powell's Defamation Defense Could Put Her in Ethical Bind, Experts Say," March 23, 2021.
9. Quoted in *The State News*, "Women in Leadership Pave Way for Future Generations," March 9, 2021.
10. Quoted in *The Stanford Daily*, "Lion in Her Field Legal Ethics Pioneer and Professor Deborah Rhode Dies," Jan. 11, 2021.
11. Mentioned in *CNN*, "50 Op-Eds That Told the Story of 2020," Dec. 21, 2020.
12. Mentioned in *National Law Journal*, "This Year's SCOTUS Books," Dec. 16, 2020.
13. Quoted in *Politico*, "How Amy Coney Barrett Would Reshape the Court—and the Country," Sept. 26, 2020.
14. Featured in the *New York Times*, "Their Very Own Loving Story," July 31, 2020.
15. Featured in *Law360*, "Judging a Book: Elrod Reviews 'Shortlisted,'" June 22, 2020.
16. Featured in *New York Law Journal*, "Book Review—Shortlisted: Women in the Shadows of the Supreme Court," July 15, 2020.
17. Featured in *New York Law Journal*, "Portia's Long Road to the Supreme Court Bench," July 15, 2020.
18. Featured in *SCOTUSblog*, "Ask the Authors: The Long and Winding Road from Shortlisted to Selected for Female Supreme Court Justices," June 4, 2020.
19. Featured in the *Chicago Law Bulletin*, "New Book Analyzes Women on High Court, Those Shortlisted," May 27, 2020.
20. Featured in *The Observer*, "'Shortlisted' Is the Story of 9 Women Who Would Have Changed the Supreme Court," May 15, 2020.

21. Interviewed in *National Law Journal*, “New Book 'Shortlisted' Spotlights 9 Women Passed Over for Supreme Court,” May 12, 2020.
22. Featured in the *Texas Bar Journal*, “Women and the Supreme Court,” April 2020.
23. Profiled in *Detroit Free Press*, “Former MSU Law Professor Renee Knake Returns, this Time as a Board Member,” Dec. 20, 2019.
24. Quoted in *Law360*, “Kozinski’s Return to Court Sparks #MeToo Ethics,” Dec. 11, 2019.
25. Profiled in *Detroit News*, “Whitmer Appoints Legal Ethics Professor to MSU Board of Trustees,” Dec. 4, 2019.
26. Quoted in *Chicago Tribune* and *Associated Press*, “Judge’s Hug Not Embraced by All After Dallas Officer’s Trial,” Oct. 3, 2019.
27. Quoted in *Law360*, “Escape Remains for Judges Accused of Misconduct,” Apr. 17, 2019.
28. Profiled in *Lawyers Weekly*, “Redressing Gender Disparity in Legal Leadership,” Apr. 2, 2019.
29. Profiled in *New Zealand Law Society*, “The Innovators: Renee Knake,” March 8, 2019.
30. Quoted and testimony featured in *CNN*, “Judges Urged to Make Complaint System More Transparent,” Oct. 30, 2018.
31. Quoted and testimony featured in *Bloomberg Law*, “Ban on Courthouse Romance Proposed to Stem Judiciary Harassment,” Oct. 30, 2018.
32. Quoted and testimony featured in *National Law Journal*, “Witnesses Say Judiciary Needs More Transparency and Reporting Options on Sexual Misconduct,” Oct. 30, 2018.
33. Quoted in *BuzzFeed News*, “The Judiciary Has a Plan to Deal With Sexual Harassment. Law Students, Former Clerks and Professors Say It’s Not Enough,” Oct. 30, 2018.
34. Quoted and research featured in *Slate*, “Jurisprudence: The Boys on the Bench—All the Lame Excuses Conservatives are Making to Explain Why the President Isn’t Nominating Female Judges,” July 26, 2018.
35. Quoted and research featured in *Slate*, “Jurisprudence: The Boys on the Bench—All the Lame Excuses Conservatives are Making to Explain Why the President Isn’t Nominating Female Judges,” July 26, 2018.
36. Quoted in *Forbes*, “Unauthorized Practice of Law Claims Threaten Justice,” May 8, 2018.
37. Quoted in *Bloomberg Law*, “Texas Death Row Inmate Back at High Court, Claiming Conflict,” Apr. 24, 2018.
38. Quoted and research featured in *National Law Review*, “Leading Voices Weigh in on TIKD Antitrust Suit,” Apr. 5, 2018.
39. Quoted in *Law.com*, “The Ethics of Legal Analytics,” March 23, 2018.
40. Quoted in *Law360*, “Five Mistakes Attorneys Make on Social Media,” March 20, 2018.
41. Research featured in *Law360*, “End Legal Monopoly with Antitrust Review, Law Prof Says,” March 16, 2018.
42. Quoted in *ABA Journal*, “Opinion Makes Exception for Generally Known Info,” March 1, 2018.
43. Quoted in *Christian Science Monitor*, “For Politicians Facing Misconduct Charges, No Swift Firings,” Nov. 30, 2017.
44. Mentioned in *Above the Law*, “Law Schools Should Teach Innovation,” Nov. 22, 2017.
45. Quoted in *CNN Money*, “Sexual Harassment Tipping Point: Why Now?” Nov. 21, 2017.
46. Mentioned in *Above the Law*, “Michigan State College of Law Ranks Number One: The Law School at the Forefront of Emerging Technologies,” Aug. 30, 2017.
47. Quoted in *The Lawyerist*, “Big Questions on Big Data and Ethical Obligations,” Sept. 29, 2016.

48. Quoted in *Corporate Counsel*, “In-House Lawyer’s DQ in Patent Case Offers Lessons for Legal Departments,” Sept. 20, 2016.
49. Mentioned in *Bloomberg Big Law Business*, “Good and Bad News from the ABA Futures Report,” Sep. 6, 2016.
50. Quoted in *Law360*, “5 Conversations Lawyers Should Avoid at Work,” Aug. 25, 2016.
51. Mentioned in *Above the Law*, “This Week in Legal Tech,” Aug. 22, 2016.
52. Quoted in *Macomb Legal News*, “Used Wrongly, Social Media Can Sting,” Jan. 22, 2016.
53. Quoted in *Texas Lawyer*, “Facebook Judge Gets New Trial in Ethics,” July 23, 2015.
54. Quoted in *Law360*, “US Law Firms Still Flirting with Going Public,” July 1, 2015.
55. Self-designed Entrepreneurial Lawyering class featured in *New York Times*, “This is Law School?” Aug. 1, 2014.
56. Quoted and research featured in *ABA Journal*, “Best Way to Boost Access to Justice? Change Ethics Rules,” Sept. 1, 2013.
57. Quoted in *American Lawyer*, “The Future of Law from Silicon Valley,” March 10, 2013.
58. Quoted and research cited in *Wall Street Journal*, “Women Notch Progress: Females Now Constitute One-Third of Nation’s Ranks of Lawyers,” Dec. 5, 2012.
59. Featured in *Detroit Legal News*, “Pipeline to Power Symposium explores gender equality in the legal profession,” Apr. 11, 2011.
60. Quoted in *California Lawyer Magazine*, “Full Disclosure: Investors at Gates,” Aug. 2011.
61. Quoted in *ABA Journal*, “Seduced: For Lawyers, the Appeal of Social Media Is Obvious. It’s Also Dangerous,” Feb. 1, 2011.
62. Quoted in *National Law Journal*, “Lawyering Suits Pile Up at High Court,” July 6, 2010.
63. Quoted in *National Law Journal*, “High Court Justices to Take Up Lawyer Ethics, Errors,” Sept. 28, 2009.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Shortlisted Book Tour Talks — www.shortlistedbook.com/book-tour

Honorary Lectures

1. *Washburn Law School Women’s History Month Lecture*, March 1, 2020
2. *BYU Law School Future of Law Annual Lecture Series*, Oct. 18, 2017
3. *University of Houston Law Center Yale Rosenberg Annual Lecture*, March 23, 2017
4. *Pace Law School Annual Phillip A. Blank Lecture on Attorney Ethics*, March 18, 2013

Keynote Addresses

1. *Washington Women Lawyer’s Association Annual Meeting*, Oct. 16, 2021
2. *Fulbright Australia Scholars Orientation*, May 6, 2021
3. *Gonzaga Law School Conference on Human Rights*, Nov. 9, 2020
4. *Melbourne University Law School*, July 25, 2019
5. *Legal Innovation Festival Sydney*, June 8, 2019
6. *Lawfest Conference on Innovation and Technology New Zealand*, March 21, 2019
7. *South Carolina Law Review Symposium on Legal Education*, Feb. 28, 2014
8. *Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers Annual Meeting*, Aug. 8, 2013
9. *University of Oregon Law School Judge Helen Frye Tribute*, Apr. 5, 2013

Invited Talks

1. *15th Annual Judicial Symposium on Civil Justice, George Mason Law & Economics Center*, Nov. 17, 2021
2. *Stanford Law School Celebration of Life for Deborah Rhode*, Oct. 15, 2021
3. *American Bar Association Section on Litigation Annual Meeting*, May 5, 2021
4. *Southern Methodist University Law School*, April 6, 2021
5. *Wake Forest Law School*, Oct. 20, 2020
6. *New Civil Liberties Alliance*, Oct. 16, 2020
7. *Fordham Law School*, Oct. 9, 2020
8. *University of Texas Center for Women in Law*, Oct. 5, 2020
9. *Osgoode Hall Law School*, Oct. 5, 2020
10. *Harris County Law Library*, Aug. 18, 2020
11. *Villanova Law School*, Feb. 26, 2020
12. *Suffolk Law School*, Feb. 6, 2020
13. *Conversation Partner with Malcom Gladwell on his book Talking to Strangers*, Oct. 8, 2019
14. *Texas Women Rainmakers Annual Conference*, Aug. 23, 2019
15. *Women Lawyer's Association of Queensland*, July 19, 2019
16. *The College of Law Victoria*, June 18, 2019
17. *Australia National University Law School*, June 26, 2019
18. *University of Tasmania Law School*, April 18, 2019
19. *Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University*, Feb. 19, 2019
20. *University of Houston International Women's Law Day Celebration*, March 8, 2018
21. *University of Houston Rockwell Lecture on Leadership and Ethics*, Feb. 9, 2018
22. *South Texas College of Law*, Jan. 19, 2018
23. *University of Houston National Women's Conference*, Nov. 6, 2017
24. *University of Kansas Faculty Series*, Sept.13, 2017
25. *Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law*, Apr. 8, 2017
26. *Touro Law Review Brandeis Symposium*, March 31, 2016
27. *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics Colloquium*, March 18, 2016
28. *Fordham Law Review Symposium*, Oct. 25, 2015
29. *National Conference of Bar Presidents*, Chicago, Aug. 1, 2015
30. *Gruter Institute Conference on Innovation and Growth*, May 2012, 2013, 2015
31. *Stanford Law School*, Apr. 30, 2015
32. *ABA Standing Committee on Public Education*, Apr. 10, 2015
33. *American Bar Foundation*, Apr. 8, 2015
34. *University of Maryland School of Law*, March 27, 2015
35. *Washington & Lee Law School Faculty Workshop*, Nov. 17, 2014
36. *American Bar Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, Aug. 9, 2014
37. *University of Arizona Law School Faculty Speaker Series*, Apr. 17, 2014
38. *American University Washington College of Law Faculty Workshop*, March 21, 2014
39. *Fordham Law Review Symposium on Lawyers' Monopoly*, Oct. 18, 2013
40. *George Mason Law School Research Roundtable*, Sept. 20, 2013
41. *University of Florida Law School*, Sept. 12, 2013
42. *Legal Services Board*, London June 12, 2013
43. *Northeastern University Law School Faculty Colloquium*, March 29, 2013
44. *Stanford Law School*, March 6, 2013
45. *Connecticut Law Review Symposium on Future of Legal Education*, Nov. 16, 2012

46. *Northeastern Law School Symposium on Experiential Education in Law*, Oct. 27, 2012
47. *Vermont Law School*, Oct. 26, 2012
48. *Ohio Northern Law Review Symposium*, March 26, 2012
49. *University of Tennessee College of Law Faculty Workshop*, Feb. 9, 2012
50. *AALS Annual Meeting*, Washington DC, Jan. 5, 2012
51. *Michigan State Law Review Symposium*, Sept. 9, 2011
52. *University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law*, Apr. 8, 2011
53. *Fordham Law Urban Law Journal Symposium*, Apr. 5, 2011
54. *Michigan State University Sandra Seaton Roundtable*, Nov. 11, 2010
55. *University of Illinois College of Law Faculty Workshop*, Aug. 26, 2010
56. *ABA Annual Conference on Professional Responsibility*, Seattle, June 4, 2010
57. *Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature Annual Meeting*, 2008 & 2009
58. *MSU College of Law Indigenous Law and Policy Center*, Oct. 19, 2007

Competitively Chosen Presentations

1. *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law and Public Policy Symposium*, Feb. 2, 2018
2. *Loyola Law School Chicago Annual Symposium on Health Law & Policy*, Nov. 10, 2017
3. *The Antigua Forum*, Guatemala, Jan. 20-21, 2017
4. *Yale Law School Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference*, May 2, 2015
5. *Georgetown University Law Center for the Study of the Legal Profession*, Apr. 12, 2013
6. *AALS Annual Meeting Professional Responsibility Program*, Washington, DC, Jan. 6, 2012
7. *AALS Annual Meeting New Voices in Gender Program*, Washington, DC, Jan. 5, 2012
8. *Washington and Lee University Junior Faculty Workshop on Children & Law*, July 16, 2009
9. *National Conference on Consumer Culture & Ethical Treatment of Children*, Nov. 12, 2009

Other Presentations

1. *Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meetings* 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
2. *Law and Society Annual Meetings*, 2010, 2011, 2017, 2021
3. *International Legal Ethics Conference VIII*, University of Melbourne Law School, Dec. 2018
4. *International Legal Ethics Conference VII*, Fordham Law School, July 14, 2016
5. *International Legal Ethics Conference VI*, City Law School London, July 11, 2014
6. *Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities* University of Virginia, March 2014
7. *International Legal Ethics Conference V*, University of Calgary, July 13, 2012
8. *Arizona State University College of Law Junior Scholars Conference*, March 17, 2012
9. *Indiana University School of Law Big Ten Untenured Conference*, Aug. 3, 2011
10. *Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities*, UNLV, March 11, 2011
11. *Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium*, Loyola University Chicago, Nov. 5, 2010
12. *International Legal Ethics Conference V*, Stanford Law School, July 16, 2010
13. *International Legal Ethics Conference III*, University of Queensland and Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia, July 15, 2008
14. *Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities*, Georgetown, Law School March 24, 2007

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION TEACHING

Shortlisted: Women in the Shadows of the Supreme Court

- *University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs* (2021)
- *Katten Munchin Rosenman LLP* (2021)
- *Advanced Intellectual Property Law & Workshop for the State Bar of Texas* (2021)
- *Houston Intellectual Property Law Annual Institute*, Galveston, Texas (2021)
- *University of Houston Women in Law*, Houston (2020)
- *Bar Association of the Federal Fifth Circuit Appellate Advocacy Seminar*, New Orleans (2019)

Alternative Fee Arrangements and Litigation Financing

- *ABA Business Law Annual Meeting*, Chicago (2017)

The New Duty of Competence and Hot Topics in Conflicts of Interest

- *PretiFlaberty Annual In-House Ethics Institute*, Portland, Maine (2017)

A Legal Ethics Agenda for Big Data Analytics

- *Transportation Law Institute*, Houston (2016)
- *Houston Intellectual Property Law Annual Institute*, Galveston, Texas (2016)
- *Intellectual Property Owners Annual Meeting*, New York (2016)

The ABA Report on the Future of Legal Services in the United States

- *ABA Annual Meeting*, San Francisco (2016)

Medical Marijuana: First Amendment and Ethical Issues

- *Cobalt LLP CLE Panel*, Berkeley (2011)

CONFERENCES/LECTURES ORGANIZED

1. *Kelley Institute of Ethics and the Legal Profession Annual Lecture Series* (1) Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman, 2015; (2) Justice Michael Cavanagh and Governor James Blanchard, 2014; (3) Senator Carl Levin, 2013; (4) Prof. Richard Susskind, 2012; (5) Attorney General Lisa Madigan, 2011; (6) Prof. Deborah Rhode, 2010; (7) Prof. David Wilkins, 2009.
2. *ReInvent Law Conference Series* (1) University of Westminster, London, June 2014; (2) Great Hall, Cooper Union, New York, NY, Feb. 2014; (3) CBI Centre, London, June 2013; (4) Computer History Museum, Mountain View, CA, March 2013; (5) Dubai International Financial Centre for Excellence, Dec. 2012; (6) CBI Centre, London, June 2012.
3. "Gender and the Legal Profession's Pipeline to Power," *Michigan State University Law Review Symposium*, Detroit, MI, Apr. 12-13, 2012.
4. "Legal Education's Response to Economic Realities Facing the Profession," *Legal Ethics Forum Blog Online Symposium*, Feb. 2012.
5. "Workshop on Changes in Law Practice; Implications for Legal Education," *AALS Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC, Jan. 5, 2012.
6. "The U.S. Supreme Court's Increased Attention to the Law of Lawyering," *AALS Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 7, 2010. Competitively selected as Hot Topic Panel.

FINANCIAL GRANTS

1. *University of Houston Small Grants Program Award* 2018 (\$4,500)
2. *Michigan State Undergraduate Honors Research Seminar Grant* 2014-15 (\$6,000)
3. *Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Grant* 2012-14 (\$150,000)
4. *Purdue Pre-Tenure Conference Fellowship* 2010 (travel and event funding)
5. *National Institute for Teaching Ethics Fellowship* 2009 (travel and event funding)
6. *Michigan Children's Trust Research Grant* 2009 (\$2,000)

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Association of American Law Schools

- Deborah Rhode Award Selection Committee (2021)
- Professional Responsibility Section: Chair (2020); Chair-Elect (2019); Secretary (2018), Treasurer (2017), Executive and Nominating Committees (2010-13)
- Leadership Section: Nominating Committee (2017-20)
- Annual Meeting Workshop Changes in Law Practice Planning Committee (2011-12)

Australian-American Fulbright Commission

- Member, Selection Committee for the Discipline of Law (2019-present)

American Bar Association

- Reporter, ABA Presidential Commission on the Future of Legal Services (2014-2016)

State Bar of Michigan

- Co-Chair, Regulatory Reform, 21st Century Law Practice Task Force (2015-2016)
- Advisor, Standing Committee on Lawyers and Judges Assistance (2009-10)

World Economic Forum

- Delegate, Global Agenda Councils on Rule of Law (2013-14) and Justice (2014-16)

The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction

- Board of Directors (2014-2016)

International Association of Legal Ethics

- Chair, Outreach Committee (2012-14)

Referee/Outside Reviewer

- *Law & Social Inquiry* (2021)
- *New York University Press* (2018, 2021)
- *Yale Law Journal* (2015)
- *International Review of Law and Economics Journal* (2013)

AMICUS BRIEFS

1. North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission, No. 13-534 (U.S. 2014), co-signer and contributor to Amicus Brief of Law Professors, et al.
2. Maples v. Thomas, No. 10-63 (U.S. 2011), co-signer to Amicus Brief of Legal Ethics Professors and Practitioners and the Ethics Bureau at Yale as Amicus Curiae in Support of Petitioner, cited by majority in Maples v. Thomas, 132 S.Ct. 912 (2012).
3. Holland v. Florida, No. 09-532 (U.S. 2009), co-signer to Amicus Brief of Legal Ethics Professors and Practitioners and in Support of Petitioner Albert Holland, cited by majority in Holland v. Florida, 130 S.Ct. 2549 (2010).

LAW PRACTICE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville, VA
Assistant Professor (Jan. – Apr. 2005) Taught business law course.

Office of the City Attorney, Charlottesville, VA
Assistant City Attorney (Dec. 2001 – Apr. 2005) One of four attorneys responsible for advising and representing all city departments, officials, boards, agencies, and employees on a wide variety of civil matters, including zoning, parks, housing authority, police, state legislation, economic development, cable, workers' compensation, foster care, and social services.

Hunton & Williams, Richmond, VA
Associate (Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2001) Defended and advised businesses and corporations engaged in litigation involving telecommunications, corporate governance, derivative suits, and consumer protection. Served as pro bono counsel for the Commonwealth of Virginia in child support cases.

Mayer Brown, Chicago, IL
Associate (Aug. 1999 – Dec. 2000); Summer Associate (1998) Defended management in labor/employment litigation and general corporate litigation. Prepared cases for trial by conducting discovery, writing motions/briefs, taking depositions, drafting witness exams and opening/closing statements, and composing pretrial pleadings.

Debevoise & Plimpton, Washington, DC
Summer Associate (1998) Transactional and litigation work (permanent offer extended).

Professor Stephen Schulhofer, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL
Research Assistant (1997-98) Conducted research for and edited book, UNWANTED SEX: CULTURE OF INTIMIDATION AND FAILURE OF LAW (Harvard 1998).

Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL
Law Clerk (1997) Worked anti-poverty child support project—legislative and court reforms.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Michigan (2006) | Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals (2001) | Virginia (admitted 2001, associate since 2006) | Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals (1999) | Northern District of Illinois (1999) | Illinois (admitted 1999, inactive since 2006)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member, East Lansing Public Schools Return to School Work Group (2020-21)
- Treasurer, MacDonald Middle School Parent Council (2020-21)
- Parent Volunteer, Donley Elementary (2010-14), White Hills Elementary (2014-2015)
- East Lansing School Board, K-8 Facilities Committee (2010-11)
- Commissioner, City of East Lansing Zoning Board of Appeals (2009-10)
- Vice Chair and Commissioner, City of East Lansing Cable Commission (2006-08)

PERSONAL

Married to Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson (ret.), mother to two and step-mother to three along with a labradoodle named Rilke. Race-runner (5ks mostly, the Chicago marathon once) and yogi (practiced at 50+ studios in four different countries).

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