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Biography in Brief

- Born and raised in San Angelo, Texas
- First-generation college student
- Texas Tech University System alumnus (B.A., Angelo State, '91)
with family who are Texas Tech alumni
- J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law
- Member of the Texas Bar
- Ph.D. in political science from Princeton University
- UM Law Professor of the Year in 2006 and 2012
- Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation
- Over twenty years of experience in legal education

Academic Employment

Texas Tech University School of Law (Lubbock, TX)
Dean, 2017—present
W. Frank Newton Professor of Law, 2017—present
Professor of Law, 2017—present

University of Mississippi School of Law (University, MS)
Senior Associate Dean, 2015-2017
(Associate Dean for Faculty Development, 2012-2015)
Jessie D. Puckett, Jr. Lecturer in Law, 2001-2017
Professor of Law, 2012-2017

(Associate Professor of Law, 2005-2012)
(Assistant Professor of Law, 2000-2005)

University of Arkansas School of Law (Fayetteville, AR)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 1999-2000

Princeton University Department of Politics (Princeton, NJ)
Lecturer/Preceptor, spring 1997; fall 1997; spring 1998

Education

Princeton University (Princeton, NJ)
Ph.D., Politics, 1999 (Sub-fields: Public Law, Political Theory, American Politics)
M.A., Politics, 1997
Alpheus T. Mason Fellow in Public Law, 1994-1998

The University of Texas School of Law (Austin, TX)
J.D., May 1994
Chancellors Honor Society (top 3%)
Order of the Coif
Articles & Notes Editor, *Texas International Law Journal*, 1993-1994
Townes-Rice Scholar

Angelo State University (San Angelo, TX)
B.A., English, Summa cum Laude, May 1991
Carr Scholar

Duties as Dean **Texas Tech University School of Law**

My duties as the Dean of the Texas Tech University School of Law include the following major areas of leadership and responsibility:

- empowering student achievement
- offering a high quality and affordable legal education
- graduating practice-ready lawyers
- ensuring a high bar passage rate for graduates
- advancing energetic student recruitment and job placement
- promoting educational excellence and innovation
- supporting faculty and staff excellence

- engaging in energetic alumni outreach
- promoting outstanding research and service
- ensuring adherence to accreditation standards
- providing sound fiscal management and good stewardship of resources
- providing assistance to bench and bar
- promoting community engagement and a supportive climate for all members of the Tech Law Family
- celebrating and publicizing the achievements of the Tech Law family
- engaging in forward-looking strategic planning
- raising funds from alumni and friends to grow the Law School's endowment to better serve students and advance the Law School's educational mission

Selected Honors & Activities

Member, Texas Bar, 1994—present

Member, Lubbock Area Bar Association, 2017—present

Member, Executive Committee, American Inn of Court, Texas Tech University School of Law Chapter, 2017—present

Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation, 2017—present

Secretary and Treasurer, Texas Tech Law School Foundation Board, 2017—present

Commencement Speaker, Fall Graduation, Angelo State University, December 2018

Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2022—present

Honoree, Dean Jack Wade Nowlin First-Generation Endowed Scholarship, Texas Tech University School of Law, established through the generosity of Foundation Board President Tom Hall, Foundation Board Member David Copeland, and other Texas Tech University School of Law Board Members and alumni in 2022

Chair, Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Special Committee on Community Engagement, 2023

Speaking, Outreach, Conferences, and Other Events

Reception Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Reception, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, June 2023, Austin, TX.

Reception Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Reception, held in conjunction with the Rusty Duncan Advanced Criminal Law Course, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, June 2023, San Antonio, TX.

Master of Ceremonies, Texas Tech University School of Law Roswell CLE, May 2023, Roswell, NM.

Reception Co-Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Houston Alumni Association Reception, April 2023, Houston, TX.

Panelist, “Cultivating Civil Discourse: A Conversation with Law School Deans Across Texas,” A Prelude to the Northern District of Texas Bench-Bar Conference, Sponsored by the Dallas and Fort Worth Chapters of the Federal Bar Association, March 2023, Virtual Event.

Master of Ceremonies, Annual Scholarship Gala, Texas Tech University School of Law, March 2023, Lubbock, TX.

Presenter, “The Ethics of Judging and Interpreting the Constitution,” New Judges School, Texas Association of Counties, February 2023, Lubbock, TX.

Host and Speaker, “Texas Tech University Law School Update for Judges,” Alumni Breakfast, held in conjunction with the 2022 Judicial Education Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, September 2022, Grapevine, TX.

Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Hospitality Suite, State Bar of New Mexico Annual Meeting, August 2022, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.

Reception Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Reception, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, June 2022, Houston, TX.

Host, Texas Tech University School of Law El Paso CLE, April 2022, El Paso, TX.

Reception Co-Host, Red Raider Roundup Reception, held in conjunction with the Live Oak CLE, Annual Permian Basin Oil & Gas Law Seminar, March 2022, Midland, TX.

Master of Ceremonies, Annual Scholarship Gala, Texas Tech University School of Law, March 2022, Lubbock, TX.

Attendee, Dallas Bar Association Inaugural Dinner for New President Krisi Kastl, January 2022, Dallas, TX.

Reception Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Houston Alumni Reception, October 2021, Houston, TX.

Reception Host, Texas Tech University School of Law El Paso Alumni Reception, September 2021, El Paso, TX.

Reception Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Reception, held in conjunction with the Rusty Duncan Advanced Criminal Law Course, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, June 2021, San Antonio, TX.

Host and Master of Ceremonies, Texas Tech University School of Law Virtual Roswell CLE, May 2021, Lubbock, TX (virtual).

Moderator, panel discussion, “Did the Supreme Court Get the Separate Sovereignities Correct in the *Gamble* Case?,” 14th Annual Criminal Law Symposium, Texas Tech Law Review & Texas Tech University School of Law, April 2021, Lubbock, TX (virtual).

Host and Master of Ceremonies, “Walk for Reform: Beyond the Courtroom, Ethical Considerations, and Civic Responsibilities,” with presenter Mr. Leon Reed and discussant Ms. Mimi Coffey, April 2021, Lubbock, TX (virtual).

Presenter, “Practical Tips for Better Writing,” Lubbock Area Bar Association Meeting, February 2021, Lubbock, TX (virtual).

Master of Ceremonies, Annual Scholarship Gala, Texas Tech University School of Law, March 2020, Lubbock, TX.

Reception Co-Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Reception, held in conjunction with the Live Oak CLE, 22nd Annual Permian Basin Oil & Gas Law Seminar, March 2020, Midland, TX.

Participant, Uniform Bar Exam Workshop, presented by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and hosted by Texas Tech University School of Law, February 2020, Lubbock, TX.

Facilitator, Small Group Discussion, “Building Relationships with the University,” Deans Forum Program, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 2020, Washington, D.C.

Participant, “Roadways to the Federal Bench: Who, Me? A Bankruptcy Judge?,” an initiative of the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Administration of the Bankruptcy System (live national broadcast with local roundtable discussions among federal bench, bar, and law students), October 2019, Dallas, TX.

Reception Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Reception, held in conjunction with the Annual Criminal & Civil Law Update, Texas District & County Attorneys Association, September 2019, Corpus Christi, TX.

Volunteer, “Now You Are 18” Educational Program on the U.S. Constitution for high school students, Lubbock Area Bar Association, Fall 2018 and Fall 2019, Lubbock, TX.

Host and Speaker, “Texas Tech University Law School Update for Judges,” Alumni Breakfast, held in conjunction with the 2019 Judicial Education Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, September 2019, San Antonio, TX.

Duties as Associate Dean
University of Mississippi School of Law (2012—2017)

My duties as an associate dean at the University of Mississippi School of Law (2012-2017) included the following major areas of leadership and responsibility: faculty development; communications; strategic planning; reporting & special projects; law journal advising & student publishing; and alumni & other outreach.

Faculty Development (2012—2017)

Directing the Law School's Academic Workshop Program

- the fall, spring, and summer faculty writing groups
- the faculty colloquium lecture series
- the speaker exchange program with peer schools Houston, Missouri, Kentucky, and Arkansas—Fayetteville

Advising the Dean's Office on

- summer research grant awards
- lectureship awards
- discretionary travel awards
- tenure and promotion applications
- endowed lectureship and speaker series accounts
- sabbatical applications

Assisting colleagues with

- scholarly articles and books
- conference presentations
- the tenure and promotion process

Advising the faculty on

- employment decisions
- tenure and promotion decisions
- policy decisions affecting scholarship

Promoting the Law School's broader intellectual life through activities such as

- serving ex officio on the Speakers and Faculty Scholarship Committee
- developing the Law School's affiliated faculty program with other UM units
- organizing the annual Constitution Day and Martin Luther King Day commemoration events

Communications (2016—2017)

Supervising communications and media outreach

Supervising communications staff—the Communications Specialist and Web Developer

Working with staff to develop new communications strategies and initiatives—
such as increased focus on alumni outreach and intellectual life content

Assisting with the general content and design of the Law School website—
including sections on Alumni & Friends and Intellectual Life

Assisting with content for news stories and social media posts
Assisting with content on faculty activities and speakers
Assisting with external marketing materials
Chairing the Communications Specialist search committee in 2016

Strategic Planning (2015—2017)

Chairing the Strategic Planning Research and Facilitation Group in 2015

- organizing research group meetings
- developing surveys for faculty, staff, students, and alumni
- organizing the fall schedule of strategic planning events for faculty, staff, students, and alumni

Co-chairing the Strategic Planning Drafting Group in 2015-2016

- organizing drafting group meetings
- drafting core sections of the strategic plan on “mission,” “flagship goals,” “coordination and collaboration,” “research and intellectual life,” and “service and community engagement”
- editing and revising sections of the strategic plan
- arranging faculty and staff meetings for discussion and straw-poll voting
- finalizing the Strategic Plan document for distribution internally and to the central administration
- drafting highlights from the plan for posting on the Law School website

Assisting with ongoing implementation of the plan by consulting with

- the Dean
- senior staff
- committee chairs

Reporting & Special Projects (2015—2017)

Drafting the Law School Annual Report each summer

Organizing the University-mandated self-assessment report on the work of the Dean’s Office (research, service, and fundraising in 2016-2017)

Advising on the committee structure and committee assignments

Advising on budget issues and expenditure priorities

Reviewing Foundation reports for endowed accounts and advising on strategic use of endowed funds

Drafting selected policy documents for the Dean’s Office

Drafting nomination and support documents for University and external awards

Assisting with analysis of the US News law school rankings

Presiding over faculty meetings in the Dean’s absence

Law Journal Advising & Student Publishing (2012—2017)

Teaching the Academic Legal Writing seminar for MLJ second-year students writing for publication (with 64 published articles in 5 years)

Advising the Mississippi Law Journal on the development of new initiatives such as

- the Comment Development Program (2012)
 - the External Publication Initiative (2014)
 - the Peer Review Forum (2014)
 - the Federal Courts Law Review publication partnership (2016)
- Serving on the Mississippi Law Journal Board of Directors (2016)

Alumni & Other Outreach (2015—2017)

Assisting with alumni outreach and marketing for the Mississippi Bar Convention (2015 and 2016)

Substituting for the Dean at alumni events (such as the spring 2016 Law Alumni Chapter Board of Directors Annual Meeting, Legal Legacy Luncheon, and Law Weekend Alumni Reception)

Substituting for the Dean at University events (such as University-wide Fall Faculty meetings and Council of Academic Administrators meetings)

Attending alumni and other outreach events for the Law School (such as football tailgates and congressional staff receptions)

Serving as the Dean's Office representative on the Law School Alumni Committee

Organizing the University-mandated self-assessment report on the work of the Dean's Office on fundraising and securing private fiscal support

Drafting outreach documents such as the charter for the new alumni Board of Visitors

Additional Honors & Activities

Recipient, UM Law Professor of the Year, 2006 & 2012

Recipient, UM Ben A. Hardy Faculty Excellence Award, 2011

Instructor and Faculty Member, National Judicial College, Reno, NV, 2003-2013

Member, UM University Research Board (advisory group for the UM Vice Chancellor for Research and Sponsored Programs), 2012-2017

Chair, URB Task Force on Research Centers and Institutes, 2012-2013

Chair, URB Task Force on Institutionally Funded Research, 2014

Chair, URB Task Force on Research Momentum (to aid in retention of UM's R1 Carnegie classification), 2016-2017

Advisor, student comments, for over 70 *Mississippi Law Journal* students publishing notes & comments, 2011-2017

Member, *Mississippi Law Journal* Board of Directors, 2016-2017

Faculty Advisor, *Mississippi Law Journal*, 2011-2017

Instructor, UM Law Academic Legal Writing, 2011-2016 (this three-credit course was an intensive writing seminar for second-year students on the *Mississippi Law Journal* who were writing comments for publication as part of the *Journal's* comment program)

Member, Alumni Committee, 2016-2017

Member, Speakers and Faculty Scholarship Committee, 2013-2017

Member, Faculty Appointments Committee, 2001-2008; 2009-2011 (Chair, 2009-2011)

Member, Curriculum Committee, 2002-2008
Member, Admissions Committee, 2006-2008; 2009-2014
Member, US News Working Group, 2012-2017
Member, LL.M. Oversight Committee, 2012-2014
Member, Prelaw Advisory Group, 2012-2015
Cosponsor, BLSA Banquet, 2016 & 2017
Faculty Advisor, Federalist Society, 2010-2017
Organizer, Annual UM Constitution Day Commemoration Panel, 2010-2016
Organizer, Annual Martin Luther King Day Commemoration Panel, 2011-2017
Organizer, fall and spring Student Legal Scholarship Expositions (for published student authors), fall 2014—spring 2017
Moot Court Coach, National First Amendment Moot Court Competition, Vanderbilt University Law School (Freedom Forum First Amendment Center), 2001-2007

Teaching, Expertise, and Scholarly Interests

Teaching Interests

Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Law, Academic Legal Writing, Jurisprudence

Areas of Expertise

Constitutional Law (judicial power, federalism, Fourteenth Amendment, First Amendment, theories of judging, interpretive theory); Criminal Procedure (Fourth Amendment, the *Miranda* doctrine, exclusionary rules); Academic Legal Writing (writing methods, argument development, workshopping strategies); Jurisprudence (analytic jurisprudence, positivism, natural law theory, legal realism, critical theory)

Scholarly Interests

The intersection of constitutional law and philosophy of law—principally in the areas of judicial power, theories of judging, and interpretive methods; the professionalization of academic legal writing—principally topics such as writing methods, workshop strategies and structures, writing seminar pedagogy, and law journal advising

Publications

I have authored over thirty academic publications—including articles published in the *Notre Dame Law Review*, the *Illinois Law Review*, and the *Connecticut Law Review* as well as books chapters published with Ashgate Press and Princeton University Press.

Works in Progress

Article, *Teaching Academic Legal Writing to Law Journal Students Writing for Publication*.

Article, *The Juriscentric Prism: How the Practice of Judicial Supremacy Shapes Our View of the Constitution*.

Selected Articles and Book Chapters

The Warren Court's House Built on Sand: From Security in Persons, Houses, Papers, and Effects to Mere Reasonableness in Fourth Amendment Doctrine, 81 MISSISSIPPI LAW JOURNAL 1017 (2012).

Roe v. Wade Inverted: How the Supreme Court Might Have Privileged Fetal Rights over Reproductive Freedoms, 63 MERCER LAW REVIEW 639 (2012).

The Rehnquist Court and the New Federalism, in THE ASHGATE RESEARCH COMPANION TO FEDERALISM (Ann and Lee Ward, eds.)(Ashgate Press)(2009).

Authority Doctrines and the Proper Judicial Role: Judicial Supremacy, Stare Decisis, and the Concept of Judicial Constitutional Violations, in OURSELVES AND OUR POSTERITY: ESSAYS IN CONSTITUTIONAL ORIGINALISM (Bradley C.S. Watson, ed.)(Lexington Books)(2009).

Conceptualizing the Dangers of the 'Least Dangerous' Branch: A Typology of Judicial Constitutional Violations, 39 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW 1211 (2007).

Constitutional Violations by the U.S. Supreme Court: Analytical Foundations, 2005 THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW 1123 (2005).

Judicial Moral Expertise and Real-World Constraints on Judicial Moral Reasoning, in THAT EMINENT TRIBUNAL: JUDICIAL SUPREMACY AND THE CONSTITUTION (Christopher Wolfe, ed.)(Princeton University Press)(2004).

Richard Posner: Pragmatist, Classical Liberal, and Legal Anti-Positivist, in LIBERALISM AT THE CROSSROADS: AN INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY LIBERAL POLITICAL THEORY AND ITS CRITICS (Christopher Wolfe, ed.)(Rowman and Littlefield)(2nd Edition, 2003).

The Judicial Restraint Amendment: Populist Constitutional Reform in the Spirit of the Bill of Rights, 78 THE NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW 171 (2002).

Natural Law, the Constitution, and Judicial Moral Expertise: An Epistemic Analysis, VERA LEX: JOURNAL OF THE NATURAL LAW SOCIETY, New Series Volume 2, Numbers 1 & 2, pp. 71-113, Winter (2001-2002).

The Constitutional Illegitimacy of Expansive Judicial Power: A Populist Structural Interpretive Analysis, 89 THE KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL 387 (2001).

The Constitutional Limits of Judicial Review: A Structural Interpretive Approach, 52 THE OKLAHOMA LAW REVIEW 521 (1999).

Selected Academic Book Reviews

Stephen A. Simon, *Universal Rights and the Constitution* (State University of New York Press, 2014), *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Volume 25, No. 6, June 2015, pp 84-88.

Jack M. Balkin, *Living Originalism* (The Belknap Press of Harvard of University Press, 2011), *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Volume 23, No. 2, February 2013, pp. 58-63.

Bruce Peabody (ed.), *The Politics of Judicial Independence: Courts, Politics, and the Public* (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011), *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Volume 22, No. 1, January 2012, pp.8-11.

David A. Strauss, *The Living Constitution* (Oxford University Press, 2010), *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Volume 20, No. 10, October 2010, pp. 550-553.

Douglas E. Edlin, *Judges and Unjust Laws: Common Law Constitutionalism and the Foundations of Judicial Review* (University of Michigan Press, 2008), *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Volume 19, No. 5, May 2009, pp. 316-320.

Walter Murphy, *Constitutional Democracy: Creating and Maintaining a Just Political Order* (John Hopkins University Press, 2006), *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 17, No.6 (June, 2007) pp.468-472.

Dennis J. Goldford, *The American Constitution and the Debate over Originalism* (Cambridge University Press, 2005), *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 15, No.10, October 2005, pp.903-910.

Paul O. Carrese, *The Cloaking of Power: Montesquieu, Blackstone, and the Rise of Judicial Activism* (University of Chicago Press, 2003), *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 13, No. 9, September 2003.

Andrew Halpin, *Reasoning with Law* (Hart Publishing, 2001), *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 12, No. 7, July 2002, pp. 351-356.

Eric A. Posner, *Law and Social Norms* (Harvard University Press, 2000), *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 11, No. 6, June 2001, pp. 283-287.

Allan C. Hutchinson, *It's All in the Game: A Nonfoundationalist Account of Law and Adjudication*, (Duke University, 2000), *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 10, No. 7, July 2000, pp. 419-423.

John E. Semonche, *Keeping the Faith: A Cultural History of the U.S. Supreme Court*, (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 1998), *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* Vol. 556 (November 1999) pp. 186-187.

Matthew H. Kramer, N. E. Simmonds, and Hillel Steiner, *A Debate Over Rights: Philosophical Enquiries*, Oxford University Press (1998), *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 9, No. 6, June 1999, pp. 242-244.

Additional Selected Speaking, Outreach, Conferences, and Other Events

Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Hospitality Suite, State Bar of New Mexico Annual Meeting, August 2019, Albuquerque, NM.

Presenter, “U.S. Constitutional Law and the Courts,” Mandela Washington Fellows Program, Young African Leaders Initiative, Texas Tech University, July 2019, Lubbock TX.

Reception Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Reception, held in conjunction with the Rusty Duncan Advanced Criminal Law Course, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, June 2019, San Antonio, TX.

Reception Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Reception, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, June 2019, Austin, TX.

Host and Presenter, Texas Tech University School of Law Roswell CLE, May 2019, Roswell, NM. (Presentation: “The Ethics of Judging and Interpreting the Constitution.”)

Master of Ceremonies, Annual Scholarship Gala, Texas Tech University School of Law, March 2019, Lubbock, TX.

Panelist, for the film *Selma*, “Lights, Camera, Law!” film series, Texas Tech University School of Law & Alamo Draft House, February 2019, Lubbock, TX.

Speaker, “Texas Tech School of Law—Respected, Proven, Professional,” Lubbock County Women Lawyers Association, January 2019, Lubbock, TX.

Attendee and Special Guest, State Bar of New Mexico Swearing-in Ceremony for 2019 Officers, December 2018, Santa Fe, NM.

Reception Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Denver-area Alumni Reception, November 2018, Denver, CO.

Speaker, “Trends in Legal Education and the Texas Tech Law Experience,” Dinner with Judges, Tom Green County Young Lawyers Association, November 2018, San Angelo, TX.

Participant, Allies Training, TTU Office of LGBTQIA, November 2018, Lubbock, TX.

Host and Speaker, “Texas Tech University Law School Update for Judges,” Alumni Breakfast, held in conjunction with the 2018 Judicial Education Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, September 2018, Houston, TX.

Speaker, “Texas Tech University School of Law—Present and Future,” West Texas Bankruptcy Bar Association, August 2018, Lubbock, TX.

Attendee, State Bar of New Mexico Annual Meeting, August 2018, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.

Speaker, Discussion Group, “The Role of the Dean in Promoting Legal Writing,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, August 2018, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Reception Host, Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Reception, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, June 2018, Houston, TX.

Speaker, “Texas Tech School of Law—Respected, Proven, Professional,” Lubbock Rotary Club, June 2018, Lubbock, TX.

Master of Ceremonies, Texas Tech University School of Law Roswell CLE, May 2018, Roswell, NM.

Speaker, “The Ethics of Judging and Interpreting the Constitution,” 12th Annual John Huffaker Agricultural Law CLE, TexasBarCLE, Texas Tech University School of Law, May 2018, Lubbock, TX.

Keynote Speaker, “A Tribute to the Teachers Who Touched My Life,” Newton Excellence in Education Awards Gala, Beaumont Foundation of America, Texas Tech University, May 2018, Lubbock, TX.

Moderator, panel discussion, “Are There Good Reasons for Retaining the Death Penalty?,” 12th Annual Criminal Law Symposium, Texas Tech Law Review & Texas Tech University School of Law, April 2018, Lubbock, TX.

Master of Ceremonies Presenter, “The Future of Texas Tech University School of Law,” 50th Anniversary Scholarship Gala, Texas Tech University School of Law, March 2018, Lubbock, TX.

Speaker, “Texas Tech School of Law—Respected, Proven, Professional,” Lubbock Lions Club, February 2018, Lubbock, TX.

Participant, Association of American Law Schools 112th Annual Meeting, Deans Forum Program & Institutional Advancement Program, January 2018, San Diego, CA.

Host/Speaker, Texas Tech Law Alumni Receptions held in El Paso, Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, and San Antonio, TX, Fall 2017.

Speaker, “Texas Tech School of Law—Present and Future,” Lubbock Young Lawyers Association Meeting, November 2017, Lubbock, TX.

Panelist, “The Ethics of Judicial Dissent,” Global Ethics Day Panel, Texas Tech University Ethics Center, October 2017, Lubbock, TX.

Presenter, “Oyez, Oyez, Oyez: A 2017 Update from America’s Highest Court,” Group Presentation, Texas Tech University School of Law Inn of Court, October 2017, Lubbock, TX.

Participant, 2017 ABA Site Evaluation Workshop, American Bar Association, October 2017, Chicago, IL.

Attendee and Speaker, Texas Tech University School of Law Friends and Alumni Dinner, Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Annual Conference, July 2017, Santa Fe, NM.

Participant, Deans Workshop, American Bar Association, June-July 2017, Washington, D.C.

Reception Cohost, Texas Tech University School of Law Alumni Reception, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, June 2017, Dallas, TX.

Presenter, “Recent Developments in Fourth Amendment Law,” Justice Court Judge Training, Mississippi Judicial College, April 2017, Choctaw, MS.

Speaker, “Challenges Facing Legal Education and the Future Practice of Law,” Mississippi Appellate Judges Conference, March 2017, Oxford, MS.

Moderator, Discussant, and Organizer, UM Law Student Legal Scholarship Exposition, a series of student presentations on articles published by Mississippi Law Journal staffers, for events held in Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015 (Constitution Day Special Edition), Spring 2016, Fall 2016 (Constitution Day Special Edition), and Spring 2017. University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford, MS.

Moderator and Organizer, Law School Martin Luther King Day Commemoration Panel, for events held in January 2011, January 2012, January 2013, January 2014, January 2015, January 2016, and February 2017, Oxford, MS.

Presenter, Remarks on UM Student Publishing Success, UM Law Alumni Chapter Board of Directors Meeting, September 2016, Oxford, MS.

Organizer, UM Constitution Day Commemoration Panel, for events held in September 2010, September 2011, September 2012, September 2013, September 2014, September 2015 (special edition of the Student Legal Scholarship Exposition), and September 2016 (special edition of the Student Legal Scholarship Exposition), Oxford, MS.

Presenter, Remarks on New Communications and Alumni Outreach Plans, UM Law Alumni Chapter Annual Luncheon, Mississippi Bar Convention, July 2016, Destin, FL.

Organizer and Staffer, Lawyer's Marketplace promotional table for UM School of Law, July 2016 Mississippi Bar Convention, Destin, FL (aided with development of promotional materials and staffed the table for alumni outreach).

Cohost, Law Weekend Alumni Reception, March 2016, Oxford MS.

Presenter, Dean's Report to the Law Alumni Chapter Board of Directors, Law Weekend, March 2016. Oxford, MS (substituting for Dean Bell).

Presenter and Cohost, Legal Legacy Luncheon for the Class of 1966, Law Weekend, March 2016. Oxford, MS.

Presenter, the Fourth Amendment and the Exclusionary Rule, New Justice Court Judge Training, Mississippi Judicial College, December 2015, Jackson, MS.

Organizer and Staffer, Lawyer's Marketplace promotional table for UM School of Law, July 2015 Mississippi Bar Convention Destin, FL (aided with development of promotional materials and staffed the table for alumni outreach).

Moderator and Interviewer, "A Conversation with Justice Antonin Scalia and Justice Elena Kagan," sponsored by the James McClure Memorial Lectures in Law Endowment. December 15, 2014, University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford, MS.

Presenter and Panelist, Constitution Day Commemoration Panel, September 17, 2013, University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford, MS (discussing recent cases on the theme of legislative power and individual rights).

Presenter, "Approaching Legal Writing Strategically: Lessons from Academic Legal Writing," April 19, 2013, Law Alumni Day CLE, University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford, MS.

Presenter, "Warrant Execution," presented as part of Fourth Amendment training sessions conducted for judges and magistrates sponsored by the National Judicial College and the National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law. Versions of this presentation were given over

fifteen times between 2004 and 2013 at the National Judicial College (Reno, NV) and the University of Mississippi School of Law (Oxford, MS).

Presenter, “Exclusionary Rule I & II,” presented as part of Fourth Amendment training sessions conducted for judges and sponsored by the National Judicial College and the National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law. Versions of this presentation were given over fifteen times between 2004 and 2013 at the National Judicial College (Reno, NV) and the University of Mississippi School of Law (Oxford, MS).

Presenter and Panelist, Constitution Day Commemoration Panel, September 17, 2012, University of Mississippi School of Law, Oxford, MS (discussing the Constitution and the Affordable Care Act).

Presenter and Panelist, Panel on “Recent Developments in Individual Rights,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, July 2011, Hilton Head, SC (discussing recent Supreme Court cases in the First and Fourth Amendment areas).

Presenter and Panelist, Panels on “Security in Protected Interests” and “New Criminal Procedure Cases,” Annual Fourth Amendment Symposium and judicial conference, sponsored by the National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law, the National Judicial College, and the University of Mississippi School of Law, March 2011, Oxford, MS.

Presenter and Panelist, Panels on “New Criminal Procedure Cases” and “The Exclusionary Rule,” Conference on the Fourth Amendment for Appellate Judges, sponsored by the National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law and the National Judicial College, March 2010, Oxford, MS.

Discussant, Panel on “Judicial Restraint and Political Change: Fierce Opponents or Fellow Travelers?” Center for the Study of the Constitution, The American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2009. Toronto, Canada.

Courses Offered

- Constitutional Law I (judicial power, federalism, Fourteenth Amendment)
offered 13 times since 2002
- Constitutional Law II (First Amendment)
offered 13 times since 2000
- Academic Legal Writing (special writing seminar for law journal students writing student comments for publication)
offered 11 times since 2011
- Jurisprudence (positivism, natural law theory, legal realism, forms of argument)
offered 9 times since 2003

- Criminal Procedure I (police investigations)
offered 19 times since 2000
- Criminal Law
offered 17 times since 1999

(Other courses taught include three undergraduate seminars on the Supreme Court and American constitutional law offered in the University of Mississippi Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College from spring of 2012 through fall of 2014.)

Additional Activities

Chair, Search Committee, Dean, J.T. and Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts, Texas Tech University, 2021-2022

Chair, TTU Administrative Review Committee, Director, School of Music, J.T. and Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts, Spring/Summer 2020

Chair, Search Committee, Executive Director, Museum of Texas Tech University, 2019-2020

Donor, Keller, Carter, and Nowlin Family Scholarship, TTU School of Law—with a preference for law students from the San Angelo and Tom Green County areas or graduates of Angelo State University—established in 2019

Member, Search Committee, UM Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Spring/Summer 2017

Fellow, SEC Academic Leadership Development Program, 2016-2017

Chair, UM Retention Review Committee for Professor Desiree Hensley, 2014 & 2011

Chair, UM Retention Review Committee for Professor Will Berry, 2012

Member, Search Committee, UM School of Law Dean Search, 2010

Member, UM University Graduate Council, 2006-2008

Member, Advisory Board, UM University Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, 2007–2008

Chair, UM School of Law Self-Study Sub-Committee on Curriculum, 2004-2005

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