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CURRENT POSITION

Emory University School of Law, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Atlanta GA

Post-doctoral Fellow in Law, Religion & Human Rights, 2018-2019

Develop and teach law and race seminar for Fall 2018 and teach corporate law-related course for Spring 2019. Support programming for the Law, Religion and Human Rights focus area of the Center for the Study of Law and Religion, including research; project development; and grant writing. Implement research and scholarly agenda.

EDUCATION

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA

S.J.D., 2018

Dissertation: The Religion of Race: Disestablishing Racism from the American Experience
Honors: Graduated with High Honors; The Gertie & John Witte Prize in Law & Religion; First Place Team, First Annual International Moot Court Competition in Law and Religion, Venice, Italy (2015); Emory Law School Full Merit Scholarship
Activities: Planning Committee, Emory Law Inaugural Graduate Student Conference: *Populism and the Rule of Law* (2017)

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA

L.L.M. (Law and Religion), 2014, 4.0

Honors: Emory Law School Merit Scholarship

Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY

J.D., 2004

Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, 2002-2004 (for superior academic achievement); Nagashima, Ohno & Tsunematsu Fellow in Japanese Law; Baker & McKenzie Scholar; Certificate from Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law
Journal: Editor-in-Chief, *Columbia Business Law Review*

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

B.S. in Speech, 1998

Honors: Dean's List; Vinson & Elkins Scholarship Foundation Award

PUBLICATIONS

A Rock and a Hard Place: Interest Convergence for the Racial-Religious Minority, in RACISM AND RESISTANCE: ESSAYS ON RACIAL REALISM (Timothy J. Golden, Ph.D., ed., *forthcoming*)

The Religious Freedom Waltz: Going Forward While Moving Back, 8 CONLAWNOW 33 (2016-2017) (book review)

Turning the Other Cheek: The Persecution of the Christian Minority, 26 FLA. J. INT'L L. 373 (2014)

Recipient of First Place award, 2014 Religious Liberty Student Writing Competition, Washington D.C. Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society and the International Center for Law and Religion Studies (2014)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Law and Race; Critical Race Theory; Business Associations; Law and Religion; Human Rights; Contracts; Civil Rights; Constitutional Law; International Law; American Legal History

CONFERENCES AND GUEST LECTURES

The Constitution of Slavery/Religion of Race, Guest Lecturer, Christianity and Politics (Dr. Robert Franklin), Emory University Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, February 15, 2018

Religious Coalitions For & Against Gay Marriage, Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Sociology, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, March 29, 2017

Race and the Injustice System, Guest Lecturer, Race and Ethnic Relations, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, March 24, 2016

Crafty Beliefs: Hobby Lobby and a Test for Sincerity, Presenter, 2014 Conference of the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, October 17, 2014

Turning the Other Cheek: The Persecution of the Christian Minority, Presenter:

Fourth International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, Universidad Nacional Costa Rica, Heredia, Costa Rica, April 29-30, 2014

2014 Research in Religious Studies Conference, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada, May 8-9, 2014

International & Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Vaasa, Vaasa, Finland, May 21-23, 2014

WORK EXPERIENCE

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Silver Spring, MD

Fall 2013

Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Intern

Analyzed arguments in key religious freedom cases involving legislative prayer (*Town of Greece v. Galloway*) and employer religious accommodation (*EEOC v. Abercrombie & Fitch Stores, Inc.*).

- Transurban (USA) Inc.**, Alexandria, VA **2009-2013**
Associate Legal Counsel
 Served as lead attorney and member of management team responsible for on-budget, early opening in 2012 of 495 Express Lanes, a \$2 billion Virginia public-private partnership transportation project in Northern Virginia with state, federal, bond and equity financing.
- Hogan & Hartson LLP**, McLean, VA **2008-2009**
Corporate Associate
 Advised private equity clients on a variety of corporate matters, including drafting and negotiating transaction documents. Managed deal teams.
- Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP**, Washington, DC/New York, NY **2004-2007**
Corporate Associate **Summer 2003**
 Member of deal teams for Sony Corporation, Bank of America, American Express Company, McDonald's Corporation and Texas Pacific Group. Successful representation of *pro bono* asylum clients from the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Prisoners and Families Clinic**, New York, NY **Spring 2004**
Student Participant
 Educated inmates at women's prison and men's pre-release prison on parental rights by hosting workshops. Performed client interview and legal research to assist incarcerated imam.
- Matsuo & Kosugi Law Offices**, Tokyo, Japan **Summer 2002**
Summer Associate
 Unique opportunity to work directly with high-profile Japanese attorney.
- Baker Botts L.L.P.**, Houston, TX **2000-2001**
Legal Assistant Clerk
 Provided trial assistance to G. Irvin Terrell in the 2000 Presidential Dispute.
- Livingston & Livingston, P.C.**, Houston, TX **1999-2000**
Legal/ Administrative Assistant
- Japan Exchange and Teaching Program**, Miyazaki, Japan **1998-1999**
Assistant English Teacher

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2005); District of Columbia (2006); Virginia (2008)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director, Decatur Seventh-day Adventist Church, Decatur, GA, 2015-Present

Conduct lectures and workshops for members and the general public on the status of religious rights under the First Amendment and religious freedom restoration acts; Act as Co-Leader for the Decatur Social Justice Ministry.

Board Member/Recording Secretary, Decatur Adventist Junior Academy, Stone Mountain, GA, 2016-2018

Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition, Judge, Emory University School of Law, 2015

Board Member, Community Praise Church, Alexandria, VA, 2012-2013

REFERENCES

Professor John Witte, Jr.
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