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EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., May 1998, *cum laude*

Journal: *New York University Law Review*, Articles Editor

Activities: Latino Law Students Association
NYU High School Law Institute
Unemployment Action Center

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, Berkeley, CA

B.A., History, May 1992

Activities: Intercollegiate Athletics, Cross Country and Track (steeplechase)
Teaching Assistant, "Ethical Issues in Bio-Medicine"

CLERKSHIP

THE HONORABLE JACK B. WEINSTEIN, E.D.N.Y., Brooklyn, NY

Judicial Clerk

June 1998 – September 1999

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF LAW, DeKalb, IL

Associate Professor of Law

August 2007 – Present

Honors: Professor of the Year, voted by graduating classes of 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2012, 2011, and 2009

Outstanding Coach & Mentor, bestowed by the National Latina/o Law Student Association (2016)

Courses Taught: Civil Procedure I & II, Conflict of Laws, Evidence, Constitutional Law I & II, Antitrust Law, Supreme Court Simulation, Trial Advocacy

Design and teach bar preparation course for NIU graduates (2016 – present) (first time passage rate for graduates improved from 70% to 81% in first year of program)

Committee Service: Provost Search (2019); Dean Search (2020) (2019) (2016 - Faculty Chair) (2009); Ad Hoc Committee on Experiential Learning (2009 – 2010); other committee service has included: Admissions, Appointments, Bar Passage (Chair), Budget (Chair), Curriculum, Diversity (Chair), Promotion & Tenure, and University Council Personnel Committee

Other Service: Illinois Judicial Benchbook on Evidence
(Reporter, 2016 – present)
NIU Moot Court Program (Faculty Coordinator, 2016 – 2019)
NIU Law Review (Faculty Advisor, 2010 - 2016)
NIU Latino Law Students Association (Faculty Advisor & Moot
Court Coach, 2008 – present)
Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition (Coach, 2012)
ABA NAAC Moot Court Competition (Coach, 2013 & 2019)

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW, Los Angeles, CA

Lecturer

June 2003 – May 2007

Subjects Taught: Lawyering Skills, Trial Advocacy, Depositions

SCHOLARSHIP

Articles & Essays

- *The Removal Advantage: How the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Advantage Defendants in Diversity Cases* (in progress) (draws upon empirical studies regarding jury behavior to demonstrate why the value of most diversity claims is reduced upon removal and explores whether such a result is consistent with *Erie*)
- *Forum Non Conveniens as the Limiting Principle for the Alien Tort Claims Act: The Solution to Kiobel* (in progress) (argues that the doctrine of forum non conveniens offers a far more effective and rational way to limit the scope of the ATCA than the “presumption against territoriality” espoused by the Court in *Kiobel*)
- *Academic Reputation Scores for Law Schools Stagnate in 2018 and Rise Modestly in 2019* (Mar. 31, 2019), available at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3363351
- *Experiencing Civil Procedure: Why (And How) I Teach a Simulation Driven First Year Course, in EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION IN THE LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM* (Carolina Academic Press 2018), available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2774540
- *Academic Reputation Scores for Law Schools Rebound in 2016 and 2017 to Reclaim 2013 Levels* (Nov. 2, 2017), available at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3064398
- *Academic Reputation Scores for Law Schools Continue their Decline in 2015* (May. 1, 2015), available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2601596
- *Downward Trend Continues for Academic Reputation Scores: Addendum to 2013 Longitudinal Study* (Mar. 14, 2014), available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2409094
- *A Longitudinal Analysis of the U.S. News Law School Academic Reputation Scores between 1998 and 2013*, 40 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 721 (2013)
 - Featured on guest blog at TAXPROF BLOG (Apr. 3, 2013), available at http://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2013/04/jones.html

- *A Longitudinal Analysis of the U.S. News Law School Academic Reputation Scores between 1998 and 2012* (Mar. 12, 2013), available at http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2231893
- *Lessons from a Lost Constitution: The Council of Revision, the Bill of Rights, and the Role of the Judiciary in Democratic Governance*, 27 J.L. & POL. 459 (Spring 2012)
 - Featured in JOTWELL: THE JOURNAL OF THINGS WE LIKE (LOTS) (May 31, 2013), available at <https://courtslaw.jotwell.com/back-to-the-future/>
- *Finishing a Friendly Argument: The Jury and the Historical Origins of Diversity Jurisdiction*, 82 N.Y.U. L. Rev. 997 (Oct. 2007)
 - Discussed in RICHARD H. FALLON, JR., JOHN F. MANNING, DANIEL J. MELTZER & DAVID L. SHAPIRO, HART & WECHSLER'S THE FEDERAL COURTS & THE FEDERAL SYSTEM 1416 (7th ed. 2015)

Presentations, Debates, and Conferences

Illinois Judicial Education Conference, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (Feb. & Apr. 2020) (offered trainings for the Illinois judiciary regarding hearsay)

Federalist Society Debate, "The Meaning of the Privileges or Immunities Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment," NIU College of Law (Feb. 2020) (debated with Professor Ilan Wurman of Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University)

Federalist Society Debate, "The Constitutionality of DACA," NIU College of Law (Oct. 2019) (argued in favor of the constitutionality of DACA against Professor Josh Blackman of South Texas College of Law)

Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Summer Conference, "Teaching Today's Law Students," Washburn Univ. School of Law (June 2019) (presented workshop entitled "Utilizing Technology to Enhance Learning in and out of the Classroom")

Domestic Violence Coordinated Courts, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit (Oct. 2018) (offered training for attorneys regarding evidentiary issues arising in the context of domestic violence and orders of civil protection)

Illinois Judicial Education Conference, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (Feb. & Apr. 2018) (offered trainings for the Illinois judiciary regarding hearsay (criminal track) and the authentication of social media and electronic evidence (civil track))

NIU Constitutional Day Panel Discussion, NIU College of Law (Sept. 2017) (discussed *Gill v. Whitford* and the constitutionality of political/partisan gerrymandering)

NIU Embracing Diversity Series, Panel Discussion on 2017 Executive Travel Ban for Refugees, NIU College of Law (Apr. 2017) (discussed constitutionality of Executive Orders 13769 & 13780)

Federalist Society Debate, “Florists, Photographers, and the Crusade against Religious Liberty,” NIU College of Law (Mar. 2017) (argued in favor of court decisions in *State of Washington v. Arlene’s Flowers* and *Elane Photography v. Willock* against Jordan Lorence, Senior Counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom)

Federalist Society Debate, “Originalism and the Legacy of Justice Scalia,” NIU College of Law (Oct. 2016) (debated the legacy of Justice Scalia with Professor Josh Blackman of South Texas College of Law), *available at* <http://joshblackman.com/blog/2016/10/18/debate-on-originalism-at-northern-illinois-university-with-professor-robert-jones/>

American Constitution Society & Federalist Society Panel Discussion on Supreme Court 2016 – 2017 Term, NIU College of Law (Sept. 2016) (discussed *Fisher v. Univ. of Texas II*)

ABA Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, Webinar, “Integrating Experiential Learning in the Classroom” (May 4, 2016) (presented methods and theory behind teaching a simulation-driven first year course for Civil Procedure), *available at* http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/section-program-materials.html

Federalist Society Debate, “The Power of the Executive: The Constitutional Challenge over DAPA,” NIU College of Law (Apr. 2016) (argued in favor of the constitutionality of DAPA against Professor Josh Blackman of South Texas College of Law)

WGN Radio, “Legal Face-Off” (Dec. 2015) (discussed *Fisher v. Univ. of Texas* and debated Ronald Rotunda regarding the constitutionality of diversity programs in higher education), *available at* <https://wgnradio.com/2015/12/17/recalling-rahm-texas-affirmative-action-case-north-korean-human-rights-violations-the-importance-of-change-management-to-lawyers-star-wars-lawsuits-and-much-more-in-the-biggest-legal-face-off-of-t/>

American Constitution Society Panel Discussion on Syrian Refugee Crisis, NIU College of Law (Nov. 2015) (discussed constitutional implications of state efforts and proposals to obstruct federal policy of accepting Syrian refugees)

Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Summer Conference, “Experiential Learning Across the Curriculum,” Gonzaga University School of Law (June 2015) (presented workshop entitled “Experiencing Civil Procedure” which outlined simulation/experiential based teaching methods for first year course in Civil Procedure)

Kane County Bar Association Diversity Seminar, “The State of the Law: From Quotas to Affirmative Action to Diversity and Inclusion” (Oct. 2014) (lectured regarding legal framework for diversity programs in higher education)

Federalist Society Debate on Originalism, NIU College of Law (Sept. 2013) (argued that originalism is *not* the optimal form of constitutional interpretation against Ilya Shapiro of The Cato Institute)

Federalist Society Debate on Originalism, NIU College of Law (Sept. 2012) (argued that originalism is *not* the optimal form of constitutional interpretation against Professor Lee Strang of the University of Toledo)

Federalist Society Debate on the Constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, NIU College of Law (Apr. 2012) (argued in favor of statute's constitutionality against Ilya Shapiro of The Cato Institute)

Fourth Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, Florida International University College of Law (Feb. 2012) (presented on panel for Constitutional Interpretation)

Central States Law Schools Association Conference, University of Toledo College of Law (Oct. 2011) (presented on panel for Constitutional Law)

Constitutional Law Colloquium, "How Democratic is the Constitution," Loyola School of Law (Nov. 2010) (presented on panel for Legal History & Judicial Review)

Federalist Society Debate on Originalism, NIU College of Law (Oct. 2010) (debated issues of constitutional interpretation with Clark Neily of the Institute for Justice)

Law Crime and Social Justice Brownbag Series, NIU College of Law (Feb. 2009) (presenter on panel entitled: "At the Intersection of Racial and Sexist Oppression: Black Women Lawyers' Strategies for Justice in the Pre-Civil Rights Era")

Supreme Court in Review for 2006 – 07 Term, NIU College of Law (Oct. 2007) (lectured on *Leegin Creative Leather Products, Inc. v. PSKS, Inc.*)

Blog Entries

Guest blog at TAXPROF BLOG, *Jones: The U.S. News Law School Academic Reputation Scores, 1998-2013* (Apr. 3, 2013), available at http://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2013/04/jones.html

PROFESSOR'S COLUMN BLOG, Northern Illinois University College of Law, *The Historical Origins of Diversity Jurisdiction* (June 19, 2008), available at http://www.niu.edu/law/faculty/columns/JonesRobert_6_23_08.pdf

OTHER LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BARBRI

Faculty, Conflict of Laws

November 2009 – December 2018

Geographic coverage included Illinois (2009 – 2018), Missouri (2009 – 2014), and Colorado (2010)

COUNCIL ON LEGAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY (CLEO) Summer 2009 & 2011

Faculty, Sophomore Summer Institute

Subjects Taught: Legal Methods

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

ARNOLD & PORTER, Washington, DC

Associate, Antitrust Practice Group

Summer 1997 & November 1999 – May 2003

Representative cases included: In re Brand Name Prescription Drugs Antitrust Litig. (N.D. Ill.); In re Vitamins Antitrust Litig. (D.D.C.); In re Schering Plough Corp. (FTC); and DOJ investigation of DRAM industry. Pro bono activity included federal immigration litigation.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ANTITRUST DIVISION, Washington, DC

Summer Law Intern, Health Care Task Force

Summer 1997

Matters included LIJMC/North Shore hospital merger

TARDIFF & ASSOCIATES, Santa Barbara, CA

Summer Associate

Summer 1996

Matters included state court litigation of torts and contracts claims

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, Santa Barbara, CA

Intern

August 1994 – May 1995

Arraignments

BAR ADMISSIONS

California; District of Columbia