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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 1994-present** **GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, San Francisco, California
Professor of Legal Writing and Director, LL.M. U.S. Legal Studies Program
- 2009-present**
- Direct the LLM Program: recruit students, participate in admission decisions, counsel international students as their academic advisor, and negotiate exchange agreements with foreign law schools.
 - Teach Introduction to United States Legal Systems, a required course for all international students.
 - Teach Bankruptcy Law, including creditor/debtor rights
- 2001-2009**
- Co-directed third-year legal writing program, including selecting curriculum and hiring instructors, in addition to maintaining teaching duties described below.
- 1994-2000 second**
- Taught analytical reasoning, legal method, and legal writing (objective and persuasive) to first year students, critiqued and edited mandatory weekly writing assignments; taught Bankruptcy Law to and third year students; taught lawyering skills/writing to third year students.
- SPRING 2008** **FRIEDRICH ALEXANDER UNIVERSITY OF ERLANGEN-NUREMBERG**, Erlangen, Germany
Visiting professor, Deutscher Akademisch Austausch Dienst (German Exchange Service Fellow)
- Taught Introduction to US Legal Studies to a class of German law students.
- SUMMER 2001** **MARMARA UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL**, Istanbul, Turkey (summer program operated by Golden Gate University School of Law, South Texas College of Law, and University of Kansas Law School)
Visiting Professor
- Taught United Nations Law course to a combined group of American and Turkish law students.
- SPRING 2000** **CHARLES UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL**, Prague, Czech Republic
Visiting Professor (Fulbright Scholar)
- Awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach Czech law students in Prague about American common law legal systems and the American bankruptcy system.
 - Helped edit the Czech-English Law Dictionary.
- 1994-1995** **HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**, San Francisco, CA
Adjunct Professor
- Taught persuasive brief writing and trained students in oral advocacy skills.
- MILLS COLLEGE**, Oakland, California
Visiting Assistant Professor
- Taught a certificate course on Business Law to women business owners and managers who had returned to college.
- STANFORD LAW SCHOOL ADVOCACY SKILLS WORKSHOP**, Stanford, California
Faculty member/instructor
- Instructed students in trial strategy, brief writing, and oral advocacy skills, using video demonstrations and critiques.
- NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TRIAL ADVOCACY**, Berkeley, California
Faculty member/instructor





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EDUCATION

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, San Francisco, California
LL.M., International Legal Studies *with honors* (First in my class)

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Santa Clara, California
J.D., *cum laude* (Top 10% of class)

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND, Portland, Oregon
B.A., Political Science, minor Psychology, ***magna cum laude*** (GPA 4.0 out of 4.0)

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 1987-1994 **HOWARD, RICE, NEMEROVSKI, CANADY, ROBERTSON & FALK**, San Francisco, CA
Associate Attorney
Represented trustees, creditors, and debtors in all aspects of bankruptcy cases for this well-respected 110-attorney civil practice firm.
- Testified before State Assembly Judiciary Committee on homestead exemption policy.
 - Obtained a \$5,000,000 summary judgment and wrote the winning brief upholding the judgment on appeal.
 - Successfully argued over 100 motions in all the Bankruptcy Courts of northern California.
 - Clarified law on dischargeability issues in appeal to the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, resulting in a published opinion.
 - First-chaired a three-week long court trial, successfully defending three individuals against a potential \$4,000,000 judgment.
- 1985-1987 **MILLER, STARR & REGALIA**, San Francisco, CA
Associate Attorney
Represented creditors and debtors in all aspects of bankruptcy cases for a small (40 attorney) civil practice firm.
- Wrote and argued over 70 motions, appearing in all Bay Area Bankruptcy Courts.
- 1982-1985 **GOLDBERG, STINNETT & MACDONALD**, San Francisco, CA
Associate Attorney
Represented individual debtors and trustees in small bankruptcy cases at a boutique (6 attorneys) bankruptcy specialty firm.
- First-chaired and won one of the few jury trials held in a bankruptcy case in California (in a fraudulent conveyance action).
- 1981-1982 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**, Sacramento, CA
Law Clerk to the Honorable Robert E. Woodward, Chief Judge
- Reviewed motions and briefs, researched law, advised the court, wrote bench memoranda.

HONORS

- DAAD Scholar, Spring 2008**
- Selected to teach law as a Visiting Professor at Friedrich Alexander University in Erlangen, Germany
- Fulbright Scholar, Spring 2000**
- Selected to teach law as a Visiting Professor at Charles University Law School in Prague, Czech Republic

Who's Who in American Law Schools





REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS

“The Editor’s Take,” comments on bankruptcy cases decided by Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, various articles over time.

“The Non-Discrimination Principle of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and Its Effect on the Education of Roma Children in the Czech Republic,” in Symposium on Convention on Rights of the Child, 30 Capital University Law Review 665.

“To Bomb or Not to Bomb: The Legality is the Question” (regarding United Nations’ peacekeeping efforts in Yugoslavia), 7 Golden Gate University Annual Survey of International & Comparative Law 49.

“Saving the African Elephant,” 1 Environmental Law Journal of National Law School of India 61.

“Czech-English Law Dictionary” (contributing editor to dictionary by Marta Chroma).

“An Overview of Insolvency Proceedings in Asia,” 6 Golden Gate University Annual Survey of International International & Comparative Law 113.

“Toward an International Bankruptcy Policy in Europe: Four Decades in Search of a Treaty,” 5 Golden Gate University Annual Survey of International & Comparative Law 205 (1998).

“Limitations On Use Of The California Homestead Exemption in Bankruptcy Cases: The Case For Following In Re Pladson,” 21 California Bankruptcy Journal 323 (co-authored with J. Wurms).

