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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

St John's University, Queens, New York (1998-present)

Administrative Positions:

Dean, School of Law (2009-2024)
Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship, School of Law (2005-2008)

Faculty Positions:

John V. Brennan Professor of Law & Ethics (2009-present)
Professor of Law (2003-2009)
Associate Professor of Law (2001-2003)
Assistant Professor of Law (1998-2001)

Courses:

Criminal Law, Evidence, Introduction to Law, Sentencing Seminar, Sentencing and Post-Conviction Relief, Prosecution Clinic, Comparative Legal Systems

Awards:

University Outstanding Administrator Achievement Award (2013)
Professor of the Year, School of Law (2011, 2000)
Dean's Teaching Award, School of Law (2006, 2004, 2000)

University Committees:

President's Advisory Council (2014-2024)
Tobin College of Business Dean Search Committee, Chair (2022-2023)
Academic and Administrative Assembly (2014-2020)
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Search Committee, Chair (2019-2020)
Athletic Director Search Committee, Chair (2016)
Middle States Review Steering Committee, Working Group Co-Chair (2014-2016)
Tobin College of Business Dean Search Committee, Chair (2015-2016)
Strategic Priorities Working Group, Co-Chair (2014-2015)
President's Cabinet (2011-2014)
Provost Search Committee, Chair (2011-2012)
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Dean Search Committee (2013)
Executive Planning Committee (2009-2014)
Provost's Council (2009-2024)
Middle States Periodic Review Report Steering Committee (2010-2011)
Vincentian Mission Council (2000-2009)

Vincentian Center for Church & Society, St. John's University

Senior Fellow (2003-present)
Fellow (2001-2003)

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, New York, New York

Visiting Professor (Spring 2009)
Visiting Adjunct Professor (Spring 2008, Spring 2003)

BAR/BRI Bar Review

Lecturer, Evidence and Criminal Law (2003-2009)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1989

Harvard Law Review: Book Review & Commentary Office Co-Chair, 1988-89; Editor, 1987-88

Instructor, Legal Methods: Taught legal writing to first-year students, 1988-89 (with Professor David Wilkins); 1987-88 (with Professor Abram Chayes)

College of the Holy Cross, B.A. English, *magna cum laude*, 1986

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarly Interests

Prosecutorial Decision-Making, Prosecutorial Ethics, Legal Education, Punishment Theory

Articles

American Legal Education, Skills Training, and Transnational Legal Practice: Combining "Dao" and "Shu" for the Global Practitioner, 8 TSINGHUA CHINA LAW REVIEW 125 (2015)

Sense and Sentencing: Our Imprisonment Epidemic, 25 JOURNAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 153 (2010)

Prosecutorial Discretion in the Shadow of Advisory Guidelines and Mandatory Minimums, 19 TEMPLE POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS LAW REVIEW 377 (2010)

Prosecutors as Punishment Theorists: Seeking Sentencing Justice, 16 GEORGE MASON LAW REVIEW 303 (2009)

Born Again on Death Row: Retribution, Remorse, and Religion, 43 CATHOLIC LAWYER 311 (2004)

Retribution for Rats: Cooperation, Punishment, and Atonement, 56 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW 1 (2003)

Vicarious Snitching: Crime, Cooperation, and "Good Corporate Citizenship," 76 ST. JOHN'S LAW REVIEW 979 (2002)

Departing Ways: Uniformity, Disparity, and Cooperation in Federal Drug Sentences, 47 VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW 921 (2002)

Prosecutorial Discretion and Prosecution Guidelines: A Case Study in Controlling Federalization, 75 N.Y.U. LAW REVIEW 893 (2000)

Other Publications

St. John's Law: Launching Pad to the New York Court of Appeals, in *Historical Society Program: Illustrious Alumni of St. John's University School of Law*, 93 ST. JOHN'S LAW REVIEW 553, 564 (2019)

Scholar, Teacher, Servant: On the Installation of Marc O. DeGirolami as the Cary Fields Professor of Law, 93 St. JOHN'S LAW REVIEW 543 (2019)

Catholic Teaching, Catholic Values, and Catholic Voters: Reflections on "Forming Consciences For Faithful Citizenship," 47 JOURNAL OF CATHOLIC LEGAL STUDIES 205 (2008) (Symposium Introduction)

Talking Sense About Sentencing, NPR's Talking Justice Blog (January 2008)

A New Era for the Catholic Lawyer, 44 JOURNAL OF CATHOLIC LEGAL STUDIES (2005) (with Susan J. Stabile)

Perjury, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRIME AND JUSTICE 1049 (2d ed., J. Dressler ed., 2001)

Ray Exercised Proper Discretion with Clinton, NEWSDAY, Jan. 22, 2001, at A3 (with John Q. Barrett)

Student Speech – Free Press in High Schools: Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 102 HARVARD LAW REVIEW 271 (1988)

A Radical Intent (Review of M. Curtis, *No State Shall Abridge: The Fourteenth Amendment and the Bill of Rights*), 101 HARVARD LAW REVIEW 869 (1988)

Paper Presentations and Selected Speaking Engagements

Global Legal Education at a Crossroads, Tsinghua University Law School, Beijing (October 2015)

The World is Here: Global Migration and Local Strategies, St. John's University, Vincentian Center for Church & Society (October 2010)

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Ronald H. Brown's Graduation from St. John's School of Law, St. John's University School of Law, Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development (November 2009)

Examining Modern Approaches to Prosecutorial Discretion, Temple University School of Law, *Temple Journal of Political and Civil Rights* (October 2009)

Hon. Lawrence J. Finnegan, Jr. and Prof. Frank S. Polestino Memorial Seminar, Queens County Judges (November 2008, November 2006)

Prosecutors as Punishment Theorists, Hofstra University School of Law Faculty Workshop (January 2008)

Recent Developments in Criminal Evidence, New York State Judicial Institute (Winter 2008, Summer 2007, Winter 2007, Summer 2006)

Vincentian Chair of Social Justice Conference: The Just and Moral Society, St. John's University, Vincentian Center for Church & Society (October 2007)

Religion and Morality in the Public Square, St. John's University, *Journal of Legal Commentary* (March 2007) (Conference Co-Organizer)

The Jurisprudential Legacy of John Paul II, St. John's University, *Journal of Catholic Legal Studies* (March 2006) (Conference Co-Organizer)

Vincentian Chair of Social Justice Conference: Hope: Foundation of a Civilization of Love and Justice, Immigration Workshop, St. John's University, Vincentian Center for Church & Society (October 2005)

Seeking Justice at Sentencing: The Prosecutor's Changed Role Under Booker, St. John's University School of Law Faculty Colloquium (April 2005)

Seeking Justice: The Challenge of Prosecutorial Discretion in an Age of Fixed Sent-ences, St. John's University School of Law Faculty Colloquium (February 2004)

Vincentian Chair of Social Justice Conference: The Faces and Facets of 21st Century Poverty: Criminal Justice Workshop, St. John's University, Vincentian Center for Church & Society (October 2003)

Post 9/11 Race and War!: A Comparative Analysis of the Wars on Poverty, Drugs and Terrorism, St. John's University School of Law (February 2003)

Corporate Fraud in the 21st Century, Alexander Hamilton Inn of Court (November 2002)

The Role of the Professional, Enron and Its Aftermath, St. John's University School of Law (September 2002)

Departing Ways: Uniformity and Disparity in Federal Drug Sentences, New Voices on the War on Drugs, Villanova Law School (October 2001)

The Rules Are Changing! Federal Civil Practice Update, Nassau Academy of Law, Nassau County Bar Association (January 2001)

Litigation Updates: Federal Rules of Evidence, Association of the Bar of the City of New York (October 2000)

Experts in the Jury Room: Professional Jurors after People v. Maragh, Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court (October 2000)

Updates in the Federal Rules of Evidence, Association of the Bar of the City of New York (March 2000)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York

Assistant United States Attorney (1995-1998). Handled all aspects of federal criminal prosecutions, including trials and appeals in fraud, narcotics, and murder cases.

Significant Cases:

United States v. Daiwa Bank, 95 Cr. 914 (KMW) (prosecution of a Japanese bank and its officers for the cover-up of $1.1 billion in unauthorized trading losses; $340 million fine was at the time the largest criminal fine in U.S. history)

United States v. Jeffrey Nichols, 928 F. Supp. 302 (S.D.N.Y. 1996), *aff'd*, 113 F.3d 1230 (2d Cir. 1997) (prosecution of one the country's most notorious "deadbeat dads")

United States v. Torres, 140 F.3d 392 (2d Cir.), *cert. denied*, 525 U.S. 1042 (1998) (post-conviction challenge to high-profile 1977 terrorism bombing homicide case)

United States v. White, 165 F.3d 16 (2d Cir. 1998) (conviction of a U.S. Postal Service employee after trial for murder and armed robbery)

Awards:

Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, 1996
National Crime Victims' Service Award (Crime Victims' Fund Award), 1997

Stillman, Friedman & Shaw, New York, New York

Associate (1991-95). Litigation associate with a focus on criminal law. Represented criminal defendants and targets in prosecutions and investigations in federal and New York courts.

The Washington Post, Washington, D.C.

Staff Attorney (1990-91). Handled First Amendment and access litigation in federal and local trial and appellate courts, conducted prepublication libel review, and acted as a general business lawyer.

The Honorable Louis F. Oberdorfer, United States District Judge, District of Columbia

Law Clerk (1989-90)

MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to bars of New York State, United States Supreme Court, United States Courts of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the District of Columbia Circuit, United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, New York City Bar Association, Nassau County Bar Association, Federal Bar Council

PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chair, New York State Commission on Prosecutorial Conduct, 2023-present

Commissioner, Commission on Reimaging the Future of New York's Court's, 2020-present

Member, New York City Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary, 2004-2005

Organizer, Catholic Middle School Mock Trial Program, St. John's University School of Law, 2006-present

Lecturer, Ronald H. Brown Center Summer Prep Program, St. John's University School of Law, 2007, 2012-2019

Chair, Parish Transition Team, St. Brigid Parish, Westbury, New York 2012-2014

Member, Pastoral Council, St. Brigid Parish, Westbury, New York, 2006-2014

Parish Minister, St. Brigid Parish, Westbury, New York (Marriage Preparation and Baptism Preparation Programs), 2004-2020

Mock Trial Coach, St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School, Westbury, New York, 2006-2009

Co-Chair, Middle States Reaccreditation Steering Committee, St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School, Westbury, New York, 2007-2009

Youth Coach, Carle Place Soccer Club, Carle Place, New York, 1999-2009

Youth Coach, Carle Place Little League, Carle Place, New York, 1999-2007

PERSONAL

Born November 22, 1964; married to Karen Moritz Simons; five children; graduate of Chaminade High School; live in childhood hometown of Westbury, New York.

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