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**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES, SCHOOL OF LAW**

*Juris Doctor*, May 1988

Moot Court Honors Program

Extern, U.N. Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, Vienna, Austria, Fall 1987

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES**

*Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude*, English Literature, June 1984

Honors Thesis

**UNIVERSITY OF EXETER**, United Kingdom, 1982-1983

**EMPLOYMENT**

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, SCHOOL OF LAW**

2000 - Present

*Clinical Professor of Law*

Teach Environmental Law Practice and Pretrial Civil Litigation. Environmental Law Practice is an advanced environmental course which uses the statutory and regulatory framework of various environmental laws such as the Clean Air, the Clean Water Act and CERCLA to work through environmental compliance, enforcement and litigation problems. Pretrial Civil Litigation is a practical skills course using tort and contract law as a framework for developing key pretrial litigation skills. Students conduct interviews, draft a complaint, argue a motion, conduct a deposition and research and write a summary judgment motion.

*Director, Externship Program*

2005 - Present

Administer program, supervise and counsel students, and provide support for site supervisors. Teach externship companion courses focusing on experiential learning process, lawyering skills and ethical issues. Serve as faculty liaison to legal community.

*Co-Director, Externship Program*

1999- 2005

Designed and administered program; designed and taught and companion externship courses.

*Adjunct Professor of Law*

1998

Taught Legal Research, Reasoning, Writing and Advocacy, using original simulated case problem.

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW**

1995 - 1997

*Instructor of Law, Lawyering Program*

Taught intensive year-long course for 1L students using simulated case problems in brief and memo writing, interviewing, counseling, negotiating and advocacy to develop a systematic and reflective approach to lawyering tasks. Extensive use of video-taping and small group critiques.

**ROSEN, BIEN & ASARO**, San Francisco, CA 1993 - 1994

*Senior Litigation Associate*

Litigated federal and state environmental, civil rights and commercial matters at trial and appellate levels. Researched and drafted successful appellate brief to Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Published opinions include *Association of National Advertisers, Inc. v. Lungren*, 44 F.3d 726 (9th Cir. 1994); and *Committee to Save the Mokelumne River v. East Bay Municipal Utility District*, 13 F.3d 305 (9th Cir. 1993).

**SIERRA CLUB LEGAL DEFENSE FUND**, San Francisco, CA 1991- 1993

*Associate Attorney*

Litigated federal environmental cases at trial and appellate levels. Drafted pleadings, motions and discovery. Prepared experts for testimony. Researched, wrote and successfully argued three motions for summary judgment. Researched, wrote and argued appellate brief before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Published opinions include *Association of National Advertisers, Inc. v. Lungren*, 809 F.Supp. 747 (N.D. Cal. 1992).

**PETTIT & MARTIN**, San Francisco, CA 1988 - 1991

*Litigation Associate*

Litigated federal and state environmental and commercial cases. Researched and drafted pleadings, motions and discovery. Argued motions, negotiated settlements and conducted depositions.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

*Climate Change and Fairness*

AALS Mid-Year Property Meeting, NYC, June 2010

*Geoengineering and Ethical Challenges of Technology*

Washington and Lee University School of Law, March 2010

*Progressivism and Environmental Justice*

UNC Festival of Legal Learning, Environmental Law Symposium, February 2010

*The Newest Hybrid; Notes Toward Standardized Certification of Carbon Offsets*,  
34 N.C. J. Int'l L. & Com. Reg. 851 (2009).

*The Newest Hybrid; Notes Toward Standardized Certification of Carbon Offsets*  
University of Houston Law School, February 2009

*Organics as a Model for Standardizing Carbon Offsets*

Symposium, UNC Journal of International and Commercial Regulation, "The Greenhouse Gas Marketplace; Commercial Regulation of Climate Change Solutions" November 2008

*State and Regional Climate Change Measures*

UNC Festival of Legal Learning, Environmental Law Symposium, February 2008

*Solid & Hazardous Waste: Mega-Landfills*

UNC Festival of Legal Learning, Environmental Law Symposium, February 2007

*The Red Wolf in North Carolina*

UNC Festival of Legal Learning, Environmental Law Symposium, February 2007

*Preparing Witnesses for Deposition*

UNC Festival of Legal Learning, February 2006

*Legal Ethics and Professionalism: Listening Skills for Lawyers*

UNC Festival of Legal Learning, February 1999

*Freedom Speaks: Advertising and the First Amendment.*

Served as environmental advertising expert on public television program produced by The Freedom Forum First Amendment Center, Nashville TN, 1995

*Commercial Speech: Public Interest v. Private Gain.*

The Freedom Forum First Amendment Center, Arlington VA, 1992

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL MEMBER**

2010 –Present

**CARBON REDUCTION WORKING GROUP**, Weatherization Project 2008- Present

Faculty advisor to student group working on climate change mitigation, including weatherization of low income dwellings.

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TRIAL ADVOCACY**

*Co-Director*, Southeastern Regional Trial Program, 1998 - 2003

*Instructor*, Deposition workshops, 2003 - Present

**BAR EXAM GRADER**, California Bar Exam, 1993, 1994

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, PROBAR Project**, Harlingen, TX July 1989

*Trial Attorney*

Helped set up innovative program creating volunteer opportunities for private attorneys across the country interested in representing political asylum applicants. Provided trial assistance to Central American refugees applying for political asylum. Interviewed and prepared clients and witnesses for trial. Argued political asylum cases before United States Immigration Court. Co-authored "Coming to America, with Fear," Barrister Magazine, Spring 1990.

**MEMBER**, State Bar of California, admitted 1988; State Bar of the District of Columbia, admitted 1995.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

1998 - Present: Service on various committees including Environmental Chair Search Committee; Clerkship Committee; Skills Committee; Admissions Committee; International Committee; Serve as Law School Representative to UNC School of Nursing project implementing North Carolina School Children's Health Act; Serve as Faculty Adviser for Environmental Law Project; Serve as Faculty Adviser for International Environmental Moot Court Team; Serve as Judge for various Moot Court competitions.