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## **CURRENT POSITION**

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Dean and Professor of Law, University at Buffalo School of Law June 2017-Present

Chief academic, budget, policy, advancement, and administrative leader at the University at Buffalo School of Law, the only law school in the State of New York (SUNY) system. Responsible for over 430 students, 85 faculty and staff members plus part-time adjunct faculty, interdisciplinary research center and programs, law library, 95,015 square feet of facility space, and an operating budget of more than \$15 million. Recent accomplishments and initiatives include the creation of an assistant dean's position for diversity, equity and inclusion; advancement of domestic and international student recruitment efforts; expansion of alumni outreach efforts to increase mentoring and career placement opportunities for current students; implementation of an undergraduate program in law as well as 3+3 accelerated BA/JD programs with eight partner schools; the development of new clinical legal education programs including the Puerto Rico Recovery Assistance Legal Clinic, the US-Mexico Border Clinic, and the Entrepreneurship Law Clinic; and the launch of UB's Center for the Advancement of Sport.

## **PRIOR EXPERIENCE**

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### **SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Syracuse, NY**

Kaufman Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, 2011-2017  
 Associate Dean for International Initiatives 2012-2017  
 Founder and Director of LL.M. Program for Foreign Lawyers 2012-2017  
 Associate Dean for Special Projects, 2010-2012  
 Director of SU Law in London: Clinical Internships 2008-2017  
 Associate Professor of Law, 2008-2010  
 Assistant Professor of Law, 2004-2008

### **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Tallahassee, FL**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law 2003-2004

### **ANDERSON KILL & OLICK P.C, New York, NY**

Law Firm Insurance Coverage Group  
 Associate and Shareholder 2000-2003

### **U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, SECOND CIRCUIT, Judge Joseph McLaughlin, New York, NY**

Law Clerk (Summer) 1998

## **EDUCATION**

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### **UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, PA**

J.D., May 2000

*University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law*, Managing Editor

Peggy Browning Fellow

Philadelphia Bar Association, Women's Issues Pro Bono Scholar

### **CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, NY**

B.S. in Industrial & Labor Relations, June 1997

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP POSITIONS AND HONORS**

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- Chair, Committee on Autonomous Cars and the Law, New York State Bar Association (2019-2020)
- American Association of University Women (AAUW), International Fellowships Panel (2017-Present)
- Advisory Committee Member, Rockefeller Institute of Government, Center for Law & Policy Solutions (2017-Present)
- Executive Board Member, Section on Insurance Law, AALS (2010-Present)
- Chair, Committee on Sections and the Annual Meeting, AALS (2014-2016)
- Member, Committee on Special Programs for 2015 Annual Meeting, AALS (2014-2015)
- Consultant for European Reconstruction Development Bank, Institute for the Development of Legal Organizations, Commercial Law Judicial Training Program in Mongolia (2013) (onsite training in Ulaan Battur alongside continued yearlong capacity building)
- Chair, Insurance Law Section, AALS (2010)
- American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary, Academic Reading Group Member for evaluation of Sonia Sotomayor to Associate Justice of U.S Supreme Court (2008-2009)
- American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary, Academic Reading Group Member for evaluation of Samuel A. Alito, Jr. to Associate Justice of U.S. Supreme Court (2005-2006)

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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- New York State Bar, Second Department (admitted 2001)
- Southern and Eastern Districts of New York (admitted 2002)

## **EDITORIAL POSITIONS AND HONORS**

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- Editor, *LSN Insurance Law, Legislation, & Policy* (with R. Malloy) (2007-Present)
- Editorial Board of the National Ministry of Public Prosecutorial Ethics Council, *Journal of Brazil* (2016-2018)
- Board of Editors, Insurance Titles Group, Mathew Bender (Lexis) (2010-2015)
- Editor and Academic Advisor, *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal* (2010-2011)
- Reviewer for *Connecticut Insurance Law Journal*, *American Business Law Journal*, Mathew Bender, West, Springer, Lexis, among others
- BILA Book Prize 2013, *Research Handbook on International Insurance and Regulation* (Chapter Author)

## **COMMUNITY HONORS**

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- *Outstanding Women in Law Award*, Eighth Judicial District's Women in the Courts/Gender Racial Fairness Committee (May 2019)
- *Power 250*, Buffalo Business First (March 2019)
- *Legal Elite Leader for 2018*, Buffalo Law Journal (September 2018)
- *Power 125 Women*, Buffalo Business First (July 2018)

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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### **University at Buffalo**

LAW 724: Disaster Recovery

### **Syracuse University**

LAW 704: Commercial Transactions

LAW 714: Insurance Law

LAW 716: Insurance and Society Seminar

LAW 746: Professional Responsibility

### **Florida State University**

LAW 5000: Contracts I

LAW 5000: Contracts II

LAW 6080: Insurance Law

LAW 6010: Sales and Leases

## **ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

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### Treatises and Books

Author, UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE, WEST'S MCKINNEY'S FORMS FOR NEW YORK, the definitive set on the New York Uniform Commercial Code and official companion to MCKINNEY'S CONSOLIDATED LAWS OF NEW YORK ANNOTATED (updated annually) (2016-2019).

Editor, Volume 4: Specific Types of Liability Insurance (Chs. 24-40), NEW APPLEMAN ON INSURANCE LAW LIBRARY EDITION by Mathew Bender (2010- present).

Contributing Editor, NY INSURANCE LAW by Mathew Bender (2008- present).

### Articles and Book Chapters

*Insurance Online: Regulation and Consumer Protection in a Cyber World* in "DEMATERIALIZED" INSURANCE (Pierpaolo Marano et al. Eds) (Springer) (2016) (with Peter Kochenburger).

*Justice for Sale: Contemplations on the "Impartial" Judge in a Citizens United World*, 2012 MICH. ST. L. REV. 713 (2014).

*Enforcement*, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE AND REGULATION (Julian Burling and Kevin Lazarus eds.) (Edward Elgar Publishing 2012) (with Ian Mason, Robert Tischner and Stefan Bessman) (Winner of the BILA Book Prize 2013).

*Managing the Next Deluge: A Tax System Approach to Flood Insurance*, 18 CONN. INS. L. J. 1 (2011) (with Charlene Luke).

*Reinsurance: The Silent Regulator?*, 15 CONN. INS. L. J. 345 (2009) (Northwestern Law Searle Center on Law, Regulation and Economic Growth selected paper with honorarium) (a Lexis “ligation essential” article).

*Insurance and the Flood* in LAW AND RECOVERY FROM DISASTER: HURRICANE KATRINA (Robin Malloy, ed.) (Ashgate Press) (2009).

*An Unholy Alliance: Institutionalized Insurance Industry Engagement in Fraud Prosecutions as Threat to Prosecutorial Neutrality*, 98 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 2 (2008).

*The Enterprise Model of Managing Conflicts of Interest in the Tripartite Insurance Defense Relationship*, 27 CARDOZO L. REV. 193 (2005).

Comment, *Traitors in Our Midst: Attorneys Who Inform on Their Own Clients*, 2 U. PA. J. CONST. L. 676 (2000).

### Book Review

*The Phantom Capitalists: The Organization and Control of Long-Firm Fraud*, 4 ASIAN J. CRIMINOLOGY 195 (2009).

### Other Publications

Editorial, *Bailouts Are Nothing But Moral Hazards*, Albany Times-Union, Monday, April 13, 2009.

*Why a California Court of Appeals Held that Scott Peterson Won't Be Collecting on the Insurance Policy for His Wife Laci*, Find Law, Tues. Nov. 27, 2007.

*The Rogue Trader . . . Do You Have to Chase Him to Timbuktu Before Your Insurance Pays?* 6-1 MEALEY'S EMERGING INSURANCE DISPUTES 16 (2001) (with R. Mark Keenan).

### Select Presentations

Keynote: *Women in Law and Order*, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Luncheon, Buffalo, New York, April 26, 2019.

Moderator, *UB Distinguished Speaker Series* featuring former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Buffalo, New York, April 17, 2019.

Commentator, *The Restatement Context*, The ALI's Restatement of Law Liability Insurance: The World Turned Upside Down?, University of Connecticut Law School, Hartford, Connecticut, April 5, 2019.

Keynote: *Disaster Recovery: The Need for a Holistic Approach*, La Industria de Seguros Post Huracán María, University of Puerto Rico School of Law, San Juan, Puerto Rico, February 15-16, 2019.

*21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges in American Legal Education*, Office of the Public Prosecutors of Brasilia DC, Brasilia, Brazil, April 27, 2015, Office of the Federal Prosecutors of Brazil, Brasilia, Brazil, April 29, 2015, Office of the Attorney General of the Federal Republic of Brazil, Brasilia, Brazil, April 30, 2015, Federal Circuit Court of the 3rd Circuit, Sao Paulo, Brazil, May 5, 2015.

*Justiça Penal nos EUA: Delação Premiada (Criminal Justice in the USA: Plea Bargaining)*, Office of the Public Prosecutors of the State of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, April 24, 2015. Office of the Public Prosecutors of the State of Espirito Santo, Vitoria, Brazil, April 27, 2015, and Office of the Public Prosecutors of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May 04, 2015.

*Responsibilities and Opportunities of Section Leadership*, Section Officers Breakfast and Section Officers Section Meeting, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington DC, January 2015 (Chair, Committee of Sections and the Annual Meeting).

*Challenges to Property Causality Insurance* Rutgers-Camden Insurance Scholars Workshop, Rutgers Center for Risk and Responsibility, September 12, 2014 (works in progress workshop with respondents).

*Comparative International Insurance Law Techniques* Presentation to Judicial Conference of Mongolia on Development of Insurance Law, June 5-6 2014.

*Future of US Legal Education*, International Association of Korean Lawyers European Section, Madrid, Spain May 28, 2013.

*Development of Insurance Law and Treatises*, European Reconstruction Development Bank, Institute for the Development of Legal Organizations, Commercial Law Judicial Training Program in Mongolia, April 2013.

*Legal Ethics and the Pro Bono Requirement* CLE, Syracuse University February 2013.

Panelist, *Regulating the Attorney Politician*, International Association of Korean Lawyers, Seoul, S. Korea, September 2013.

*E-Marriage?* AALS Hot Topic Panel, AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 7, 2011.

Panelist, *Lawyers as Conservators: Will 21st Century Business, Regulatory, and Educational Challenges Destroy the Lawyer's Role as Guardian of Legal Institutions and the Rule of Law?* and *Regulating the Attorney Politician*, Faculty Colloquium, Michigan State University and Lansing, MI September 5-9, 2011.

*Contemporary Concerns in Insurance Legal Ethics* CLE, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Policyholders Advisor Conference, AKO, New York, NY, November 2011.

*Regulating the Attorney Politician*, Faculty Colloquium Durham Law School, Durham, UK, June 2011.

Keynote: *American Insurance Law and Our Liability Culture*, Third Annual International Conference on Torts, University of San Buenaventura, Cartagena, Colombia, May 2010, (by invitation).

Panel Chair, *AIG in the Age of Economic Disaster*, AALS Section on Insurance, New Orleans, January 2010.

*Modern Legal Ethics*, Monroe County Bar Association, Rochester, NY, October 2009.

*Reinsurance: The Silent Regulator?* Insurance Markets and Regulation Research Symposium, Searle Center, Northwestern University, (April 2008). Paper presented,

Panelist, *Can the Commercial General Liability Policy Survive?* NYSBA CLE, Syracuse, NY, April 2008.

*Racial Targeting in Insurance Fraud Prosecutions*, LatCrit, Miami, Florida, October 2007.

Commentator, Angela S. Cooney Colloquium on Law and Humanities, *Responsive Comment to The Rhetorical and Ritual Contexts of Biblical Law*, Syracuse, NY, December 2006.

Panelist, *Review of the National Flood Insurance Program in the Wake of Katrina*, Third Annual PCSE Workshop, Washington, D.C., November 10-11 2006.

*Recent Katrina Decisions: What Effect for Homeowner's Insurance?* Law Live! @ Lubin, New York, NY, November 2006.

Panelist, *On Life, Death and Taxes*, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities (ASLCH)), Syracuse, NY, March 17-18, 2006.

Moderator, *Panel on Legislation*, University of Connecticut, Insurance Law Center, Symposium on Asbestos: Anatomy of A Mass Tort, Hartford, CT, November 2005.

Panelist, *Overview of US Coverage Law: Recent Cases*, Second Annual International Insurance Training Program, Baker & McKenzie, Zurich, Switzerland, September 2005.

Panelist, *Laws of Commerce: Financial Markets' Croupier or Are They Just Craps?*, Law & Society, Las Vegas, NV, June 2005. *Conflicts of Interest in the Tripartite Relationship*, Florida State University College of Law Faculty Colloquium, October 2003.

Panelist, *A US-Canada Comparative Analysis of the Origins of "Bad-Faith" Causes of Action*, Ontario Trial Lawyers Association, Toronto, Canada, April 2003.

## **UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE SERVICE**

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- University at Buffalo Faculty Staff Campaign, Co-Chair, 2018-Present
- University at Buffalo Committee on Committees, 2019
- Syracuse University Financial Conflicts of Interest Committee, 2011- Present
- Syracuse University Senate Representative, 2006-2016
- Syracuse University Strategic Plan Working Group 4: Internationalization, 2015
- Syracuse University Vice Chancellors Task Force on Faculty Salaries, 2012-2013
- Syracuse University Vice Chancellors Task Force on Benefits, 2011
- Syracuse University Speaker's Committee, 2010
- SU College of Law Academic Standards Committee 2006-2008, Chair 2013-Present
- SU Commencement Committee, 2010-2016
- SU College of Law Ad Hoc Committee on Special Projects, 2012
- SU College of Law Faculty Appointments and Leaves Committee, 2008-2011
- SU College of Law Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2012-2013
- SU College of Law Curriculum Committee 2004-2006, 2011-2012
- SU College of Law Honor Code- Assistant Prosecutor, 2005-2010