

# STEPHEN PASKEY

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## TEACHING & SERVICE

### UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO SCHOOL OF LAW

Buffalo, NY • Lecturer in Law (full-time), July 2009 to present

Teach a two semester, seven credit first-year course in legal analysis, writing, research, and oral communication skills (including negotiation and oral advocacy), as well as an elective three-credit summer course on drafting contracts and statutes. Manage two upper-level students who assist with the course each semester as writing fellows. With other legal writing faculty, substantially revised curriculum from a two-semester to three-semester program. Serve on numerous law school committees, including committees involving admissions, hiring, student engagement, adjunct development, and creation of an undergraduate law program. Recently served as chair of hiring committee.

### UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW

Sacramento, CA • Instructor (full-time), July 2007 to June 2009

Taught a two semester first-year course in legal analysis, writing, and research.

## LEGAL PRACTICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE • Washington, D.C., 1995 to 2007

- Hired through the Attorney General's Honors Program
- Received awards for superior performance each year from 2000 to 2007
- Received the Assistant Attorney General's Award for Human Rights Law Enforcement in November 2008

### *Office of Special Investigations (OSI)*

Senior Trial Attorney, December 1998 to July 2007

Managed a team of lawyers, historians, and others to investigate and prosecute U.S. residents who assisted in Nazi persecution during World War II. Represented the U.S. in civil denaturalization cases in federal court and removal actions in federal immigration court. Argued appeals before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Sixth and Seventh Circuits. Played a critical role in expanding U.S. government efforts to investigate and prosecute "modern" (post- WWII) war criminals. Conducted training sessions for foreign prosecutors; drafted and reviewed legislative proposals; mentored less-experienced attorneys; and represented the Justice Department in inter-agency meetings.

*Immigration and Naturalization Service*  
Assistant District Counsel, September 1995 to December 1998

Represented the U.S. government in deportation and removal cases in immigration court, including over 600 cases involving political asylum.

MARYLAND COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS • Baltimore, Maryland  
Judicial Law Clerk to the Hon. Arrie W. Davis, August 1994 to August 1995

Drafted fifty appellate decisions totaling 800 double-spaced pages on a wide range of civil and criminal legal issues.

## **EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW • Baltimore, Maryland  
J.D. (with Honor) 1994.

Attended part-time while working full-time. Ranked third in class of 356 with 3.78 G.P.A. Member of the Order of the Coif. Staff member of Maryland Law Review.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY • East Lansing, Michigan  
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Humanities (with Honor) 1990.

## **BAR ADMISSION**

Member in good standing of the Maryland bar since December 1994.

## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Penny Pether Award for Law & Language Scholarship, October 2017, for *Telling Refugee Stories: Credibility, Trauma, and the Adversarial Adjudication of Claims for Asylum*.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Stephen Paskey, *Reframing Law's Domain: Narrative, Rhetoric, and the Forms of Legal Rules*, NARRATIVE (forthcoming May 2021).

Stephen Paskey, *On Justice: An Origin Story*, 68 BUFF. L. REV. 1515 (2020).

Stephen Paskey, *Telling Refugee Stories: Credibility, Trauma, and the Adversarial Adjudication of Claims for Asylum*, 56 SANTA CLARA L. R. 101 (Fall 2016).

Stephen Paskey, *Conveying Titles Clearly: Thoughts on the Fifth Edition of the ALWD GUIDE TO LEGAL CITATION*, 16 J. APP. PRAC. & PROCESS 273 (Fall 2015).

Stephen Paskey, *The Law is Made of Stories: Erasing the False Dichotomy Between Stories and Legal Rules*, 11 LEGAL COMM. & RHETORIC: JALWD 51 (Fall 2014).

Karen H. Rothenberg and Stephen J. Paskey, *The Risk of Domestic Violence and Women with HIV Infection: Implications for Partner Notification, Public Policy, and the Law*, 85 AM. J. PUB. HEALTH 1569 (Nov. 1995).

Karen H. Rothenberg, Stephen J. Paskey, Melissa M. Reuland, Sheryl Itkin Zimmerman, and Richard L. North, *Domestic Violence & Partner Notification: Implications for Treatment and Counseling of Women with HIV*, 50 J. AM. WOMEN'S MED. ASSN. 87 (May/Aug. 1995).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Judging Refugee Stories: Truth, Verisimilitude, & Narrative Form in Legal Adjudication.” 2020 International Conference on Narrative. New Orleans, March 2020.

“Reframing Law’s Domain: Narrative, Rhetoric, and the Forms of Legal Rules.” Summer Institute for Narrative Studies. Aarhus University, Sønderborg, Denmark. August 2019.

“Smashing Silos, Building Bridges: Doing and Teaching Scholarship Outside Disciplinary Boxes.” Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop. Eugene, Oregon, November 2018.

“Law’s DNA: The Double Helix of Rhetoric and Narrative.” 2018 International Conference on Narrative. Montreal, April 2018.

“But Whose Ground Is It? Reflections on Race, the Reasonable Person Standard, and Florida’s Stand-Your-Ground Statutes.” Association of Legal Writing Directors 2017 Biennial Conference. Minneapolis, July 2017.

“All The Law’s A Stage: Using Voice Techniques from Theatre to Improve Presentation Skills.” Assoc. of Legal Writing Directors 2015 Biennial Conference. Memphis, July 2015.

Workshop leader, ALWD Scholarship Forum, Empire State Legal Writing Conference. Syracuse, NY, May 2015.

“The Law is Made of Stories: Erasing the False Dichotomy Between Stories and Legal Rules.” 16th Biennial Legal Writing Institute Conference. Philadelphia, PA, July 2014.

“Telling Refugee Stories: Narrative, Credibility, & the Asylum Adjudication Process.” Third Biennial Applied Legal Storytelling Conference. Denver, CO, July 2011.

## GRANTS

*Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, Research Grant, 2011-2012 academic year.* Received funding to research negative credibility findings in U.S. asylum cases.

## **SELECTED MEDIA**

*Served as expert commentator for Minnesota Public Radio on issues relating to the prosecution of Nazi war criminals, 2013 and 2014.*

*Participated in on-line video discussion of a Nazi war crimes case for Huff Post Live, June 17, 2013.*

*Wrote opinion pieces relating to the prosecution of Nazi war criminals for the Kiev (Ukraine) Post, the Minneapolis Star-Tribune, and the Buffalo News.*

## **PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT**

*Selection Committee, Penny Pether Award for Law & Language Scholarship*

Fall 2018 to present • Review scholarship and make recommendations for annual award.

*Planning Committee, Empire State Legal Writing Conference*

Fall 2010 to present • Participate in choosing the site and speakers for each year's conference, as well as evaluating proposals and publicizing the conference

*Conference Chair, Third Annual Empire State Legal Writing Conference*

June 2012 • Responsible for all aspects of organizing a day-long legal writing conference at the University at Buffalo School of Law. The conference featured 20 presentations and was attended by more than 50 faculty members from law schools in 12 states.