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EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D. 1999

- *California Law Review*, Articles Editor
- *La Raza Law Journal*, Criminal Justice Symposium, Associate Editor

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Exchange Program 1998-1999

- Harvard Mediation Program, Member

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, A.B., History 1995

- Certificate, American Studies
- Secondary Teaching Certification (New Jersey)

MAJOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCES

Pepperdine University, Caruso School of Law

- **DEAN OF STUDENTS AND AI INNOVATION** (2026-present)
- **PROFESSOR OF LAW** (2009-present, awarded tenure in 2013)
- **CO-DIRECTOR, TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAMS** (2026-present)
- **DIRECTOR GLOBAL PROGRAMS** (2026-present)
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, QUATTRONE WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS APPELLATE CLINIC** (2025-present)
- **ACADEMIC DIRECTOR, LONDON PROGRAM** (fall 2023)
- **VICE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT LIFE** (2020-2022)
- **DEAN OF STUDENTS** (2018-2020)
- **ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS** (2017-2018)

Dean of Students and AI Innovation: Responsible for oversight of student life and student-related matters, while leading the law school's work on AI innovation. Develop and implement AI-related initiatives, policies, and programming affecting teaching, scholarship, administration, and student engagement. Work across the institution to address emerging opportunities and challenges related to AI, while supporting student success and the effective administration of the law school.

Executive Director of Clinic: Responsible for launching and the executive directing of the Quattrone Wrongful Convictions Appellate Clinic, including student supervision, case selection and strategy, budget oversight, fundraising, partnerships with outside counsel and innocence organizations, drafting amicus briefs for federal appellate courts and state supreme courts, and helping to organize an annual conference.

Director of Global Programs: Provides strategic and administrative oversight of the law school's global programs and international partnerships, including management of the London Program and coordination of the biennial Middle Temple Moot Court Competition and related faculty and student programming.

Co-Director of Trial Advocacy Programs: Co-leads the law school's trial advocacy program, including coaching and preparing Pepperdine Law students to compete in interscholastic trial advocacy competitions against law schools throughout the country.

Vice-Dean: Responsible for all aspects of academic affairs and student life, including development and oversight of the law school's academic programs and student-related issues. Created and administrated new policies to address pandemic-related matters. Managed strategic plan development, hiring, and policies for the law school.

Courses Taught: Civil Procedure, Evidence, Advanced Criminal Procedure, Honors Trial Practice, Trial Practice, International Criminal Law, Global Justice Practicum, Human Rights in the Developing World (co-taught with Gary Haugen, CEO of International Justice Mission), Civil Procedure and Litigation (MLS Program)

Service:

Law School Committees:

- 2026 -27 - Global Programs and Student Life (ex officio); Assessment, Resources and Cost Impact Committee (ex officio); AI Steering Committee (Chair), Community Engagement Council; Judicial Task Force; Employment Task Force.
- 2025-26 - Academic Standards Committee (Chair); Academic Dismissal Committee Meeting; Diversity Council; Judicial Task Force; Employment Task Force.
- 2024-25 - Academic Standards Committee (Vice Chair); Academic Dismissal Committee Meeting; Diversity Council; Judicial Task Force; Employment Task Force.
- Prior Years - Faculty Appointments Committee, Dean Search Committee, Academic Standards Committee (Chair and Vice Chair), Student Life

Committee (Chair and Vice Chair), Admissions Committee, Global Justice Committee, Career Development Committee, Ad Hoc Committee on Judicial Clerkships, ABA Self-Study Committee

Faculty Advisor: Honor Board; Latin American Law Student Association (LALSA); OUTlaw Student Organization; Law Spanish Club; International Justice Mission, Student Chapter

Other Law School Service: Global Justice Program (manage on-going student projects with domestic and international human rights organizations); 1L Mentor; Student Academic Mentor; Faculty Advisor for Student Externship; Faculty Advisor for Student Independent Study Paper; Moot Court Judge for various competitions.

University Service:

- Represented the law school in university-wide academic and administrative matters, including the University Academic Committee, student disciplinary proceedings, strategic planning, graduation, disability matters, and coordination with the Office of General Counsel.
- Panelist, “Teaching Perspectives,” Pepperdine University New Teachers Conference, recurring presenter, approximately 10 years.

Awards:

2026 [Top 50 Legal Innovators in Academia](#) for 2026
2025 Howard A. White Award for Teaching Excellence
2013-14 First-Year Professor of the Year
2011 Howard A. White Award for Teaching Excellence
2010-11 First-Year Professor of the Year

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

LAW CLERK TO THE HONORABLE ARTHUR L. ALARCÓN (2007-2008)

- Researched and wrote bench memorandum on pending appellate cases for Ninth Circuit, Eleventh Circuit, and Third Circuit panels
- Prepared orders and managed two hundred civil rights cases and applications for writs of habeas corpus for Judge Alarcón who was sitting by designation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California

Pepperdine University, Caruso School of Law

LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING PROFESSOR

(2003-2007)

Course Taught:: Legal Research and Writing (lawyering methods and advocacy skills), Supplemental Property (academic support)

Service:

Committees: Admissions Committee, Curriculum Committee

Other Service: Led “Intensive Advocacy Workshop” in Kenya, Africa (July 2006), Initiated fall “Academic Success Program” for first-year students, Faculty Advisor for Pepperdine’s Trial Lawyers Club, Co-coach for Honors Trial Team

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan

LITIGATION ASSOCIATE

(1999- 2003)

- Daily managed cases involving class action, breach of contract, fraud, trademark, criminal embezzlement and assisted in civil and criminal trials
- Prepared winning California Appellate Brief concerning legal ethics, court opinion published
- *Pro Bono:* Advocate for guardianship and adoption cases; and Deputy City Prosecutor for Pasadena

PUBLICATIONS AND WRITINGS

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS:

- *Synthetic Criminal Minds*, NEV. L.J. (forthcoming 2026).
- *A Carrot or a Stick? Strengthening the Rule of Law with a Stick: Failure to Enforce Law as a Crime Against Humanity*, 39 U. PA. J. INT'L L. 491 (2017).
- Caldwell, Chase, Goodno, & Perrin, CASE FILES FOR BASIC TRIAL ADVOCACY (2nd ed. 2016).
- *The Hague: An Endless Balancing Act of Preventing Intercountry Adoption Abuses and Finding Permanent Homes for Orphans* in THE INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION DEBATE: DIALOGUES ACROSS DISCIPLINES, 207-38 (Ballard et al. eds., 2014).
- *When the Commerce Clause Goes International: A Proposed Legal Framework for the Foreign Commerce Clause*, 66 FLA. L. REV. 1190 (2013).
 - Cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Batson v. United States*, 818 F.3d 651 (11th Cir 2016), cert. denied, 137 S.Ct. 850, 851 (Thomas, J. dissenting) (U.S. Mar. 6, 2017).
- *How Public Schools Can Constitutionally Halt Cyberbullying: A Model Cyberbullying Policy That Considers First Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and Due Process Challenges*, 46 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 641 (2011).
- *Protecting “Any” Child: The Confidential Marital Communications Privilege in Child Molestation Cases*, 59 U. KAN. L. REV. 1 (2010).
- *Cyberstalking, a New Crime: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Current State and Federal Laws*, 72 MO. L. REV. 66 (Winter 2007).

- This article was cited in one of the first cyberstalking ordinances. See Dardenne Prairie Resolution No. 195 (November 21, 2007) available at http://www.dardenneprairie.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=77&Itemid=2.
- *Career Criminals Targeted: The Verdict Is In, California's Three Strikes Law Proves Effective*, J. OF THE INST. FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CRIM. JUST. 6 (Summer 2007) (reprint).
- *Bluebook Madness: How to Have Fun Teaching Citation*, co-author, 16 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING 40 (Fall 2007).
- *Career Criminals Targeted: The Verdict Is In, California's Three Strikes Law Proves Effective*, 37 GOLDEN GATE U. L. REV. 461 (Winter 2006).
- *The S.M.A.S.H. Work-Out Circuit: Tightening Flabby Sentences*, Second Draft, Aug. 2005 at 4 (periodical of the Legal Writing Institute).

BOOKS:

- (co-writer) Caldwell, Chase, Goodno, & Perrin, CASE FILES FOR BASIC ADVOCACY (2nd ed. 2017).
- (co-editor) THE INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION DEBATE: DIALOGUES ACROSS DISCIPLINES, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing (Ballard, Goodno, & Cochran eds., 2014).
- *California Three Strikes Law* reprinted in OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS: MANDATORY SENTENCING, VOL. 1 (2010).

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS:

- *The Impact of Generative AI on Evidence*
- *Manipulative Deepfakes: A New Crime?*
- *Generative AI, Deepfakes and Cyberbullying at Public Schools*
- *Global Crime, Domestic Prosecution: How Criminal Laws Follow U.S. Citizens Overseas*

SELECTED APPELLATE ADVOCACY:

- United States Supreme Court (2026), amicus brief addressing a circuit split on the impossibility defense in a conspiracy prosecution.

- Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (2026) amicus brief concerning the claim of actual innocence in a capital case.
- California Supreme Court (2025), amicus brief, with Loyola's Project for the Innocent, on unconstitutional money bail practices and actual innocence claims.
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2025), amicus brief, with the Federal Public Defender's Office for the Central District of California, on the application of civil procedure theory on habeas exhaustion standards and actual innocence claims.

UNPUBLISHED WRITINGS:

- Guest Blogger, Prawfsblawg (July 2014).
- "Intercountry Adoption: Hague Requirements and Best Practices," legal memorandum comparing the intercountry adoption laws of five countries for consideration by Rwandan government officials in becoming Hague compliant (2010) (co-authored with students in the Global Justice Practicum).
- "Religious Freedom and Rule of Law Project Proposal: Case Studies," legal memorandum comparing religious freedom in eight countries and its impact on the rule of law (2010) (co-authored with students in the Global Justice Practicum).
- "An Overview of Property Grabbing in South Africa, Malawi, and Kenya," legal manual for Rwandan lawyers and pastors analyzing Rwandan property laws (2010) (co-authored with students in the Global Justice Practicum).
- "Uganda Juvenile Justice Project," legal manual created for Ugandan judges and lawyers (2010) (co-authored with students in the Global Justice Practicum).
- "Burma: A Nation in Toil," pamphlet created to raise awareness of international crimes taking place in Burma (2009) (co-authored with students in the Global Justice Practicum).
- "Lessons from Teaching an Intensive Advocacy Workshop in Kenya" postings on the international law weblog, *Opinio Juris*:
 - Dispatch from Kenya: Justice Delayed (2006), available at <http://www.opiniojuris.org/posts/1153503571.shtml>.
 - Dispatch from Kenya: Enforcing Laws that Clash with Culture (2006), available at <http://www.opiniojuris.org/posts/1153400722.shtml>.

SYMPOSIA, PANELS, AND PROGRAMS ORGANIZED

- "The Science of Justice: Evidence, Error, and Exonerations," Organizer and Moderator, two-day inaugural conference of the Quattrone Wrongful Convictions Clinic featuring

five panels, a keynote speaker, and presentation of the Courage Award (Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, October 2-3, 2025).

- “The REAL Deal Day: AI and Misinformation,” Organizer, two-day program featuring one panel, four breakout workshops, and two lunch panels (El Segundo Unified School District, January 29-30, 2025).
- “The Impact of Generative AI Across Fields,” Organizer and Moderator (Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, October 2023).
- “Intensive Advocacy Workshop,” Organizer and Faculty Leader, four-day seminar and workshop working with Kenyan attorneys (Kenya, Africa, July 2006).

PRESENTATIONS

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS:

- “Made in the Image of God, AI-Assisted Crime, and Legal Responsibility” (Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, “Technology and the Human Person in the Age of AI,” February 2026).
- “Model Civil Discourse,” Moderator, conversation with former U.S. Solicitors General Elizabeth B. Prelogar and Noel Francisco at the Annual Pepperdine Caruso School of Law Dinner (Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, October 13, 2025).
- “Synthetic Criminal Minds: AI and Legal Accountability” (SEALS, July 2025).
- “Generative AI and Crimes,” panelist on “Law and Technology” (Midwest Political Science Association, April 2024).
- “Deepfakes, the New Wild West,” panelist on “Technology, Law and Social Control” (Midwest Political Science Association, April 2024).
- “Use of Generative AI in Law Teaching” (AALS Annual Meeting, Associate Deans Section, January 2024).
- “Deepfake Abuses,” Faculty Workshop (Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, November 2024).
- “Revisiting Broken Windows: Connecting Theory to Policy for America's Public Safety” (Pepperdine University, Public Policy School, October 2023).
- “Extraterritorial Application of Abortion Bans” (Yale Law School Roundtable, May 2022).

- “Culture at Big Law and Law Schools” (2022 Annual Western Chapters Conference, The Federalist Society, February 2022).
- “Are Remote Learning Technologies Bridges or Barriers to Legal Educational Equity?” (American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 2022).
- “A Comparative Discussion & Analysis of Current Legal Issues” (2017 SEALS Annual Conference, August 2017).
- “Reach of the Foreign Commerce Clause” (University of Windsor, May 2017).
- Paper presentation: *Strengthening the Rule of Law through International Criminal Law*, 39 U. PA. J. INT’L L. 491 (2017), (Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities 20th Annual Conference, Stanford Law School, April 2017).
- *The Rule of Law and Crimes Against Humanity* (University of Missouri School of Law Works-in-Progress Conference on Issues in International Dispute Resolution, February 2017).
- “The Intersection of the Rule of Law and International Criminal Law” (ABA Criminal Justice Section’s Annual Fall Institute roundtable workshop, Washington, D.C., November 2016).
- Cyberstalking (panel discussion for Women’s Legal Association, April 2015, Pepperdine)
- Crimes Against Humanity as a way to Enforce Rule of Law
 - Nootbar Institute Conference (February 2015).
 - Pepperdine Law School, faculty lunch presentation (October 2014).
- Human Trafficking: Development of State Law (Federalist Society 2014).
- “The Hague Convention and Recent Trends” (Nootbar Institute on Law, Religion and Ethics Annual Conference, Intercountry Adoption: Orphan Rescue or Child Trafficking?, February 2013).
- “Doing Global Justice” (SALT Conference, October 2012)
- “Cyberharassment and Cyberbullying: Analyzing Current Developments, Recent Legislation and Circuit Splits” (SEALS August 2012).
- “Halting Cyberbullying” (Southern California Junior Law Faculty Workshop, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, May 2011)

- “When does (should) Cyberbullying become Criminal?” (Children’s Legal Rights Journal Symposium, Loyola University, Chicago, School of Law, October 2010)
- “Evidentiary Privileges in Child Abuse Cases” (Annual Conference on Christian Legal Thought, American Association of Law Schools, January 2010).
- “The War Against Human Trafficking: How to Prevent, Protect, Prosecute, and Provide” (American Association of Law Schools, January 2010).
- The Veritas Forum, Moderator, Pepperdine University, Oct. 2009
- “Protecting All Children: Evidence in Child Molestation Cases” (Chase Law School, January 2009).
- “The Legal Landscape: Current Human Trafficking Laws and the Next Step,” Asha Forum Consultation for North America (Fuller Seminary, April 2007).
- “Human Trafficking: The Supply and Demand of Modern-Day Slavery,” Human Rights Symposium (Pepperdine University School of Law, October 2006).
- “Effectiveness of Cyberstalking Laws,” American and Caribbean Law Initiative and Northeast People of Color Summer Law Conference (Nassau, Bahamas, July 2006).

OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

- Moderator, “What the Future Holds for Californians: A Conversation with Tani Cantil-Sakauye,” Pepperdine University, President’s Speakers Series (February 2024).
- Panelist, “Clerking after Law School,” Pepperdine Caruso School of Law (February 2024).
- Panelist, “Teaching Perspectives,” Pepperdine University, New Teachers Conference (August 2013, 2014, 2015, 2019, 2021).
- Speaker, “Essay Writing for the Bar,” Pepperdine University (February 2012, and Summers 2011, 2010, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019).
- Moderator, “The Veritas Forum,” Pepperdine University (October 2009).
- “The Value of Judicial Clerkships,” Pepperdine University School of Law (panel included the Honorable Arthur Alarcon, and the Honorable Otis Wright) (November 2008).
- Moderator, Board of Education Election Debates, Conejo Valley Unified School District (October 2006).

- “S.M.A.S.H.: Having Fun Teaching Legal Writing,” Southwestern States Regional Legal Writing Conference, Arizona State University College of Law (Spring 2005).

MEDIA

BLOGGING:

- Guest Blogger, Prawfsblawg, June 2014

NEWSPAPER QUOTES:

- Mike Harris, *Cyberstalking Case Linked to State Law from 1990: Expert Finds Little Similarity with L.A. Cyberbullying Trial*, Ventura County Star, Jan. 4, 2009, <http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2009/Jan/4/cyberstalking-case-linked-to-state-law-from-1990/>.
- Betsy Taylor, *US State Begins Prosecuting Cyberbullies* (July 24, 2008), <http://www.watoday.com.au/technology/us-state-begins-prosecuting-cyberbullies-20080724-3kd5.html>.
- Laura Bauer, *Cyberbullying Case Brings Big Changes*, Kansas City Star, May 25, 2009, at A1, available at <http://www.kansascity.com/637/v-print/story/1214612.html>.
- Robert Patrick, *3 Years Sought in Drew Case*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, May 7, 2009, at A4, available at http://www.cleveland.com/nation/index.ssf/2009/05/prosecutors_seek_3year_prison.html#more.
- Betsy Taylor, *Cyberbullying Floodgates Open After MySpace case*, New Zealand Herald, Dec. 23, 2008, available at LexisNexis Academic.
- CBS/AP, *Woman Accused Under New Cyberbullying Law* (Dec. 22, 2008), http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/12/22/national/main4680952.shtml?source=search_story.
- Lauren Litwinka, *New Cyberbully Case Brought to Missouri Courts* (Dec. 22, 2008), <http://blog.hudsonhorizons.com/Article/New-cyberbully-case-brought-to-Missouri-courts.htm>.
- *Missouri Begins Prosecuting Under Cyber Bullying Law* (Dec. 22, 2008), <http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/top-news/?i=56505>.
- Betsy Taylor, *Mo. Begins Prosecuting Under Cyberbullying Law* (Dec. 20, 2008), http://www.foxnews.com/printer_friendly_wires/2008Dec20/0,4675,InternetSuicide,00.html.

- CBS/AP, *No Charges in Deadly MySpace Hoax* (Dec. 3, 2007), http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/12/03/tech/main3565791.shtml?source=search_story.
- FOXNews/AP, *Prosecutor: No Criminal Charges in MySpace Suicide* (Dec. 3, 2007), <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,314620,00.html>.
- Betsy Taylor, *Law Plays Catch-Up with Internet Harassment* (Dec. 1, 2007), available at LexisNexis Academic.
- Joel Curier, *Cyberbullying Emerges as a New Threat*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Dec. 1, 2007, at B1, available at http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/nationworld/2004046829_webcyberbully01.html.
- Steve Pokin, *Poking Around: Frightening Read is All Too Real* (Nov. 28, 2007), http://suburbanjournals.stltoday.com/articles/2007/11/28/news/sj2tn20071127-1128stc_pokin_1.ii1.txt.

Community Leadership and Service, 2023–Present

- Princeton University Alumni Schools Committee, South Bay Chair and Alumni Interviewer
- El Segundo PTA/PTSA Leadership: Executive Board Member, El Segundo Middle School PTSA; El Segundo High School PTSA; El Segundo Council PTA AI Chair; creator of district-wide REAL Deal Day
- National Charity League, Philanthropy Board
- Girl Scouts, Troop and Fundraising Leadership
- Girls' Youth Athletics, Volunteer Team Leadership

INTERVIEWS:

- The Bryant Park Project, *Cyber Bullies Hard to Stop* (NPR radio broadcast Nov. 30, 2007), available at <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=16763234>.
- Fox Television, *Law Plays Catch-Up With Internet Harassment* (Nov. 30, 2007) available at <http://www.myfoxstl.com/myfox/pages/News/Detail?contentId=5091759&version=1&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=TSTY&pageId=3.2.1>.
- Voice of America, *Cyberstalking Laws*, interviewed by Whu Way (Dec. 3, 2007) available at <http://www.voanews.com/english/portal.cfm>, (interview translated into Chinese, available at <http://www.voanews.com/chinese/w2007-12-07-voa57.cfm>).
- ABA Journal, *Cyberstalking Issues*, interviewed by Stephanie Ward (Dec. 3, 2007).
- Law Crossing, “*Law Job Star*” (2006) available at <http://www.lawcrossing.com/article/index.php?id=2209>.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Alameda County District Attorney’s Office

LAW CLERK(summer 1998)

- Tried criminal misdemeanor cases and conducted preliminary hearings for felony cases

United States Attorney’s Office, Northern District of California

LAW CLERK (1997-1998)

- Assisted in prosecution of criminal misdemeanor cases and drafting of appeals

State Bar of California

LAW CLERK (summer 1997)

- Prepared cases for disciplinary board hearings

King’s Kids Inner-City Christian High School Academy

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER (1996-1997)

- Taught high school English, history, algebra and trigonometry, and religion

COMMUNITY AND ALUMNI SERVICE (2023-present)

- Princeton University Alumni Schools Committee, South Bay Chair and Alumni Interviewer
- El Segundo PTA/PTSA Leadership: Executive Board Member, El Segundo Middle School PTSA; El Segundo High School PTSA; El Segundo Council PTA AI Chair; creator of district-wide REAL Deal Day
- National Charity League, Philanthropy Board
- Girl Scouts, Troop and Fundraising Leadership
- Girls’ Youth Athletics, Volunteer Team Leadership

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of California (since 1999)
- American Association of Law Schools (2006-present)
 - Sections: Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Human Rights, Evidence, Women in Legal Education
- American Bar Association
- Hispanic Bar Association
- ABA White Collar Crime Committee
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America