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Education

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2005

- GPA: 3.8; Class Rank: Top 5%
- Order of the Coif
- *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*, Lead Executive Editor and Board Member, Vol. 66
- Thomas M. Cooley, II Legal Writing Award (most distinguished seminar paper)
- CALI Awards in Contracts, Criminal Law, Estates and Trusts, Legal Analysis and Writing
- Semester honors all semesters
- Dean's Scholarship (three-year, full-tuition)

University of Michigan, A.B. in English Language and Literature, 1995

L'Université des Sciences Humaines de Strasbourg, Exchange Student, 1995

Publications and Works in Progress

Article III and Removal Jurisdiction: The Demise of the Complete Diversity Rule and a Proposed Return to Minimal Diversity, 63 OKLA. L. REV. (forthcoming Dec. 2011) (draft available on SSRN).

Chapter 1: Strict Liability in Tort in Product Liability Cases, in ILLINOIS PRODUCT LIABILITY PRACTICE (IICLE, 2009) (with Michael W. Davis & Caroline L. Schiff).

U.S. Product Liability Lawsuits Involving Chinese-manufactured Products, 2007/08 PLC CROSS-BORDER LIFE SCIENCES HANDBOOK 87 (with Michael W. Davis).

The Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007 and the Sentinel System: Compensating Postmarketing Injuries from Unlabeled Adverse Events (work in progress).

Teaching and Research Interests

Primary interests: Torts, Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Products Liability

Additional interests: Evidence, Conflict of Laws, Legal Research and Writing, Administrative Law, Legislation, Professional Responsibility, Remedies

Academic Appointments

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

Westerfield Fellow. Fall 2010–present. Teach first-year courses in legal research and writing and appellate practice. Design and teach upper-level seminar on federal courts and removal jurisdiction. Serve as faculty advisor to *Loyola Law Review* members. Exemplary student evaluation scores of 4.8/5.0 for overall effectiveness.

University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Legal Writing Teaching Assistant to Professor Ann Sinsheimer. 2003–2005. Assisted in course preparation. Reviewed and provided critical commentary to first-year students' written work product. Taught courses on research and citation.

University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Research Assistant to Professor Rhonda Wasserman. 2003. Collected, researched, and summarized literature for use in RHONDA WASSERMAN, *PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS: A REFERENCE GUIDE TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION* (2004).

Law Practice

Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, IL

Associate, Products Liability and Mass Torts Group. 2005–2010.

- Drafted successful appellate brief in *Pettitt v. Boeing Co.*, No. 09-3204 (7th Cir. May 17, 2010) obtaining reversal of district court's remand under Multiparty, Multiforum Trial Jurisdiction Act in litigation involving 2007 crash of Kenya Airways Flight 507 in Cameroon.
 - Drafted white paper on U.S. and international compensation schemes for injuries resulting from adverse drug reactions, submitted to the Shanghai Institute for Food and Drug Safety for consideration in promulgating postmarketing drug-safety regulations.
 - Prepared *Daubert* motions to exclude expert testimony on general causation in multidistrict product liability litigation alleging diabetes and other metabolic disorders resulting from ingestion of client's prescription atypical antipsychotic medication.
 - Deposed plaintiffs and fact witnesses, prepared and argued pretrial motions to Cook County (Illinois) Circuit Court in litigation alleging skin disorders resulting from exposure to gadolinium-based contrast agents in patients with kidney disease.
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Presentations

The Erosion of the Complete Diversity Rule and a Proposed Return to Minimal Diversity, Emerging Legal Scholarship: The Teaching Fellows Inaugural Conference, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, New Orleans, LA (Mar. 25, 2011).

Teaching Legal Research and Citation: Electronic Research Sources, LWI One-Day Conference, Charleston School of Law, Charleston, SC (Dec. 10, 2010).

Defending Against Strict Liability Design Defect Claims Following Mikolajczyk, Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, IL (May 21, 2009).

U.S. Litigation Involving Chinese-manufactured Products, Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, IL (Dec. 18, 2008).

Bar Admissions

- Illinois, 2005
 - United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, 2006
 - United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2009
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References

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