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Education

Graduate Law Degrees:

Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M. with Distinction, Washington, D.C. (2003)
The Judge Advocate General's School, Army, LL.M., Charlottesville, Virginia (1999)

Law School:

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., Magna Cum Laude, Ann Arbor, Michigan (1991)

Undergraduate:

Cornell University, A.B., History, Ithaca, New York (1985)

Publications

Articles and Essays:

“Too Little, Too Late? Why President Obama’s Well-Intentioned Reforms of the Military Commissions May Not Be Enough to Save Them” 31 Whittier Law Review 381 (2010).

“Of Non-Horses, Quantum Mechanics, and the Establishment Clause,” 57 Kansas Law Review 371 (2009).

“The Power to Do What Manifestly Must Be Done: Congress, The Freedmen’s Bureau, and Constitutional Imagination,” 12 Roger Williams University Law Review 70 (2006).

“Terrorism Trials in the Light: A Way Ahead?” Jurist (2006).

“Maybe Death Isn’t So Different After All,” Jurist (2004).

“Military Commissions are Constitutionally Sound: A Response to Professors Katyal and Tribe,” 34 Texas Tech Law Review 899 (2003) *cited with approval in* Hamdan v. Rumsfeld, 126 S.Ct. 2749, 2776 (2006), and Hamdan v. Rumsfeld, 415 F.3d 33, 38 (D.C. Cir. 2005).

Book:

With Bakken, T. and Goldstein, R. Guide to Criminal Procedure in New York (Wadsworth) (2004).

Employment

Associate Professor of Law, Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University. I teach Constitutional Law, Professional Responsibility, and National Security Law.

Former:

United States Army, Judge Advocate General's Corps. I had a range of assignments and locations, including teaching Constitutional Law at the United States Military Academy, West Point; working in the Pentagon on the original draft set of procedures and substantive criminal law and defenses for the military commissions for the war against al Qaeda; supervising a multi-purpose legal center with American and German attorneys; managing an administrative law office responsible for labor and environmental matters and government contracts; prosecuting soldiers in courts-martial, including a series of pre-trial hearings conducted in Mogadishu, Somalia; and defending soldiers accused of wrongdoing in courts-martial and other settings, including a full trial in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

United States Army, Armor Branch. I led soldiers in tanks in Texas, California, and Germany. I also served as an adjutant, supervising all administrative matters for a battalion of six hundred soldiers.

Select Presentations

With Wilcher, L., Van Stockum, R., Schworer, P., and Carroll, S., "Ethics, the Environment, and the Law," Kentucky Bar Association Convention (2010).

With Warren, V., Casey, L., Bravin, J., and Brig. Gen. Hartmann, "U.S seeks death penalty for six men held at Guantanamo," *The Diane Rehm Show*, February 12, 2008.

With Silliman, S., Hutson, J., and Isikoff, M., "Guantanamo Six" on Trial, *On Point with Tom Ashbrook*, February 14, 2008.

With Heymann, P., Turner, R., and Rona, G. "The Constitution and the War Against Terrorism," Federalist Society, Boston, Massachusetts (2006).

"The Constitution and Military Detainees," Law and Terrorism Conference, United States Military Academy (2005).

"Applicability of the Constitution Overseas," Constitutional Law Conference, Hamilton College (2004).

"*Posse Comitatus* Act Problems on the Horizon," Association of the Bar of the City of New York, (2004).

With Sayles, A. "The Supreme Court and the University of Michigan," Diversity Symposium, United States Military Academy (2003).

With Vagts, D., Welton, M., and Stock, M. "The History and Constitutionality of Military Commissions," New York State Appellate Judges' Annual Conference, United States Military Academy (2003).

With Drinan, R., Eisenberg, H., and Baldwin, G. "Current Issues in the War on Terrorism," Wisconsin Law Foundation Symposium, Marquette University (2002).

Honors and Memberships

Order of the Coif (Michigan Chapter)

Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal

Master Teacher Program, United States Military Academy

Robert O. Lukowsky Award of Excellence, 2010 (Chase College of Law Teacher of the Year)

Virginia State Bar