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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The University of Georgia School of Law	Athens, Georgia
<i>Brumby Distinguished Professor in First Amendment Law</i>	2017 to present
<i>Professor of Law</i>	2016 to present
<i>Courtesy appointment with Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication</i>	2016 to present
<i>Associate Professor of Law</i>	2010 to 2016
<i>Assistant Professor of Law</i>	2006 to 2010

Law School Courses: Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II, Media Law,
The U.S. Supreme Court: Current Term, The Press & the Constitution

Undergraduate and Journalism Courses: Law of Mass Communications,
Covering the Courts, Modern Issues in Media Freedom, An Insider's Guide to the
U.S. Supreme Court

The University of Alabama School of Law	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
<i>Hugo Black Faculty Fellow</i>	2005 to 2006
Teaching fellowship for former United States Supreme Court law clerks	
Courses: Constitutional Law and Media Law	

HONORS AND AWARDS

UGA Law 2022 Faculty Research Award in Public Law

First Year Odyssey Seminar Design Award (2022)

Knight Foundation Grant on Internet Governance (2020) (with J. Peters and J. Anastasopoulos)

University of Georgia Regents' Professorship Nominee (2018, 2019, 2020)

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's 2017 Harry W. Stonecipher Award for Distinguished Research on Media Law and Policy for *The "Press," Then & Now*, 77 OHIO ST. L.J. 49 (2016)

National Communication Association's 2016 Franklyn S. Haiman Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Freedom of Expression for *Press Exceptionalism*, 127 HARV. L. REV. 2434 (2014)

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk – The Honorable John Paul Stevens, Supreme Court of the United States, Washington, D.C. 1999-2000

Law Clerk – The Honorable Dorothy W. Nelson, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit; Pasadena, Cal. 1998-1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Attorney – Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Los Angeles, Cal.
Represented media clients on a variety of First Amendment and intellectual property issues. 2003-2004

Associate Attorney – Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Los Angeles, Cal.
Represented clients on appellate and media law cases. 2000 – 2002

Reporter and Columnist – The Moline Dispatch Publishing Co., Moline, Ill.
Reported on political races in Illinois and Iowa. 1993-1995

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School; J.D. with High Honors. 1998
Honors: Order of the Coif; Executive Editor, *The University of Chicago Law Review*; John M. Olin Fellowship in Law and Economics; Tony Patiño Fellow

University of Iowa; B.A. with Honors and Distinction. 1993
Double Major: Journalism and Communication Studies
Honors: Honors Collegiate Scholar; Honors Collegiate Scholar Student Speaker; Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa and Mortar Board Honor Societies; inaugural recipient of *The Daily Iowan* journalism scholarship

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

Presuming Trustworthiness (forthcoming 2022) (with R. Jones)

The Disappearing Freedom of the Press 79 WASH. & LEE L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2022) (with R. Jones)

All the News That's Fit to Print, 21 Colo. Tech. L.J. __ (forthcoming 2022) (with J. Peters and L. Anastasopoulos).

The U.S. Supreme Court's Characterizations of the Press: An Empirical Study, 100 N. CAROLINA L. REV. 375 (2022) (with R. Jones)

- Reviewed in Helen Norton, *How the Supreme Court Talks About the Press (and Why We Should Care)*, JOTWELL (Oct. 8, 2021), <https://conlaw.jotwell.com/how-the-supreme-court-talks-about-the-press-and-why-we-should-care/>

The Majoritarian Press Clause, 2020 U. CHI. LEGAL F. 311 (invited symposium)

The Paradox of Justice John Paul Stevens, 114 NW. U. L. REV. 1849 (2020) (with D. Lithwick) (invited contribution to special issue)

Presidential Attacks on the Press, 83 MO. L. REV. 915 (2018) (invited symposium)

Suing the President for First Amendment Violations, 71 OKLA. L. REV. 321 (2018) (invited symposium)

- Reprinted in Rodney A. Smolla, *First Amendment Law Handbook* (2019-2020 ed.)

Favoring the Press, 106 CALIF. L. REV. 91 (2018)

- Cited by *Index Newspapers LLC v. City of Portland*, 2020 WL 4883017 (D. Or. Aug. 20, 2020)

Book Review: *Press and Speech under Assault: The Early Supreme Court Justices, the Sedition Act of 1798, and the Campaign against Dissent*, Wendell Bird (2016), 142 PENN MAG OF HIST & BIOGRAPHY 115 (2018)

Justice Stevens, The Writer, 94 WASH. U. L. REV. 1417 (2017) (invited contribution to special issue)

The Fragility of the Free American Press, 112 NW. U. L. REV. 567 (2017) (with R. Jones)

- Cited by *Folta v. New York Times Co.*, 2019 WL 1486776 (N.D. Fla. Feb. 27, 2019)

The Supreme Court's Limited Public Forum, 73 WASH. & LEE L. REV. ONLINE 572 (2017)

The Problem with Free Press Absolutism, 50 NEW ENG. L. REV. 191 (2016) (invited symposium)

The Media Exemption Puzzle of Campaign Finance Laws, 164 U. PA. L. REV. ONLINE 253 (2016) (invited contribution to special issue)

The "Press," Then & Now, 77 OHIO ST. L.J. 49 (2016)

- Reprinted in Rodney A. Smolla, *First Amendment Law Handbook* 1 (2016-2017 ed.)

Student Press Exceptionalism, 2 EDUC. L. & POL'Y REV. 130 (2015) (peer invited and reviewed symposium)

- Press Exceptionalism*, 127 HARV. L. REV. 2434 (2014) (invited symposium)
- The Stealth Press Clause*, 48 GA. L. REV. 730 (2014) (invited symposium)
- First Amendment Neighbors*, 66 ALA. L. REV. 357 (2014) (invited symposium)
- Monster in the Courtroom*, 2012 BYU L. REV. 1953 (2012) (invited symposium)
- Awakening the Press Clause*, 58 UCLA L. REV. 1025 (2011)
- The Story of Us: Resolving the Face-off Between Autobiographical Speech and Privacy*, 67 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 589 (2010)
- No Civilized System of Justice*, 11 GREEN BAG 521 (2008) (invited book review of *The Day Freedom Died*, Charles Lane)
- Sanctionable Conduct: How the Supreme Court Stealthily Opened the Schoolhouse Gate*, 12 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 27 (2008) (invited symposium)
- The Story of Me: The Underprotection of Autobiographical Speech*, 84 WASH. U. L. REV. 905 (2006)
- Concurring in Part & Concurring in the Confusion*, 104 MICH. L. REV. 1951 (2006)
- Cited by *B.H. ex rel. Hawk v. Easton Area Sch. Dist.*, 725 F.3d 293 (3d Cir. 2013)
- “Possessing with Intent to Distribute” Under the Schoolyard Statute*, 64 U. CHI. L. REV. 1399 (1997)
- Cited by *People v. Trusty*, 53 P.3d 668 (Colo. App. 2001)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Op-Ed: Palin Lost Her Libel Case. The News Media Still Should Worry About What’s Next*, THE WASHINGTON POST, Feb. 20, 2022, at A27 (print), Feb. 17, 2022 (online), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2022/02/17/palin-libel-supreme-court-times-sullivan/>
- The Court, the Constitution, and the Deplatforming of Trump*, SLATE, Jan. 13, 2021, <https://slate.com/technology/2021/01/deplatforming-trump-constitution-big-tech-free-speech-first-amendment.html> (with G. Lakier)
- The Government, the Press, and Our Shared Diagnosis*, BALKINIZATION, March 12, 2020, <https://balkin.blogspot.com/2020/03/the-government-press-and-our-shared.html>
- John Paul Stevens, Maverick and Conscience of the Supreme Court, Dies at 99*, SLATE, July 16, 2019, <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/07/john-paul-stevens-retired-supreme-court-justice-dies-obituary.html> (with D. Lithwick)
- President Trump and the Press Clause: A Cautionary Tale*, First Amendment News, Sept. 20, 2018, <https://concurringopinions.com/archives/2018/09/fan-200->

[first-amendment-news-sonja-r-west-president-trump-and-the-press-clause-a-cautionary-tale.html](#)

Propaganda Machinery: How the NRA Pioneered the Right-wing Art of Demonizing the Media, SLATE, Feb. 28, 2018, <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2018/02/how-the-nra-pioneered-the-right-wing-art-of-demonizing-the-media.html> (with P.J. Charles)

Freedom to Avoid War Zones, SLATE, Feb. 26, 2018, <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2018/02/trumps-plan-to-arm-teachers-shows-how-the-supreme-court-got-the-second-amendment-so-wrong.html> (with D. Lithwick)

When the President Stopped the Presses, CNN, Nov. 21, 2017, <http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/21/opinions/information-leak-cases-opinion-west/index.html>

The Bully and the Press, TAKE CARE, Oct. 5, 2017, <https://takecareblog.com/blog/the-bully-and-the-press>

Postpone Trump's Supreme Court Pick, SLATE, March 2, 2017, http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2017/03/neil_gorsuch_s_supreme_court_confirmation_hearings_must_be_postponed.html (with D. Lithwick)

Op-Ed: Don't Expect the First Amendment to Protect the Media, NEW YORK TIMES, Jan. 25, 2017, at A25 https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/25/opinion/dont-expect-the-first-amendment-to-protect-the-media.html?_r=0 (with R. Jones)

The Real Danger of Guns in Schools, SLATE, March 22, 2016, http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2016/03/georgia_s_campus_carry_bill_is_terrible.html

The Absurd Logic Behind Florida's Docs v. Glocks Law, SLATE, Jan. 8, 2016, http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2016/01/florida_s_docs_vs_glocks_bans_doctors_from_discussing_guns.html (with D. Lithwick)

The Supreme Court of the United States in PRIVACY RIGHTS IN THE DIGITAL AGE (2016)

The Second Amendment is Not Absolute, SLATE, Dec. 7, 2015, http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2015/12/second_amendment_allows_for_gun_control.html

Guerilla Warfare and the Constitution, WASHINGTON MONTHLY, July 1, 2015, http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/ten-miles-square/2015/07/guerrilla_warfare_and_the_cons056373.php

A Constitutional Challenge to NYC's Ban on Dancing, HUFFINGTON POST, April 30, 2015, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/sonja-west/a-constitutional-challeng_b_7181186.html

Shadow Trial, SLATE, Nov. 26, 2014,
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2014/11/ferguson_grand_jury_investigation_a_shadow_trial_violates_the_public_s_right.html (with D. Lithwick)

Stop Draggin' My Heart Around, SLATE, Oct. 9, 2014,
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2014/10/supreme_court_gay_marriage_chaos_which_states_allow_same_sex_marriage.html (with D. Lithwick)

Advice for Ferguson from the Supreme Court, SLATE, Aug. 19, 2014,
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2014/08/ferguson_protesters_rebrand_yourselves_as_sidewalk_counselors.html (with D. Lithwick)

Quick Change Justice, SLATE, July 4, 2014,
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2014/07/wheaton_college_injunction_the_supreme_court_just_sneakily_reversed_itself.html (with D. Lithwick)

Censorship 101, SLATE, Dec. 6, 2013,
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2013/12/when_you_censor_student_speech_you_re_mostly_teaching_kids_to_live_with.html

Texas Hold 'Em, SLATE, Sept. 11, 2013,
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2013/09/texas_and_gay_marriage_will_texas_refusal_to_grant_divorces_to_same_sex.html (with D. Lithwick)

What is Anthony Kennedy Thinking?, SLATE, June 12, 2013,
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2013/06/anthony_kennedy_s_gay_marriage_views_the_supreme_court_justice_may_see_banning.html

Rare Supreme Court Photos Offer Brief Connection to the Constitution in Action, GEORGIA LAW ADVOCATE MAGAZINE 47:1 at 8-10 (2013)

Smile for the Camera: The Long Lost Photos of the Supreme Court at Work—and What They Reveal, SLATE, Oct. 1, 2012,
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2012/10/the_supreme_court_forbids_cameras_in_the_courtroom_but_twice_rogue_photographers_have_snapped_a_picture_of_the_justices_at_work.html

Judge Not: Why Won't Progressives Fight for Federal Judges?, SLATE, Oct. 24, 2011,
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/jurisprudence/2011/10/why_won_t_progressives_fight_for_federal_judges.html

Unplugged: When do Supreme Court Justices Need to Just Sit Down and Be Quiet?, SLATE, Dec. 14, 2010, <http://www.slate.com/id/2277915/> (with D. Lithwick)

The Law of Student Journalism in the Information Age, Education Law Association, Nov. 11, 2010 (with F. LoMonte, et al)

Constitutional Interpretation: There's No App for That, SLATE, June 23, 2010, <http://www.slate.com/id/2257941/>

The Least Popular Dissent, SCOTUSblog, May 4, 2010, <http://www.scotusblog.com/2010/05/the-least-popular-dissent/>

The Unsung Empathy of Justice Stevens, SLATE, April 9, 2010, <http://www.slate.com/id/2250370/> (with D. Lithwick)

Some Hot-Button Issues, 29 NAT'L L.J. 8 (2008)

A Conservative Shift, 29 NAT'L L.J. 32 (2007)

SPEECHES, PRESENTATIONS, AND PANELS

Investigative Deceptions Across Social Context, Discussant, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Yale Law School, (via video) (April 30, 2022)

Presuming Trustworthiness, Knight First Amendment Symposium "Lies, Free Speech, and the Law," Columbia Law School, New York, NY (April 8, 2022) (with R. Jones)

Who is "The Press," and Why does it Matter?, Abrams Institute Conversations, Yale Law School, (via video) (March 18, 2022)

The Disappearing Freedom of the Press, Information Society Project, Yale Law School, (via video) (March 17, 2022) (with R. Jones)

Lawyering in the Public Domain: The Ethics of Advocating in the Court of Public Opinion, Annual Symposium on Legal Ethics and Professionalism, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA (Feb. 25, 2022)

What is Government's Role in Supporting the News?, Knight Media Forum (via video) (Feb. 23, 2022)

The Disappearing Freedom of the Press, Tulane Law School (via video) (Feb. 7, 2022) (with R. Jones)

The Disappearing Freedom of the Press, Media Law & Policy Scholars Conference (via video) (Jan. 13, 2022) (with R. Jones)

The Ideology of Press Freedom, Discussant, Media Law & Policy Scholars Conference (via video) (Jan. 13, 2022)

First Amendment Jurisprudence, Communications Law in the Digital Age 2021 Conference, PLI, New York, NY (Nov. 11, 2021)

The Disappearing Freedom of the Press, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Yale Law School, (via video) (May 1, 2021) (with R. Jones)

Interpreting the Press Clause, “Crisis of the Press and Democracy: Saving the Press Function” conference, Yale Law School (via video) (March 20, 2021)

The U.S. Supreme Court’s Characterizations of the Press: An Empirical Study, Media Law & Policy Scholars Conference (via video) (Jan. 8, 2021) (with R. Jones)

The Press and the Separation of Powers: The News Media’s Relationships with Public and Private Power, American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference (via video) (Jan. 6, 2021)

Defending Free Speech for All, First Amendment Salon Virtual Conference (via video) (Oct. 26, 2020)

The U.S. Supreme Court’s Characterizations of the Press: An Empirical Study, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Yale Law School, (via video) (Oct. 24, 2020)

Zoom Justice and the Future of Court Access, Access and Accountability 2020: Lessons of the Current Moment, Yale Law School Information Society Project (via video) (Oct. 23, 2020).

Remembering Justice Ginsburg, Women’s Law Student Association, University of Georgia (via video) (Oct. 1, 2020)

The Majoritarian Press Clause, Governance Workshop on Transparency and Privacy, University of Denver Sturm College of Law’s Information Transparency Project (via video) (Aug. 31, 2020)

The U.S. Supreme Court’s Characterizations of the Press: An Empirical Study, Rocky Mountain First Amendment All Stars Workshop, University of Colorado Law School (via video) (July 31, 2020) (with R. Jones)

*The U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Bostock v. Clayton County**, Ask an Expert series, University of Georgia School of Law (via video) (June 25, 2020)

Protecting the First Amendment in an Anti-Press Age, Faculty Lecturer, Foundations Fellows Interview Weekend, University of Georgia, Athens, GA (Feb. 21, 2020)

Justice Holmes and the Press Clause, Abrams at 100 Symposium, Columbia Law School, New York, NY (Nov. 8, 2019)

The Majoritarian Press Clause, *The University of Chicago Legal Forum* Symposium, Chicago, IL (Oct. 25, 2019)

News, Information, and Discussion of Matters of Public Concern in a Social Media Age, *The Utah Law Review Symposium*, Salt Lake City, UT (Oct. 18, 2019)

The Press Clause: Historical Promises and Modern Realities, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL (Oct. 7, 2019)

Physicians and Free Speech: How Doctors Ended Up in the Crosshairs of Political Court Battles, Featured Speaker, *Science: Unsilenced*, Gainesville, FL (April 17, 2019)

Presidents and the Press, The Center for Constitutional Studies, Utah Valley University, Provo, UT (April 11, 2019)

President Trump and Freedom of the Press: Two Years In, American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA (Jan. 4, 2019)

Protecting the First Amendment in an Anti-Press Age, Keynote Address, Iowa State Bar Association's Federal Practice Seminar, Des Moines, IA (Dec. 14, 2018)

Favoring the Press, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA (Oct. 16, 2018)

Privacy, News, and the Future of the Freedom of the Press, Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA (Sept. 28, 2018)

#MeToo and the Legal Academy, Women's Leadership in Academia Conference, Athens, GA (July 19, 2018)

Defending Democracy? Professional Journalism in an Age of Distrust, Speaker, Masterman Lecture Series, Boston, MA (April 12, 2018)

Truth, Trust and the First Amendment in the Digital Age, Missouri-Hurley and Price-Sloan Symposium, Washington, D.C. (April 6, 2018)

New Conceptions of the First Amendment: What's in the Oven at the U.S. Supreme Court, Georgia Bar Media & Judiciary Conference, Atlanta, GA (Feb. 23, 2018)

Suing the President for First Amendment Violations, *Oklahoma Law Review Symposium*, Norman, OK (Feb. 9, 2018)

Arbiters of Truth: Journalists, Social Media, and the Role of Technology, *First Amendment Law Review Symposium*, Chapel Hill, NC (Oct. 27, 2017)

Privacy and Ethics, Keynote Speaker, Georgia Drone Summit, Athens, GA (Oct. 21, 2017)

The Fourth Branch of Government? The Role and Future of Media in America, Defense Research Institute's Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (Oct. 5, 2017)

Building a Better Watchdog, Indiana University's Center for International Media Law and Policy Studies, National Press Club, Washington, D.C. (June 21, 2017)

Social Media, Mobilization, and “Fake News,” American Constitution Society’s Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (June 9, 2017)

Press Freedom’s House of Cards, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (April 29, 2017)

Modern First Amendment Issues: An Expert Discussion of Presidential Tweeting, Safe Spaces, Fake News & More!, Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Los Angeles, CA (Jan. 26, 2017)

President Trump and Freedom of the Press, American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA (Jan. 4, 2017)

Trumping the Second Amendment: What Now from the Supreme Court?, Georgia and the Second Amendment Conference: A State Primer on Guns and Their Regulation, Atlanta, GA (Dec. 14, 2016)

Improving Press Coverage of the Courts through Communication, European Conference on Courts and Communication, Budapest, Hungary (Oct. 13, 2016)

The Press Clause and Speaker Discrimination, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Amelia Island, FL (Aug. 7, 2016)

The Press Clause and Speaker Discrimination, UGA-Emory Faculty Workshop, Atlanta, GA (July 18, 2016)

What’s Wrong with the Press Clause?, Law & Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (June 3, 2016)

What is Newsworthy and of Public Interest: A World View, Law & Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (June 2, 2016)

The Media Law Exemption to Campaign Finance Law, Money in Politics Legal Convening, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA (May 25, 2016)

The Press Clause and Speaker Discrimination, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (April 30, 2016)

The Problem with Free Press Absolutism, New England Law Review Symposium on *The First Amendment Bubble*, by Amy Gajda, New England Law School (via video) (Feb. 11, 2016)

Transparency in the Court, Georgia State University Law Review Symposium, Atlanta, GA (Feb. 11, 2016)

First Amendment Issues in Public Spaces, National Press Photographers Association UGA Grady College Symposium, Athens, GA (Jan. 22, 2016)

Neither the Purse Nor the Sword: Writing about the Court for the Public, Organizer and American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, New York, NY (Jan. 9, 2016)

Supreme Court Transparency (Or Lack Thereof), Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, FL (July 29, 2015)

Supreme Court Update: Individual Rights, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, FL (July 28, 2015)

Media Law in the Wake of Ferguson, Law & Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (May 29, 2015)

Non-Media Speech: Is it Free?, Debate with Prof. Eugene Volokh, Federalist Society Teleforum (May 15, 2015)

The 'Press,' Then & Now, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (May 2, 2015)

Important Cases of the United States Supreme Court's 2014 Term, Georgia Political Review, Athens, GA (March 30, 2015)

The "Press," Then & Now, Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA (Sept. 29, 2014)

The Press, the Supreme Court and the Constitution, Chicago-Kent Law School, Chicago, IL (Sept. 9, 2014)

Love of Learning is the Guide to Life, Keynote speaker, Phi Beta Kappa Georgia chapter initiation, Athens, GA (April 29, 2014)

Supreme Sunshine: Shining a Light on the High Court, NYU-Washington, Washington, DC (March 21, 2014) (broadcast on C-SPAN)

First Amendment Neighbors, Alabama Law Review Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of *New York Times v. Sullivan*, Tuscaloosa, AL (March 1, 2014)

Press Exceptionalism, Harvard Law Review Symposium on Press Freedom, Cambridge, MA (Feb. 15, 2014)

The Stealth Press Clause, Georgia Law Review Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of *New York Times v. Sullivan*, Athens, GA (Nov. 6, 2013) (broadcast on C-SPAN)

Introductory Speaker and Moderator, Justice John Paul Stevens' Key Note Address, Georgia Law Review Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of *New York Times v. Sullivan*, Athens, GA (Nov. 6, 2013)

Supreme Court Cases and Issues, SCOTUSblog conference, University of Georgia, Athens, GA (Sept. 9, 2013) (broadcast on C-SPAN)

The Stealth Press Clause, the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Palm Beach, FL (Aug. 9, 2013)

Press Exceptionalism, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (May 4, 2013)

Press Exceptionalism, Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA (Jan. 5, 2013) (winner of the Sections on Internet & Computer Law and Mass Communications Call for Papers)

The Uneasy Relationship between United States Supreme Court Justices and Cameras, Israeli Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Tel Aviv, Israel (Dec. 19, 2012)

The Obama Administration and Federal District Court Judgeships, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Amelia Island, FL (July 31, 2012)

Press Exceptionalism, Emory Law School and the University of Georgia School of Law Works-in-Progress Conference (June 27, 2012)

Monster in the Courtroom, University of Georgia Honors Lunchbox Lecture, Athens, GA (Feb. 16, 2012)

Monster in the Courtroom, Brigham Young University Law Review Symposium "The Press, the Public, and the U.S. Supreme Court," Provo, UT (Jan. 24, 2012)

In Support of a Narrow Interpretation of "Press," Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Hilton Head, SC (July 24, 2011)

Game Over: Violent Video Games and Juvenile Crimes, Working in the Public Interest Conference, Athens, GA (April 2, 2011)

Hasta La Vista, Bloodshed: First Amendment Concerns with Schwarzenegger's Ban on Violent Games, American Constitution Society and the Entertainment Law Society, Athens, GA (Feb. 16, 2011)

Mortal Kombat: How Video Game Violence Could Shape the 21st Century First Amendment, Vance Forum, Atlanta, GA (Feb. 7, 2011)

The Law of Student Journalism in the Information Age, Education Law Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC (Nov. 11, 2010)

The Empathy of Justice Stevens, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Palm Beach, FL (Aug. 1, 2010)

Awakening the Press Clause, Emory Law School and the University of Georgia School of Law Works-in-Progress Conference, Atlanta, GA (July 13, 2010)

Awakening the Press Clause, Georgia State Law School, Atlanta, GA (April 2010)

Media and the Public Interest, UGA Law School Working in the Public Interest Conference, Athens, GA (Feb. 27, 2010)

Fringe Protection Absolutism, PrawfsFest!, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA (Dec. 4, 2009)

The Story of Us: The Face-Off Between Autobiographical Speech and Privacy, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Palm Beach, FL (July 28, 2008)

Law and Media, Emory Public Interest Conference, Atlanta, GA (Oct. 13, 2007)

Race & Education: A Discussion on Diversity, Desegregation, and American Education Policy, Athens, GA (Feb. 22, 2007)

Scalia and Textualism, Federalist Society Debate, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA (Sept. 1, 2006)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The First Amendment Salons, Advisory Board

Education Law & Policy Review Executive Advisory Board

American Association of Law Schools, Section on Communication, Media & Information Law (2020) (Chair)

Lead amici for Yale Law School's Media Freedom and Information Clinic and the Floyd Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression in *Index Newspapers v. City of Portland*, No. 20-35739 (9th Cir. 2020)

American Association of Law Schools Section on Mass Communication Law (2013-2019) (Chair, Chair-Elect and Treasurer)

Lead pro bono counsel for the Student Press Law Center, et al., as amicus curiae in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *Morse v. Frederick* (2007)

Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States (2007 – present)

State of California Bar (2001 – present)

UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL SERVICE AND COMMITTEES

Strategic Plan Implementation Committee for Undergraduate Minor in Legal Studies (2020-present), Justice John Paul Stevens Fellowships Committee (2016-present), University of Georgia Libraries Committee (2015-present), Law Library Committee (2014-present), Law Library Director Search Committee (2010 & 2020), First Amendment Clinic Director Search Committee (2019), Promotions and Tenure Ad-Hoc Committee (2014-2016), OUTLaws Faculty Advisor (2008-2016), University of Georgia Women's Leadership Initiative Subcommittee on Faculty Retention (2015-2016), Faculty Recruitment Committee (2012, 2015), University Program Review and Assessment Committee (2011-2013), Student Affairs Committee (2008-2012), Peabody Awards Faculty Judge (2007, 2011 & 2012), Russell Undergraduate Teaching Awards Committee (2010-2012), Law School Judicial Clerkship Program (2010) (Faculty advisor), Brumby Chair Search Committee (2007)

MEDIA

Commented on legal issues for or had work featured in various news media outlets including: *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The New Yorker*, *The Economist*, *Reuters*, *USA Today*, *Newsweek*, *The National Law Journal*, CNN, MSNBC, *Slate*, *Bloomberg News*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The University of Chicago Magazine*, *Huffington Post*, *The Guardian*, *The Columbia Journalism Review*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *The Boston Globe*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, National Public Radio, and Public Radio International