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Academic Employment

University of Georgia School of Law

Alex W. Smith Professor of Law, Fall 2018-Present

Professor, Fall 2017-2018

Director, Georgia Law in Atlanta, 2015-2024

Associate Professor, 2012-2017

Assistant Professor, 2008-2011

2013 C. Ronald Ellington Award for Excellence in Teaching

Courses Taught: Administrative Law; Legislation and Statutory Interpretation; Education Law and Policy; Constitutional Law II; Civil Procedure; Statutory Drafting and Legislative Process.

Related Positions: Advisor, Education Law Student Association
Advisory Board, Education Law and Policy Review
Member, Education Law Consortium
Faculty Affiliate, Education Law & Policy Program
Member, Legal Committee of the ACLU of Georgia

Stanford Law School

Thomas C. Grey Fellow and Legal Research and Writing Instructor, July 2006-June 2008

Education

Yale Law School, J.D., 2002

Yeshiva University, B.A. (History) *summa cum laude*, 1999

Publications

Articles

Hillel Y. Levin and Timothy Lytton, The New Frontier of Firearms Litigation, __ Buffalo L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2025).

Hillel Y. Levin and Timothy Lytton, Using Public Nuisance Litigation to Address Industrywide Misconduct: Common-Law Statutes, Nondelegation, and Regulation by Litigation, 75 *DePaul L. Rev.* __ (forthcoming 2024 or 2025).

Hillel Y. Levin and Timothy Lytton, The Contours of Gun Industry Immunity: Separation of Powers, Federalism, and the Second Amendment, 75 *Fla. L. Rev.* 833 (2023).

Hillel Y. Levin and Timothy Lytton, Firearms Regulation Through Constitutional Litigation, *Regulatory Review* (online)(July 2022).

Hillel Y. Levin et. al., Reproduction Gone Wrong: A Legislative Proposal for Bringing Accountability to the Reproductive Tissue Industry, 60 *Houston L. Rev.* 1 (2022).

Hillel Y. Levin, Private Schools' Role and Rights in Setting Vaccination Policy: A Constitutional and Statutory Puzzle, 61 *Wm. & Mary L. Rev.* 1607 (2020).

Hillel Y. Levin et. al., Stopping the Resurgence of Vaccine-Preventable Childhood Diseases: Policy, Politics, and Law, 2020 *U. Ill. L. Rev.* 233 (2020).

Levin, H., & Rippner, J. Foreword: The Questions and Challenges of the New Landscape in Public Education. *Education Law and Policy Review*, 5, vii (2019).

Coeditor in Chief, Volume 5, *Education Law and Policy Review* ("The Changing Ecology of Public Education")(2019).

Hillel Y. Levin, Justice Gorsuch's Views on Precedent in the Context of Statutory Interpretation, __ *Ala. L. Rev.* __ (symposium) (2019).

Hillel Y. Levin and Michael Wells, Qualified Immunity and Statutory Interpretation: A Response to William Baude, 9 *Calif. L. Rev. Online* 41 (Nov. 2018), <http://www.californialawreview.org/qualified-immunity-and-statutory-interpretation-a-response-to-william-baude>.

Hillel Y. Levin and Timothy D. Lytton, Increasing Vaccination Rates Without Eliminating Nonmedical Exemptions, *Regulatory Review* (online) (Dec. 2018).

Coeditor in Chief, Volume 4, *Education Law and Policy Review*, ("Law and Religion in the Public Schools.")(2018).

Hillel Y. Levin, Why Some Religious Accommodations for Mandatory Vaccinations Violate the Establishment Clause, 68 *Hastings L.J.* 1193 (2017).

Hillel Y. Levin, Josh Segal, and Keisha Stanford, *Beyond Absurd: The Battle Over Jim Thorpe's Remains and a Proposed Taxonomy for the Absurdity Doctrine*, 68 *Admin L. Rev.* 119 (2016).

Hillel Y. Levin, Allan Jacobs & Kavita Shah Arora, *To Accommodate or Not to Accommodate: (When) Should the State Regulate Religion to Protect the Rights of Children and Third Parties?*, 73 *Wash. & Lee L. Rev.* 915 (2016).

Hillel Y. Levin, *Rethinking Religious Minorities' Political Power*, 48 *U.C. Davis L. Rev.* 1617 (2015).

Hillel Y. Levin, *Intentionalism Justice Scalia Could Love*, 30 *Constitutional Commentary* 89 (2015) (peer reviewed) (reviewing Richard Ekins, *THE NATURE OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT* (2012)).

Hillel Y. Levin, *Tax Credit Scholarship Programs: A Model Statute for a Better Program*, 1 *Educ. L. & Pol'y Rev.* 59 (2014) (peer reviewed).

Hillel Y. Levin, *Tax Credit Scholarship Programs and the Changing Ecology of Public Education*, 5 *Arizona State Law Journal* 1033 (2013).

Hillel Y. Levin, *A Reliance Approach to Precedent*, 47 *Ga. L. Rev.* 1035 (2013).

Hillel Y. Levin, *Contemporary Meaning and Expectations in Statutory Interpretation*, 2012 *U. Ill. L. Rev.* 1103 (2012).

Hillel Y. Levin, *Resolving Interstate Conflicts Over Same-Sex Non-Marriage*, 63 *Fla. L. Rev.* 47 (2011).

Hillel Y. Levin, *Conflicts and the Shifting Landscape Around Same-Sex Relationships*, 41 *Cal. W. Int'l L.J.* 93 (2010) (invited/symposium).

Hillel Y. Levin, *Iqbal, Twombly, and the Lessons of the Celotex Trilogy*, 14 *Lewis & Clark L. Rev.* 143 (2010) (invited/symposium).

Hillel Y. Levin, *Making the Law: Unpublication in the District Courts*, 53 *Vill. L. Rev.* 973 (2009).

Hillel Y. Levin, *The Food Stays in the Kitchen: Everything I Needed to Know About Statutory Interpretation I Learned by the Time I was Nine*, 12 *Green Bag 2d* 337 (2009) (reprinted in Linda D. Jellum & David Charles Hricik, *Modern Statutory Interpretation* (2d ed. 2009)).

Hillel Y. Levin, *What Do We Really Know About the Revolution in Choice of Law?*, 60 *Stan. L. Rev.* 247 (2007) (reviewing Symeon C. Symeonides, *THE AMERICAN CHOICE OF LAW REVOLUTION: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE*).

Casebooks and Teaching Materials

Statutory Interpretation: A Practical Lawyering Course, West's American Casebook Series, 4th Ed. (and accompanying teachers' manual), forthcoming 2025-2026.

Statutory Interpretation: A Practical Lawyering Course, West's American Casebook Series, 3d Ed. (and accompanying teachers' manual), 2020.

Statutory Interpretation: A Practical Lawyering Course, West's American Casebook Series, 2d Ed. (and accompanying teachers' manual), 2016.

Statutory Interpretation: A Practical Lawyering Course, West's American Casebook Series (and accompanying teachers' manual), 2014.

Presentations

Presenter, *The New Frontier in Firearm Litigation*, Buffalo L. Rev. Annual Symposium, September 2024.

Presenter, *Using Public Nuisance Litigation to Address Industrywide Misconduct: Common-Law Statutes, Nondelegation, and Regulation by Litigation*, Clifford Symposium, July 2024.

Presenter, *"Private Schools' Role and Rights in Setting Vaccination Policy: A Constitutional and Statutory Puzzle,"* University of Tennessee Law School Faculty Colloquium, 2019.

Presenter, Symposium, *"Life After Scalia: Justice Gorsuch and Modern Textualism on the Supreme Court,"* University of Alabama Law School, March 22, 2018.

Paper Presenter, *"Improving Vaccine Policy: The Puzzle of Law, Politics, and Public Health,"* 40th Annual Health Law Professors Conference, June 9, 2017.

Paper Presenter and Participant/Discussant, *Annual Law and Religion Roundtable*, Georgetown Law School, June 2015.

Paper Presenter, *"When Law and Religion Collide: Protecting Children and Third Parties in a Pluralist State,"* Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 29, 2015.

Panel Chair, *"Religion and the Construction of a Secular State,"* Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 29, 2015.

Visiting Faculty, Bar Ilan University, December 2014, teaching course on law and religion.

Synagogue v. State: When Law and Religious Obligation Collide, Young Israel of Toco Hills, Fall 2013.

Moderator, University of Georgia Law Review Symposium Panel on Media Rights, 2014.

Tax Credit Scholarship Programs and the Changing Ecology of Public Education, John Marshall Law School, Atlanta, GA, Fall 2013.

A Reliance Approach to Precedent, Emory/UGA Faculty Colloquium, Summer 2012.

Teaching Practical Lawyering Skills in the Doctrinal Classroom, SEALS Conference, Summer 2012.

Disposed Cases, Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Summer 2012.

Dispute Disposal, SEALS Conference, Summer 2011.

Constitutional Interpretation, ACS/Fed Soc. Debate Moderator, University of Georgia School of Law, February 2011.

Contemporary Meaning and Expectations in Statutory Interpretation, Faculty Colloquium, Villanova School of Law, February 2011.

Introduction to U.S. Federal Civil Procedure for Foreign Judges and Lawyers, University of Georgia School of Law and Institute of Continuing Judicial Education, December 8, 2010.

Contemporary Public Meaning in Statutory Interpretation and Application, Emory/UGA Law Schools Works-in-Progress Meeting, July 2010.

Contemporary Public Meaning in Statutory Interpretation and Application, Prawfsfest!, Brooklyn Law School, July 2010.

Conflicts and the Shifting Landscape Around Same-Sex Relationships, Symposium, San Diego, CA, March 2010.

Testimony concerning constitutionality of Georgia HB 1345, "Georgia Kosher Food Consumer Protection Act," March 15, 2010.

Synagogue and State, Limmud Atlanta, Winter 2010.

Synagogue and State: The Challenge to Kosher Laws and the Implications for the Jewish

Community, Young Israel of Toco Hills, Fall 2010.

Iqbal's Plausibility Standard: Where It Came From and Where It Takes Us, Lumpkin Inn of Court, Atlanta, Georgia, Fall 2010.

Resolving Interstate Conflicts Arising from Same-Sex Non-Marriage, Faculty Workshops: University of Florida, Fall 2009; Georgia State University College of Law, Spring 2010.

Why Do Judges Disagree? An Introduction to Theories of Interpretation, Street Law seminar for high school teachers, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2009; February 2010.

Choice of Law in the Courts, Guest Lecturer, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California, November 2007.

Are Juries Undereducated?, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, June 2005.

Media

Hillel Y. Levin, Disentangled Marriage Means Religious Freedom, Atlanta Journal Constitution, April 16-17, 2016.

Hillel Y. Levin, Stay Out of It, Tablet Magazine, May 22, 2012.

Hillel Y. Levin, Supreme Court Ducked the Issue, Atlanta Journal Constitution, July 9, 2009.

Interviewed by 1340 WGAU regarding Ricci v. DeStefano and Supreme Court nominations.

Hillel Y. Levin, Marriages, Civil Unions Collide in Court, Hartford Courant, Jan. 15, 2008.

Hillel Y. Levin, Same-Sex Marriage is Not a Religious Issue, The Jewish Week, 2004.

Hillel Y. Levin, Ban on Foreign-Born Presidential Candidates is Unfair – to Native-Born Americans, New Haven Register, 2003.

Service

Co-Captain, ADR Certificate Program Working Group;

Chair, MSL in Atlanta Committee;

Standard 310 *Ad Hoc* Committee;

Director of Georgia Law in Atlanta;

University Review Committee, Disability Resource Center & University Testing;

Chair, Dean's Committee on Distance Learning Initiatives;

Chair, Dean's Committee on Project Atlanta;
Advisory Board, Education Law and Policy Review;
Member, Education Law Consortium;
Faculty Affiliate, Education Law & Policy Program;
Member, Legal Committee of ACLU of Georgia;
Developed Externship Opportunities for Students Among Georgia Supreme Court, Georgia
OLC, Georgia Agencies, Non-Profits, and More;
Academic Affairs Committee;
Master of Law Program Development Committee;
Faculty Seminars Committee;
Advisor, Education Law Student Association;
Promotion and Tenure Committees;
Furlough Fund Group;
Practical Lawyering Seminar;
Critical Race Theory Faculty Reading Group;
Student Plagiarism panel;
Inn of Court Speaker;
Presentations on U.S. Civil Procedure to Brazilian Judges (Dean Rusk Center and ICJE);
Moot Court Judge and Coach;
Secretary, AALS Section on Interpretation (2009-10).

Other Employment and Experience

Robinson & Cole LLP

Litigation Associate, 2004-2006

Yale University

Research Affiliate, Fall 2004

Hon. Thomas Meskill, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Law Clerk, 2003-2004

Hon. Robert N. Chatigny, U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

Law Clerk, 2002-2003

Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, New York, New York

Summer Associate, 2001

United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York

Summer Intern, 2000

Bar Memberships

U.S. Supreme Court, Connecticut, District of Connecticut, New York