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EDUCATION

Paul M. Hebert Law Center (LSU) (2003-2006)

Juris Doctor/Bachelor of Civil Law

- *G.P.A.*: 3.60/4.0; *Class Rank*: 2/242
- *Awards*: Order of the Coif Member, Louisiana Law Review Articles Editor & Member, Laverne Lewis Moss Scholarship Recipient, Louisiana Law Review Board of Editors Tuition Waiver, Chancellor's List (every semester), CALI Awards (Civil Law Property, International Sale of Goods, Matrimonial Regimes, Employment Law, Common Law Property, Business Associations I, American Family Law, Legal Professions, Successions and Donations, Advertising Law, Louisiana Security Devices)
- *Activities*: Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity Member, Flory Trial Participant (Juror & Witness)
- *Employment*: Research Assistant for Professor Alain A. Levasseur, Breazeale Sachse & Wilson, LLP (summer associate), Stone Pigman Walther Wittman (summer associate), Peragine & Lea (summer associate), Baker Donelson (winter associate)

William Carey College, Gulfport, MS (1995-1998)

Work on Master's of Education

- *G.P.A.*: 4.0/4.0

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA (1991-1994)

Bachelor of Arts (History)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, Professor of Law (2010-present)

- *Courses*: Comparative Estate Law, Community Property, Civil Law Successions, Civil Law of Persons, Louisiana Donations & Trusts, Obligations I, Obligations II, Sales & Leases, Successions & Donations
- *Research*: Focuses on the tension between the law's very traditional approach to legal institutions and the societal mores and technological advancements of modern times
- *Service*
 - College of Law: Faculty Development, Library, and Colloquia Committee (2023-present), Foreign Summer and International Programs Committee (2018, 2023-present), Faculty Appointments Committee (2015-2017, 2023-present), Petitions and Readmissions Committee (2011-2015, 2018-2023 (Chair)), Admissions and Scholarships Committee (2018-2023), Learning Outcomes and Assessments Committee (2019-2021), Curriculum and Bar Examination Committee (2013-2018), Dean Search Committee (2016-2017), Faculty-Student Relations Committee (2011-2013), Louisiana Bar Examination Faculty Advisory Committee (2013-2015), Faculty Judicial Clerkship and Internship Ad Hoc Committee (2011-2015), Louisiana Bar Examination Ad Hoc Committee (2011-2013)
 - University: University Board of Review (2016-2017), University Senate (2015-2017), University Committee on Internal Grants (2014-2017)
 - Professional: Louisiana State Law Institute Council (2015-2019), LSLI Marriage-Persons Committee (2023-present), LSLI Lesion Beyond Moiety Committee (2015-present), LSLI Landlord-Tenant Committee (2014-2017), Louisiana State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, Wills for Heroes Volunteer (2019), LSBA Family Law Section Writing Competition, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Faculty Liaison

(2016), LSBA Diversity Committee, Award Subcommittee (2011), Pipeline Subcommittee (2011)

- *Special Projects:* Ignatian Scholars Program Coordinator (2021-present), First Generation Law Students Club Faculty Advisor (2023-present), Kathryn Venturatos Lorio Emerging Scholars Program Organizer (2022), Louisiana Supplemental Bar Examination Lecturer in Successions, Donations, & Trusts, Sales & Leases, Obligations I, Obligations II (2013-present), Foreign Summer Program Instructor (2019), Skills and Experiential Learning Panel Moderator (June 2014), Loyola University New Orleans Translation and Interpreting Certificate Program Guest Lecturer (Fall 2014), Student Animal Legal Defense Fund Faculty Advisor (2014-2015), Loyola Alumni Weekend Presenter (June 2013), National Latino Law Student Association Conference Moot Court Competition Judge (2012)
- *Awards:* University Senate Award for Excellence in Teaching (2021), Favorite Professor of the Year (2021, 2016, 2013), University Senate Award for Excellence in Advising (2015)
- *Certificates:* Qualified Family Law Mediator (2021), Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace (2021)
- *Promotions:* Associate Professor (2013), Tenured (2016), Professor of Law (2019), Kathryn Venturatos Lorio Distinguished Professorship of Law (2021)

University of Silesia (Katowice, Poland), School of United States Law, Instructor (March 2017)

- United States Family Law

Paul M. Hebert Law School (LSU), Visiting Professor (Spring 2014)

- Obligations, Sales & Real Estate Transactions

LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BARBRI, Inc. (2011-present)

Louisiana Code II Instructor (2014-present), Consultant (2014), Grader for Community Property, Obligations/Sales & Leases, Successions, Donations, & Trusts, Louisiana Security Interests, Georgia Secured Transactions (2011-2014)

The Honorable Judge Dawn Amacker, 22nd Judicial District Family Law Judge (Fall 2017)
Volunteer Law Clerk (sabbatical)

Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, P.C. (June 2007-May 2010)
Associate Attorney

The Honorable James L. Dennis, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (2006-2007)
Law Clerk to the Honorable James L. Dennis

Franklinton High School (2000-2003)
Social Studies and English teacher

St. Martin High School (1995-2000)
Social Studies teacher

PUBLICATIONS

- *Journal Articles:* *The Ever-Changing Face of the Family in the Mirror of Law: A Comparative Study*, LA. L. REV. (forthcoming Spring 2024), *A History of Child Marriage in the United States*, J. AM. ACAD. MATRIM. LAW (forthcoming Fall 2024), *A Primer on Rights and Obligations of Parents and Children in Louisiana* (in progress with Monica H. Wallace), *A Call for Academic Advising for Law Students* (in progress), *A Primer on Biological Filiation in Louisiana* (69 LOY. L. REV. 237 (Fall 2022), *A Primer on Claims of Spouses in Louisiana*, 68 LOY. L. REV. 263 (Spring 2022), *Your Digital Estate at Death: An Illustration of Technology Leaving the Law Behind*, 74 LA. L. REV. 719 (2014), *Avatars, Scarlet As, and Adultery in the Technological Age*,

55 ARIZ. L. REV. 371 (2013), *Inappropriate Parental Influence: A New App for Tort Law and Upgraded Relief for Alienated Parents*, 61 DEPAUL L. REV. 113 (2011), *Reconsidering Lawyers' Ethical Duties in the Wake of a Disaster*, 19 NO. 4 PROF. LAW. 8 (with Dane S. Ciolino) (2009), Comment: *Who's Your Daddy? A Legitimate Question Given Louisiana's Lack of Legislation Governing Assisted Reproductive Technology*, 66 LA. L. REV. 609 (2006)

- *Books & Treatises*: LOUISIANA FAMILY LAW (treatise with Monica H. Wallace) (in progress), LOUISIANA SUCCESSIONS & DONATIONS (ChartaCourse 2023), LOUISIANA COMMUNITY PROPERTY (ChartaCourse 2023), LOUISIANA LAW OF PERSONS: CASES AND READINGS (Esquire Publishing 2020), SALE, LEASE, AND ADVANCED OBLIGATIONS: CASES AND READINGS (with Melissa T. Lonegrass and Christopher K. Odinet) (Carolina Academic Press 2019), LOUISIANA LAW OF OBLIGATIONS: A METHODOLOGICAL & COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE (with Alain A. Levasseur and John Randall Trahan) (Carolina Academic Press 2013)
- *Other Publications*: LE DROIT DE LA LOUISIANE, Persons Chapter (2017), ABA Forum on the Construction Industry's Construction Law Glossary (2010), Products Liability Case Law Update (2008)

PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, & CONFERENCES

- *Presentations*: *Legislative Updates in Family Law*, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law CLE (forthcoming November 2023), *The Ever-Changing Face of the Family in the Mirror of Law*, Works-in-Progress Panel at SEALS (July 2023), *The Ever-Changing Face of the Family in the Mirror of Law*, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Faculty Workshop Series (April 2023), *Legislative Updates in Family Law*, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law CLE (November 2022), *Overview of the Louisiana Bar Examination*, Mississippi College School of Law Civil Law Society (2015, 2017, 2021, 2022), *First Generation: Tips for First Generation Law Students Navigating the Legal Profession*, New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (2018, 2022), *Recent Developments in Successions and Donations*, LSBA 15th Annual Louisiana Justice Community Conference (2018), Louisiana Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2018), 77th Annual LSBA/LJD Joint Summer School (2018), *The Ever-Changing Face of the Family in the Mirror of Law: A Comparative Study*, Southern University Law Center Law & Society Speakers Series (2017), Central States Law Schools Association Annual Meeting (2014), *Your Digital Footprint Left Behind at Death: An Illustration of Technology Leaving the Law Behind*, Washington Parish Bar Association (2013), *Avatars, Scarlet As, and Adultery in the Technological Age*, Marquette Law School (2012), New Scholars Panel at SEALS (2012), Lessons Learned as a Woman in Legal Education, American Association of Law Schools New Law Teachers' Conference (2012), *Inappropriate Parental Influence: A New App for Tort Law and Upgraded Relief for Alienated Parents*, Loyola Junior Faculty Forum (2011)
- *Conferences*: SEALS Attendee (2022), The Reform of the French Law of Obligations: What It Is and What It Means for Louisiana and Beyond (Louisiana Supreme Court Historical Society) Attendee (2019), Louisiana Faculty Forum Discussant (2018), Learning Outcomes for Hire at Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers Attendee (2016), Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference Facilitator (2016), Helping Each Student Internalize the Core Values and Ideals of the Profession Attendee (2014), Working Group on Distance Learning Meetings Attendee (2013)

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Bowling Green School Teacher Professional Development, Presenter (2023), James Samaritan Third Annual State of the Children Breakfast, Volunteer (2023), Sandra K. Varnado Scholarship, Benefactor, LSU Law School (2006-2012; 2019-2020; 2021-2023), Bowling Green School, Reading Fair Judge (2017), Szkola Podstawowa nr. 20 (Elementary School in Poland), Guest Teacher (2017), American Legion Magic City Post 24, Officer Ceremony Installer (2016), Discovery Kids Camp, Counselor (2015), Bowling Green School, Guest Speaker (2013), Bowling Green School, Clean-Up Day Volunteer (2013), Bowling Green School, Prep Day Volunteer (2011, 2013), Youth Sports Camp, Basketball Instructor (2013), Youth Basketball Camp, Instructor (2012), 8th Grade AAU Boys Northshore Titan Basketball Tournament, Coach (2012)