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EMPLOYMENT:

University of Virginia School of Law

F.D.G. Ribble Professor of Law, 2016-present
Sullivan & Cromwell Professor of Law, 2012-2015
Professor of Law, 2011-present
Associate Professor of Law, 2006-2011

United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Criminal Section

Trial Attorney, 1998-2006

Investigated and prosecuted hate crime cases and cases of excessive force and sexual violence by police officers and other government officials nationwide. Worked with multiple federal and local law enforcement agencies and U.S. Attorney's Offices throughout the country. Received special achievement award for sustained superior performance of duty.

United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia

Special Assistant United States Attorney, 1998-1999

The Honorable Stephen G. Breyer, United States Supreme Court

Law Clerk, 1997-1998

The Honorable Guido Calabresi, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Law Clerk, 1996-1997

Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering

Summer Associate, 1995

Human Rights Task Force of Cambodia

Consultant to Cambodian Women's Development Association (CWDA) in Cambodia, 1994

EDUCATION:

Yale Law School

J.D., graduated with Honors in all graded classes (highest grade available), 1996
Activities: Yale Law Journal, Articles Editor
Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities, Articles Editor

London School of Economics

Awarded Marshall Scholarship, 1991-1993

M.Sc. in Political Theory, Awarded with Distinction (highest awarded honors), 1993

M.Sc. in Political Sociology, Awarded with Distinction (highest awarded honors), 1992

Activities: Millennium: Journal of International Studies, Editorial Board

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

B.S. in Civil Engineering, 1990

Honors: MIT Stewart Award for community service

Burchard Scholar for excellence in the humanities

Chi Epsilon, the Civil Engineering Honor Society, member

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS:

THE LAW OF THE POLICE (casebook) (Wolters Kluwer, 2018)

Proactive Policing and the Legacy of Terry (with Andrew Manns), 15 OHIO ST. J. CRIM. L. (2017) (symposium issue) (forthcoming)

Legal Remedies for Police Misconduct, in ACADEMY FOR JUSTICE, A REPORT ON SCHOLARSHIP AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM (Erik Luna ed., 2017) (forthcoming)

Police Consent Decrees and Civil Rights Litigation: Policy Essay, 15 CRIMINOLOGY & PUB. POL'Y (2017) (forthcoming)

Lawful Orders and Police Uses of Force (in progress)

Why Arrest?, 115 MICH. L. REV. 307 (2016)

Reconsidering Criminal Procedure: Teaching the Law of the Police, 60 ST. LOUIS U. L. REV. 391 (2016) (teaching issue)

Federal Programs and the Real Costs of Policing, 90 N.Y.U. L. REV. 870 (2015)

Legal Control of the Police, in 6 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE 2898 (Gerben Bruinsma & David Weisburd eds., 2014)

Why Do We (Still) Lack Data on Policing, 96 MARQ. L. REV. 1119 (2013) (symposium)

The Problem of Policing, 110 MICH. L. REV. 761 (2012) (awarded honorable mention in the Association of American Law Schools Scholarly Papers Competition, 2012)

Limited Leverage: Federal Remedies & Policing Reform, 32 ST. LOUIS U. PUB. L. REV. 33 (2012) (symposium)

Promoting Civil Rights Through Proactive Policing Reform, 62 STAN. L. REV. 1 (2009)

When is Police Violence Justified?, 102 NW. U. L. REV. 1119 (2008)

TEACHING AND ACADEMIC SERVICE:

Courses Taught:

Criminal Law
Criminal Investigation
Criminal Procedure Survey
The Law of the Police
Police Misconduct
The Supreme Court and Criminal Law
Supreme Court: October Term 2013

Selected Service:

Academic Placement Committee, Chair, 2016-2017
Ad Hoc Committee to Advise University President on Sexual Assault Policy, 2015
Faculty Appointments and Tenure Committee, Vice Chair, 2014-2015
Faculty Appointments and Tenure Committee, 2013-2014
Junior Faculty Development Committee, Chair, 2012-2013
Entry-Level Appointments Committee, 2011-2012, 2007-2008
Grading Policy Committee, 2011-2013
ABA Reaccreditation Self-Study Committee, 2010-2011
Academic Placement Committee, 2010-2011
Workshop & Faculty Retreat Committee, 2009-2010
Clerkship Committee, 2008-2010
Academic Review Committee, 2006-2009

SELECTED RECENT SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS:

Policing in “The Challenge of Crime in a Free Society”—Fifty Years Later, American Association of Law Schools, Annual Conference, San Francisco, January 5, 2017

Police Chiefs and Accountability, Shachoy Symposium on Police Accountability, Villanova University, Charles Widger School of Law, October 28, 2016

Lawful Orders and Police Uses of Force, St. John’s University School of Law, faculty workshop, October 26, 2016

Lawful Orders and Police Uses of Force, American University, Washington College of Law, faculty workshop, October 7, 2016

Accountability of the Police Chief, National Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia, September 21, 2016

Socio-Legal Model of Police/Citizen Encounters, National Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia, September 20, 2016

Harm-Efficient Policing, National Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia, September 20, 2016

Lawful Orders and the Legal Authority for Police Coercion, CrimFest 2016, Yeshiva University, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, July 11, 2016

The Structure of Police Authority, Neighborhood Criminal Justice Roundtable, William & Mary Law School, May 20, 2016

Safe Arrests, Impact Justice, Oakland, California, May 25, 2016

Why Arrest?, University of California, Los Angeles School of Law Faculty Workshop, April 15, 2016

Prosecuting Police Officers, NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, April 8, 2016

Police Bias and the Courtroom, NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund, April 8, 2016

Prosecuting Police Officers, University of Virginia School of Law, April 7, 2016

Why Arrest?, University of Chicago Constitutional Law Workshop, October 22, 2015

Why Arrest?, CrimFest 2015, Yeshiva University, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, July 21, 2015

Why Arrest?, 2015 Soll Lecture, University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, March 24, 2015

Use of Force, Ferguson, and the Possibility of Reform, University of Virginia, February 24, 2015

Ferguson and the Costs of Policing, Advanced Criminal Law & Procedure Workshop, Washington and Lee School of Law, October 27, 2014

Federal Programs and the Real Costs of Policing, University of Toronto Faculty of Law workshop, October 23, 2014

Federal Public Safety Programs and the Real Costs of Policing, CrimFest, Rutgers School of Law, July 22, 2014

Designing Effective and Legitimate Consent Decrees, Models of Police Institutional Reform Litigation Conference, Columbia University Law School, December 6, 2013

Policing Federalism, Minnesota Public Law Workshop, University of Minnesota Law School, October 24, 2013

Why You Should Work in Public Interest Law, University of Virginia School of Law, August 29, 2013, August 30, 2012, September 21, 2011, August 31, 2010, August 26, 2009, August 26, 2008

Federal Programs and Policing Federalism, Criminal Justice Roundtable, University of Chicago Law School, April 26, 2013

Prosecuting Civil Rights Crimes, Charlottesville Albemarle Bar Association, Women Lawyers Section, February 26, 2013

Law, Videotaping, and the Police, Charlottesville Albemarle Bar Association, February 21, 2013

Information and Effective Governance of the Police, Wickersham Commission Conference, Marquette University Law School, October 5, 2012

Videotaping and Policing Policy and Practice, Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference, August 12, 2012

What the Federal Government Can Best Do to Reduce Misconduct, American Constitution Society, University of Virginia School of Law, April 4, 2012

What the Federal Government Can Best Do to Reduce Misconduct, Control of Police Misconduct in a Post-Exclusionary Rule World Conference, St. Louis University School of Law, February 24, 2012

The Problem of Policing, American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, January 6, 2012

Promoting Civil Rights Through Proactive Policing Reform, Faculty Workshop, University of Virginia School of Law, March, 13, 2009

The Department of Justice's Role in Remediating Police Use of Excessive Force, Testimony, U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary, Police Accountability Forum, May 12, 2008

Fighting for Criminal Civil Rights, Charlottesville Albemarle Bar Association, Criminal Section, Charlottesville, Virginia, March 12, 2008

SELECTED ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

National Research Council, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, member of the Committee on Proactive Policing: Effects on Crime, Communities, and Civil Liberties, 2015-2017

American Law Institute, Associate Reporter, Principles of Law: Police Investigations, and Member 2014-present

Leadership in Academic Matters Fellow, University of Virginia, Fall 2015

National Research Council, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, member of the Committee on the Illicit Tobacco Market, 2013-2015

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, member of Law Enforcement Course Advisory Committee, 2014-present

American Association of Law Schools, Scholarly Paper Competition Selection Committee, 2013

FBI National Academy, University Liaison, 2008-present

Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, 2007-2014

National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, expert committee member, 2007

ABA Criminal Section Council Member, 2001-2002

NON-PROFIT BOARDS:

The Fountain Fund, founding Board Member, 2016-present

Peabody School, Board Member, 2014-2017

Charlottesville Police Foundation, Board Member, 2007-2015

Rosemount Center, Board Member, 2001-2003 and Vice Chair, 2003-2005

BAR ADMISSION:

State of Maryland

OTHER:

Ranked 5th Overall Masters in 2015 and 4th in age group in 2014 Virginia/Maryland Triathlon Super Series. Ranked 5th Overall Masters in 2013 Virginia Triathlon Series. Qualified in 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2016 for USA Triathlon Olympic-Distance National Championships.