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Academic Appointments

Stanford Law School
- Professor of Law, 2005–present
- Associate Dean for Clinical Education, 2005–2013
- David and Stephanie Mills Director of Clinical Education, 2005–2013
- Visiting Professor of Law, 2004–2005

Northwestern University School of Law

- Professor of Law, 1993–2005
- Legal Director, Northwestern Center on Wrongful Convictions, 1999–2004
- Associate Professor of Law, 1990–1993
- Assistant Professor of Law, 1987–1990

Courses Taught

Civil Procedure

Constitutional Law (Fourteenth Amendment)

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure (police practices)

Death Penalty

Federal Courts

The Law of Privileges

Lawyering for Social Change

Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics

Supreme Court Litigation Seminar

We Hold These Truths to be Self-Evident

When Bad Things are Done by Good People

Wrongful Convictions

Selected Publications

- Less is Better: Justice Stevens and the Narrowed Death Penalty (with James Liebman), 74 Ford. L. Rev. 1607 (2006).
- Litigating in the Shadow of Innocence, 68 U. Pitt. L. Rev. 191 (2006).
- The Innocence Revolution and the Death Penalty, 1 Ohio St. J. Crim. L. 573 (2004).
- Gideon's Paradox, 73 Ford. L. Rev. 955 (2004).

- Do Exonerations Prove that 'the System Works'? 86 Judicature 83 (2002).
- The Use and Impact of Rule 11 (with Herbert M. Kritzer & Frances K. Zemans), 86 Nw. U. L. Rev. 943 (1992).
- Contempt of Congress: A Reply to the Critics of an Absolute Rule of Statutory Stare Decisis, 88 Mich. L. Rev. 1771 (1990).
- Divesting the Courts: Breaking the Judicial Monopoly on Constitutional Interpretation, 66 Chi.-Kent L. Rev. 481 (1990).
- "Let Congress Do It": The Case for an Absolute Rule of Statutory Stare Decisis, 88 Mich. L. Rev. 177 (1989).
- Fighting the Words of the Eleventh Amendment, 102 Harv. L. Rev. 1342 (1989).
- Adjudicatory Independence and the Values of Procedural Due Process (with Martin Redish), 95 Yale L.J. 455 (1986).

Selected Honors & Recognition

- Northwestern University Alumni Service to Society Award, 2007
- Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters, National-Louis University, 2003
- Illinoisan of the Year, Illinois News Broadcasters Association, 2003
- Abolitionist Award, Death Penalty Focus, 2003
- National Law Journal finalist for "Lawyer of the Year," 2000
- Mario Cuomo Act of Courage Award, Death Penalty Focus, 1999
- Edwin Rothschild Award, ACLU of Illinois, 1997
- American Bar Association Pro Bono Publico Award, 1996
- Community Service Award, MALDEF, 1996
- Robert Childres Award for the Most Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Northwestern Law School, 1988-1989 & 2002-2003
- Northwestern Law School Dean's Teaching Award, 2000-2001, 1999-2000, 1998-1999 & 1997-1998

Selected Community Activities & Leadership Activities

- Interim Director, Stanford University Office of Community Standards, 2025-
- President, John Paul Stevens Foundation, 2013-2023
- Advisory Board Member, National Registry of Wrongful Convictions, 2017-present
- Campaign Leader, movement to persuade Illinois Governor George Ryan to commute the sentences of all Illinois death row inmates, 2002-2003
- Convenor, National Conference on Wrongful Convictions and the Death Penalty, 1998

Selected Notable Cases

- *State of Indiana v. Purvi Patel*, 2015-2016 (successfully represented a woman charged with feticide and other offenses after ingesting abortion pills she acquired over the internet)
- *People v. Juan Rivera*, 2009-2011 (successfully represented a man in an appeal from his third conviction for a crime he did not commit)
- *People ex rel. Madigan v. Snyder*, 2003-2004 (successfully defended the validity of Governor Ryan's death-row commutations)
- *People v. Vincent DiVincenzo*, 1997-1998 (secured reversal of murder conviction of a high school senior who was in a weaponless fight that, through a fluke, led to another's death)
- *People v. Gary Gauger*, 1994-1996 (secured the exoneration of a man who had been wrongly convicted and sentenced to death)
- *People v. Rolando Cruz*, 1991-1995 (secured reversal of conviction of a man twice wrongly convicted and sentenced to death for a murder; served on the four-lawyer team that secured an acquittal at the third trial)

Other Employment

- Of Counsel, Kirkland & Ellis, 2013-present
- Of Counsel, Mayer, Brown & Platt, 1989-1992
- Law Clerk to Associate Justice John Paul Stevens of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1986-1987
- Law Clerk to Chief Judge Patricia M. Wald of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, 1985-1986

Education

- J.D., Northwestern University School of Law (summa cum laude), 1985
- B.A., Beth Hatalmud College of Jerusalem, 1979