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TEACHING AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

LMU Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

Associate Professor of Law (Research Tenure-Track) (2025-Present).
Associate Dean for Clinical Programs and Experiential Learning (2022-2025).
Clinical Professor of Law (2019-2025).
Associate Clinical Professor of Law (2014-2019).
Adjunct Professor of Law (1999-2014).
Faculty Director and Faculty Advisor, Moot Court Program (2006-2025).
Faculty Director, Field Placement Department (2014-2022).

Courses: Civil Procedure; Professional Responsibility; Appellate Advocacy; Negotiations; Generative AI and the Practice of Law; Advanced Revision and Writing; Judicial Process; Appellate Practice for the Judicial Clerk; Teaching Assistant Seminar; Moot Court Program Summer Boot Camp; Introduction to American Law (MLS Program).

Asynchronous-Hybrid Courses: Professional Responsibility; Appellate Advocacy; Moot Court; Legal Analysis and Writing.

Clinics Developed: California Appellate Law Clinic.

Faculty Committees and Service:

Dean's Advisory Council (2015-2016, 2022-Present); Academic Standards & Grading (2022-Present); Advocacy Programs (2014-Present, chair 2014-2016); Artificial Intelligence Task Force (2023-Present); Clinical Faculty Promotions Review (2014-Present, chair 2020-2022); Clinical Research Fellowships (2014-2017, 2022-Present); Curriculum (2017-2019); Evening Program (2020-Present); Field Placements & Clinics Committee (2014-Present, chair 2014-2022); Pro Bono Public Interest (2014-Present); Strategic Planning Committee (2022-Present); Clinical Faculty Hiring Committees (2015-Present); Appellate Practitioner Moot, Judge (2015-Present).

Glendale Community College, Glendale

Instructor (2011-2018)

Courses: Introduction to Political Science; State and Local Government Law.

Lorman Education Services

Instructor (2000-2002)

Courses: Employment Law and Workplace Investigations.

Los Angeles Unified School District

Elementary School Teacher (1988-1989)

66th Street Elementary School.

TEACHING AND SCHOLARY INTERESTS

Torts; Civil Procedure; Administrative Law; Professional Responsibility; Constitutional Law; Evidence; First Amendment; Legal Regulation of Artificial Intelligence; Privacy Law; Intellectual Property; Appellate Law; State Constitutional Law.

EDUCATION

University of California, Davis

J.D. (1992) *Order of the Coif*

National Order of the Barristers; National Mock Trial Team;

Moot Court Board Competition Chair; Neumiller Competition Best Brief;

Legal Research Teaching Assistant.

Downing College, Cambridge University, England

(May-September 1990)

Coursework: International Law; Jurisprudence;

European Economic Community Law.

University of California, Los Angeles

B.A. History (1988) *magna cum laude*; *Phi Beta Kappa*

Highest Honors in Major; Carey McWilliams Award Best Senior Honors Thesis;

National Award for Theatrical Performance, American College Theater Festival.

Université du Bénin, Togo

(May-September 1987)

Coursework: French; West African Economic, Social, and Political History;

Ethnographic Fieldwork on Voodoo and Indigenous Religions.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District (1997-2014)

Lead Senior Appellate Attorney

Preparing appellate opinions, orders, and bench memorandum in more than 800 appeals and writ proceedings in criminal, civil, and juvenile dependency matters.

Los Angeles County Superior Court, Judge Pro Tem Panel (2006-2015)

Judge Pro Tem

Presiding as bench officer in small claims and traffic court matters.

Los Angeles County Superior Court ADR Program (1999-2014)

Arbitrator and Mediator

Presiding in arbitrations and mediations in 100 limited jurisdiction civil cases.

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, Los Angeles (1995-1997)

Senior Associate Attorney

Trial and Appellate Practice in State and Federal Courts; ADR.

Kirkland & Ellis, Los Angeles (1993-1995)

Associate Attorney

Trial and Appellate Practice in State and Federal Courts; ADR.

Nevada State Supreme Court (1992-1993)

Law Clerk to the Honorable Cliff Young.

U.S. District Court Eastern District of California (January-May 1992)

Judicial Extern to the Honorable Judge William B. Shubb.

BOOKS, ARTICLES, & SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

REBECCA A. DELFINO & DAN SELMI, PRINCIPLES OF APPELLATE ADVOCACY (2nd ed. 2021).

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES:

Deepfakes on Trial 2.0: A Revised Proposal for a New Federal Rule of Evidence to Mitigate Deepfake Deceptions in Court, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2025-10, Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=5188767> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5188767> Loyola Law School, Los Angeles Legal Studies Research Paper No. 2025-10.

Pay-to-Play: Access to Justice in the Era of AI and Deepfakes, 55 SETON HALL L.REV.789 (2025).

Silencing the Administrative State: A Critique of Missouri v. Biden, CUNY LAW REV. (SPECIAL EDITION) 1 (May 22, 2024), <https://www.cunylawreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Rebecca-A.-Delfino-Silencing-the-Administrative-State-A-Critique-of-Missouri-v.-Biden.pdf>

The Deepfake Defense—Exploring the Limits of the Law and Ethical Norms in Protecting Legal Proceedings from Lying Lawyers, 84 OHIO ST. L.J. 1068 (2024).

Deepfakes on Trial: A Call to Expand the Trial Judge’s Gatekeeping Role to Protect Legal Proceedings from Technological Fakery, 74 HASTINGS L.J. 293 (2023).

- Cited in the Advisory Committee on Evidence Rules for the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States Reports on Proposed Changes to the Federal Rules of Evidence to Address AI Evidence (October 23, 2023, and April 19, 2024).

A New Prescription for the Opioid Epidemic: 360-Degree Accountability for Pharmaceutical Companies and Their Executives, 73 HASTINGS L.J. 101 (2022).

The Prescription Abuse Prevention Act: A New Federal Statute to Criminalize Overprescribing Opioids, 39 YALE L. & POL’Y REV. 347 (2021).

Pornographic Deepfakes: The Case for Federal Criminalization of Revenge Porn’s Next Tragic Act, 88 FORDHAM L. REV. 887 (2019).

The Equal Protection Doctrine in the Age of Trump: The Example of Unaccompanied Immigrant Children, 84 BROOK. L. REV. 74 (2019).

Prohibition on Successive Prosecutions for the Same Offense —In Search of the ‘Goldilocks Zone’— The California Approach to a National Conundrum, 54 AM. CRIM. L. REV. 423 (2017).

TESTIMONY AND REGULATORY COMMENT

Maryland General Assembly, Expert testimony on proposed legislation (HB663 & HR 670) to regulate GAI and deepfakes (February 17, 2025).

Parliament of Australia, Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee, Expert testimony on the criminal code amendment (Deepfake Sexual Material) Bill 2024 (July 19, 2024).

The Wilson Center, Expert testimony on congressional proposals and technological solutions to deepfakes (May 21, 2024).

Maryland General Assembly, Expert testimony on the impact of deepfakes (February 16, 2024).

Maryland General Assembly, Expert testimony on the need for creating a task force on deepfakes (February 13, 2023).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, *Evidentiary Issues with AI*, Supreme Court of Illinois Judicial College 2025 Advanced Judicial Academy – Truth & Perception in the Digital Age, (June 2025).

Keynote, *Candor in the Age of Code: Lawyers, Courts, and the Rise of Generative AI*, 2025 Clarke Prize Conference in Legal Ethics, Gonzaga Law School, (April 2025).

Presenter, *Ethics & Evidence in the Age of Artificial Intelligence*, Louisiana Judicial College and Louisiana Association for Justice, 2025 Evidence and Procedure Seminar, (March 2025).

Panelist, *The End of Reality? Unpacking the Challenges of Deepfake Evidence in Court*, 2024 Everlaw Technology Summit, (October 2024).

Panelist, *How Litigation and Legislation is Shaping the AI Future*, ABA Spring Forum on Entertainment and Sports Spring Meeting, Southwestern Law School (April 2024).

Panelist, *Privacy Risks for Vulnerable Populations*, Section on Defamation and Privacy AALS Annual Meeting (January 2024).

Presenter, *Pay-to-Play: Access to Justice in the Era of AI and Deepfakes*, Clinical Law Review Conference, NYU Law School (October 2023).

Presenter, *The Deepfake Defense—Exploring the Limits of the Law and Ethical Norms in Protecting Legal Proceedings from Lying Lawyers*, Clinical Law Review Conference, NYU Law School (October 2022).

Keynote Speaker, LMU, Faculty PUB(lication) Night, *On the Opioid Crisis* (April 2022).

Presenter, *Deepfakes on Trial: A Call to Expand the Trial Judge's Gatekeeping Role to Protect Legal Proceedings from Technological Fakery*, Clinical Law Review Conference, NYU Law School (September 2021).

Presenter, *Deepfake Evidence and Data Privacy*, Global Advanced eDiscovery Institute, (November 2020).

Presenter, *A New Prescription for the Opioid Epidemic: 360-Degree Accountability for Pharmaceutical Companies and Their Executives*, Clinical Law Review Conference, NYU Law School (September 2020).

Presenter, *The Prescription Abuse Prevention Act: A New Federal Statute to Criminalize Overprescribing Opioids*, Clinical Law Review Conference, NYU Law School (October 2019).

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

[*The Prevalence of Deepfake Nudes Amongst Teens and Young Adults*](#) (NPR Affiliate LAist, Airtalk September 4, 2024).

Legal Face-Off: Celebrity AI Deepfakes (WGN Radio July 12, 2024).

On Pornographic Deepfakes with Alexandra Myers (ABC News April 11, 2024).

Josh Cain, *Fast Rise in AI Nudes of Teens Has Unprepared Schools, Legal System Scrambling for Solutions*, LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS, April 11, 2024.

Bill Donahue, [*The Taylor Swift Deepfakes Were Awful. How Do We Stop the Next One?*](#), BILLBOARD MAGAZINE, January 31, 2024.

[*Could Taylor Swift Use Her Immeasurable Power to Squash Pornographic Deepfakes?*](#) (NPR Affiliate LAist, Airtalk January 30, 2024).

Yonhapnews TV Part I; Yonhapnews TV Part II (AP News Korea, *Dangers of Deepfakes* November 30, 2023).

[*Is Deepfake Pornography Illegal? It Depends.*](#) (NPR Affiliate WBUR, *The Endless Thread* June 23, 2023).

Isaiah Portiz, *States Are Rushing to Regulate Deepfakes as AI Goes Mainstream*, BLOOMBERG.COM, June 20, 2023.

[*People Are Trying to Claim Real Videos Are Deepfakes. The Courts Are Not Amused*](#) (NPR's *All Things Considered* May 8, 2023).

Tiffany Hu, *How Celebrities Can Use IP Law To Go After Deepfake Ads*, LAW360.COM, October 27, 2022.

Off Press Podcast: [*Rebecca Delfino on the Opioid Crisis*](#) LMU MAGAZINE (July 18, 2022).

[*What Deepfake Technology Means for Women*](#) (NPR Affiliate WNYC STUDIOS, *The Takeaway* September 16, 2021).

SELECTED LEGAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Los Angeles County Bar Association

Board of Trustees (2013-2017); Bar Foundation Board of Directors (2002-2005);

Bar Committees (2000-2017): Access to Justice; Appellate Courts; Sexual Orientation Bias; Diversity; Professional Responsibility and Ethics; Juvenile Courts Task Force; State Appellate Judicial Evaluation.

Italian American Lawyers Association

President (2013); President-Elect (2012); First Vice President (2011); Second Vice President (2010); Recording Secretary (2009); Board of Governors (2006 to Present).

SELECTED APPOINTMENTS

California State Bar Legal Services Trust Fund Commission

Appointed by the Chief Justice of the California State Supreme Court (2017-2021).

Judicial Council of California Access and Fairness Advisory Committee

Appointed by the Chief Justice of the California State Supreme Court (2011-2014).

California State Bar Committee on the Administration of Justice (2007-2010).

City of Glendale Audit Commission

Appointed by Glendale City Council (2005-2013); Chair (2007-2011).

SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE

Attorneys for Others, LMU Loyola Law School, St. Francis Center, Los Angeles

Soup Kitchen Volunteer, and Breakfast Lead, (2023-Present).

“Yes on Measure S” School Facilities Campaign Bond Committee, Glendale Unified School District

Vice Chair of Campaign Committee (2010-2011).

BAR ADMISSIONS

California State Bar.

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.