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## EDUCATION

**Harvard Law School** (Cambridge, Massachusetts)  
Juris Doctorate (J.D.), June 1995

Graduated in the top ten percent of class (*magna cum laude*)

**Augustana College** (Rock Island, Illinois)

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Psychology, Minor in Women's Studies, June 1992

Graduated in the top five percent of class (*summa cum laude*)

## CLERKSHIP

**Federal Court of Appeals Law Clerk**

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit (Montgomery, Alabama)

Clerked for the Honorable Ed Carnes, September 1995 to August 1996

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**Professor of Law**

Drake University Law School (Des Moines, Iowa)

September 2003 to present (Professor of Law, since 2009)

- Service on law school curriculum committee (2004-07) (2018-21), law school technology committee (2007-13), law school diversity, equity and inclusion committee (member, 2013-16) (chair, 2016-18, 2022-23); university budget committee (2020-23); promotion and tenure committee (2023-present); law school dean search committee (chair, 2023-present)
- Faculty advisor to Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (2010–present); Drake Chapter of American Constitution Society (2008 – 2022); Drake Law Dems (2021-present)
- Faculty, Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) Summer Institute (Summers 2011, 2016).
- Faculty, Drake Summer in France Program (Summer 2007).
- Speaking at various regional and national legal writing conferences, including National Legal Writing Institute Conference; National ALWD Conference; Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Institute Conference, Central States Legal Writing Institute Conference, Lone Star States Regional Legal Writing Conference; and LWI One-Day Workshops (2004 – current).

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Accommodating Victims with Mental Disabilities*, 127 Dick. L. Rev. 163 (2022)
- *Legal Analysis and Writing: An Active-Learning Approach* (Aspen Coursebook) (co-authored with K. Wallace and M. Weresh) (Wolters Kluwer, 2020).
- *Discovery of Expert Witnesses: Amending Rule 26(b)(4)(E) to Limit Expert Fee Shifting and Reduce Litigation Abuses*, 49 Seton Hall L. R. 475 (2019).

- *Iowa's Animal Torture Law following State v. Meerdink: A Call for Clarity and Enforcement*, 62 Drake L. Rev. 743 (Spring 2014) (co-authored with C. Wasson).
- *Learning by Doing and Doing After Learning: Creating a Legal Writing Course in Which Extroverted and Introverted Learners Thrive*, The Second Draft, Vol. 22 (Spring 2008).
- *Rewriting Rule 68: Realizing the Benefits of the Federal Settlement Rule by Injecting Certainty Into Offers of Judgment*, 91 Minn. L. Rev. 865 (April 2007).
- *Starting with the Familiar: Using the Desegregation Cases to Learn about Extracting Law from the Cases*, The Second Draft, Vol. 20 (Dec. 2005).
- *When Private Goes Public: Legal Protection for Women Who Breastfeed in Public and at Work*, 14 Law & Ineq. J. 179 (1995).

**LAW FIRM  
EXPERIENCE**

**Trial and Appellate Attorney**

The Weinhardt Law Firm, P.C. (Des Moines, Iowa)

August 2011 to present (Of Counsel) (Weinhardt & Logan, P.C., 2011 - 2017)

- Handle all aspects of federal and state civil litigation, including consulting with clients, drafting pleadings and written discovery, managing documents, taking depositions, arguing motions, writing briefs, examining witnesses, and coordinating all aspects of trial
- Handle appeals, including research, writing, and oral argument
- Notable Appeals: *Par v. Wolfe Clinic, P.C.*, No. 22-2286, 2023 WL 3808096, at \*2 (8th Cir. June 5, 2023); *Shcharansky v. Shapiro*, 905 N.W.2d 579, 580 (Iowa 2017), aff'd in part, rev'd in part and remanded sub nom. *Shcharansky v. Shapiro*, 948 N.W.2d 530 (Iowa Ct. App. 2020).

**Trial and Appellate Attorney**

Belin Lamson McCormick Zumbach Flynn P.C. (Des Moines, Iowa)

September 1996 to present (Associate 1996-2001) (Equity Partner 2001-2003)  
(Of Counsel 2003-2011)

- Responsible for all aspects of federal and state commercial and employment litigation, including consulting with clients, drafting pleadings and written discovery, managing documents, taking depositions, arguing motions, writing briefs, examining witnesses, and coordinating all aspects of trial
- Handled appeals, including research, writing, and oral argument

**Summer Associate**

- Winston & Strawn (Chicago, Illinois) and Sidley & Austin (Chicago, Illinois) Summers 1993 & 1994
- Researched and wrote memoranda regarding employment, health care, and tax matters
- Offered permanent position at both firms

**LAW-RELATED  
AND  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE**

- Temporary Examiner (grader) for the Iowa Bar Examination (August 2001, February 2002, August 2002, February 2003)
- Member of Iowa Supreme Court Task Force for Civil Justice Reform, Subcommittee on Specialty Courts and Rules (established pilot project for Iowa's Business Specialty Court)
- Member of Iowa Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education (2015-21)
- Judge and Coach for Iowa Mock Trial Association Middle High and Senior High Competitions (Judge from 1996-present, Coach from 2005-2011, Team State Semi-Finalists 2007)
- Speaker at various continuing education seminars, including in-house employment law seminars, client education and training seminars, general litigation seminars, and writing workshops, including training for writing opinions for administrative law judges
- Volunteer intake attorney for Iowa Legal Aid and fundraising committee for Equal Justice After Hours
- Board, Interfaith Alliance of Iowa's Advocacy Fund (vice chair: 2007, chair 2008)
- Pro bono litigation work for AIDS Project of Central Iowa (2000 – 2007); Furry Friends Refuge (2009-present); CAASA (crime victim center) (2023-present)
- Volunteer, Furry Friends Refuge (2009 – present) (fostering, outreach, volunteer training)

**CREDENTIALS  
AND HONORS**

- Admitted to practice in Iowa (1995)
- Admitted to practice in Illinois (1995)
- Admitted to N.D. Iowa and S.D. Iowa (1996)
- Admitted to U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (2023)
- Admitted to U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (1996)
- Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court (2008)
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy Workshops: Completed an eight-day trial advocacy course in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota (Fall 1999) and a three-day deposition course in Denver, Colorado (Fall 2000)
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation (elected, top 1% of legal profession for public service) (2023)
- Grant Recipient, Nellie Ball Research Trust Fund (2020, 2023)