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**Education:**

University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas  
J.D. with High Honors (GPA 3.89), 1998 (no class rank computed)  
Graduated Order of the Coif

Macalester College, Saint Paul, Minnesota  
B.A., 1994  
Political Science Major  
Mathematics/Statistics Minor

**Academic Honors, Awards, and Activities:**

At the University of Texas School of Law:  
Chief Articles Editor, *Texas Law Review*, 1997-98  
Dean's Achievement Award for Highest Grade: Supreme Court Seminar;  
Employment Law; Capital Punishment  
Highest Grades Received: Employment Law A+; Capital Punishment A+;  
Intellectual Property A+; Criminal Procedure Seminar A+; Civil Procedure  
A+; Property A+; Torts A+  
Ira Butler Endowed Presidential Scholarship  
Judge Thomas Gibbs Gee Endowed Presidential Scholarship  
David Proctor Endowed Scholarship  
Outstanding Articles Editor Award, *Texas Law Review*  
Finalist, Thad T. Hutcheson Moot Court Competition

At Macalester College:  
DeWitt Wallace National Merit Scholarship  
3M National Merit Scholarship  
Pi Sigma Alpha National Academic Political Science Honor Society

**Teaching Experience:**

Assistant Professor of Law, Western New England College School of Law,  
Springfield, Massachusetts. August 2004 to present. Courses include Torts,  
Patent Law, and Products Liability. Served on Admissions committee (2005-  
06) and Academic Standards and Student Petitions and Judicial Clerkships  
committees (2004-05).

## **Judicial Clerkship:**

Chief Judge James M. Rosenbaum, District of Minnesota, 1998-2000

## **Publications:**

*The Overlapping Magisteria of Law and Science: When Litigation and Science Collide*, 85 NEB. L. REV. (forthcoming 2007). This Article, the beginning of a larger project on law and science, identifies unexpected consequences of *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993), and its progeny. Among other things, the Article explores the growing volume of litigation-driven scientific scholarship and the related trend toward discovery into academic peer review processes. It ultimately concludes that, with proper checks, both phenomena can be valuable.

*When Criminal and Tort Law Incentives Run Into Tight Budgets and Regulatory Discretion*, 34 CAP. U.L. REV. (forthcoming 2006).

*The Implementation of FDA Determinations in Litigation – Why Do We Defer to the PTO but Not to the FDA?*, 5 MINN. INTELL. PROP. REV. 155 (2004).

*The Intersection of Peremptory Challenges, Challenges for Cause, and Harmless Error*, 27 AM. J. CRIM. L. 49 (1999).

## **Presentations:**

*Criminal Prosecutions in the Amusement Industry – Is There a Trend?*, available at <http://masstort.org/Downloads/Prosecutions.pdf>. Presented at the 2006 International Amusement & Leisure Defense Association symposium.

## **Legal Experience:**

Associate, Williams & Connolly LLP, Washington, D.C. September 2000 to July 2004. Experience in mass pharmaceutical tort, patent, commercial, and other litigation, including trial, discovery, appellate, and motions practice. Ongoing consulting role since departure.

Research Staff, Michael E. Tigar, Lead Counsel, *United States v. Terry Lynn Nichols*. August 1996 to January 1998. Prepared research memoranda and assisted in drafting pleadings for Oklahoma City bombing defendant Terry Nichols.

Research Assistant, Cynthia L. Estlund, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Leroy G. Denman, Jr., Regents Professor of Real Property Law,

University of Texas School of Law (now at Columbia Law School). June 1996 to September 1996. Researched free speech in the workplace and sexual harassment. Results published in *Freedom of Expression in the Workplace and the Problem of Discriminatory Harassment*, 75 TEXAS L. REV. 687 (1997).

**Other Professional Experience:**

Owner and Manager, Tremendous Imposition Records, Minneapolis, Minnesota. August 1991 to July 1992. With a partner, founded and operated a successful independent record store.

Casework Intern, United States Senator Paul Wellstone, Saint Paul, Minnesota. Spring Semester 1991. Assisted constituents with cases regarding immigration and refugee status.

Staff, Wellstone for Senate campaign, Saint Paul, Minnesota. January 1990 to November 1990. Took a semester leave of absence to perform a variety of tasks for the campaign as full-time volunteer, including database management and event planning.

**Professional memberships:**

Member, Minnesota Bar, since 1999 (on inactive status as of 2005)  
Member, D.C. Bar, since 2001  
American Bar Association  
Minnesota Bar Association  
Defense Research Institute  
Association of Trial Lawyers of America

**Personal Interests:**

Amusement Parks  
Gardening  
Community Radio