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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

#### **University of Iowa College of Law**

Iowa City, Iowa

Aliber Family Chair, 2008 – present.

Associate Dean for Faculty, 2019 - present

Director, London Law Consortium, 2012 – 2017.

Professor, 1999 – present.

Visiting Professor, Summer 1998.

Global Scholar Award, 2009-2011.

Teaching Areas: Family Law, International and Comparative Family Law,  
British Legal System, Federal Indian Law, Contracts.

#### **University of Pennsylvania Law School**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Visiting Professor, Spring 2005.

#### **University of Colorado School of Law**

Boulder, Colorado

Associate Professor, 1989 -1999.

Teaching Excellence Award, 1999; Junior Presidential Teaching Scholar, 1989-90.

Teaching Areas: Domestic Relations, Contracts, and Professional Responsibility.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIPS: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH (with Teacher's Manual)  
(West Interactive Casebook Series 2013) (2d ed. 2019).

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW (Research Collection) (2 volumes) (editor) (Edward Elgar 2016).

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW DESK BOOK (ABA Publishing, 2012) (2d ed. 2016).

THE MULTI-CULTURAL FAMILY (editor) (Ashgate Publishing, 2008).

GLOBAL ISSUES IN FAMILY LAW (with Barbara Stark) (Thompson/West 2007).

CASES AND MATERIALS ON DOMESTIC RELATIONS (with Homer H. Clark, Jr.)

2010 Supplement (Thompson/West 2010);

7th edition (with Teacher's Manual) (Thomson/West 2005);

6th edition (with Teachers' Manual) (West Group 2000).

### Articles and Book Chapters

- The Legal Framework for Mediating Parenting and Child Abduction Disputes in the United States and Mexico*,  
World Arbitration and Mediation Review, volume 12 (forthcoming 2018).
- Child Migrants and Child Welfare: Toward a Best Interests Approach*,  
Washington University Global Studies Law Review, volume 17, pages 589-614 (2018).
- Global Childhoods: Nationality and Migration Status in International Children's Law*,  
in INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON CHILD AND FAMILY LAW: ESSAYS IN HONOUR OF NIGEL LOWE, Gillian Douglas, Mervyn Murch and Victoria Stephens, eds.  
(Cambridge: Intersentia 2018).
- Marriage and Divorce Conflicts in International Perspective*,  
Duke Journal of Comparative & International Law, volume 27, pages 485-517 (2017).
- The New Global Family Law*,  
in FAMILY LAW IN BRITAIN AND AMERICA IN THE NEW CENTURY, John Eekelaar, ed.  
(Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers 2016), pages 219-234.
- Protecting Child Welfare in Abduction and Asylum Proceedings*,  
North Carolina Journal of International Law, volume 41, pages 793-831 (2016).
- The Hague Abduction Convention and the United States Supreme Court*,  
Family Law Quarterly, volume 48, pages 235 – 252 (2014).
- Foreign Family Law: Comity, Contract and the Constitution*,  
Pepperdine Law Review, volume 41, pages 1029 - 1047 (2014).
- Migration, Remittances, and Child Support*,  
in RECOVERY OF MAINTENANCE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND WORLDWIDE, Paul Beaumont et al. eds. (Bristol: Hart Publishing 2014), pages 101-111.
- Transjurisdictional Child Welfare: Local Governments and International Law*,  
Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, volume 22, pages 595-622 (2013).
- International Divorce: Litigating Marital Property and Support Rights*,  
Family Law Quarterly, volume 45, pages 293-327 (2011).
- Family Law, Pluralism and Human Rights*,  
Emory International Law Review, volume 25, pages 811- 828 (2011).
- Global Child Welfare: The Challenges for Family Law*,  
Oklahoma Law Review, volume 63, pages 691-722 (2011).
- Families Across Borders: The Case for International Family Law*,  
Florida Law Review, volume 62, pages 47-108 (2010).
- Unofficial Family Law*, Iowa Law Review, volume 94, pages 449-480 (2009),  
reprinted in MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE IN A MULTI-CULTURAL CONTEXT: MULTI-TIERED MARRIAGE AND THE BOUNDARIES OF CIVIL LAW AND RELIGION, Joel A. Nichols, ed.  
(Cambridge University Press 2011), pages 92-119.

- Sharing Governance: Family Law in Congress and the States*,  
Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy, volume 18, pages 267-335 (2009).
- Golden Anniversary Reflections: Changes in Marriage after Fifty Years*,  
Family Law Quarterly, volume 42, pages 333-352 (2008).
- Divergent Paths: Same-Sex Partnership Rights in the United States*,  
in THE INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF FAMILY LAW - 2008 EDITION, Bill Atkin, ed., pages  
481-496 (Bristol: Jordan Publishing) (2008).
- Family Law Federalism: Divorce and the Constitution*,  
William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal, volume 16, pages 381-432 (2007).
- Toward a Multicultural Family Law*,  
Family Law Quarterly, volume 38, pages 501-527 (2004).
- Embracing Tradition: Pluralism in American Family Law*,  
Maryland Law Review, volume 63, pages 540-604 (2004).
- Human Rights, Pluralism, and Family Law*,  
in FAMILY LIFE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, Peter Lødrup and Eva Modvar, eds., pages 211-228  
(Oslo: Glydendal) (2004).
- Marriage and Belonging*, (review of PUBLIC VOWS: A HISTORY OF MARRIAGE AND THE NATION  
by Nancy F. Cott),  
Michigan Law Review, volume 100, pages 1690-1707 (2002).
- Families and Children in International Law: An Introduction*,  
Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems, volume 12, pages 271-306 (2002).
- Ordinary Cohabitation*, Notre Dame Law Review, volume 76, pages 1381-1408 (2001).
- Review Essay: Moving Beyond the Child Support Revolution*, (review of CHILD SUPPORT: THE  
NEXT FRONTIER, edited by Thomas Oldham and Marygold S. Melli)  
Law and Social Inquiry, volume 26, pages 505-528 (2001).
- Family Governance in the Age of Divorce*,  
Utah Law Review, volume 1998, pages 211-239 (1998).
- Federalism and Child Support*,  
Virginia Journal of Social Policy and Law, volume 5, pages 541 - 601 (1998).
- When Baehr Meets Romer: Family Law Issues after Amendment Two*,  
University of Colorado Law Review, volume 68, pages 349 - 371 (1997).
- Can Families Be Efficient? A Feminist Appraisal*,  
Michigan Journal of Gender and Law, volume 4, pages 1 - 33 (1996), *reprinted in*  
FEMINISM CONFRONTS HOMO ECONOMICUS: GENDER, LAW, AND SOCIETY at 423-449,  
Martha Albertson Fineman & Terence Dougherty, eds. (Cornell University Press 2005).
- Economics and the Problem of Divorce*,  
University of Chicago Law School Roundtable, volume 2, pages 517 - 597 (1995).

*Love and Obligation: Family Law and the Romance of Economics*,  
William and Mary Law Review, volume 36, pages 989 - 1087 (1995),  
*reprinted in* FAMILY LAW IN ACTION: A READER, at 34, Margaret F. Brinig, Carl E.  
Schneider & Lee E. Teitelbaum eds. (1999).

*Maintenance, Alimony and the Rehabilitation of Family Care*,  
North Carolina Law Review, volume 71, pages 721 - 803 (1993).

Lone Wolf v. Hitchcock: *The Long Shadow*,  
in THE AGGRESSIONS OF CIVILIZATION: FEDERAL INDIAN POLICY IN THE LAST CENTURY,  
Vine Deloria, Jr. and Sandra Cadwalader, eds. (Philadelphia: Temple University Press,  
1984), *reprinted in* NATIVE AMERICAN LAW AND COLONIALISM, BEFORE 1776 TO 1903 at  
289, John R. Wunder ed. (1996).

Comment, *Federal Plenary Power in Indian Affairs After Weeks and Sioux Nation*,  
University of Pennsylvania Law Review, volume 131 pages 235 - 270 (1982).

### Short Articles and Commentary

*Faith Issues in Family Law: Writing Marital Contracts with Religious Provisions*,  
Family Advocate, volume 42 number 2 (forthcoming Fall 2019).

*Where (in the World) do Children Belong?*  
BYU Journal of Public Law, volume 25, pages 217-231 (2011).

*Transnational Family Finances and the United States*,  
in FAMILY FINANCES, Bea Verschraegen, ed., pages 233-242 (2009).

*Marital and Nonmarital Unions: Legal and Public-policy Perspectives*,  
in THE CHILD: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA COMPANION, pages 591-593 (U. Chicago Press 2009).

*U.S. Joins Global Initiative on International Adoption*,  
Iowa City Press-Citizen, March 19, 2008 (op-ed).

*Divorce and Federalism: Balancing State Interests and Individual Rights*,  
in FAMILY LAW: BALANCING INTERESTS AND PURSUING PRIORITIES, Lynn D. Wardle and  
Camille S. Williams, eds., pages 542-550 (2007).

*Fifty Years Later: Homer Clark and the Law of Domestic Relations*,  
University of Colorado Law Review, volume 78, pages 19-28 (2007).

*Voting Rights and Human Rights: Comments on International Trends in Voting Rights for the  
Disabled*,  
Journal of Gender, Race and Justice, volume 8, pages 177-181 (2004).

*Bonding After Divorce: Comments on Joint Custody: Monitoring and Bonding Theories*,  
Indiana Law Journal, volume 73, pages 441-452 (1998).

*Alimony for Children?* FAIR\$HARE: The Matrimonial Law Monthly, August 1996.

*The Case for Maintenance Reform*, 23 Colorado Lawyer 53 (1994).

*The Other Half of Legal Education*, CWBA Advocate, February 1993.

## EDUCATION

### **University of Pennsylvania Law School** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

J.D. *cum laude*, 1983.

Articles Editor, University of Pennsylvania Law Review.

Leebron Prize (best paper in Constitutional Law).

Law School Light Opera Company (Ruddigore, Patience, H.M.S. Pinafore).

### **Dartmouth College** Hanover, New Hampshire

A.B. *cum laude*, 1979.

Anthropology major completed with Highest Distinction.

Citation for Honors Thesis on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Community Service Internships (full time):

Kicking Horse Job Corps Center, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Reservation, Ronan, Montana, (Winter 1978);

Americans for Indian Opportunity, Albuquerque, New Mexico, (Spring 1978);

Lebanon In Service To Each Neighbor (LISTEN), Lebanon, New Hampshire (Winter and Spring 1979).

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

### **Bender & Treece, P.C.** Denver, Colorado

Attorney, 1985-1989.

General litigation practice, including civil, criminal and domestic relations matters.

### **The Honorable Zita L. Weinshienk** Denver, Colorado

United States District Court for the District of Colorado

Law Clerk, 1983-1984.

### **Parcel, Meyer, Talesnick & Schwartz** Denver, Colorado

Summer Clerk, 1982.

### **Indian Rights Association** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Legal Research, Newsletter Editor, 1980-1982.

Administrative Assistant, 1979-1980.

## PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

Bar Admission: Colorado, 1983 (registration number 13219);  
Iowa, 2002.

Member, American Law Institute (elected 2016).

Recognition: AV-rated Attorney, Martindale-Hubbell (since 1997).

Member: American, Colorado and Iowa Bar Associations; International Society of Family Law.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND COLLOQUIA**

“Cross-Border Cohabitation Conflicts,” International Centre for Family Law, Policy, and Practice Conference, London, England, July 3-5, 2019.

“Bringing Orders Across Borders: Planning for International Recognition and Enforcement,” ABA Family Law Section, La Romana, Dominican Republic, May 4, 2019.

“Child Migrants and Child Welfare: A Best Interests Approach,” International Society of Family Law Regional Conference, University of Minnesota Law School, April 27-28, 2018.

“Good Practices: The Legal Framework for Mediation under the Hague Abduction Convention,” Symposium, Stanford University Law School, April 10, 2018.

Lecture: “Child Migrants and Child Welfare: Toward a Best Interests Approach,” Washington University College of Law, St. Louis, MO, March 22, 2018.

“Cross-Border Conflicts in Marriage, Divorce and Cohabitation Law: Facing New Realities,” International Society of Family Law, Sixteenth World Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, July 25-29, 2017.

“Litigating International Children’s Cases,” American Association of Health and Human Services Attorneys (AAHSA), National Training and Education Conference, Norfolk, VA November 15, 2016 (live-stream presentation).

“Marriage and Divorce Conflicts in International Perspective,” Symposium, Duke Journal of Comparative & International Law, Raleigh, NC, November 4-5, 2016.

“Global Childhoods,” International Centre for Family Law, Policy, and Practice Conference, London, England, July 6-8, 2016.

“Protecting Child Welfare in Abduction and Asylum Proceedings,” Symposium, University of North Carolina Journal of International Law, Chapel Hill, NC, January 22, 2016.

“Legal Education in the United States,” Radboud University, Nijmegen Netherlands, April 17, 2015.

“The Qualifying Law Degree: What is it for in the United States?” Committee of Heads of University Law Schools, University of Warwick (United Kingdom), February 27, 2014.

“Giving Comity to Foreign and Religious Family Law,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Sections on Jewish Law and Islamic Law, January 5, 2014.

“The Parenting Visa” (with David B. Thronson), International Family Law and Practice Conference, London Metropolitan University, London, England July 3-5, 2013.

“Child Support and (Global) Poverty,” International Conference on Recovery of Maintenance in the EU and Worldwide, Heidelberg Germany, March 5-8, 2013.

“International Family Law Issues” (half-day CLE program), North Carolina Bar Association Family Law Section Annual Meeting, Charleston SC, May 5-6, 2012.

“The Other Hague Conventions,” University of the Western Cape & Miller – DuToit Family Law Conference, Cape Town South Africa, March 15-16, 2012.

Guest lecturer, International Family Law seminar, University of the Western Cape, South Africa (invited by Dean Julia Sloth-Nielsen), March 14, 2012.

Public lecture, "Gender Equality and the Constitution" (with Linda Kerber), League of Women Voters of Johnson County series on The United States Constitution and the Supreme Court, Iowa City, March 1, 2012.

"Adventures in International Family Law" (CLE), Iowa State Bar Association 2011 Family Law Seminar, October 28, 2011.

"The Role of Extended Families in Measures for the Protection of Children," International Society of Family Law, Fourteenth World Conference, Lyon, France, July 19-23, 2011.

"Global Child Welfare: The Work of Family Law," Family Law Symposium, University of Oklahoma, February 25, 2011.

"Where (in the World) do Children Belong?" Symposium on Belonging, Families and Family Law Brigham Young University Law School, January 28, 2011.

"Global Childhood: The Work of Family Law," Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Section on Children and the Law, January 7, 2011.

"Unofficial Family Law," International Society of Family Law, Regional Conference on Multicultural Family Law, Tel Aviv, Israel, June 7-9, 2009.

"International Family Law: Child Support Enforcement," University of Iowa College of Law, Continuing Legal Education, October 20, 2008.

"The New International Family Law," Advisory Committee on Private International Law, Department of State, Washington DC, October 7, 2008.

"Transnational Family Finances and the United States," International Society of Family Law, Thirteenth World Conference, Vienna, Austria, September 16-20, 2008.

"Families Across Borders: The New International Family Law," Midwest Family Law Conference, Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, June 13, 2008.

"Families Across Borders: The New International Family Law," University of Iowa International Studies Workshop on Critical Geographies, March 13-14, 2008.

"Official and Unofficial Family Law," International Society of Family Law, North American Regional Conference, June 18-20, 2007, Vancouver, B.C.

"Marriage Law and the Multicultural Family," Project on Multi-Tiered Marriage, Pepperdine University, February 23-24, 2007.

"Multicultural Families: Religion, Identity and the Law," Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Joint Program of Sections on Law and Communitarian Studies and International Law, January 4, 2007.

"The Supreme Court and the Right to Divorce in the United States," International Society of Family Law, Twelfth World Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 19-23, 2005.

"Is There a Right to Divorce?" International Society of Family Law, Beijing, China, July 19-22, 2004.

"Families and Children in International Law," International Society of Family Law, North American Regional Conference, Eugene, Oregon, June 26-28, 2003.

"Working with the New Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act," University of Iowa Continuing Legal Education, September 20, 2002.

"Cultural and Religious Pluralism in U.S. Family Law," International Society of Family Law, Eleventh World Conference, Copenhagen/Oslo, August 2-7, 2002.

"Local, National and International Norms in Family Law," International Society of Family Law, North American Regional Conference, Kingston, Ontario, June 15-16, 2001.

"Does Family Law Really Belong to the States?" Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Joint Program of Sections on Constitutional Law, Family and Juvenile Law, and Federal Courts, January 4, 2001.

"Family Governance After Divorce," Family Law Symposium, University of Utah College of Law, October 17-18, 1997.

Comments on "Joint Custody: Monitoring and Bonding Theories," by Margaret F. Brinig and F.H. Buckley, Symposium: Law and the New American Family, Indiana University - Bloomington School of Law, April 4, 1997.

"Using Economics in Your Family Law Practice," Colorado Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, December 6, 1996.

"Family Law Issues After Amendment Two," Rothgerber Conference, University of Colorado School of Law, October 4, 1996.

"How Do Children Fit in a Federal System?" International Society of Family Law, North American Regional Conference, Quebec, Canada, June 13-15, 1996.

"Alimony Awards and Children," American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Family Law Section, August 6, 1995.

"Ethics: The Duty of Disclosure by an Attorney to His Client, An Indian Tribe," Federal Bar Association Indian Law Conference, April 7, 1995.

"Description and Prescription in Family Economics: The Challenge for Feminists," Workshop: Feminism Confronts Economic Theory, Columbia University School of Law, February 25, 1995.

Economics Institute for Law Professors, Law and Economics Center, George Mason University School of Law, Hanover, New Hampshire, July 1995.

Panel Member, "Ethics Beyond the Code," Colorado Bar Association Annual Convention, September 9, 1994.

"Rewriting the Rules for Divorce," Second Annual Women and Law Conference, University of Denver Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, April 20, 1994.



"Ethical Conflicts of Interest," University of Colorado Continuing Legal Education, November 13, 1993.

Law & Society Association Summer Institute Program, Pala Mesa, California, June 1993.

Testimony in support of Senate Bill 93-154, Colorado Senate Judiciary Committee, February 1993, and House Judiciary Committee, March 1993.

## **PROFESSIONAL, UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Iowa Supreme Court, Family Law Case Processing Reform Task Force, Steering Committee Member, appointed 2015.

Editorial Board Member, Family Law Quarterly (American Bar Association), 2014 to present.

Board of Directors, International Social Service, United States of America Branch, Inc. (ISS-USA), 2013 to present; Board chair, 2018 to present.

Blog Editor: Families Across Borders (<http://fab.law.uiowa.edu>), 2009 to present.

Pro bono consultant on professional responsibility and ethics for the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), 1992 to present.

University of Iowa College of Law, regular committee service including chairing Dean Search Committee (Co-Chair 2017-18); Faculty Appointments Committee (Chair 2016-17, Co-Chair 2007-08 and 2010-11), and Curriculum Committee (Chair or Co-chair 2004-2007).

Observer, International Society of Family Law, at the Hague Conference on Private International Law Special Commission meetings concerning the:

- Practical Operation of the Child Abduction and Child Protection Conventions, June 2011 and October 2017.
- Practical Operation of the Intercountry Adoption Convention, June 2010.
- Drafting of the Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, May 2007 and November 2007.

Chair, Family & Juvenile Law Section, Association of American Law Schools, 2014.

Guest Editor, Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems, Symposium on Conflict and Cooperation in Cross-Border Child Welfare Cases, Spring 2013.

Observer, International Society of Family Law, at Uniform Laws Commission drafting committee meetings for revisions to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA), 2011-12, and the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA), 2008.

Conference Convener, "Sustaining Families: Global and Local Perspectives," Annual Midwest Family Law Consortium meeting and Regional Meeting, International Society of Family Law, University of Iowa College of Law, June 14-16, 2012.

Guest Editor, Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems, Symposia on Children and Families in International Law, Spring 2003.

Planning Committee, Workshop on Globalizing the Law School Curriculum, Association of American Law Schools 2013 Annual Meeting.

University of Colorado Law School committee service including Faculty Appointments Committee (Chair, 1998-99), and Law School Peer Review Committee (Chair, 1996-97).

University of Colorado Boulder Campus Sexual Harassment Committee, 1995 to 1998.

Pro bono attorney for divorce clients, Boulder County Legal Services, 1993 to 1995.

Board of Directors, Riverside Theatre, Iowa City, Iowa, 2002 – 2008, Chair, 2007-08.

Board of Trustees, Bixby School, Boulder, Colorado, 1993-1999; President 1998-99.

Junior Girl Scout Troop Leader, Mile Hi Council, Denver, Colorado, 1996-99.