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EXPERIENCE

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA, 1992-present

Professor of Law Emeritus, 2025-present

Professor of Law, 2018-2025: courses taught: Property, Intellectual Property Law, Copyright, Wills & Trusts, Space Law, Land Use Planning, Professional Responsibility

Distinguished Professor of Law, 2003-18: courses taught: Property, Land Use Planning, International Environmental Law, Professional Responsibility, Copyright Law, Intellectual Property Law, Law of China, Climate Change Law, Space Law, Wills & Trusts

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 2000-01, 2002-05: Served as chief academic officer of the law school, responsible for 44 full-time and 57 part-time faculty members

Interim Dean, 2001-02: Served as interim dean of the law school. Responsibilities included: alumni relations; administration of \$25,000,000 budget; university relations; and management of law school on 13-acre campus (including admissions, food service, graduate program, information technology, library, personnel, placement, overseas programs, security, and student housing)

Professor, 1995-2003; Associate Professor, 1992-95: courses taught: Property, Environmental Law, International Environmental Law, Toxics and Hazardous Substances, Land Finance, Biotechnology and the Law, Professional Responsibility

Author, Davis, CA, 1997-present

Lead author or sole author of 7 books on property law and environmental law subjects, a total of 17 editions

University of California, School of Law, Berkeley, CA, Spring 2023

Visiting Professor: Taught Property

University of California, College of the Law, San Francisco, CA, Spring 2018

Visiting Professor: Taught Wills & Trusts.

Institute for International Legal Studies Program, Salzburg, Austria, Summers 2015, 2006, and 2000

Professor: Taught course on International Environmental Law at University of Salzburg Law Faculty in program for European and U.S. law students. In Summer, 2015 served as Director of the program and also co-taught course on Fundamental Rights in Europe and the United States (with Justice Anthony M. Kennedy and Sionaidh Douglas-Scott).

St. Petersburg Summer Law Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia, Summer 2010

Professor: Taught course on International Environmental Law at St. Petersburg State University Law School in program for Russian and U.S. law students

Soochow University, Kenneth Wang School of Law, Suzhou, China, Summer 2007

Professor: Co-taught course on International Business Transactions with Chinese Characteristics in program for Chinese, European, and U.S. law students

University of Santa Clara, School of Law, Santa Clara, CA, 1991-92

Visiting Associate Professor: Taught Property, Estates & Trusts, Real Property Secured Transactions

University of San Francisco, School of Law, San Francisco, CA, 1984-91

Adjunct Professor: Taught Real Estate Sales Transactions

Stanford University, School of Law, Palo Alto, CA, 1981-82

Teaching Fellow: Taught Legal Writing and Research; assisted in teaching Civil Procedure

University of California, College of the Law, San Francisco, CA, 1977-79

Instructor: Taught Legal Writing and Research

Miller, Starr & Regalia, Oakland & San Francisco, CA, 1976-92

Partner, 1982-92; Associate, 1976-81: When I left, Miller, Starr & Regalia was a 50-attorney firm specializing in real property and environmental law. It was the largest such specialty firm in Northern California and one of the largest in the United States. During 14 years of practice, I represented banks, savings and loan associations, developers, title insurance companies, property owners, public entities, citizens' groups, and other corporations, partnerships, and individuals in more than 500 matters in these specialty areas. My clients included American Savings and Loan Association, Bank of America, Clos Pegase Winery, First American Title Insurance Company, Great Western Bank, Kaiser-Aetna, McKesson Corporation, Safeco Title Insurance Company, and World Savings and Loan Association. This work mainly involved handling real property and

environmental litigation in state and federal courts, but included advising on various issues affecting real property and negotiating real estate transactions. I was on leave from the firm in 1981-82 (to teach at Stanford) and again in 1991-92 (to teach at Santa Clara). My administrative work at the firm included serving as the managing partner and as a department head.

EDUCATION

J.S.M. Stanford University (LL.M. equivalent), 1984 (with emphasis in international and comparative law)

J.D. University of California, Berkeley, 1976

Associate Editor, *Ecology Law Quarterly*

Extern for Honorable Stanley A. Weigel, United States District Court, Northern District of California

B.A. University of California, Santa Barbara, 1972

With High Honors

Scholars Program

News Director, KCSB

PUBLICATIONS

UNDERSTANDING TRADE SECRET LAW (Carolina, 2d ed. forthcoming 2026) (with T. Sprankling)

The Right to Acquire Property, 75 AM. U. L. REV. (forthcoming 2025)

PROPERTY LAW SIMULATIONS: BRIDGE TO PRACTICE (West Academic, 2d ed. forthcoming 2025)

Trade Secrets in the Artificial Intelligence Era, 76 S.C. L. REV. 181 (2024)

PROPERTY: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH (West Academic, 6th ed. 2024) (with Coletta & Salcido)

UNDERSTANDING PROPERTY LAW (Carolina, 5th ed. 2023)

The Constitutional Right to “Establish a Home,” 90 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 632 (2022)

PROPERTY: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH (West Academic, 5th ed. 2021) (with Coletta)

UNDERSTANDING TRADE SECRET LAW (Carolina 2020) (with T. Sprankling)

Owning Marijuana, 14 DUKE J. CONST. L. & PUB. POL’Y 1 (2019)

PROPERTY: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH (West Academic, 4th ed. 2018) (with Coletta)

THE LAW OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN A NUTSHELL (West Academic, 3d ed. 2018 (with Salcido)

Property Law for the Anthropocene Era, 59 ARIZ. L. REV. 737 (2017)

UNDERSTANDING PROPERTY LAW (Carolina, 4th ed. 2017)

Property and the Roberts Court, 65 U. KAN. L. REV. 1 (2016)

PROPERTY: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH (West Academic, 3d ed. 2015) (with Coletta)

THE INTERNATIONAL LAW OF PROPERTY (Oxford 2014) (also published in Oxford Scholarship Online, Oxford University Press, 2014)

The Global Right to Property, 52 COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 464 (2014)

PROPERTY LAW SIMULATIONS: BRIDGE TO PRACTICE (West 2013)

The Property Jurisprudence of Justice Kennedy, 44 McGEORGE L. REV. 61 (2013)

PROPERTY: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH (West, 2d ed. 2012) (with Coletta)

The Emergence of International Property Law, 90 N.C. L. REV. 461 (2012)

UNDERSTANDING PROPERTY LAW (LexisNexis, 3d ed. 2012)

PROPERTY: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH (West 2009) (with Coletta)

Owning the Center of the Earth, 55 UCLA L. REV. 979 (2008)

UNDERSTANDING PROPERTY LAW (LexisNexis, 2d ed. 2007) (Chinese edition published by Peking University Press, 2008)

THE LAW OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN A NUTSHELL (West, 2d ed. 2007) (with Weber)

The Impact of Kelo v. City of New London on Eminent Domain, 38 McGEORGE L. REV. 369 (2007)

Property and Television, 59 RUTGERS L. REV. 97 (2006)

GLOBAL ISSUES IN PROPERTY LAW (West 2006) (with Coletta & Mirow)

Report Regarding the Pacific McGeorge Workshop on Globalizing the Law School Curriculum, 19 PAC. MCGEORGE GLOBAL BUS. & DEV. L.J. 267 (2006) (with Gevurtz et al.)

Capsule Outline of Property Law (LexisNexis 2003) (on-line publication)

Introduction: Transnational Business Law in the Twenty-First Century, 15 TRANSNAT'L LAW. 1 (2002)

UNDERSTANDING PROPERTY LAW (LexisNexis 2000)

THE LAW OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN A NUTSHELL (West 1997) (with Weber)

The Antiwilderness Bias in American Property Law, 63 U. CHI. L. REV. 519 (1996)

International Environmental Law and World Order, 8 TRANSNAT'L LAW. 119 (1995) (book review)

An Environmental Critique of Adverse Possession, 79 CORNELL L. REV. 816 (1994)

Land Ownership in the CERCLA Era, 2 CAL. LAND USE & POL'Y REP. 232 (1993)

The Proposed Changes to the California Foreclosure Process: Reform or Retreat?, 10 CAL. REAL PROP. J. 20 (Summer 1992) (with Mertens)

Liability for Hazardous Substances, in 9 HARRY D. MILLER & MARVIN B. STARR, CURRENT LAW OF CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE (Bancroft-Whitney, 2d ed. 1990)

Pleading and Proof of Foreign Law in American Courts, 19 STAN. J. INT'L L. 3 (1983) (with Lanyi)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Order of Pacific, University of the Pacific, 2025

Frank Gevurtz Faculty Book Award, McGeorge School of Law, 2022

Professor of the Year Award, McGeorge School of Law, 2012, 2017, 2020

Christine Manolakas Extraordinary Contribution Award, McGeorge School of Law, 2016

Eberhardt Teacher-Scholar Award, University of the Pacific, 2011

John G. Sprankling Faculty Scholarship Award, 2005 (annual endowed award created in honor of efforts to advance faculty scholarship at McGeorge School of Law)

Distinguished Professor of Law, University of the Pacific, 2003-18

Member, Order of the Coif

SELECTED ACTIVITIES

Member, Panel of Academic Contributors for BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY, 2014-present

Consultant to West Academic Publishing on wills & trusts, 2016-17, and property law, 2015-20.

Created on-line course on Property Issues in Cannabis Law, McGeorge School of Law, 2019

Member, LexisNexis Law School Publishing Advisory Board, 2013-15

Member, Case File Advisory Committee, National Ethics Trial Competition, 2009-present

Consultant on property law for Carbon Capture Sequestration and Regulatory Project, Carnegie Mellon University, 2008

Chair, Section on Property Law, Association of American Law Schools, 2005-06

Secretary, Section on Property Law, Association of American Law Schools, 2003-04

Member, Property Conference Proposal Committee, Association of American Law Schools, 2002

Consultant to LexisNexis on property law, 2000, 2003

Ninth Circuit Editor, *American Bar Association Land Use Regulation Newsletter*, 1994-97

Member, Advisory Board, *California Land Use Law & Policy Reporter*, 1993-97

Consultant to California Continuing Education of the Bar on environmental law, 1993

SELECTED PANELS AND SPEECHES

Speaker, panelist, or moderator for over 150 conferences, lectures, or similar events, including:

Speaker, *Copyright and Fair Use: Limits to What Can Be Borrowed*, American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists Annual Meeting Webinar, Las Vegas, NV, October 13, 2021

Speaker, *Ethics in Action*, Pacific McGeorge Continuing Legal Education Program, Sacramento, CA, January 18, 2019

Panelist, *Top 10 Real Estate Cases of 2017*, Annual Real Property Retreat, Real Property Law Section, California Lawyers Association, San Francisco, CA, April 20, 2018

Speaker, *Commencement Address*, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA, May 20, 2017

Speaker, *The UN's Successes and Failures in International Property Law*, UC Davis King Hall International Law Association, Davis, CA, March 20, 2017

Speaker, *Using Classroom Simulations to Teach Negotiation and Advocacy Skills*, West Academic Program on Reinforcing Student Understanding of Substantive Property Law through Skills Exercises, San Francisco, CA, January 5, 2017

Speaker *Advising Your Client on Opening a Winery*, Pacific McGeorge Continuing Legal Education Program, Pleasanton, CA, May 19, 2016

Speaker, *Ethical Dilemmas*, Pacific McGeorge Continuing Legal Education Program, Sacramento, CA, January 29, 2016

Speaker, *Practicing Wine Law*, Pacific McGeorge Continuing Legal Education Program, Sacramento, CA, November 23, 2015

Speaker, *The International Law of Property*, Conference on the Perils and Promise of an International Law of Property, Sacramento, CA, March 6, 2015

Speaker, *Ethical Dilemmas*, Pacific McGeorge Continuing Legal Education Program, Oakland, CA, January 10, 2015

Speaker, *Advising Your Client on Opening a Winery*, Pacific McGeorge Continuing Legal Education Program, Stockton, CA, October 17, 2014

Panelist, *Recent Developments in Real Property Law*, Section on Real Property Law, California State Bar Association, Lake Tahoe, CA, May 5, 2012

Speaker, *Reflections on the Property Jurisprudence of Justice Kennedy*, The Evolution of Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's Jurisprudence, Sacramento, CA, April 6, 2012

Speaker, *Ethical Dilemmas for the Transactional Attorney*, Pacific McGeorge Continuing Legal Education Program, Oakland, CA, January 21, 2012

Speaker, *Climate Change and the Human Right to Property*, Conference on the Global Impact and Implementation of Human Rights Norms, Sacramento, CA, March 11, 2011

Speaker, *Land Use Planning in the United States: A Case Study of Playa Vista*, Pacific Center for Continuing and Professional Education, Stockton, February 20, 2011

Speaker, *Building a Scholarly Community*, Pacific McGeorge Faculty Retreat, Sacramento, CA, May 13, 2010

Panelist, *Recent Developments in Real Property Law*, Section on Real Property Law, California State Bar Association, Napa, CA, May 1, 2010

Speaker, *Challenges in Legal Ethics*, Pacific McGeorge Continuing Education Program, San Francisco, CA, October 23, 2009

Speaker, *Foreclosure in California: Past, Present, and Future*, Northern California Association of Law Libraries, Sacramento, CA, September 30, 2008

Speaker, *Rethinking Subsurface Property Rights*, distance seminar presented to Carbon Capture Sequestration and Regulatory Project participants in D.C., Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Vermont, August 21, 2008.

Speaker, *New Directions in Chinese Contract Law*, Fourth International Contracts Conference, Sacramento, CA, February 8, 2008

Speaker, *Ethical Dilemmas for the Transactional Attorney*, Pacific McGeorge Continuing Education Program, Long Beach, CA, January 20, 2007

Speaker, *Implementing the Global Approach to Legal Education*, Conference on Globalizing the Law School Curriculum, Lake Tahoe, CA, August 4, 2005

Moderator, *Globalizing Property Law*, Conference on Globalizing the Law School Curriculum, Lake Tahoe, CA, August 3, 2005

Panelist, *Choosing Materials and Methodologies*, Association of American Law Schools, Conference on Teaching Property for the 21st Century, Portland, OR, June 16, 2004

Speaker, *Legal Ethics in Real Estate Transactions*, Real Estate Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, Sacramento, CA, May 12, 2003

Panelist, *Professional Responsibility: What Works—and Why?*, Annual Meeting, Association of American Law Schools, New Orleans, LA, January 3, 2002

Speaker, *Transnational Business Law in the Twenty-First Century*, 21st Annual International Law Symposium, Pacific McGeorge, Sacramento, CA, 2001

GENERALLY

Member, State Bar of California, 1976-present (currently inactive)

Admitted to practice before various courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States

Rated “AV” (highest rating) by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory while in practice