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**Education**

**YALE LAW SCHOOL** J.D. 1983

Benjamin N. Cardozo Prize (best brief)

Finalist, Moot Court Prize Trial (oral advocacy)

**CORNELL UNIVERSITY** A.B. 1980

Phi Beta Kappa (elected junior year)

College Scholar

Dean's List (all semesters): 3.96/4.00 GPA

Clyde Dunaway Prize in Government

Graduated with Distinction in All Subjects

**Teaching  
Experience**

**HARVARD LAW SCHOOL** Fall 2016

Visiting Professor of Law

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
SCHOOL OF LAW** 1986 to present

John E. Murray Faculty Scholar (2017-present)

Professor of Law (1994-present)

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (1998-2000)

Associate Professor of Law (1990-94)

Assistant Professor of Law (1986-90)

**Teaching Experience (cont.)**

**UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA** Summers 2013 & 2015  
**FACULTY OF LAW**  
Riga, Latvia

**WUHAN UNIVERSITY** Summer 2010  
**SCHOOL OF LAW**  
Wuhan, China

**CLEO INSTITUTE** Summers 2009, 2007,  
University of Pittsburgh School of Law 2005, 2000, 1998, 1995,  
& 1993

**Honors**

Student Bar Association “Excellence-in-Teaching” Award (2018)

Distinguished Public Interest Professor (2018)

John E. Murray Faculty Scholar (2017-present)

Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney Faculty Scholar (2014-15)

Distinguished Public Interest Professor (2013)

Dukeminier Award, granted by the Williams Institute of the UCLA School of Law (2009)

Student Bar Association “Excellence-in-Teaching” Award (2005)

Elected Member, American Law Institute (2004)

Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award (2000)

Student Bar Association “Excellence-in-Teaching” Award (1990)

**Scholarship**

**Book**

PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS: A REFERENCE GUIDE TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION  
(Praeger 2004)

**Scholarship (cont.)**

**Law Review Articles**

*Ascertainability: Prose, Policy, and Process*, 50 CONN. L. REV. 695 (2018)

*Cy Pres in Class Action Settlements*, 88 S. CAL. L. REV. 97 (2014)

*Future Claimants and the Quest for Global Peace*, 64 EMORY L.J. 531 (2014)

*Legal Process in a Box, or What Class Action Waivers Teach Us About Law-making*, 44 LOY. U. CHI. L.J. 391 (2012) (Symposium on the Future of Class Actions and Its Alternatives)

*Secret Class Action Settlements*, 31 REV. LITIG. 889 (2012)

*Transnational Class Actions and Interjurisdictional Preclusion*, 86 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 313 (2011)

reprinted in 2 WENDY COLLINS PERDUE, PROCEDURE AND PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (2017)

*DOMA and the Happy Family: A Lesson in Irony*, 41 CAL. W. INT'L L.J. 275 (2010) (Symposium on DOMA, Federalism and Interstate Recognition of Same Sex Relationships)

*Are You Still My Mother?: Interstate Recognition of Adoptions by Gays and Lesbians*, 58 AM. U. L. REV. 1 (2008)

reprinted in 8 THE DUKEMINIER AWARDS: BEST SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY LAW REVIEW ARTICLES 249 (2009)

*The Curious Complications with Back-End Opt-Out Rights*, 49 WM. & MARY L. REV. 373 (2007)

*Tolling: The American Pipe Tolling Rule and Successive Class Actions*, 58 FLA. L. REV. 803 (2006)

quoted in *Kulig v. Midland Funding, LLC*, 2014 WL 6769741 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 20, 2014)

quoted in *F.D.I.C. v. Countrywide Fin. Corp.*, 2012 WL 5900973 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 21, 2012)

*Dueling Class Actions*, 80 B.U. L. REV. 461 (2000)

quoted in *China Agritech, Inc. v. Resh*, 138 S. Ct. 1800 (2018)

quoted in *Fusco v. Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC*, 2020 WL 2519964, at \*4 (S.D. Fla. May 8, 2020)

cited in *Prime Steakhouse v. Mowi ASA*, 2020 WL 1443759, at \*5 n.2 (D. Me. Mar. 25, 2020)

**Scholarship** (cont.)

**Law Review Articles (cont.)**

*Divorce and Domicile: Time to Sever the Knot*, 39 WM. & MARY L. REV. 1 (1997)

*Parents, Partners and Personal Jurisdiction*, 1995 U. ILL. L. REV. 813

quoted *In the Matter of F.S.T.Y.*, 843 S.E.2d 160, 165 (N.C. 2020)

*Rethinking Review of Remands: Proposed Amendments to the Federal Removal Statute*, 43 EMORY L.J. 83 (1994)

*Equity Renewed: Preliminary Injunctions to Secure Potential Money Judgments*, 67 WASH. L. REV. 257 (1992)

quoted in *Grupo Mexicano de Desarrollo, S.A. v. Alliance Bond Fund*, 527 U.S. 308 (1999)

*Equity Transformed: Preliminary Injunctions to Require the Payment of Money*, 70 B.U. L. REV. 623 (1990)

quoted in *Anderson v. Dep't of Admin.*, – P.3d –, 2019 WL 1747054 (Alaska April 19, 2019)

*The Subpoena Power: Pennoyer's Last Vestige*, 74 MINN. L. REV. 37 (1989)

quoted in *Eli Lilly & Co. v. Gottstein*, 617 F.3d 186 (2d Cir. 2010)

quoted in *In re Colorado Mills v. Sunopta Grains & Foods, Inc.*, 269 P.3d 731 (Colo. Feb. 6, 2012) (en banc)

cited in *Thompson v. Fairfax County Dep't of Family Servs.*, 747 S.E.2d 838 (Va. Ct. App. 2013)

**Scholarship**

**Other Publications**

*Family Law Disputes Between International Couples in U.S. Courts*, ABA FAMILY ADVOCATE (Fall 2020) (forthcoming)

*The New, Improved Class Action Rule: The December 2018 Amendments to Rule 23*, 90 PA. BAR ASS'N Q. 182 (2019)

*The Flipped Classroom*, AALS Section on Teaching Methods newsletter (fall 2017), <https://mailchi.mp/7cfc51b2918e/aals-section-on-teaching-methods-spring-2017-1627777?e=34de6e2b24#Rhonda>

**Scholarship (cont.)**

**Other Publications (cont.)**

*Cooperative Justice: Proportionality and Cooperation Under the New Rule 26(b)(1)*, LAWYERS J. 6 (Sept. 2, 2016) (co-authored with Jaclyn Faulds)

Preface to *Discretion to Tax E-Discovery Costs: A Necessary Reform?*, by Corey Patrick Teitz, 4 JOURNAL OF LAW (1 NEW VOICES) 337 (2014)

*7th Circ. Explains Role Of Objectors In Class Settlement*, Expert Analysis, LAW360 (Dec. 16, 2014)

(<http://www.law360.com/articles/604755/7th-circ-explains-role-of-objectors-in-class-settlement>)

*Third Circuit Court Practitioners' Guide to Twombly and Iqbal*, LAWYERS J. 8-9 (June 18, 2010) (co-authored with Frederick Goldsmith)

quoted in *Barrett v. Henrys*, 2012 WL 1622499 (V.I. Super. May 3, 2012)

*Q&A on Same-Sex Marriage*, JURIST PAPER CHASE, March 30, 2004  
(<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/paperchase/lawschools/index.htm>)

*Preliminary Injunctions in Group Litigation*, THE LAWYERS J., September 8, 2000, at 5

*Exercising Supplemental Jurisdiction: Third Circuit Reaffirms Zahn*, THE LAWYERS J., September 24, 1999, at 3

*Dueling Class Actions: Third Circuit Grapples with Collision of State and Federal Class Actions*, PITTSBURGH LEGAL J., August 12, 1998, at 1

*Appealability of Federal Discovery Orders*, PITTSBURGH LEGAL J., July 7, 1997, at 1

*Abstention in Federal Interpleader Actions*, PITTSBURGH LEGAL J., July 8, 1996, at 1

*Settlement Class Actions*, PITTSBURGH LEGAL J., July 11, 1995, at 1

*Right of Absent Shareholders or Class Members to Appeal from Final Orders of Settlement*, PITTSBURGH LEGAL J., July 19, 1994, at 1

*Harmless Error and the Right to Appeal: How Strictly Should the Federal Rules be Construed?*, 9 PREVIEW OF S. CT. CASES 256 (1988)

### **Selected Presentations**

“A Model Approach to Cy Pres Awards,” Consumer Rights Litigation Conference and Class Action Symposium, Boston, MA, Nov, 17, 2019

“New Tools, New Challenges: Biometrics, Encryption, and WeChat,” Pittsburgh Friends of E-Discovery Program, Sept. 19, 2019

“E-discovery ethics” webinar with David Cohen, hosted by Reed Smith, July 17, 2019

“The New, Improved Class Action Rule: the December 2018 Amendments to Rule 23 of the FRCP,” University of Pittsburgh School of Law Lunch and Learn program, January 25, 2019

“The Changing Cy Pres Landscape,” Philadelphia Bar Foundation, October 30, 2018

“The Flipped Classroom: Promise, Practice, and Pratfall,” Conference on Legal Education for a Changing Society, co-sponsored by AALS section on Technology, Law, and Legal Education, and the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), Penn State Law School, October 5, 2018

“The Court’s Duty to Absent Class Members in Our Adversarial System,” Mon Valley Tri-School Colloquium, Duquesne University School of Law, March 23, 2018

“The Flipped Classroom,” Teaching Partners program, University of Pittsburgh, Feb. 2, 2018

“The Flipped Classroom,” 2018 Assessment and Teaching Conference, University of Pittsburgh, Jan. 26, 2018 (poster presentation)

“Ascertainability: Prose, Policy, and Process,” Third Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, Univ. of Arizona College of Law, Oct. 6-8, 2017 (paper was accepted and circulated among participants; oral presentation cancelled due to a medical emergency)

“The Flipped Classroom in Civil Procedure,” AALS Teaching Methods Teleconference, Sept. 15, 2017,

<https://soundcloud.com/user-126911457/rhonda-wasserman-pitt-flipped-classrooms?in=user-126911457/sets/aals-teaching-methods-september-2017-ideas-problems-and-resources-call>

“My Flipped Classroom Experiment,” University of Pittsburgh School of Law, March 28, 2017

“Legal Status of Artificial Intelligence in the Litigation Context: Attorney-Client Privilege, Work Product Protection, and Clawback Agreements,” Pittsburgh Friends of E-Discovery Program, March 9, 2017

“Discovery Dilemmas: Staying Clear of the Ethical Inferno” (with David Cohen), Women’s Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh Friends of E-Discovery, March 10, 2016

**Selected Presentations (cont.)**

“Class Actions 101” and “Transnational Class Actions in United States Courts,” International Conference on the Resolution of Mass Disputes: Collective Redress, Class Actions and ADR, University of Haifa Faculty of Law, November 26, 2015

E-Discovery Roundtable (with David Cohen and the Hon. Mark Hornak), Women in eDiscovery, Pittsburgh, PA, October 8, 2015

Keynote address and panel presentation, eDiscovery Symposium, Pennsylvania Bar Institute and Legal Technology and eDiscovery Committee of the Allegheny County Bar Association, April 17, 2015

“Future Claimants and the Quest for Global Peace,” University of Pittsburgh School of Law presentation to Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, March 16, 2015

“Jurisdictional Barriers to Divorce for Same-sex Couples,” Faculty and Student Lunch-and-Learn Series, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, January 12, 2015

“Class Actions and FLSA Collective Actions: Overview, Differences, and Third Circuit Developments,” Federal Courts Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association, November 14, 2014

“Jurisdictional Barriers to Divorce for Same-Sex Couples,” Workshop on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, Mid-year Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, June 6, 2014

Keynote address and panel presentation, eDiscovery Symposium, Pennsylvania Bar Institute and Legal Technology and eDiscovery Committee of the Allegheny County Bar Association, April 25, 2014

“Future Claimants and the Quest for Global Peace,” 2014 Randolph W. Throver Symposium on American Dispute Resolution 2020: The Death of Group Vindication of the Law?, Emory University School of Law, February 6, 2014

“Cy Pres Remedies: Pathology or Panacea?,” Faculty Workshop, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, October 10, 2013

“Cy Pres Remedies: Pathology or Panacea?,” Faculty Workshop, University of Akron School of Law, March 20, 2013

“Legal Process in a Box, or What Class Action Waivers Teach Us About Law-making,” Symposium on the Future of Class Actions and Its Alternatives, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, April 13, 2012

**Selected Presentations (cont.)**

“Interstate Recognition of Adoptions by Gays and Lesbians,” Faculty-student presentation, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, March 29, 2012

“Transnational Class Actions and Interjurisdictional Preclusion,” Symposium on Our Courts and the World: Transnational Litigation and Civil Procedure, co-sponsored by the Southwestern Journal of International Law, the American Society of International Law, the Junior International Law Scholars Association, the International Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the International Law Section of the State Bar of California, February 3, 2012

“Secret Class Action Settlements,” Section of Litigation program on Large Scale Litigation Issues: Class Actions and Mass Tort Cases in 2012 and Beyond, at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in Washington, D.C., January 6, 2012

“Secret Class Action Settlements,” University of Pittsburgh School of Law Faculty Colloquium, October 25, 2011

“DOMA and the Happy Family: A Lesson in Irony,” Delaware Valley Feminist Law Teachers’ Conference (at Villanova University School of Law), February 5, 2011

“DOMA and the Happy Family: A Lesson in Irony,” University of Pittsburgh School of Law Faculty Colloquium, May 13, 2010

Co-presenter, “Drafting and Challenging Federal Court Complaints: Three Federal Judges and a Law Professor Outline Pleading and Motion to Dismiss Practice Post *Twombly* and *Iqbal*,” Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, April 21, 2010

“DOMA and the Happy Family: A Lesson in Irony,” Symposium on DOMA, Federalism and Interstate Recognition of Same-Sex Relationships co-sponsored by California Western School of Law and the J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University, March 20, 2010

Moderator, “Legal Ethics and E-Discovery: Future Problems, Current Solutions,” Edgar M. Snyder Distinguished Visiting Scholar Program, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, October 21, 2009

“Are You *Still* My Mother?: Interstate Recognition of Adoptions by Gays and Lesbians,” Dukeminier Panel, National LGBT Bar Association Conference, September 12, 2009

“Third Circuit Review,” Allegheny County Bar Association Federal Courts Section, May 21, 2009

“*Taylor v. Sturgell* and the Day-in-Court Ideal,” Constitution Law Day Program, University of Pittsburgh, September 17, 2008



**Selected Presentations (cont.)**

Co-presenter, Tutorial on the Proposed Amendments to the Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, presented to the District Judges and the Magistrate Judges of the District, June 10, 2008

“Are You *Still* My Mother?: Interstate Recognition of Adoptions by Gays and Lesbians,” Delaware Valley Feminist Law Teachers’ Conference (at University of Pittsburgh School of Law), February 2, 2008

“Are You *Still* My Mother?: Interstate Recognition of Adoptions by Gays and Lesbians,” Faculty Workshop, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, November 15, 2007

“Are You *Still* My Mother?: Interstate Recognition of Adoptions by Gays and Lesbians,” Faculty Workshop, Chicago-Kent College of Law, November 14, 2007

Moderator, “Adoptees’ Interests, Children’s Interests, and the Law,” at the “Encountering New Worlds of Adoption” Conference, University of Pittsburgh, October 14, 2007

“Third Circuit Review,” Allegheny County Bar Association Federal Courts Section, May 15, 2007

“The Curious Complications with Back-End Opt-Out Rights,” Faculty Colloquium, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, April 26, 2007

“The Curious Complications with Back-End Opt-Out Rights,” Faculty Workshop, University of Cincinnati College of Law, February 12, 2007

“Third Circuit Review,” Allegheny County Bar Association Federal Courts Section, May 16, 2006

Poster Presentation, “Tolling: The *American Pipe* Tolling Rule and Successive Class Actions,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, January 6, 2006

“Third Circuit Review,” Allegheny County Bar Association Federal Courts Section, May 3, 2005

“Jet Set Divorce: Issues for a Borderless Society,” American Bar Association Family Law Section Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, plenary session, April 30, 2004

“Same-Sex Marriage Teach-In,” University of Pittsburgh School of Law, March 25, 2004

“New Local Rules,” Federal Practice Program of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, December 11, 2003

“Panel Discussion on Women in Academia,” hosted by the Pitt Law Women’s Association, October 9, 2003

**Recent Law School Service**

Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Tenure Stream Teaching Faculty (2019-20)

Admissions Committee chair (2017-20; 2009-10; 2004-06); member (2015-16; 2012-13; 2010-11)

Appointments Committee chair (2011-12); member (2008-09)

Appointments Committee for Clinical Faculty (2014-15)

Dean of Students search committee (2019-20)

Dissertation Committee for S.J.D. candidate (2017-present)

Evaluation Committee (2012-13)

Faculty Advisor to the Pitt Law Women's Association, the Pitt Legal Income Sharing Foundation, and the Jewish Law Students' Association (ongoing)

Faculty Mentor (2010-14)

Liaison between University of Pittsburgh School of Law and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Judicial Education project (2018-present)

Petitions and Academic Standards Committee and Hearing Board (2017)

Pro Bono Committee chair (2014-15 and 2012-13)

Renewal Committee (2019-20; 2011-12; chair, 2010-11)

Self-Study Committee (2010-11)

Steering Committee chair (2019-20; 2017-18; 1997-98); member (2015-16; 2009-10; 2006-07)

Tenure Committee (2015-16)

**University Service**

Faculty representative on the Risk and Compliance Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pittsburgh (2018-20)

Selection Committee for Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award (2006-08)

**University Service (cont.)**

Concerned Women's Faculty Group (2004-07)

Provost's Advisory Council on Instructional Excellence (2001-04 term)

University Review Board (four consecutive two-year terms: 1996-2004)

Provost's Advisory Committee on Women's Concerns (1999-2002, 1991-94 terms)

**Community and Professional Service**

Women's Leadership Council, United Way (2017-present)

Member, Consultative Group on Restatement (Fourth) of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States (2016-present)

Member, Consultative Group on Restatement (Third) of the Conflict of Laws (2015-present)

Fellow, Allegheny County Bar Foundation (2014-present)

Member, Consultative Group on Restatement (Third) of the United States Law of International Commercial Arbitration (2009-19)

Member, Yale Law School Association Executive Committee (2012-18)

Member, Consultative Group on Aggregate Litigation of the American Law Institute (2005-09)

Reporter, Local Rules Committee of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (2001-09)

Member, Advisory Committee for the Study of Rules of Practice, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (2003-09; *pro tem* 2001-03)

Member, Advisory Board, British Institute of International and Comparative Law project on The Effect in the European Community of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters: Recognition, *Res Judicata* and Abuse of Process (2007-08)

Member, Executive Committee of the Section on Conflict of Laws of the Association of American Law Schools (2005)

Member, Local Rules Subcommittee of the Federal Courts section of the Allegheny County Bar Association (1993-94)

**Community and Professional Service (cont.)**

Member, Board of NASD Arbitrators (1987-93)

Member, Board of Directors, American Civil Liberties Union of Greater Pittsburgh (1987-92)

Adult Literacy Tutor, Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council (1994-97)

Member, Allegheny County Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Society of American Law Teachers

Member, Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania

**Advocacy**

Signatory, Amici Curiae brief submitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in *Stephenson v. Chao* (June 2020)

Signatory, Amici Curiae brief submitted to the Michigan Court of Appeals in *LeFever v. Matthews* (Sept. 2020)

Signatory, Amici Curiae brief submitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in *Stephenson v. Chao* (June 2020)

Signatory, Amici Curiae brief submitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in *Morrissey v. Wolf* (May 2020)

Signatory, Amici Curiae briefs submitted to the Georgia Supreme Court in *Norman v. Xytex Corp.* (July 2019 & February 2020)

Signatory, Letters submitted to Pennsylvania Criminal Procedure Rules Committee (May 2019 & February 2018)

Signatory, Letter to Secretary of Labor regarding proposed rules governing sexual harassment of students (November 2018)

Signatory, Amici Curiae brief submitted to the United States Supreme Court in *Cal. State Teachers' Retirement Syst. v. Alvarez* (July 2018)

Signatory, Amici Curiae brief submitted to the United States Supreme Court in *Turner v. Pidgeon* (October 2017)

Signatory, Amici Curiae brief submitted to Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in *Low v. Simpson* (June 2017)

**Advocacy (cont.)**

Signatory, Letter submitted to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in support of proposed rule on class action waivers (May 2016)

Signatory, Amici Curiae brief submitted to Massachusetts Supreme Court in *Partenan v. Gallagher* (March 2016)

Signatory, Amici Curiae brief submitted to United States Supreme Court in *Obergefell v. Hodges* (March 2015)

Co-author and signatory, Amici Curiae brief submitted to United States Supreme Court in *Adar v. Smith*, No. 11-46 (August 2011)

**Legal Experience**

**SHEREFF, FRIEDMAN, HOFFMAN  
& GOODMAN** 1983-86

New York, New York

Associate Attorney, Litigation Department

**Admitted** Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, S.D.N.Y., E.D.N.Y., D.N.J.

**References** Available upon request