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Academic and Administrative Employment

University of Maine School of Law, Portland, Maine, Jan. 2001-present (on leave July '03-'04)

Director, Center for Law and Innovation

Director, Marine Law Institute

Instructor of Law

Courses: Intellectual Property Clinic, Trademark Law, Copyright Law, Intellectual Property Law, Internet Law, International Intellectual Property Law, E-Commerce and the Law

Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, July 2003-July 2004

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law (Global Technology Law LLM Program)

Courses: Global Technology Transfer, International Licensing of Intellectual Property, Internet Law, E-Commerce and the Law

Education

Drake University Law School, J.D. with honors, 1993

Class rank: 2nd of 184, GPA: 3.88/4.0

Faculty-selected Outstanding Senior Award

Notes Editor, *Drake Law Review*

National Moot Court Team (regional champions 1992, 1993)

University of Iowa, B.A. in Journalism with honors and highest distinction, 1990

GPA: 3.91/4.0

Phi Beta Kappa

Judicial Clerkship

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Seattle, Washington

Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Robert R. Beezer, August 1993-September 1994

Selected Publications

Climate Change in the Northwest Atlantic, Editor (2007)

Legal Guide for Maine Harbormasters, Editor (2006)

From Laboratory to Marketplace: The Capacity of Maine's Research Institutions for Innovation and Technology Transfer, University of Maine School of Law (Jan. 2004).

Internet Privacy Law, Policy and Practice: State, Federal and International Perspectives, A Panel Discussion, 54 Maine L. Rev. 95 (2002) (R. Heimes, Editor).

Mainer's Invention Helps Whales and Fishing Industry, The Coastal Society Bulletin (2003).

Rapid and Paperless Commerce: The New E-Sign Law Encourages Electronic Contracts, Interface Tech News White Paper (June 2001).

Reaching into Cyberspace with Maine's Long-Arm Statute, Maine Bar Journal (Oct. 1999).

Note, *Liability for Passive Disposal of Hazardous Waste under CERCLA*, 42 Drake L. Rev. 225 (1993).

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Publications in Progress

Operating Agreements for New England Groundfish Sectors: Strategies for Addressing Contentious Issues, forthcoming Ocean & Coastal Law Journal, Spring 2007

Intellectual Property Rights in Mice Distributed Through The Jackson Laboratory: A Study of Their Impact on Licensing for Downstream Basic Research, forthcoming Spring 2007 (in collaboration with David Einhorn, Esq.)

Research and Projects Grants Awarded

Workshop on Cooperative Harvest Agreements for New England Groundfish Fisheries (Lead Principal Investigator ("PI"), collaboration with Gulf of Maine Research Institute and Ocean Conservancy Maine), National Sea Grant Law Center, February 2007

Legal Tools for Coastal Use and Access in Maine (Co-PI, collaboration with Maine Sea Grant and Maine State Planning Office), National Sea Grant Law Center, February 2007

Climate Change Impacts on Northwest Atlantic Fisheries: Forum and Proceedings (Lead PI, collaboration with Gulf of Maine Research Institute), Baker Family Foundation, Davis Family Foundation, Maine Community Foundation, Spring 2007

Invention to Venture Maine (Lead PI), National Collegiate Innovators and Inventors Alliance (Fall 2007)

Impact of Patents on Mouse Licensing at The Jackson Laboratory (research subcontractor to The Jackson Laboratory), National Institutes of Health, Spring 2006

Cross-Border Web-Based Influenza Epidemic Tracking Project (co-PI, collaboration with University of Southern Maine and New Brunswick Lung Association), Summer-Fall 2006

Building Capacity for Biotechnology and Marine Technology Transfer (Lead PI), Maine Technology Institute, March 2005

Study of Technology Transfer Capacities at Maine Research Institutions and Universities (Lead PI), Maine Science & Technology Foundation

Selected Conferences and Symposia

Chaired, Organized and Presented:

- Sector Operating Agreements Workshop**, November 1-2, 2007, Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Portland, Maine
- Preparing for Climate Change Impacts on Northwest Atlantic Marine Resources**, April 26-27, 2007, Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Portland, Maine
- Invention to Venture Maine**, University of New England (Portland Campus), November 3, 2006
- Knowledge Transfer Workshop**, Schoodic Education & Research Center, June 8-10, 2005
- Information Patents and the Public Interest**, Washington D.C., June 4, 2004 (co-organizer)

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- The Commons and Anticommons: Exploring Property Interests in Natural and Intellectual Resources**, Univ. of Maine School of Law, Nov. 7, 2003 (co-chair)
- Information Technology Ownership**, Univ. of Maine School of Law, June 19-20, 2003
- Bio-Innovation: Strategies for Success**, Univ. of Maine School of Law, June 20-21, 2002
- Information: Privacy, Property and Policy**, Univ. of Maine School of Law, June 7-8, 2001

By Invitation

- Working Group on Governance of the High Seas**, New York, NY, October 17-19, 2007
- Copyright, Scholarship and the Case for Open Access: Conference on the Intellectual Commons**, University of Maine Orono, November 20, 2004 (speaking on Copyright and Alternatives to Copyright)
- Software Patents**: Brussels, Belgium, November 10-11, 2004 (speaking on Small and Medium Enterprises)
- Sophisticated Licensing Issues**, Suffolk University Law School, April 2, 2004 (speaking on E-Commerce Licensing, Domain Name Developments, Dilution)
- Intellectual Property, Sustainable Development, and Endangered Species**, Michigan State University DCL College of Law, March 26-27, 2004 (conference fellow)
- United Nations Internet Governance Task Force**, follow-up to the World Summit of the Information Society, March 25-26, 2004, UN Headquarters, New York, NY
- Creation and Maintenance of, and Public Interest Advocacy by, Intellectual Property Law Clinics**, Washington College of Law at American University, March 19-21, 2004 (speaker)
- Incorporating Biology and Neuroscience into the Law School Curriculum**, Hosted by the Gruter Institute at Squaw Valley, California, June 11-12, 2003

Select Conferences/Symposia Attended

- Advancing Knowledge**: National Academies of Science, January 10-11, 2005
- International Public Goods and the Transfer of Technology Under a Global Intellectual Property Regime**, Duke University School of Law, April 4-6, 2003
- International Symposium on Open Access and the Public Domain in Digital Data and Information for Science**, organized by ICSU, UNESCO, CODATA, and ICSTI, March 2003

Selected Service and Public Interest Projects

Maine Economic Improvement Advisory Board (successor to the Maine Science & Technology Advisory Council), Governor-appointed member (2005 to present)
New York State Foundation for Science, Technology & Innovation, Review panelist for proposals to operate a New York State Science & Technology Law Center (July 2007)
University of Southern Maine Research Council, Law School representative (2006-present)
Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Navigator and Board Member of the Educational Outreach program
Chillingeffects.org, Maintain "Patents" section (2002-present)

Legal Practice Employment

Verrill & Dana LLP, Portland, Maine, Associate Attorney, December 1998-January 2001
Intellectual property and commercial litigation, trademark prosecution and licensing
Holland & Hart LLP, Boulder, Colorado, Associate Attorney, August 1996-October 1998
Intellectual property and commercial litigation, trademark prosecution and licensing
Bogle & Gates PLLC, Seattle, Washington, Associate Attorney, September 1994-July 1996
White collar crime investigations and litigation, environmental and commercial litigation

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Bar Memberships

States: Maine, 1999 (active); Colorado, 1996 (inactive); Washington, 1993 (inactive)

U.S. Courts of Appeal: First Circuit, Ninth Circuit, Tenth Circuit, Federal Circuit

U.S. District Courts: D. Maine, D. Colorado, W.D. Washington

Languages

English and Spanish