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## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

### **FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

Professor of Law, UC Hastings College of the Law, July 1, 2017 - present

Associate Professor, UC Hastings College of the Law, July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2017

Visiting Assistant Professor, Harvard Law School, January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2012

Lecturer, Harvard Law School, January 2009 (“J” Term)

### **UC HASTINGS ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

Incoming Academic Dean (starting August 1, 2017)

Associate Dean for Academic and Professional Success, July 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017

JD/MBA Programming, 2013 – present

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Selected Paper, [New Voices in Civil Justice Workshop](#), May 10, 2017, Vanderbilt Law School (for “*Class Conflicts*,” 92 Washington Law Review \_\_ (forthcoming 2017))

Student Choice Award for “Professor of the Year,” Conferred by the Associated Students of UC Hastings College of the Law, 2017

“Outstanding Contribution to UC Hastings” Award, 2017

Co-winner of the sixth annual Fred C. Zacharias Memorial Prize for Scholarship in Professional Responsibility, awarded by the AALS Section on Professional Responsibility, 2015

Rutter Award for Teaching Excellence, 2015

Student Choice Award for “Professor of the Year,” Conferred by the Associated Students

of UC Hastings College of the Law, 2015

“Visionary Service Award,” Conferred by the UC Hastings College of the Law Board of Trustees, 2014

#### **ACADEMIC PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS**

“*Class Conflicts*,” 92 Washington Law Review \_\_ (forthcoming 2017)

“*Restraining Lawyers: From ‘Cases’ to ‘Tasks,’*” 85 Fordham Law Review 2151 (2017)

“*Class Counsel as Litigation Funders*,” 28 Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics 271 (2015)

“*Profit for Costs*” (with William Rubenstein), 63 DePaul Law Review 587 (2014).

“*Achieving Procedural Goals Through Indirection*,” 26 Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics 59 (2013)

“*A New Model of Plaintiffs’ Class Action Attorneys*,” 31 Review of Litigation 757 (2012)

“*The Legacy of Holocaust Litigation Suits: Have They Broken Ground for Other Cases of Historical Wrongs?*,” with Caryn Becker, HOLOCAUST RESTITUTION, eds. Michael Bazylar and Roger P. Alford (New York University Press, 2006)

“*Factors Impacting the Selection and Positioning of Human Rights Class Actions in United States Courts: A Practical Overview*,” 58 New York University Annual Survey of American Law 623 (February 2003)

“*The Settlement of Nazi-Era Litigation Through the Executive and Judicial Branches*,” 20 Berkeley Journal of International Law 212 (March 2002)

#### **GENERAL INTEREST AND/OR PRACTICE PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS**

“*Viewpoint: Stephen Glass, Moral Character, and the Enemy Within*,” The Recorder, January 31, 2014 (available at <http://www.therecorder.com/id=1202640761218/Stephen-Glass,-Moral-Character,-and-the-Enemy-Within>)

“*Viewpoint: The Importance of Teaching Law Practice Management*,” The Recorder, Friday October 25, 2013 (available at <http://www.uchastings.edu/news/articles/2013/10/ratner-management-class.php>)

#### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT AND ACADEMIC CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

“*MDL Problems*,” Moderator as Chair of the American Association of Law Schools (“AALS”) Section on Litigation for 2016, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 6, 2017

“*Towards Tomorrow’s Legal Education – Implementing Change with a New Perspective*”

*and Vocabulary,*” Presenter, International Association of Law Schools, UC Hastings College of the Law, October 29, 2016

“*Civil Litigation at a Time of Vanishing Trials,*” Colloquium Participant, Annual Fordham Law Review Ethics Colloquium, Fordham Law School, October 21, 2016

“*Aggregate Litigation Ethics,*” Presenter, International Legal Ethics Conference VII, Fordham Law School, July 14-16, 2016

“*The Quality of Legal Representation in U.S. Class Actions: The Problem of Conflicts,*” International Conference on the Resolution of Mass Disputes: Collective Redress, Class Actions, and ADR, November 26-27, 2015, University of Haifa

“*Ethical Integrity Challenges Facing the Judiciary,*” Panel Moderator, Professional Ethical Integrity: Cornerstone for Rule of Law Reform Around the Globe, UC Hastings College of the Law Conference, February 26-27, 2015

“*Compensating Victims of Man-Made Disasters – The American Experience,*” Presentation with Discussant Eric Sibbitt, The Legal Impact of the Fukushima Disaster, UC Hastings College of the Law Conference, September 19, 2014

“*A Monument Man in the Courtroom: Litigating the Holocaust,*” Inaugural Lecture, UC Santa Cruz/UC Hastings College of the Law Social Justice Speaker Series, April 7, 2014 (video available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vXSHYI4BXY>)

“*Battling Goliath: The Impact of Plaintiff-Side Litigation Against Corporate Defendants,*” Panel, Shaking the Foundations: The West Coast Progressive Lawyering Conference, Stanford Law School, November 13, 2013

“*The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Ethical Issues in Class-Action Settlements,*” Panel, ABA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, August 9, 2013

“*Lessons from Chevron: Legal Ethics and Transnational Litigation,*” Panel, Lessons from Chevron: Stanford Journal of Complex Litigation Symposium, Stanford Law School, February 8, 2013 (video available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnfR2ytP13U>)

## **PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

### **PRIVATE PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP – (Of counsel, 2007-2015; Partner, 1996-2006; Associate, 1993-1996)

Morrison & Foerster, LLP – Associate, 1991-1993

**BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

*California*, member since 1992

*District of Columbia*, since 1999 (inactive)

*New York*, since 2000

**EDUCATION**

J.D., Harvard Law School, *cum laude*, 1991

B.A., Stanford University, Economics, with distinction, 1988