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Education:

Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, Massachusetts: Master of Divinity, Valedictorian. May, 2002.

New York University Law School: LL.M. General Program. 1997.

Loyola University Chicago Graduate School: Special Studies in Philosophy and Theology. 1994-1996.

Creighton University, Special Studies in Ascetical Theology. 1992-1994. University of Wisconsin: J.D. 1985.

University of Notre Dame: B.A. English and Philosophy, *cum laude*. 1982.

Academic Fellowships and Sabbatical Appointments

Sabbatical: Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles: 2026-2027

Sabbatical: University of California Berkeley Law School, Fellow at the Center for the Study of Law and Society 2019-2020

Writing Leave: Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles, Jesuit Fellow: 2006-2007

Faculty Appointments

Creighton University Law School: Professor of Law with Tenure: 2013- 2020

Courses taught: Criminal Law, Professional Responsibilities, Seminar in Jurisprudence, Criminal Procedure: Adjudication, Seminar in Complex Communities of Exclusion and Inclusion

Marquette University Law School: Associate Professor of Law with Tenure: 2010-2013, 2020-Present, Assistant Professor of Law. 2002-2010.

Courses taught: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Law Governing Lawyers, Seminar in Law, Philosophy and Social Theory, Seminar: "When the Equal

Protection Clause Isn't Enough", Directed Readings: Constitutional Interpretation, Selected Topics in Criminal Law and Procedure

Marquette University Law School: Visiting Assistant Professor of Law. 1997-1999.

Courses taught: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Professional Responsibilities, Seminar in Law, Philosophy and Social Theory

Creighton University Law School: Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law: 1994.

Course taught: Advanced Criminal Procedure

University of Wisconsin Law School: Instructor in Law. 1987-1988.

Staff Attorney: Legal Defense Project

Professional Employment

Research Attorney: Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights. 1993.

Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office: Assistant District Attorney: Various duties including Team Captain, Metro Drug Enforcement Unit; Team Captain, Misdemeanor Team; Coordinator of Office Appellate Briefing; Trial Division. 1988-1992

Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office: Assistant District Attorney: Trial Division. 1985- 1987.

Honors and Awards:

James D Ghiardi Award for Teaching Excellence, Marquette University Law School. 2013

Named 2010 Leader in the Law by the Wisconsin Law Journal.

James D Ghiardi Award for Teaching Excellence, Marquette University Law School. 2005.

Elected to Alpha Sigma Nu, National Jesuit Honor Society. 2001.

James D Ghiardi Award for Teaching Excellence, Marquette University Law School. 1999.

Academic Publications:

Peer Edited

Habermas, Violence, and the Ultimate Reality and Meaning of Law, 26 J. ULTIMATE REALITY & MEANING 180 (2003).

Law Review Publications:

"The Name is the Same, But the Facts Have Been Changed to Protect the Attorneys: *Strickland*, Judicial Discretion, and Appellate Decision-Making" 42 VALPARAISO LAW REVIEW 687 (2008)

He Speaks Not, Yet He Says Everything: What of That?: Text, Context, and Pretext in *State v. Jeffrey Dahmer*." 87 DENVER UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 97 (2009)

"You Can't Get There From Here? Ineffective Assistance Claims in Federal Courts After AEDPA" 93 MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW 545 (2009).

"Compassion and the Public Interest: Wisconsin's New Compassionate Release Legislation" 23 FEDERAL SENTENCING REPORTER 33 (2010).

"Some Silver Linings Have Clouds: Common Law Confidentiality in a Fiduciary Frame, Attorneys and Cloud Computing" 48 CREIGHTON LAW REVIEW 793 (2015).

"District Attorneys, Discretion, and Dialogue: How the Culture of a Prosecutor's Office Frames the Relationships Between Superiors and Subordinates 51 CREIGHTON LAW REVIEW 729 (2018)

"Reclaiming the Constitution: 'For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it.'" 109 MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW 1235(2026) Co-Author: Palma J. Strand

Other Publications:

- 1) "Textual Deviance: Eve Ensler's the Vagina Monologues and Catholic Campuses" Co Authors: Dr. Heather Hathaway and Dr. Stephanie Quade. In *Jesuit & Feminist Education: Intersections in Teaching and Learning for the Twenty-First Century* J. Boryczka and E Petrino, Eds. (New York: Fordham U Press, 2012) pp. 203-233.
- 2) Book Review: COONS & BRENNAN, BY NATURE EQUAL in 61 THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (2000)
- 3) Invited Op-Ed: *New York Times* Room for Debate "Killing with the Law on Your Side: An Unnecessary Law" March 21, 2012, Digital Edition
- 4) "The Limits of Markets in a World Where Values Matter" in CREIGHTON JOURNAL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY LEADERSHIP Vol. 4, No. 1, May 2019, pp. 25-29
- 5) Book Chapter: "Catholic Anthropology and Criminal Law" in CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND CRIMINAL LAW, AN ANTHOLOGY (working title) sponsored by the Lumen Christi Institute University of Chicago, forthcoming

Selected Presentations:

"For There is Light if Only we are Brave Enough to See it" Global Summit on Constitutionalism, University of Texas Law School, March, 2025.

"Catholic Anthropology and Criminal Law" Lumen Christi Institute Project on Criminal Justice, University of Wisconsin Law School, February, 2022

Is Resistance Futile? Do Assistant District Attorneys Need to be Conflicted Out of Handling Cases When the District Attorney is Removed?" Creighton Law Review Annual Symposium, March 15, 2018.

Fall 2017 Creighton Conversations: "Who are "We the People"? Does it include NFL Players and Puerto Ricans?"

Spring 2018 Creighton Conversations: "Speaking Truths Series: White Men Witnessing Race."

"Some Silver Linings Have Clouds" Creighton Law Review Annual Symposium, Creighton Law School, March 18, 2015

"Attorneys and Substance Abuse" Omaha Bar Association May, 2014

"Substantive Criminal Law and the Plea of Not Guilty by Reason of Mental Disease or Defect:

Background and Theory" State Bar of Wisconsin Milwaukee 19 April, 2013

"Bartleby and Bits" Ethics Continuing Legal Education for Marquette University Alumni Series Milwaukee February 24, 2012.

"Predatory Prosecutors" Ethics Presentations for Habush Law firm January 29, 2011. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Introduced and lead student discussion with Dahlia Lithwick, Supreme Court Reporter for Slate Magazine. I also introduced Dahlia as the speaker at Women Judge's Night that evening at the Italian Community Center. March 30, 2011.

Panel Moderator for Presentation on "Section 2254 Habeas Claims" for Annual CLE Program of the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association. April 7, 2011. Milwaukee

"Bartleby and Bits" Ethics Presentation for nonprofit attorneys sponsored by Catholic Charities Milwaukee October 7, 2011.

"Bartleby & Bits" Von Briesen Firm Ethics Presentation, 2011, November 8, 2011, Milwaukee Faculty Workshop on Prosecutorial Ethics. 19 February, 2010.

"Human Rights and Health Care: Lessons from Catholic Social Thought." Thomas More Society of Milwaukee, August 7, 2009.

"Access to Habeas Review is Easier than you Think" National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Annual Conference. 31 July, 2008

"Human Rights in Catholic Social Teaching." Opening Plenary Session: Interdisciplinary 19th Century Studies Conference: The Emergence of Human Rights April 3, 2008. Marquette University. Milwaukee, WI.

Marquette Law School Works in Progress Colloquium: "The Name is the Same, But the Facts Have Been Changed to Protect the Attorneys: *Strickland*, Judicial Discretion, and Appellate Decision-Making" Spring, 2008.

Loyola Los Angeles Faculty Workshop "Scaling the facts to Change the Law: Judicial Discretion Post AEDPA, a Ricoeurian Analysis" 16 February, 2006.

Wisconsin State Bar Convention "Recent Changes in Criminal and Evidence Law in Wisconsin," 4 May, 2005.

Presentation: "Faith and the Legal Profession" Jewish Law Students Association, Marquette University Law School, 10 November, 2004.

Presenter: "Ethics and the Attorney: Bartholome de las Casas" Mission Week, Marquette University, 19 February, 2003.

Presentation: "Effective Assistance, Lawyer Competency and the Criminal Law Practitioner: an Examination of New Cases." Marquette University Law School and Milwaukee Bar Criminal Law Conference: 6 December, 2003.

Presenter: "Ethics in the Legal Profession" Marquette University Law School Alumni Association, Minneapolis, MN. 5 June, 2003.

State Prosecutors Education and Training Winter Conference: Legal Ethics for Prosecutors: 16 January, 2003.

Educational Video:

"The Death Penalty and Catholic Social Teaching" Loyola Productions, Los Angeles, CA. Spring, 2006.

Service Activities: Creighton University

Law School Committee Service: Strategic Planning Committee, Chair 2016-2017; 2017-2018. Dean's Ad Hoc Committee on Law School Governance 2016-2017, Assessment Committee 2016-2017; 2017-2018. IL Advising Program, and also served as advisor for transfer students, 2015-2017 Counseling for IL students. 2013-2019

Non-curricular activities to assist students/ alumni in getting jobs: I wrote letters of recommendation for judicial clerkships, applying for jobs, post-graduate fellowships, and graduate school.

New Student Orientation: gave welcome address to all incoming first years on student life issues including mental health, Jesuit tradition, making law school work. 2016-2018, Counseling for law students, 2013-2019..

Additional Service Activities, Creighton University

Board of Trustees 2013-2019; Jesuit Recruitment Committee; Chair, Waite Chair Selection Committee; Presider for Liturgies for University Ministry; Assisted with major donors for the University

Omaha Community and Jesuit Service

- a) Board of Trustees Loyola Marymount 2009-2017
- b) Board of Trustees Regis University 2017-Present
- c) Chair: Higher Ed Rectors of Jesuit Universities 2015-2019
- d) Consultor to Provincial of Wisconsin Province 2012-2017 (when Province was suppressed and Midwest Province formed)
- e) Presider for Liturgies: St John's Church
- f) I do counseling for members of the legal profession and other professionals in town.
- g) I do spiritual direction for Jesuits and lay people
- h) Convener of Creighton University Vocations Discernment Group

Service Activities, Marquette University Law School

Teaching Committee 2020-Present; Faculty Recruitment 2021-Present; Student Orientation and Recruitment 2020-Present; Advisor, American Constitution Society 2024-Present; Diversity Committee: 2012-2013; Teaching Committee: 2012-2013; Chair, Curriculum Committee: 2010-2012. Academic Programs Committee: 2011-2012. Admissions Committee: 2008-2010; New Student Orientation Talk: 2006 to 2012. Academic Regulations Committee: 2007-2008 Student Life Committee: 2006-2008; Chair, Mental Health Committee: 2004-2005. Judicial Committee: 2002-2005; Member, Diversity Committee: 2003-2004; Library Director Search Committee: 2003-2004. Faculty Advisor: American Constitution Society: 2003-2013; Pastoral Counseling for Marquette Law Students and Alumni: 2002- Present.

Service Activities: Marquette University

University Leadership Counsel: 2020-present; Search Committee for University Chief Wellness Officer: Spring-Fall of 2024; Ad hoc Committee on Students Impacted by Executive Orders: Spring 2025-Fall 2026; Jesuit Recruitment Committee 2020-Present; Wade Chair Committee, Chair, 2020-Present; Dreamers' Support Committee 2020-Present; Special Advisor on Legal Matters to Student Affairs: 2020-2025; Advisor on Criminal Law to the Office of Student Development: 2002-2013. Ad Hoc faculty Committee on Athletic Mascots: 2005.

Bylaws Committee, National Chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor Society, 2002-2003.

Presenter: "So What? Developing Leaders for Mission." Manresa Project: All University Faculty Convocation, 16 October, 2003.

Service to UMI Province/ Jesuit Community

Rector, Jesuit Community, Marquette University, 2020-Present
Board of Trustees, Loyola Chicago, 2019-Present.

Rector, Jesuit Community, Creighton University, 2013-2019

Board of Trustees, Creighton University, 2013- 2019

Board of Trustees, Regis University, 2017-present

Board of Trustees, Loyola Marymount University, 2009-2017.

Member: Executive Board, Alpha Sigma Nu, International Jesuit Honor Society, 2006 - 2009.

Member, State Bar of Wisconsin, Criminal Law Section: 2024-Present

Chair, Wisconsin State Bar Ad Hoc Committee on Criminal AI Legislation: 2025-Present

Member: Board of Directors Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin, 2003-2012.

Chair, State Bar of Wisconsin Criminal Law Section: 2009-2011.

Chair Elect, State Bar of Wisconsin Criminal Law Section 2007-2009.

Member: Board of Directors, State Bar of Wisconsin Criminal Law Section, 2004-2013
Member:

State Bar of Wisconsin Criminal Law Section Legislative Review Committee, 2024-Present
2005- 2013.

Member: Search Committee for Federal Defender for State of Wisconsin, 2004-2005, 2007.

Leader/ Director: Woodstock Business Colloquium, Ethics forum sponsored by Georgetown University, Brookfield, Wisconsin, Chapter. 2004-2012.

Legal Consultant and Expert Witness on issue of Prosecutorial Misconduct, *State of Oklahoma v. Terry Nichols*. 2000-2001.

Homilist: Red Mass for University Detroit Mercy October, 2007

Homilist: Red Mass for Creighton University October, 2013

Sacred Heart School of Theology, Confessor: 2020-Present

Sinsinawa Dominicans Presider for Community Liturgies: 2024-Present

Spiritual Direction for Jesuits and others 2020-Present