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EMPLOYMENT:

Sept 2008 – Present
Associate Professor of Law
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
ARLINGTON VA

Teach Family Law, Property Law

Spring 2008
Visiting Professor
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Teach Family Law

Fall 2000 – Summer 2008
COLUMBUS SCHOOL OF LAW, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
WASHINGTON, DC
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW

Teach Property, Family Law, Catholic Social Thought, and Legislation Seminar
Tenured, June 2006

Member, Academic Affairs Committee 2006-08
Chair, Student Affairs Committee, 2005-06
Chair, Admissions Committee, 2004-05

Professional Schools Representative to the University Board of Trustees, 2006-2009

Spring 2005-Present
Consultant ABC News

Subjects: Women in the Catholic Church; Religion in the Public Square;
the Papacy

April 2008- Present

Consultor: Pontifical Council for the Laity, Vatican City

1990 - July 2000

**DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND INFORMATION
SECRETARIAT FOR PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, WASHINGTON DC**

National representative on abortion, euthanasia, feminism, capital punishment, population and related issues for the American Catholic bishops in television, radio, print media, the U.S. Congress and public lectures. Traveled the United States, Mexico, Italy, Cuba and Canada, lecturing extensively at colleges and universities, law schools, academic and professional societies, priests' conferences, diocesan conventions and many other public fora.

Testified on behalf of the bishops before federal congressional committees; lobbied members of Congress regarding federal legislation.

Managed NCCB's multi-million dollar contracts with public relations, advertising and lobbying consultants.

1987-1990

**STAFF ATTORNEY
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, WASHINGTON DC**

Worked with Solicitor and General Counsel on general litigation matters -- internal and external -- involving the body of Catholic bishops of the United States: employment law, contracts, constitutional law.

Drafted *amicus curiae* briefs for U.S. Supreme Court and federal courts, in cases concerning abortion, euthanasia and the First Amendment.

Advised Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities, Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, individual bishops and dioceses, regarding case law and legislation concerning abortion, euthanasia, and the First Amendment.

1984-1987

**LITIGATION ASSOCIATE
STRADLEY, RONON, STEVENS AND YOUNG, PHILADELPHIA PA**

Commercial litigation for a 90-attorney law firm. Represented the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia and large commercial enterprises.

EDUCATION:

M.A. THEOLOGY, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA, 1989 summa cum laude

(Additional 2.5 years of study toward Ph.D, Systematic Theology)

J.D., CORNELL UNIVERSITY, 1984

B.S. ECONOMICS, VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, 1981 summa cum laude
Adam Smith Prize, Economics

PUBLICATIONS:

Law Review Articles:

Additional Illumination: Catholic Social Teaching Looks at U.S. Family Law and Culture (forthcoming), *J. of Law, Philosophy & Culture (Catholic University)* (2008).

Foreword: Symposium on Youth and the Law, *22 Notre Dame J. of L. Ethics & Pub. Pol'y* 1 (2008)

Gonzales v. Carhart: Bringing Abortion Law Back into the Family Law Fold, *69 Montana L. Rev.* 409 (2008).

The Moral Reasoning of Family Law: The Case of Same-Sex Marriage, *38 Loyola U. Chi. L. Rev* 349 (2006).

An Anthropology for the Family Law of Indis/solubility, *4 Ave Maria L. Rev.* 497 (2006).

The Consistent Ethic of Life: A Proposal for Improving its Legislative Grasp, *2 University of St. Thomas L. J.* 326 (2005).

The Turn Toward the Self in Marriage: Same-Sex Marriage and its Predecessors in Family Law, *16 Stanford Law and Policy Review* 101 (2005).

Saying "Yes" Before Saying "I Do," Cohabitation and Premarital Sex as a Piece of the Divorce Puzzle, *18 Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy* 7 (2004).

The Case for Regulating Collaborative Reproduction: A Children's Rights Perspective, *40 Harvard J. on Legis.* 1 (2003).

Catholic Teaching and the Law Concerning the New Reproductive Technologies, *30 Fordham Urban L. J.* 107 (2002).

Legal Issues in a Post-Webster World, 34 *Cath. Lawyer* 115 (1991) (with Mark Chopko).

Book Chapters:

Christian Feminism and Family Life: a new feminism fit for a new family? *in* Francis Eigo, ed., *Themes in Feminist Theology for the New Millennium II: Proceedings of the Theology Institute of Villanova University* (Villanova University Press, 2003)

Evangelium Vitae, Abortion: A Response to Leslie Griffin, *in* Kevin Wildes and Alan Mitchell, eds., *Choosing Life: A Dialogue on Evangelium Vitae*, 179 (Georgetown University Press, 1997).

John Paul II and the Gospel of Life, *in* Gregory Beabout, ed., *A Celebration of the Thought of John Paul*, 43 (St. Louis University Press, 1998).

Encyclopedia Entries:

Abortion: Legal and Political Issues, *New Catholic Encyclopedia* (The Catholic University of America, 1996).

John Paul II and the Family, *New Catholic Encyclopedia* (The Catholic University of America, 2001).

Works in Progress:

Article: The Future of Cohabitation Law: A Proposal on the Importance of Commitment

Book: An American Catholic Feminist Learns to Love the Popes

Selected Additional Articles:

Consumerism and the Objectification of Women in U.S. Family Law and Culture (a paper for the Pontifical Council for the Laity (Rome), to be published in the Council's *Proceedings*, Spring 2008)

The Rape Crisis and the "Morning-After Pill", *Proceedings of the National Catholic Bioethics Center* (Philadelphia, PA) (2007)

Bringing Assisted Reproductive Technologies into the Catholic Social Teaching Fold, *Die Neue Ordnung* (Germany) (2007).

Loneliness in the Context of Illness and Dying: A Catholic Perspective, *The Yale Journal for Humanities in Medicine*, <http://info.med.yale.edu/intmed/hummed/yjhm/spirit2004/loneliness/halvare.htm> (Reprinted by Ignatius Press, http://ignatiusinsight.com/features2005/halvare_loneliness_mar05.asp)

A New Feminism, The Holy Father's Call to Christian Women, *Liguorian*, May 1997, pp. 4-11.

A New Feminism and the Family, *Liguorian*, August 1998, pp. 26-31.

About Last Night: A Reflection on *Kristin Lavransdatter*, *Crisis*, February 1999, pp. 30-31.

Catholic Identity in the Public Forum: A Reflection, in *Faithful Past, Faith-filled Future*, papers commissioned for the centennial of the National Catholic Educational Association (2003).

Service:

Official Delegate of the President of the United States, Inaugural Mass of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI (April 2005).

Official Delegate of the President of the United States, Inauguration of the President of El Salvador (July 2004).

Chair, Commission on the Protection of Children and Clerical Abuse, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 2002-03 (Drafted new guidelines for restructuring diocesan management of complaints of clerical sexual abuse. Harmonized canon law and civil law requirements).

U.S. Reporter (family law procedure), XII World Congress of Procedural Law, Sept 21-28, 2003 (Mexico City) (Drafted Summary of all U.S. family court procedures for international association.).

Council Member The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), NIH, 2002-2003. Appointed by Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tommy Thompson (Council oversees NICHD grant making on projects concerning, among other issues, stem cell research and gene therapies).

Consultant, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Pro-Life Committee, 2000-present.

Consultant (re: U.S. family law), U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Marriage and Family, 2005 - present.

Presentations:

Dialogue: U.S. and Saudi Arabian Family Law, Freedom House, March 2008 (Georgetown University, Washington DC)

The Objectification of Women, 20 years after *Mulieris Dignitatem*, Pontifical Council for the Laity, Office for Women, February 2008.(Rome)

Report and Recommendations: State and Federal Laws concerning Treatment of Victims Following Sexual Assault: Plenary Address to the 2007 Conference of the National Catholic Bioethics Center (annual convocation of all of the Roman Catholic bishops of North and South America, Poland and the Philippines). Dallas 2007.

Catholic Social Teaching and the New Reproductive Technologies: Plenary Address to the Pontifical Council for Social Justice and Peace and the Association Internationale Enseignement Chretien Sociale. Vatican City, 2006.

The Family in the Social Order: a plenary address for the Conference: The Legacy of *Gaudium et Spes* Forty Years Later (Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace). Vatican City 2005.

Loneliness in the Context of Illness and Dying, a presentation for the ethics committee of the St. Vincent's Hospital (New York), December 2004.

Family in Catholic Social Teaching, a presentation for the annual convention of the National Catholic Association for Youth Ministry (Pittsburgh). December 2004.

Catholic Social Justice and American Jurisprudence: the interplay between Family Law and Property Law, November 2004. St. Michael's University (VT) Centennial Lecture.

Catholic Social Teaching and American Family Law, an address inaugurating the Family Life Center of the Malvern Retreat House (Philadelphia), September, 2004.

Marriage and Family Relationships in the Religious Law of the Abrahamic Faiths, a Rockefeller Foundation Conference, April 19-23, 2004 (Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Lake Como, Italy) (a one week dialogue with leading family law scholars of the Christian, Jewish and Islamic traditions).

Plenary Address on the Role of Catholic Higher Education, for the American Association for Catholic Colleges and Universities, Feb 1, 2004.

Choosing the Child: the Legal and Social Dilemmas, The Doris Clarke Family Lecture on Medical Ethics for the Notre Dame Alumni Association, March 21, 2003 (Notre Dame University) (medical presentation for 200 doctors and lawyers, followed by roundtable consideration of individual legal and ethical dilemmas).

Collaborative Reproduction, a presentation to the University of St. Thomas School of Law, April 8, 2003.

The Role of the Laity in Church Crises, a presentation sponsored by the Center for Catholic Studies of the University of St. Thomas, April 9, 2003.

From 1990 through 1999, lectured on abortion, euthanasia, and feminism on behalf of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops at over 70 colleges, universities and law schools including, among others: Boston College, Brown University, The Catholic University of Rome, Columbia University, Graduate School of International Relations, Cornell Law School, Dartmouth University, George Mason University, Georgetown University schools of law and medicine, Harvard Law School, Notre Dame University School of Law, Princeton University, St. Louis University, Mundelein Seminary (Chicago), Rice University, Texas A & M, the University of Iowa, University of Pennsylvania, the University of South Carolina School of Law, the University of Texas, Washington University (St. Louis) and the Yale University School of Law.

Assistance to the Holy See:

The Objectification of Women, 20 years after *Mulieris Dignitatem*, Pontifical Council for the Laity, Office for Women, Rome 2008

Plenary Address: The Family in the Social Order, at the Conference: The Legacy of Gaudium et Spes: 40 Years Later, sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (March 2005, Vatican City).

Delegate and Plenary Speaker, Exhortation Apostolica: Ecclesia in America, Implicaciones Antropologicas, Economicas Y Sociales en Cuba (Havana, Cuba 1999)

Lecture, The Healthy Family: What is it?, at the International Conference on Women's Health sponsored by The Pontifical Academy for Human Life, February 1998, Rome.

Consultant, Pontifical Academy for Human Life, 1996-1999.

U.S. press representative for the Holy See Delegation to the United Nations' Conference on Women, Beijing, 1995.

U.S. press representative for the Holy See Delegation to the United Nations' Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 1994.

Awards and other distinctions.

- Recipient of Honorary Doctorate and Commencement Speaker, Immaculata University (PA), May 2005
- Centennial Medal, College of St. Michael's (VT), Nov. 9, 2004 (on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the College of St. Michael's)
- Faculty Marshall (elected by students), Spring 2004 Columbus School of Law Commencement
- Mary Mirror of Justice Award, Spring 2004 (given by the Guild of Catholic Lawyers)
- The Catholic Leadership Institute (Phila. PA) 2003 Award for Outstanding Catholic Leadership
- Nominated for Honorary Doctorates in 2003-04 at:
 - St. Michael's College (VT) (declined)
 - Boston College (Boston) (declined)
- Gannon University's (Cleveland) *Ut Diligatis Invicem Award*, jointly with Sister Helen Prejean. For service to the Church and the wider community. March 21, 2002
- BLSA (Black Law Students Assn.) Professor Appreciation Award, 2002
- TIME Magazine, "Top 40 Under 40," 1996