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EMPLOYMENT and APPOINTMENTS:

Fall 2008 - Present

Professor of Law (formerly Associate Professor of Law)

ANTONIN SCALIA LAW SCHOOL, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Teach: Family Law, Law & Religion, Property Law. In summer 2019, I assisted Justice Brett Kavanaugh with: Origins of the US Constitution (Runnymede, UK)

Advise: Civil Rights Law Journal, Latino & Latina Law Students Association, and from time to time the Christian Legal Society, the Space Law Society and the Thomas More Society

January 2018 - Present

Board Member, CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

BALTIMORE MD

Board member for fourth largest humanitarian charity in the world. Advise concerning support for charitable relief activities in the poorest and most war-torn countries in the world, and about religious mission and nondiscrimination policies

2005 - Present

Consultant, ABC NEWS

Respond to intermittent requests regarding status of women, law and religion, and papal transitions

2018 - Present

Member, DISCASTERY FOR LAITY, FAMILY AND LIFE

VATICAN CITY

Advisor to Vatican curial body that assists Pope Francis regarding the roles of the laity, and pastoral initiatives on behalf of families and human life. Specialize in questions about roles for women in the Church and in the world. Previously consulted the prior incarnation of this Dicastery: the Pontifical Council for the Laity (2008 to 2017)

2018 – Present

Member, AALS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND RELIGION

2001-2004

Council Member

**THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF CHILD HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
(NICHD) at the NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
BETHESDA MD**

Presidential appointment to serve as lawyer-ethicist on Council overseeing NICHD grant making on projects concerning, among other issues, women's and children's health, stem cell research and gene therapy

2003

***Chair, PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION INVESTIGATING CLERGY
SEXUAL ABUSE
PHILADELPHIA PA***

Chaired commission including chief of police, head of sex crimes unit, victims and others, investigating the handling of sexual abuse cases by clergy, by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Issued lengthy report and recommendations

Fall 2000 – Spring 2008

Associate Professor Of Law

**COLUMBUS SCHOOL OF LAW, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
WASHINGTON DC**

*Taught: Property, Family Law, Advanced Legislation
Tenured, June 2006*

Fall 1987 – Spring 2000

Attorney, Communications Director

**US CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (USCCB)
WASHINGTON DC**

General litigation and wrote US Supreme Court *amicus* briefs on behalf of all of the bishops of the US, followed by public representation of USCCB before Congress, national media, academic, professional and public audiences

Summer 1984 – Fall 1987

Litigation Attorney

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

Commercial litigation attorney for a 100-attorney firm in Philadelphia, with a sub-specialty in church-state matters

EDUCATION:

Catholic University of America, Masters of Systematic Theology, 1989

Cornell Law School, J.D., 1984

Villanova University, M.S. (Economics) 1981, *summa cum laude* in 3 years, and winner of the Adam Smith Prize for top Economics graduate

PUBLICATIONS:

Selected Books:

Jeffrey B. Hammond and Helen M. Alvaré, eds., *Christianity and Conscience: An Introduction* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2020) (and authored introductory chapter and an additional chapter on contemporary religious conscience issues in the United States)

Helen M. Alvaré, *Putting Children's Interests First in American Family Law and Policy: With Power Comes Responsibility* (Cambridge University Press, 2017)

Helen M. Alvaré, ed., *The Conscience of the Institution* (St. Augustine Press, 2014)

Selected Book Chapters:

Hate Crimes: A Delicate Balancing of Speech and Harm Prevention, in Grzegorz Blicharz, ed., *Freedom of Speech: a Comparative Law Perspective* (Prawo Publiczne (Poland), 2019)

Domestic Violence Law: a Perpetual Search for the Best Legal Solutions, in Grzegorz Blicharz, ed., *Marriage, Children and Family: Modern Challenges and Comparative Law Perspective* (Prawo Publiczne (Poland), 2019)

The Struggle for Conscience Protection in an Increasingly Secularized Context, in Grzegorz Blicharz, ed., *Freedom of Conscience: A Comparative Law Perspective* (Prawo Publiczne (Poland), 2019)

Religious Displays: The Interplay of Free Speech and the Nonestablishment of Religion, in Grzegorz Blicharz, ed., *Freedom of Conscience: A Comparative Law Perspective* (Prawo Publiczne (Poland), 2019)

The Sexualization of Children: A Massive Problem with Insufficient Solutions, in Grzegorz Blicharz, ed., *Marriage, Children and Family: Modern Challenges and Comparative Law Perspective* (Prawo Publiczne (Poland), 2019)

Abortion, Sexual Markets and the Law, in Stephen Napier, ed. *Persons, Moral Worth, and Embryos* (Vol. 11, Philosophy and Medicine) (Springer Pub. 2011)

“You Can’t Get There From Here,” A Reply to Proposals to Disestablish Marriage as the Path to Care, in Scott FitzGibbon, et al., eds., *The Jurisprudence of Marriage and Other Intimate Relationships* (William S. Hein and Co., 2010)

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)

Selected Law Review Articles:

Gender Mistrust as a Public Health Crisis: A Proposal, *Georgetown L. Journal* (2020)(forthcoming)

Beyond Moralism: A Critique and a Proposal for Catholic Institutional Religious Freedom, *Connecticut Pub. Int. L. J.* (2020)

Is this Any Way to Make Civil Rights Law? Judicial Extension of “Marital Status” Nondiscrimination to Protect Cohabitants, 17 *Georgetown J. of L. & Pub. Pol’y* 247 (2019)

Dialoguing with Paganism, 57 *J. of Catholic Legal Studies* 57 (2019)

A Perfect Storm: Religion, Sex and the Administrative State, 92 *St. John’s L. Rev.* 1 (2019)

Now We Know Better: A New Legal Framework on Sex to Better Promote Autonomy, Equality, Diversity and Care for the Poor, 66 *Buffalo L. Rev.* 669 (2018)

The Opposite of Anarchy and the Transmission of Faith: The Freedom to Teach after *Smith*, *Hosanna-Tabor*, and *Obergefell*, 53 *San Diego L. Rev.* 1 (2016)

Religious Freedom versus Sexual Expression: A Guide, 30 *The Journal of Law and Religion* (Cambridge Univ.) 475 (2015)

Marriage and the Family as the New Property: *Obergefell*, Marriage and the Hand of the State, 28 *Regent U. L. Rev.* 49 (2015-16)

- Same-Sex Marriage and the Reconceiving of Children, 64 *Case W. L. Rev.* 829 (2014)
- No Compelling Interest: The “Birth Control Mandate” and Religious Freedom, 58 *Villanova L. Rev.* 379 (2013)
- A Response to Professor I. Glenn Cohen’s Regulating Reproduction: The Problem with Best Interests, 96 *Minnesota Law Review Headnotes* (no. 1 May 2012) at <http://www.minnesotalawreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/AlvareFinal.pdf>.
- Curbing its Enthusiasm, U.S. Federal Policy and the Unitary Family, 2 *Int’l J. of the Jurisprudence of the Family* 108 (2012)
- Bishops versus “Nuns in Jeeps,” Why a Facially Intra-Catholic Health Care Dispute Matters, 25 *Notre Dame J. L. & Pub. Pol’y* 563 (2011)
- Beyond the Sex-Ed Wars: Addressing Disadvantaged Single Mothers’ Search for Community, 44 *Akron L. Rev.* 167 (2011)
- Father Absence, Social Equality and Social Progress, 29 *Quinnipiac L. Rev.* 123 (2011)
- 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)
- 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 J. of Law, Ethics & Pub. Pol’y* 7 (2004)
- The Case for Regulating Collaborative Reproduction: A Children’s Rights Perspective, 40 *Harvard J. on Legis.* 1 (2003)

Selected Additional Writings:

I also write from time to time for *Scotusblog*, on Supreme Court opinions touching religious freedom or the family, and for the family law blog: *Institute for Family Studies* where I have been a contributor from 2015 to the present.

I have recently promised the *Atlantic Monthly* to write about the religion clauses of the First Amendment several times annually.

Human Rights v. Religious Freedom? in Room for Debate, *The New York Times*, Dec. 22, 2011, at <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2011/12/22/is-americans-religious-freedom-under-threat/human-rights-vs-religious-freedom>

Loneliness in the Context of Illness and Dying,
The Yale Journal for Humanities in Medicine (2004)
<http://info.med.yale.edu/intmed/hummed/yjhm/spirit2004/loneliness/halvare.htm>

PRESENTATIONS:

I travel the United States, Europe, South America and Oceania approximately 15-20 times per year for the last 30 years, making presentations on family law or law and religion, to a wide variety of universities, United Nations and European Parliamentary bodies, and various bodies of the Holy See.

A representative sampling of recent events includes:

Fall 2019:

Constitution Day Speaker at Louisiana State University

Federalist Society Presentations at Fordham University and Temple Law School

Spring 2019

Conference at the United Nations in Geneva – speaker on behalf of the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations on the rights of women and families

Federalist Society Presentation at Columbia University on my book, *Putting Children's Interests First in US Family Law and Policy*

Fall 2018, Lectures for the Archdiocese of Edinburgh, Scotland – Spoke at several lectures for the public, for Catholic Church leaders, and for women, on the subjects of the freedom of the church, and on the sex abuse scandals

Summer 2018, Appearance in the RBG movie, a documentary about the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg appearing widely in US theaters

April 2018, C-SPAN Landmark Cases, Washington DC – One of two guests for C-SPAN series discussing the Landmark Cases of the US Supreme Court for a two-hour special

March 2018,

Oklahoma Legislature – address to the members of the Oklahoma Legislature on the relationship between family law, social justice, and religious freedom.

Harvard University Thomistic Institute, Cambridge, MA – plenary address on the family, liberalism and Christianity

January 2018, Stanford University – address to university-wide community on current challenges to religious freedom in the US Supreme Court

December 2017, Vatican City - plenary speaker at international conference of NGOs, assembled by the Secretariat of State of the Holy See, regarding cooperation between humanitarian agencies assisting women and families, among others

PERSONAL:

Married nearly 35 years to Brian Duggan, with three adult children.