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CURRICULUM VITAE

TEACHING

Cleveland State University College of Law
Visiting Professor
2026-2027

- Courses Taught:
Criminal Procedure I: Investigations
The First Amendment
Criminal Law

Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law
Professor of Law (with tenure)
August 2012 to present

- Administrative Roles:
Associate Dean for Professional Development (Fall 2018 to Spring 2023)
Director of Experiential Learning (Fall 2016 to Summer 2018)

- **Courses Taught:**

- Doctrinal**

- Constitutional Law I
 - Constitutional Law II
 - Criminal Law
 - Civil Procedure

- Simulation/Skills**

- Legal Analysis and Problem Solving (in person)
 - Legal Analysis and Problem Solving (asynchronous online)
 - Remote Representation
 - Legal Methods
 - Client Centered Practice (team taught)
 - Negotiation Competition
 - Trial Advocacy

- Experiential**

- Field Placement Clinic
 - Advanced Field Placement Clinic
 - Semester in Practice
 - Field Placement Seminar (asynchronous online)
 - Advanced Field Placement Seminar (asynchronous online)

- Electives/Seminars**

- Shedding Shackles: The Life and Legacy of Salmon P. Chase
 - Supervised Independent Research

- Undergraduate**

- Legal Communication and Persuasion
 - The American Legal System II
 - The U.S. Constitution
 - Introduction to Law (asynchronous online)

- Teaching Highlights**

- Two-Time Professor of the Year
 - Certified AI Trained Instructor from the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Innovation
 - Received consistently excellent student evaluations and favorable peer reviews
 - Spearheaded reorganization of orientation and bar success curriculum
 - Guest lectured for Legal Writing, Advanced Appellate Advocacy, Remedies, Art Law, Sociology of Crime, Women and Crime, Sociology of Surveillance, Legal Methods, and Careers in Criminal Justice
 - Participated in Making Teaching Public open classroom project

University of Cincinnati Law School
Adjunct Professor of Law and Affiliate Professor, Women's Studies Department
August 2002 – April 2012

- Courses Taught:
Habeas Corpus and Post-Conviction Remedies
Juvenile Law
Indigent Defense Clinic Lecturer and Supervisor

Center for American Studies
Poznan, Poland
Instructor of Law
Spring 2022

- Course Taught:
Civil & Commercial Litigation in English: Drafting Skills & Terminology

SCHOLARSHIP

Legal Journals and Book Chapters

Can Judges Lie?: Disciplinary Counsel v. Rudduck and the Regulation of Judicial Expression (work in progress) (forthcoming 2026)

The Myth Revisited: Obscenity Law Since 2015, 17 Harv. Sports. & Ent. L. J. 41 (2026)

Speak Now: A New Paradigm for Assessing Wedding Vendors' First Amendment Objections to Same-Sex Weddings, 52 N.Ky. L.Rev. 89 (2025) (symposium contribution)

The Psychology of Censorship, 74 Case West. L. Rev. 403 (2023)

The Role of Political Affiliation in Judicial Sentencing Outcomes, 66 Wayne L. Rev. 347 (Winter 2021) (co-authored)

Black Speech Matters, 59 Louisville L. Rev. 1 (2020) (invited submission)

Private Free Speech, 58 U. Louisville L. Rev. 309 (Spring 2020) (invited submission)

Secondary Legislation, 88 U. Cin. L. Rev. 101 (2019) (accepted for presentation at the International Privacy and Government Accountability Forum, Universite de Paris Pantheon-Sorbonne, June 2018)

Therapeutic Expression, 68 Emory L. Rev. 939 (2019) (invited submission)

Rethinking Bail Reform, 52 Rich. L. Rev. 795 (May 2018)

- Cited in UC Davis Law Review, ALR, and criminal procedure textbook
- Spurred bail reform legislation adopted by City of Cincinnati

Chill, 48 Loy. U. Chi. L.J. 253 (Fall 2016)

- Cited in Georgetown Law Journal and Loyola Chicago Law Review

The Myth of Obsolete Obscenity, 33 Cardozo Arts & Ent. L. J. 607 (2015)

- Cited in Alabama Law Review and the University of Pennsylvania Law Review

First Amendment Sexual Privacy:

Adult Sexting and Federal Age-Verification Legislation, 45 N.Mex. L. Rev. 1 (2014)

Sexual Privacy in the Internet Age:

How Substantive Due Process Protects Online Obscenity, 16 Vand. J. Ent. & Tech. L. 103 (2013)

- Cited in William & Mary Law Review

Strategic Litigation: A Free Speech and Free Assembly Case Study,

Chapter in “Strategic Litigation of Public Interest Cases: US and Russian Best Practices”

Google Press

Moscow 2017 (176 pages)

Originally Published in Russian as КАК ПОЛОЖИТЬ ЧИНОВНИКА НА ЛОПАТКИ, или Стратегические тяжбы: опыт работы американских и российских судей по общественно значимым делам» / Под ред. Тодда Брауэра, Антона Буркова

Judicial Attribution (work in progress)

Holistic Abolitionism: Salmon P. Chase’s Three-Dimensional Model for Lasting Legal, Political, and Social Change (work in progress)

Saving Breonna Taylor (work in progress)

Dismantling Commercial Speech (work in progress)

Amicus Briefs

Amicus curiae brief to the Hamilton County Municipal Court

On behalf of the First Amendment Lawyers Association,

Defending Rights and Dissent, and Various Law Professors

State v. Rashaan Davis, Case No. 20-CRB-6410 (April 14, 2020)

Amicus curiae brief to the United States Court of Appeals

For the Ninth Circuit on behalf of the National Association for Public Defense

Floyd v. Filson, No. 14-99012 (Jan. 3, 2020)

Amicus curiae brief to the United States Supreme Court
On behalf of the National Association of Public Defense
Aksu v. California, No. 16-1009 (April 14, 2017)

Amicus curiae brief to the United States Supreme Court
On behalf of the First Amendment Lawyers Association
Keefe v. Adams, No. 16-1035 (March 26, 2017)

Amicus curiae brief to the New York Court of Appeals
On behalf of the First Amendment Lawyers Association
For the People Theaters v. City of New York, No. APL-2015-273 (March 18, 2017)

Amicus curiae brief to the United States Court of Appeals
For the Ninth Circuit on behalf of the First Amendment Lawyers Association and
Woodhull Freedom Foundation
Erotic Service Provider Legal, Education & Research Project v. Gascon, No. 16-15927 (Oct. 16, 2016)

Amicus curiae brief to the United States Court of Appeals
for the Sixth Circuit on behalf of the Center for Democracy & Technology,
the First Amendment Lawyers Association, and David G. Post,
Doe v. Snyder, Nos. 15-2346, 2486 (Jan. 11, 2016)

Amicus curiae brief to the United States Supreme Court
On behalf of the National Association for Public Defense,
the Center for Constitutional Rights, the Kentucky Association of
Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Ohio Association of Criminal
Defense Lawyers, *Bright v. Gallia County*, No. 14-877 (Feb. 20, 2015)

Amicus curiae brief to the United States Supreme Court
On behalf of the First Amendment Lawyers Association
Susan B. Anthony List v. Driehaus, No. 13-193 (March 3, 2014)

Amicus curiae brief to the United States Supreme Court
On behalf of the First Amendment Lawyers Association
United States v. Jones, 132 S.Ct. 945 (Jan. 23, 2012)

Amicus curiae brief to the United States Supreme Court
On behalf of the First Amendment Lawyers Association
City of Littleton v. Z.J. Gifts D-4, LLC, 541 U.S. 774 (2004)

Other Publications

Purchasing Privacy: Is There a Right to Mail Order Abortion Medications?,
The Gender Policy Report (May 19, 2025),
available at <https://genderpolicyreport.umn.edu/privacy-matters-the-legacy-of-griswold/>

Sexual Privacy in the Digital Age, Privacy Law Bulletin Vol. 15, No. 6 (2018)

Essay, *Presidential Attacks on Free Speech*,
Best Lawyers Women in the Law Spring 2017 Edition

"When Vanishing Photos Become Vanishing Evidence:
Legal Questions Raised by the Snapchat Smartphone App,"
Lex Loci, June 2013

Essay, "She Was Juror Number 9"
Cincinnati Bar Magazine (Summer 2008)

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Can Judges Lie?
International Free Speech Forum
Universite du Luxembourg
June 18, 2026

*View from the Bench:
Use of AI in Court Filings*
Panel Participant
Cincinnati Bar Association
June 1, 2026

*From the Bench: Judicial Perspectives on the
Declaration and Constitutional Practice*
Panel Participant
NKU Chase College of Law Law Review Symposium
*Founding Ideals in Constitutional Practice: The Declaration of
Independence's 250-Year Legal Journey*
April 3, 2026

The Durrani Trials: An Example Medical Malpractice Case
Medicolegal Symposium
NKU Chase College of Law and UK Medical School
February 21, 2026

Perspectives from the Bench
NKU Chase College of Law BLSA Panel
February 12, 2026

The Myth Revisited
NKU Chase College of Law
January 20, 2026

Tips of the Trade
University of Cincinnati College of Law
Advanced Appellate Advocacy Class
September 22, 2025

The Psychology of Censorship
Northeast Lawyers Club
August 1, 2025

The Myth Revisited
International Free Speech and Media Law Forum
National Public Service University
Budapest, Hungary
June 16, 2025

*Speak Now: A New Paradigm for Assessing Wedding Vendors’
First Amendment Objections to Same-Sex Weddings*
Panel Discussant and Moderator
Obergefell v. Hodges: Ten Years Later
Northern Kentucky Law Review
NKU Chase College of Law
March 19, 2025

Obscenity Trials in the Hamilton County Courthouse (panel discussion)
Cincinnati Lawyers Club
January 16, 2025

First District Criminal Case Law Update
Cincinnati Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
September 27, 2024

The Psychology of Censorship
The Lawyers Club of Cincinnati
August 15, 2024

The Dead Letter Years
Comstock.Con
Initiative for a Representative First Amendment
Harvard Law School
May 14, 2024

A View from Behind the Bench
First District Court of Appeals Training Seminar
University of Cincinnati Law School
December 2, 2023

Using Technology to Improve Access to Justice (Panel Moderator)
Sorbonne University Law Faculty
Law Days Symposium
November 6, 2023

Social Media Regulation and Free Speech
Sorbonne University Law Faculty
Law Days Symposium
November 6, 2023

Tenth Annual Salmon P. Chase Distinguished Faculty Forum
Georgetown Center for the Constitution
Georgetown Law School
September 29, 2023

Careers in Criminal Justice
Northern Kentucky University
October 2022 and 2023 and 2024

The Psychology of Censorship
University of Cincinnati Osher Lifetime Learning Institute
September 27, 2023

The Psychology of Censorship
Washburn University Law School
April 6, 2023

Limiting Police Discretion Panel Moderator
NKU Law Review Symposium on Modern Policing
NKU Chase College of Law
March 24, 2023

Take It On: Affirmative Action and the Supreme Court
Xavier University
March 22, 2023

Judge For Yourself: The Importance of Judicial Elections to Democracy
Seven Hills School
February 8, 2023

Representing Incarcerated Survivors

University of Michigan Law School Human Trafficking Clinic

January 26, 2023

Beating the Odds

Southeastern Association of Law Schools SEALS Conference Panel

July 28, 2022

The Psychology of Censorship

Chase Law Faculty Workshop

April 29, 2022

Big Tech and Antitrust

A Debate with Prof. Gary Myers

The Federalist Society Northern Kentucky University Chapter

April 1, 2022

Survivorship Stories: How to Harness the Power of Ethical Storytelling

Ohio 13th Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Summit

Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives

March 4, 2022

Reimagining Justice: Preventing the Criminalization of Survivors

Shared Hope International JUST Conference

Washington, DC

November 17, 2021

Using Sentencing Data in Ohio Courts

Indigent Defense Clinic

University of Cincinnati College of Law

October 26, 2021

Breonna Taylor Symposium

Legal Scholars Panel

University of Kentucky School of Law

October 16, 2021

Perspective on Populism

Six @ Six Lecture Series

Panel Moderator

Northern Kentucky University

September 30, 2021

Narrative Theory
Ohio Juvenile Defender Summit Panel
Franklin University (virtual)
August 20, 2021

Online & Hybrid Learning Pedagogy Best Practices and Standards Development
Southeastern Association of Law Schools SEALS Conference Panel
July 29, 2021

How to Assure Effective Formative and Summative Assessment
Southeastern Association of Law Schools SEALS Conference Panel
July 27, 2021

Experiential Learning Week: Chase Clinics and Externships
Northern Kentucky University
April 29, 2021

The Constitutionality of Criminalizing Police Criticism
Cincinnati Edition
WVXU FM 91.7
April 12, 2021

Hate Speech/Free Speech
NKU Student Government Association Town Hall
March 23, 2021

New Media and the Lessons of the 2020 Election
ABA Cyberlaw Section
February 17, 2021

Black Speech Matters
Black History Month Lecture Series
NKU Chase College of Law
February 10, 2021

Best Practices for Alumni Engagement
Bluegrass Academic Leadership Academy Virtual Symposium
Midway University
October 23, 2020

To Infinity and Beyond: Enhancing Externship Professional's Academic Profile
Externships 10 Virtual Conference
Syracuse University Law School
October 23, 2020

The Role of Political Affiliation in Judicial Sentencing Outcomes
NKU Chase College of Law Faculty Workshop
September 17, 2020

Dismantling Commercial Speech
SEALS Constitutional Law Works in Progress Panel
July 31, 2020

Girls To Thrive: A Conversation with Alexis Martin
Clinton Foundation
May 21, 2020

Digital Dangers: Cyberbullying and Sexting in Middle and High School Populations
Northern Kentucky University
School Counseling Masters Practicum
October 29, 2019

Networking Tools and Tips
Federal Bar Association Student Chapter
Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law
September 26, 2019

New and Established Voices in Constitutional Law
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting
Constitutional Law Section
Boca Raton, Florida
July 29, 2019

Supreme Court Update: Individual Rights
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting
Constitutional Law Section
Boca Raton, Florida
July 29, 2019

Speech and Privacy
International Free Speech Forum
Pazmany Peter Catholic University
Budapest, Hungary
June 3, 2019

Children in Prison: Legal Pathways for Children to be Tried and Sentenced as Adults
Glenn W. Weaver Institute for Law and Psychiatry
University of Cincinnati College of Law
May 3, 2019

Diversity and Inclusion Dialogue: First Amendment
Northern Kentucky University
March 19, 2019

Hate Speech (with Nadine Strossen)
Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law
February 12, 2019

Dismantling Commercial Speech
International Free Speech Forum
University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law
December 6, 2018

Therapeutic Expression
Spotlight on Scholarship (selected participant)
Northern Kentucky University
October 25, 2018

Therapeutic Expression
University of Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky University Scholarship Exchange
University of Cincinnati College of Law
October 3, 2018

Careers in Advocacy
Panel Presentation sponsored by Chase Advocacy Center
NKU Chase College of Law
October 2, 2018

Secondary Legislation
International Forum on Privacy and Government Accountability
Universite de Paris Dauphine Law Faculty
June 25, 2018

Therapeutic Expression
International Free Speech Forum
University of Luxembourg Law Faculty
June 5, 2018

At Your Writ's End: Using Writs in Juvenile Proceedings
The Surveillance State: Emerging Technologies in Police Investigations
Ohio Juvenile Defender Summit
Columbus, Ohio
May 2018

Ineffective Assistance of Counsel and Wrongful Convictions
University of Cincinnati Criminal Justice Department
March 5, 2018

The Myth of Obsolete Obscenity
Panel Presentation
Emory Law School Thrower Symposium (invited participant)
February 7, 2018

Rethinking Bail Reform
Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law
October 7, 2017

Secondary Legislation
Selected for Presentation in International Privacy and Governmental Transparency Forum
University of Paris Pantheon-Sorbonne
June 2018

Fake News and the First Amendment
Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law
August 29, 2017

Is Campus Free Speech Really Free?
University of Cincinnati Law School
April 11, 2017

Secondary Legislation
NKU Chase College of Law Faculty Workshop
February 15, 2017

Alternative First Amendment Decisions
First Amendment Lawyers Association Winter 2017 Meeting
San Diego, CA
February 11, 2017

Developments in Commercial Speech Law
First Amendment Lawyers Association Winter 2017 Meeting
San Diego, CA
February 10, 2017

Larry Flynt: Smut Peddler or Constitutional Hero?
Northern Kentucky University Six @ Six Lecture Series
Carnegie Library, Covington, KY
October 6, 2016

The Right of Free Speech on College Campuses
Indian Hill Church, Cincinnati, OH
September 11, 2016

Chill
NKU Chase College of Law Faculty Workshop
September 2016

Introduction to Criminal Law
High School Law Interest Day
NKU Chase College of Law
June 2016

Free Speech Strategic Litigation
Urals Human Rights School
Yekaterinburg, Russia
February 2016

The History of the American First Amendment
Yekaterinburg Law School
Yekaterinburg, Russia
February 2016

Chill
First Amendment International Roundtable
University of Louisville Brandeis College of Law
December 2015

18 USC 2257: An Update
First Amendment Lawyers Association Summer 2015 Meeting
Nashville, Tennessee
July 24, 2015

*When The Judiciary Turns Hostile:
Representing Unpopular Clients with Professionalism and Civility*
First Amendment Lawyers Association Summer 2015 Meeting
Nashville, Tennessee
July 25, 2015

*The Nuances and Aggravations of 'Our Judicial Federalism':
A Civil Procedure Review*
First Amendment Lawyers Association Winter 2015 Meeting
Las Vegas, Nevada
February 5, 2015

The History of Modern Obscenity Law
Lindenwood University
St. Louis, Missouri
January 13, 2015

Supreme Court Update
Hamilton County, Ohio Public Defender Training Seminar
November 11, 2014

The Private First Amendment
Developing Ideas Conference
University of Kentucky Law School
Lexington, Kentucky
May 21, 2014

Transgender Issues in the Law
Panel Presentation
University of Cincinnati Law School
Cincinnati, Ohio
March 5, 2014

Challenges and Benefits of Distance Learning in Experiential Placements
Panel Presentation
Externships 7 Conference
University of Denver Law School
Denver, Colorado
February 28, 2014

2257 and Personal Privacy
First Amendment Lawyers Association Winter Meeting
Honolulu, Hawaii
February 14, 2014

United States Supreme Court and Ohio Supreme Court Case Law Update
Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Annual Seminar
University of Cincinnati Law School
Cincinnati, Ohio
January 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Supreme Court Case Law Update
Lawyers Club of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio
January 16, 2014
December 17, 2015
January 19, 2017
January 17, 2018

January 17, 2019
January 16, 2020
May 19, 2022

*Private Communication or Federal Crime?:
Adult Sexting and Federal Age-Verification Legislation,*
NKU Chase College of Law Faculty Workshop
September 13, 2013

*Civil Liberties & National Security:
Is It Possible To Have Both?*
Democracy Square Live! Presentation
NKU Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement
April 4, 2013

American Protection of Online Expression
Justice Academy of Turkey
Ankara, Turkey
March 12, 2013

*The Occupy Wall Street Movement and its
Implications on Free Speech in America*
Ankara University Law Faculty
Ankara, Turkey
March 13, 2013

Hate Crimes, Social Media & Justice
Panel Presentation
NKU College of Informatics/Chase Law + Informatics Institute
November 28, 2012

The First Amendment and Popular Culture
The University of Cincinnati Institute for Learning In Retirement
Cincinnati, Ohio
November 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011

What's Wrong with the Public Defender System? Symposium
University of Cincinnati School of Law
April 2004

Governmental Regulation of Adult Businesses
Northern Kentucky University Sociology Department
Summer 2008, 2009, 2010, Fall 2012

Juvenile Sex Offender Registration Law and Practice
Children's Law Center Juvenile Defender Summit

Juvenile Defender Trial Practice Symposium, Instructor
Dayton, OH
February 2011

Federal Habeas Corpus
International Innocence Network Conference
April 2011

First Amendment Lawyers Association
Presentation, "Grand Jury Investigations, Search Warrants, and Subpoenas"
Presentation, "*Blakely* and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines"
Presentation, "Update on 18 USC 2257 and Related Litigation"
Presentation, "Obscenity Law Update"
Presentation, "The Adam Walsh Act and Efforts to Block Its Enforcement"
Presentation, "Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure"
Presentation, "Know Your Enemies: An Update on Pro-Family Opposition"
Presentation, "Sex Offender Registration Laws Update"
2004-2013

Internext Conference
Presentation, "Legal Issues with Adult Internet Websites"
February 2008

Southeastern Sports and Entertainment Lawyers Conference
Presentation, "Representing Adult Entertainment Clients"
November 2006

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Institute of Judicial Administration New Appellate Judges Seminar
New York University School of Law
June 2024

Leadership Northern Kentucky
Class of 2020-2021

Bluegrass Academic Leadership Academy Fellow
Spring 2020 to Spring 2021

AWARDS AND HONORS

NAACP, Northern Kentucky Chapter
Inaugural Civil Rights and Judicial Advocacy Award
February 9, 2023

NKU Chase College of Law Professor of the Year
2024-2025 Academic Year Runner-Up
2021-2022 Academic Year
2020-2021 Academic Year

Senior Survey Recognition
Spring 2022

Senatorial Citation for Anti-Human Trafficking Advocacy
134th Ohio General Assembly
April 2022

Bluegrass Leadership Academy Fellow
Spring and Fall 2020

NKU Valiant Woman
Women's History Month
March 2020

NKU Spotlight on Scholarship
Selected Participant
October 25, 2018

NKU Faculty Awards
Millburn Outstanding Professor Award
Chase College of Law Nominee
Spring 2019 and Spring 2022

NKU Faculty Awards
Excellent Performance by a Faculty Member for Excellence in University Service
Chase College of Law Nominee
Spring 2018

NKU Faculty Awards
Excellent Performance by a Faculty Member for Excellence in Public Engagement
Chase College of Law Nominee
Spring 2014

Super Lawyers Rising Star, First Amendment (2007, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Best Lawyers in America, First Amendment (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Children's Law Center Child Advocacy Partnership Award (2007)

City Beat Best Pro Bono Work Award (2004, 2008)

SELECTED NATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE

Jessica Contrera, "The State of Ohio vs. a Sex Trafficked Teenager, The Washington Post (June 1, 2021) (top cover story, top digital article)

1A, WAMU.org/National Public Radio, "Covid and the Prison Population" (Apr. 12, 2021)

Emily Czachor, "Cincinnati Cop Anonymously Sues 4 People for Complaints Officer Used 'OK' Hand Gesture," Newsweek (Aug. 18, 2020)

Justin Jouvenal, "Social distancing enforcement is ramping up. So is concern that black and Latino residents may face harsher treatment.," The Washington Post (May 10, 2020)

The Justice Project, Oxygen Network (April 2020)

Eric Ortiz, "Celebrities Rallied Around Cyntoia Brown, but Some Worry About 'Kardashian Effect'," NBC News (Jan. 10, 2019)

Melissa Gira Grant, "If Cyntoia Brown Can Be Released from Prison, Why Not Trafficking Survivor Alexis Martin?," The Appeal (Jan. 11, 2019)

David L. Hudson, Jr., "When Do Rants Exceed First Amendment Boundaries and Become True Threats?," ABA Journal (August 2018)

David L. Hudson, Jr., "Can Anti-Profanity Laws and the Fighting Words Doctrine be Squared with the First Amendment?," ABA Journal (April 2018)

Julia Jacobo, "Can Words Kill? Guilty Verdict in Texting Suicide Trial Raises Questions," ABC News (June 21, 2017)

David L. Hudson, Jr., "Occupy the Courts," ABA Journal (July 2012)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University Service

NKU RPT Equity Working Group
Spring 2021 to Summer 2022

NKU Campus Common Read Committee
Summer 2020

NKU Campus Conversation Committee
Summer 2020

NKU Faculty Senate
2014-2016 Term, 2016-2018 Term, 2018-2020 Term

NKU Giving Ambassador (Capital Campaign)
Fall 2019, Fall 2020

NKU Parking Appeals Committee
Fall 2018 to Summer 2023

NKU Faculty Benefits Committee
2014 to Summer 2023

NKU Faculty Scholarship Subcommittee
Spring 2014, Spring 2020

NKU Faculty Survey Report Committee
Fall 2016

Law School Service

Chase Faculty Development Committee
Fall 2025 to Spring 2026 (Chair)

Chase Law Library Committee
Fall 2023 to Spring 2025 (Chair)

Chase Retention Promotion and Tenure Committee
Fall 2024 to Spring 2025

Chase Strategic Planning Committee
Fall 2022 (Chair)

Chase Faculty Recruitment Committee
Fall 2020 to Spring 2021

Chase College of Law Admissions Committee, Chair
Fall 2019 to Summer 2020

Chase College of Law Dean Search Committee
Fall 2018

Chase College of Law Curriculum Committee
2014 to 2019, 2022-2023 (Co-Chair)

Chase College of Law Experiential Learning Committee, Chair
2017 to 2018

Chase College of Law Bar Pass Committee
Fall 2017 to present

Chase Academic Standing Committee Hearing Officer
Summer 2017

Clinical Legal Education Association
New Clinical Professor Mentor
August 2016 to Spring 2017

Chase College of Law Heart Mini Marathon Team Captain
Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017

Federal Bar Association Student Chapter Faculty Advisor
Fall 2015 to present (currently on leave)

Federal Bar Association Pro Se Handbook Revision Project, Chair
Spring 2016 to Fall 2016

Chase Trial Team
Volunteer Faculty Advisor and Boot Camp Instructor
Fall 2018 to Spring 2019, Spring 2021

Chase Advocacy Society
Faculty Advisor
Fall 2014 to Spring 2022

Chase Public Interest Group
Faculty Advisor
Spring 2013 to Spring 2022

LawMeets Negotiation Team Faculty Advisor
Spring 2018

Sports Law Negotiation Team Faculty Advisor
Spring 2016

Faculty International Travel Award Review Committee
Fall 2014 to Spring 2015

Chase Faculty Recruitment Committee
Fall 2013 to Spring 2014 (Chair)

Strategic Planning Key Results Area: Skills
Fall 2012 to Fall 2014

Summer Public Interest Fellowships Application Review Panel
Spring 2013 to Spring 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kinsley Law Office, Cincinnati, OH, November 2012 to February 2023
Part-time law practice engaged in criminal justice reform litigation, juvenile defense and post-conviction, and indigent defense appeals.

Silver & Silver LLP, New Britain, CT, November 2008 to February 2023
Of Counsel
Engaged in part-time representation of First Amendment clients.

Sirkin Kinsley, Co. LPA, Cincinnati, OH November 2009 to August 2012
Managing Partner
Founded and managed law firm with national practice focusing on First Amendment litigation, civil rights impact litigation, and criminal defense including death penalty habeas and juvenile. Developed extensive pro bono practice dedicated to reforming the criminal justice system. Served as class counsel in multiple lawsuits to reform Ohio's juvenile prison system and juvenile court practices. Handled numerous trials and appellate arguments in state and federal courts. Supervised attorneys and support staff. Managed firm finances and accounting.

Sirkin Pinales & Schwartz LLP, Cincinnati, OH, April 2000 to October 2009
Partner
Developed and maintained nation-wide practice focusing on First Amendment litigation, criminal defense, civil rights impact litigation. Frequently addressed community groups and trade associations on criminal defense and social justice issues. Supervised law clerk program.

Hamilton County Public Defender, Cincinnati, OH, May 1999 to April 2000
Staff Attorney and Intern, Juvenile Division
Represented juveniles in all aspects of delinquency cases and families in custody cases.

Expert Witness, Ineffective Assistance of Counsel
State of Ohio v. Jared Schwartz, Clermont Com. Pl. No. 2018 CR 159 (Dec. 2018)

Expert Witness, First Amendment Attorney Fees
White River Amusement Pub v. Town of Hartford, D. Vt. No. 1:02cv320 (May 2008)

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Appeals for juveniles tried as adults: 5

Federal and State obscenity trials: 10
Federal and state jury trials: 21
Bench trials: over 100
Federal and state appeals: over 85
Death Penalty/Federal Habeas cases: over 10
Class Counsel in 5 Major Federal Criminal Justice Reform Cases

PRACTICE HIGHLIGHTS

Obtained injunctions on First Amendment grounds in prominent free speech litigation

Argued first case under new juvenile human trafficking safe harbor law in Ohio Supreme Court

Created framework for police interactions with the homeless in Cincinnati

Represented class of incarcerated juveniles in Ohio that led to broad juvenile justice reform

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Hamilton County Help Center Advisory Board
Member, August 2024 to present

Ohio Court of Appeals Judges Association
Member, 2023 to present
Board Member, 2025 to present

Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeal
Member, 2025 to present
Newsletter Committee, 2025 to present

First Amendment Lawyers Association
President (2011), Board of Directors (2012 to February 2023), Amicus Brief Committee (2015 to February 2023)

National Association for Public Defense
Amicus Committee
Chair, July 2016 to August 2017
Member, Fall 2014 to January 2023

American Association of Law Schools
Externships Committee
Subcommittee on Distance Learning
April 2013 to Spring 2023

Hamilton County Bail Reform Committee
2016 to 2018

Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Self-Help Center Committee
January 2017 to May 2019

Federal Bar Association John Peck Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Division
Board of Directors
2011-2012, 2021 to present
Newsletter Committee Chair, 2025 to present

Ohio Supreme Court New Lawyer Mentoring Program
2012 to 2015

Greater Cincinnati Legal Aid Volunteer Lawyers Project
Volunteer Attorney (1999-2012)

Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
CLE Coordinator (2003-2006)

Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (previous member)

Ohio Bar Association

Cincinnati Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mutual Dance (formerly known as Contemporary Dance Theater)
President (2003-2006), Board of Directors (2001-2003, 2013 to 2025), Advisory Board (2012-2013),
Forty/40 Gala Committee (2012-2013)

Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless
Board of Directors (2012-2015), Development Committee Chair (2012-2015)

Children's Law Center
Dancing with the CLC Stars Fundraiser, Volunteer Dancer (Talent Champion), Raised over
\$10,000
Spring 2016
Dancing with the CLC Stars Fundraiser, Talent Judge
Spring 2017

Ryle High School
Senior Exit Interview Review Committee

Spring 2016
Spring 2017

Ronald McDonald House
Volunteer (2010 to 2013)

Junior Achievement Volunteer Instructor
Fairview Clifton German Language School
First Grade, Mrs. Clausen (Spring 2013)
Second Grade, Mrs. Thomas (Spring 2014)
Third Grade, Ms. Williams (Spring 2015)
Fourth Grade, Ms. Reisenberg (Spring 2015)
Fourth Grade, Ms. Kreimer (Spring 2015)

Adopt-A-Class Coordinator
Glenn O. Swing Elementary School
Fifth Grade, Mrs. Gear (Spring 2013)

Cincinnati Youth Collaborative
Volunteer Mentor (2000-2006)

Florence United Methodist Church
Youth Group Counselor (2015-2016)
Grace Mission Meal Coordinator (2015 to 2020)

Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church
Nursery Volunteer
Staff Parish Relations Committee

EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law, J.D., May 1999
Criminal Law Society (founder and chair), Prisoners Rights Project (president), Death Penalty
and Criminal Law Clinics, Mock Trial Team, Public Interest Law Foundation

University of Florida, B.A. with highest honors, May 1996
Phi Beta Kappa, Volunteer Tutor, Floridance Company (president)

PRACTICE JURISDICTIONS

Supreme Courts of Ohio (1999) and Florida (2009); United States Supreme Court; United States
Courts of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits;
United States District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts of Ohio, District of
Colorado, Eastern District of Michigan, District of Connecticut, and Eastern District of Wisconsin

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

Ohio Court of Appeals for the First District

Elected November 8, 2022

Term Began February 9, 2023

- Administrative and Presiding Judge (January 1, 2025 to present)
- Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal, Member and Newsletter Committee (2025 to present)
- Co-Director of Summer Diversity Internship Program
- Created “Open Doors” shadowing program for area high school, undergraduate, and law students to gain exposure to the legal system, including visits from NKU law students and undergraduate classes
- Spearheaded pending Local Rules amendment to create pilot oral argument program for self-represented incarcerated litigants