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EXPERIENCE

California Western School of Law

Professor of Law, 2001 – Present; *Associate Professor of Law*, 1998 – 2001. *Vice Dean for Academic Affairs*, 2007 – 2014; *Associate Dean for Teaching & Assessment*, 2022 – 2024; *Endowed Professorships*: Chief Justice Roger Traynor Professor of Law, 2023 – Present; *Dean Steven R. Smith Professor of Law*, 2014 – 2023. *Course Offerings*: Civil Procedure, Comparative Law, Constitutional Law, Critical Race Theory, Foreign Affairs and the Constitution, Human Rights Law, International Law, Seminar on Law and International Relations. *Director*: International Legal Studies Program, 2002 – 2007. *Faculty Coach*: Jessup International Law Moot Court Team, 1998 – Present (Jessup Regional Champions: 2005, 2007, 2010; Second Place: 2011, 2016; International Rounds Team: 2005, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2016, 2021). *Faculty Advisor*: Amnesty International. *Faculty Committees*: Academic Affairs, Appointments, Curriculum, Diversity, Faculty Development, Foreign Programs.

California Western School of Law

Scholar-in-Residence, Fall 1997. *Adjunct Professor*, Summer 1997. *Course Offerings*: Comparative Law; Law & International Relations.

UCLA School of Law

Lecturer in Law, 1995 – 1996. *Course Offering*: Seminar on Law and International Relations.

Harvard University

Senior Thesis Reader, 1994. Reviewed and evaluated undergraduate honors thesis. Member of Oral Examination Committee for undergraduate Honors Program.

Westside Legal Services

Staff Attorney, 1992. Diversified practice in public interest law. Represented indigent clients in immigration matters, government benefits cases, landlord-tenant law, and family law. Supervised legal aid clinic in cooperation with UCLA School of Law.

Brown, Winfield & Canzoneri

Associate Attorney, 1990 – 1991. Diversified litigation, real estate, and municipal law practice.

University of Southern California Law Center

Research Assistant to Professor Edwin Smith, 1988 – 1990. Conducted research on treaty interpretation, arms control and disarmament issues, and the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

University of Southern California School of International Relations

Teaching Assistant to Professors Alex Hybel and James Rosenau, 1989 – 1990. Responsible for leading discussion sections in international relations courses.

Immigrants' Rights Office

Law clerk, 1988 – 1990. Represented Central American refugees in a variety of immigration matters.

EDUCATION

Harvard University

M.A. Government 1996. Awarded full tuition scholarship and annual stipend. Relevant coursework in international relations, international law, and comparative politics.

UCLA School of Law

LL.M 1996. Ford Foundation Fellow in International Law. Awarded full tuition scholarship and annual stipend. Relevant coursework in international trade, human rights, and the European Union.

University of Southern California Law Center

J.D. 1990. Awarded full tuition scholarship and annual stipend.

University of Southern California School of International Relations

M.A. International Relations 1990. Relevant coursework in international relations and strategic studies.

Claremont McKenna College

B.A. International Relations 1986. Relevant coursework in international relations and American foreign policy.

AWARDS

Ford Foundation Fellow in International Law (1994 – 1996).

Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowship in World Politics (1993).

Harvard Graduate Fellowship (1992-1996).

John J. Eagan Memorial Award for Excellence in Law and International Relations (1990).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Scholarly Metrics (Hyperlinks)

Google Scholar SSRN

BePress (PlumX) Hein Online

Articles

William J. Aceves, *The Common Sense of Racism*, 68 WM. & MARY L. REV. (forthcoming 2027).

The Codification Project: Protecting Conscientious Objection as Secular Protest, 106 B.U. L. REV. 531 (2026).

Whose Children?, 103 WASH. U. L. REV. 477 (2025).

Critical Constitutional Law and the Alito Palimpsest, 27 U. PA. J. CONST. L. 720 (2025).

Ending the Paper Chase at the U.S. Supreme Court, 96 U. COLO. L. REV. 1083 (2025) [Profiled in [New York Times](#)].

Abortion Costs and the Language of Torture, 72 UCLA L. REV. DISC. 96 (2024).

Shadow Amendments, 60 HARV. J. LEG. 27 (2023).

On the Meaning of Color and the End of White(ness), 17 HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. 79 (2022).

The Problem with Dobbs and the Rule of Legality, 111 GEO. L.J. ONLINE 75 (2022).

Solving the Settlement Puzzle in Human Rights Litigation, 35 GEO. J. L. ETH. 105 (2022).

Hidden History and the Power of Social Movements: The Watts Gang Treaty, 57 HARV. CIV. RTS-CIV. LIB. L. REV. 115 (2022) [Profiled in [Los Angeles Times](#)].

Amending a Racist Constitution, 170 U. PA. L. REV. ONLINE 1 (2021).

Book Review: Avoiding the Terrorist Trap: Why Respect for Human Rights is the Key to Defeating Terrorism, 42 HUM. RTS. Q. 695 (2020).

Hernandez, Bivens, and the Supreme Court's Expanding Theory of Judicial Abdication, 118 MICH. L. REV. ONLINE 1 (2020).

Suing Russia: How Americans Can Fight Back against Russian Intervention in American Politics, 48 FORDHAM INT'L L.J. 1 (2019).

A Distinction with a Difference: Rights, Privileges, and the Fourteenth Amendment, 98 TEX. L. REV. ONLINE 1 (2019).

Virtual Hatred: How Russia Tried to Start a Race War in the United States, 25 U. MICH. J. RACE & LAW 101 (2019).

Book Review: Law's Trials: The Performance of Legal Institutions in the US "War on Terror," 41 HUM. RTS. Q. 753 (2019).

Correcting an Evident Error: A Plea to Revise Jesner v. Arab Bank PLC, 108 GEO. L.J. ONLINE 63 (2018).

Cost-Benefit Analysis and Human Rights, 92 ST. JOHN'S L. REV. 431 (2018).

When Death Becomes Murder: A Primer on Extrajudicial Killing, 50 COLUM. HUM. RTS. L. REV. 116 (2018).

Interrogation or Experimentation? Assessing Non-Consensual Human Experimentation During the War on Terror, 29 DUKE J. COMP. & INT'L L. 41 (2018).

Valuing Life: A Human Rights Perspective on the Calculus of Regulation, 36 L. & INEQ. 1 (2018).

The Civil Redress and Historical Memory Act of 2029: A Legislative Proposal, 51 U. MICH. J. L. REFORM 163 (2017).

Book Review: Why Torture Doesn't Work: The Neuroscience of Interrogation, Rutgers Law School, Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Books, available at <http://clcjbooks.rutgers.edu/books/why-torture-doesnt-work.html> (2016).

United States v. Tenet: A Federal Indictment for Torture, 48 N.Y.U. J. INT'L L. & POL. 1 (2015).

Symposium: Two Stories about Skin Color and International Human Rights Advocacy, 14 WASH. U. GLOBAL STUD. L. REV. 563 (2015).

Symposium: Litigating the Arab-Israeli Conflict in U.S. Courts: Critiquing the Lawfare Critique, 43 CASE W. RES. J. INT'L L. 313 (2011).

The Life Cycle of Immigration: A Tale of Two Migrants, 6 RUTGERS J. L & PUB. POL'Y 259 (2009) (with James Cooper).

The Orthodoxy of Format: Some Sketches on Legal Scholarship, 56 J. LEGAL EDUC. 656 (2006) (with James Cooper).

Symposium Introduction: The Nuremberg Legacy, 10 GONZAGA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 1 (2006).

Predicting Chaos? Using Global Scenarios to Inform Theory and Guide Practice, 45 VA. J. INT'L L. 585 (2005).

Symposium: Scholarship as Evidence of International Law, 26 LOY. L.A. INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 1 (2003).

Actio Popularis: The Class Action in International Law, 2003 U. CHI. LEGAL F. 353 (2003).

International Decisions: Avena, 97 AM. J. INT'L L. 923 (2003).

Human Rights Litigation in U.S. Courts: Affirming Justice and the Rule of Law, 60 GUILD PRACTITIONER 129 (2003).

Symposium: The Tattered Tapestry of International Law, 29 PEPP. L. REV. 1 (2002).

Relative Normativity: Challenging the Sovereignty Norm Through Human Rights Litigation, 25 HASTINGS INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 261 (2002).

Using Immigration Law to Protect Human Rights: A Critique of Recent Legislative Proposals, 23 MICH. J. INT'L L. 733 (2002) (with Paul L. Hoffman).

International Decisions: LaGrand Case, 96 AM. J. INT'L L. 210 (2002).

Critical Jurisprudence and International Legal Scholarship, 39 COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 299 (2001).

Canto para Latinoamerica, 30 CAL. W. INT'L L. J. 441 (2000).

International Decisions: Advisory Opinion of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, 94 AM. J. INT'L L. 555 (2000).

Liberalism and International Legal Scholarship: The Pinochet Case and the Move Toward a Universal System of Transnational Law Litigation, 41 HARV. INT'L L.J. 129 (2000).

Using Immigration Law to Protect Human Rights: A Legislative Proposal, 20 MICH. J. INT'L L. 658 (1999) (with Paul L. Hoffman). Reprinted in 20 IMMIG. & NATIONALITY L. REV. 157 (2000).

International Decisions: Case Concerning the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 93 AM. J. INT'L L. 924 (1999).

International Decisions: NAO Public Communication Concerning Labor Law Violations, 93 AM. J. INT'L L. 224 (1999).

International Decisions: Application of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 92 AM. J. INT'L L. 517 (1998).

International Decisions: Doe v. Unocal, 92 AM. J. INT'L L. 309 (1998).

The Vienna Convention on Consular Relations: A Case Study on Rights, Wrongs and Remedies, 31 VAND. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 257 (1998). Reprinted in PROC. AM. BR. INT'L L. ASS'N 163 (1998).

International Decisions: Murphy v. Netherland, 92 AM. J. INT'L L. 87 (1998).

Institutionalist Theory and International Legal Scholarship, 12 AM. U. J. INT'L L. & POL'Y 227 (1997).

The Economic Analysis of International Law: Transaction Cost Economics and the Concept of State Practice, 17 U. PA. J. INT'L ECON. L. 995 (1997).

Affirming the Law of Nations in U.S. Courts: The Karadzic Litigation and the Yugoslav Conflict, 14 BERKELEY J. INT'L L. 137 (1996).

The Legality of Transborder Abductions: A Study of United States v. Alvarez-Machain, 3 SW. J. L. & TRADE 101 (1996).

The Freedom of Navigation Program: A Study of the Relationship Between Law and Politics, 19 HASTINGS INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 259 (1996).

Ambiguities in Plurilingual Treaties: A Case Study of Article 22 of the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention, 27 OCEAN DEV. & INT'L L. 187 (1996).

Lost Sovereignty? The Implications of the Uruguay Round Agreements, 19 FORDHAM INT'L L. J. 427 (1995).

Diplomacy at Sea: U.S. Freedom of Navigation Operations in the Black Sea, 46 NAVAL WAR C. REV. 59 (1993). Reprinted in READINGS ON INTERNATIONAL LAW (John Norton Moore and Robert Turner eds., 1995).

Books and Monographs

LESSONS AND LEGACIES IN THE WAR ON TERROR (Gershon Shafir, Everard Meade & William J. Aceves eds., 2012).

THE LAW OF CONSULAR ACCESS (John Quigley, William J. Aceves & S. Adele Shank eds., 2010).

WILLIAM J. ACEVES, THE ANATOMY OF TORTURE: A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF *FILARTIGA V. PENA-IRALA* (2007).

USA: A SAFE HAVEN FOR TORTURERS (2002) (principal author).

Book Chapters

People of Color, in ELGAR ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HUMAN RIGHTS (Christina Binder et al. eds., 2022).

Using Transnational Litigation to Protect the Amazon: A Study of Corporate Liability, in AMAZONIA: ENVIRONMENT AND THE LAW IN AMAZONIA (James M. Cooper & Christine Hunefeldt eds. 2013).

Constitutional Barriers and the Perils of Impunity, in LESSONS AND LEGACIES IN THE WAR ON TERROR (Gershon Shafir et al. eds., 2012).

Human Rights Law and the Use of Incapacitating Biochemical Weapons, in PROMISE OR PERIL? INCAPACITATING BIOCHEMICAL WEAPONS (Alan M. Pearson et al. eds., 2007).

Protecting the Right to Family Life in U.S. Immigration Proceedings: A Fundamental Right with a Limited Remedy, in HUMAN RIGHTS AND REFUGEES, INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND MIGRANT WORKERS 349 (Anne F. Bayefsky ed. 2006).

Pursuing Crimes against Humanity in the United States: The Need for a Comprehensive Liability Regime, in JUSTICE FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY 239 (Mark Lattimer & Philippe Sands eds., 2003) (with Paul L. Hoffman).

Prosecuting Human Rights Violations in U.S. Courts: A Primer for the Justice Department on the Convention against Torture, in EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS (David Barnhizer ed., 2002).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Extrajudicial Killings and the Rule of Law, ABA Section on Civil Rights, Mar. 25, 2026.

The Alito Palimpsest, 2023 LatCrit Biennial Conference, Oct. 14, 2023.

Reading the Alito Palimpsest, Western People of Color Conference, Loyola Law School, June 27, 2023.

Reading the Alito Palimpsest, University of San Diego School of Law, Feb. 24, 2023.

International Law and the Ukraine Crisis, University of California, San Diego, Feb. 10, 2023.

Who are People of Color?, 2021 LatCrit Biennial Conference, Oct. 9, 2021.

Solving the Settlement Puzzle in Human Rights Litigation, Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop, Feb. 19, 2021.

Hidden History and the Power of Social Movements, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Civil Rights, Works in Progress Session, 2021 Annual Meeting, Jan. 6, 2021.

The Settlement Paradox in Human Rights Litigation, American Society of International Law 2020 Research Forum, Oct. 30, 2020.

The Fourteenth Amendment: An Historical Overview, San Diego County Law Library, May 3, 2017, San Diego, California.

Valuing Life: A Human Rights Perspective on the Calculus of Regulation, American Society of International Law 2016 Research Forum, University of Washington School of Law, Nov. 12, 2016, Seattle, Washington.

The Civil Redress and Historical Memory Act of 2026: A Legislative Proposal, International Law Weekend 2016, Fordham Law School, Oct. 29, 2016, New York, New York.

Valuing Life: A Human Rights Perspective, Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop, University of California, Irvine School of Law, February 19, 2016, Irvine, California.

Two Stories on International Human Rights Advocacy, Washington University School of Law, April 3, 2015, St. Louis, Missouri.

Constitutional Barriers and the Perils of Impunity, University of California, San Diego, May 6, 2011, La Jolla, California.

Was Medellin Wrongly Decided? American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 8, 2011, San Francisco, California.

Litigating the Arab-Israeli Conflict in U.S. Courts: Critiquing the Lawfare Critique, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, September 10, 2010, Cleveland, California.

Using Transnational Litigation to Protect the Amazon, California Western School of Law, May 5, 2010, San Diego, California.

The Human Rights Context of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Loyola Law School, March 19, 2010, Los Angeles, California.

Corporate Liability for Torture, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, January 29, 2010, San Diego California.

Looking Ahead on the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Dec. 10, 2008, Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, University of San Diego.

Crafting Human Security in an Insecure World, Sept. 26, 2008, Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, University of San Diego.

Protecting Victims of Human Rights Abuses, Perspectives on Universal Jurisdiction, Extraterritoriality and the Future of Alien Tort Statute Litigation, Panelist, ABA Section of International Law, New York, New York, Apr. 3, 2008.

Difficulties Faced in Litigating Cases on Behalf of Victims, World Conference on Japanese Military Sexual Slavery, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California, Oct. 6, 2007.

International Human Rights Litigation, Conference on Police Misconduct, Loyola Law School, January 20, 2007.

Human Rights Litigation in U.S. Courts, Conference on the Alien Tort Statute: Litigating International Human Rights Cases in U.S. Courts, University of California, Hastings College of Law, November 11, 2006.

The Use of Foreign Precedent in Constitutional Interpretation, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Palm Beach, Florida, July 19, 2006.

POWs, Unlawful Combatants, and All Things In Between, Conference on Law, Diplomacy, and War, Claremont McKenna College, March 17, 2006

Introduction: International Justice: 60 Years After Nuremberg, Amnesty International Legal Network Conference, University of Washington School of Law, February 10, 2006.

An Overview of the U.N. Human Rights Committee, UCLA School of Law, October 7, 2005, Los Angeles, California.

The Implications of Sosa v. Alvarez, Yale Law School, March 27, 2005, New Haven, Connecticut.

Human Rights Litigation After Sosa v. Alvarez, Stanford Law School, Nov. 13, 2004, Stanford, California.

Predicting Chaos? Strategic Planning in International Law, University of Virginia Law School, October 22, 2004, Charlottesville, Virginia.

The End of the ATCA?, University of Houston Law Center, March 1, 2004, Houston, Texas.

The Legality of the Guantanamo Detentions, University of California, San Diego, January 21, 2004, La Jolla, California.

Was John Walker Lindh A Victim of Torture?, Whittier Law School, December 1, 2003, Costa Mesa, California.

The Death Penalty and International Law, University of California, Boalt Hall, October 18, 2003, Berkeley, California.

The Rights of Non-Citizens in the United States, The Carter Center, Emory University, October 11, 2003, Atlanta, Georgia.

Recent Developments in ATCA Litigation, Annual Meeting of the State Bar of California, September 6, 2003, Anaheim, California.

Tort Remedies for Human Rights Abuses, UCLA School of Law, September 5, 2003, Los Angeles, California.

The Future of Sovereignty and the State System: Challenging the U.N. Charter, World Affairs Council, June 22, 2003, San Diego, California.

Human Rights Litigation in the United States, ACLU Biennial Conference, June 13, 2003, Washington, D.C.

Litigating Genocide and Crimes against Humanity in U.S. Courts, International Association of Genocide Scholars Conference, June 9, 2003, Galway, Ireland.

Civil Liberties Around the World, UCLA School of Law, April 4, 2003, Los Angeles, California.

Actio Popularis? The Class Action in International Law, University of Chicago Law School, November 2, 2002, Chicago, Illinois.

Torture and Impunity in the United States, Loyola Marymount University, June 26, 2002, Los Angeles, California.

Abuse of Power in Times of National Emergency, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, National Lawyers Guild, April 6, 2002, San Diego, California.

The Status of Operation Gatekeeper Under International Law, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Migrants, March 13, 2002, San Diego, California.

Human Rights Law and Immigration Restrictions, Whittier Law School, March 8, 2002, Costa Mesa, California.

Torture and Impunity, University of San Diego, February 12, 2002, San Diego, California.

Relative Normativity: Challenging the Sovereignty Norm Through Human Rights Litigation, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, February 1, 2002, San Francisco, California.

The USA PATRIOT Act: A Challenge to Civil Liberties, University of California, San Diego, Nov. 29, 2001, San Diego, California.

The Status of Operation Gatekeeper Under International Law, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Nov. 14, 2001, Washington, D.C.

Human Rights Law and Immigration Restrictions, Conference on Public Service, University of Virginia School of Law, March 3, 2001, Charlottesville, Virginia.

The Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, Chapman University School of Law, February 24, 2001, Orange, California.

The International Criminal Court, University of San Diego, January 11, 2001, San Diego, California.

The Death Penalty and International Law, Amnesty International Conference, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, September 15, 2000, San Francisco, California.

Critical Jurisprudence and International Legal Scholarship: A Study of Equitable Distribution, Western Law Teachers of Color Conference, June 3, 2000, Oahu, Hawaii.

Prosecuting Human Rights Violations in U.S. Courts: A Primer for the Justice Department, Cleveland-Marshall School of Law, April 14, 2000, Cleveland, Ohio.

International Law and the Death Penalty, Amnesty International Western Regional Conference, October 16, 1999, San Diego, California.

Application of the Convention against Torture in the United States, U.S. Department of Justice, September 28, 1999, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A Review of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, Amnesty International Conference, American University, June 30, 1999, Washington, D.C.

Human Rights Litigation in the United States, ACLU Biennial Conference, June 24, 1999, San Diego, California.

Affirmative Action and International Law, Lat Crit IV Conference, April 30, 1999, Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Human Rights in the Twentieth Century, University of San Diego, January 14, 1999, San Diego, California.

SELECTED PRO BONO PROJECTS

Fils-Aime v. Blanche, Brief of the Former U.N. Special Rapporteurs on Torture as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Petitioner (1st Cir. 2026) (Co-Counsel).

Cisco Systems, Inc., v. Doe I, et al., Brief of the Former U.N. Special Rapporteurs on Torture as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Respondents (U.S. Supreme Court 2026) (Co-Counsel).

Doe v. Chiquita: In re Chiquita Brands International, Inc., Brief of Colombian Legal Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Plaintiffs-Respondents (11th Cir. 2025) (Co-Counsel).

Cisco Systems, Inc., v. Doe I et al., Brief of Congressman Chris Smith as *Amicus Curiae* in Support of Respondents (U.S. Supreme Court 2025) (Co-Counsel).

Padre v. MVM, Inc., Brief of *Amici Curiae* International Law Scholars in Support of Plaintiffs' Opposition to Motion to Dismiss (S.D. Cal. 2024) (Co-Counsel).

Juliana v. United States, Brief of UC Irvine Law School Civil Rights Litigation Clinic and UCLA Law School Human Rights Litigation Clinic as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Plaintiffs and Real Parties in Interest and in Support of Motion for Reconsideration En Banc (9th Cir. 2024) (Co-Counsel).

In the Matter of [Redacted], Expert Declaration on Torture (U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Immigration Court (2023).

Hoehn v. California Capital Insurance Co., Brief of Legal Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Petitioner (California Supreme Court 2023) (Co-Counsel).

In the Matter of [Redacted], Expert Declaration on Non-Refoulement (U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Immigration Court (2023).

Hoehn v. California Capital Insurance Co., *Amicus* Letter in Support of Petitioner and Petition for Certiorari (California Supreme Court 2022) (Co-Counsel).

Ratha v. Phatthana Seafood Co., Ltd., Brief of Legal Scholars as *Amicus Curiae* in Support of Petitioners and the Petition for Writ of Certiorari (U.S. Supreme Court 2022) (Co-Counsel).

Family Members of Anastasio Hernandez Rojas v. United States of America, Brief of International Legal Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Petitioners (Inter-American Commission on Human Rights 2022) (Counsel of Record).

Doe v. Apple, Brief of International Law Scholars in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellants (D.C. Circuit 2022) (Co-Counsel).

Vega v. Tekoh, Brief of False Confession and Wrongful Conviction Scholars in Support of Respondent (U.S. Supreme Court 2022) (Co-Counsel).

H.H. v. Garland, Brief of Former U.N. Special Rapporteurs on Torture in Support of Petitioner (First Circuit Court of Appeals 2021) (Co-Counsel).

D.J.C.V. v. United States, Brief of Human Rights Organizations and Former U.N. Special Rapporteurs on Torture in Support of Plaintiffs (S.D.N.Y. 2020) (Co-Counsel).

Nestle USA, Inc. v. Doe, Brief of Foreign Lawyers as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Respondents (U.S. Supreme Court 2020) (Counsel of Record).

Black Lives Matter v. City of Los Angeles, Expert Declaration in Support of Plaintiffs on Law Enforcement Standards Under International Law Regarding the Use of Force against Peaceful Demonstrators (C.D. Cal. 2020).

Appellants (Libel Nos. 1-16) v. Formosa Plastics Corporation, Brief of International Law Scholars to the Taiwan Supreme Court (2020) (Counsel of Record).

Adhikari v. KBR. Inc., Expert Declaration on Forced Labor and Human Trafficking (S.D. Tex. 2019).

Estate of Alvarez v. The Johns Hopkins University, Brief of International Law Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellees (Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals 2019) (Co-Counsel of Record).

Doe v. Nestle, Brief of International Law Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Opposition to Appellees' Petition for Rehearing (Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals 2019) (Counsel of Record).

Hamama v. Adducci, Brief of Current and Former U.N. Special Rapporteurs on Torture as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Appellees' Petition for En Banc Review (Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals 2019) (Co-Counsel of Record).

Mamani v. Berzain, Brief of Current and Former U.N. Special Rapporteurs on Extrajudicial, Summary, or Arbitrary Executions in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellants and Seeking Reversal of the District Court's Decision (Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals 2018) (Counsel of Record).

Ratha v. Phatthana Seafood Co., Ltd., Brief of *Amicus Curiae* Human Rights and Development Foundation in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellants and Seeking Reversal (Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals 2018) (Counsel of Record).

Jam v. International Finance Corporation, Brief of International Law Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Support of the Petition for Certiorari (U.S. Supreme Court 2018) (Counsel of Record).

Hamama v. Adducci, Brief of Current and Former U.N. Special Rapporteurs on Torture in Support of Petitioners (Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals 2018) (Co-Counsel of Record).

Mamani v. Berzain, Expert Report of William J. Aceves (Federal District Court for the Southern District of Florida 2017).

Hamama v. Adducci, Brief of Current and Former U.N. Special Rapporteurs on Torture in Support of Petitioners (E.D. Mich. 2017) (Co-Counsel of Record).

Adhikari v. Kellogg Brown & Root, Incorporated, Brief of International Law Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Support of the Petition for Certiorari (U.S. Supreme Court 2017) (Counsel of Record).

Dogan v. Barak, Brief of *Amici Curiae* International Law Scholars in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellants and Seeking Reversal (Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals 2017) (Counsel of Record).

Adhikari v. KBR. Inc., Expert Declaration on Aiding and Abetting Liability (S.D. Tex. 2017).

Jara v. Barrientos, Brief of Chilean Torture Victims and Their Families as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellants and Seeking Reversal in Part of the District Court's Decision (Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals 2016) (Counsel of Record).

Jesner v. Arab Bank PLC, Brief of International Law Scholars as Amici Curiae in Support of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari (U.S. Supreme Court 2016) (Counsel of Record).

Doe v. Nestle, Expert Declaration on the *Kiobel* Standard (C.D. Cal. 2016).

Ratha v. Phatthana Seafood Co, Ltd., Expert Declaration on Slavery and Related Practices, Including Forced Labor and Human Trafficking (C.D. Cal. 2016).

Meshal v. Higgenbotham, Brief of Amici Curiae U.N. Special Rapporteurs on Torture as Amici Curiae in Support of the Petition for Certiorari (U.S. Supreme Court 2016) (Counsel of Record).

Doe v. Cisco Systems Inc., Amicus Curiae Brief of Former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes David J. Scheffer in Support of Appellants and Reversal (Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals 2016) (Counsel of Record).

Adhikari v. KBR, Inc., Expert Declaration on Human Trafficking (E.D. Va. 2016).

Munoz Santos v. Thomas, Brief of Amicus Curiae Juan E. Mendez, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture, in Support of Petitioner-Appellant and Seeking Reversal (Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals 2015) (Counsel of Record).

Al Bahlul v. United States, Brief of Amici Curiae International Law Scholars in Support of Petitioner on En Banc Review (D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals 2015) (Counsel of Record).

Adhikari v. Kellogg Brown & Root, Brief of Amici Curiae International Law Scholars in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellants (Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals 2015) (Counsel of Record).

Al Shimari v. CACI Premier Tech, Inc., Brief of Amicus Curiae Juan E. Mendez, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture, in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellants and Seeking Reversal (Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals 2015) (Co-Counsel).

Georges v. United Nations, Brief of Human Rights Organizations in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellants and Seeking Reversal (Second Circuit Court of Appeals 2015) (Counsel of Record).

Mamani v. Berzain, Brief of Amici Curiae Military Law Scholars in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellees and Affirmance of the District Court's Decision (Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals 2015) (Counsel of Record).

Doe v. Exxon, Expert Declaration on Extrajudicial Killing, Torture, Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment, Arbitrary Detention, and Forced Relocation (D.D.C. 2015).

Balintulo v. Ford Motor Co. et al., Brief of Amici Curiae International Law Scholars in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellants (Second Circuit Court of Appeals 2015) (Co-Counsel).

Meshal v. Higgenbotham, Brief of Amici Curiae U.N. Special Rapporteurs on Torture in Support of Plaintiff-Appellant Seeking Reversal (D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals 2014) (Counsel of Record).

Al-Maqaleh v. Hagel, Brief of Amicus Curiae Human Rights First in Support of Petitioners (U.S. Supreme Court 2014) (Counsel of Record).

United States v. Mustafa Ahmed Adam al-Hawsawi, Motion of the Redress Trust for Leave to Intervene in Support of the Defense Motion to Dismiss and for Order Granting Permission to Obtain Written Authority from Mr. al-Hawsawi (Military Commissions Trial Judiciary – Guantanamo 2014) (Counsel of Record).

Al Bahlul v. United States of America, Brief of Amici Curiae International Law Scholars in Support of Petitioner on En Banc Review (D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals 2013) (Counsel of Record).

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Law Institute

Elected Member (2010 – Present).

American Branch of the International Law Association

Vice President (2024 – present); Executive Committee, Member (2001 - present); Extradition and Human Rights Committee, Chair (1999 - 2005); Human Rights Committee, Member (1998 - Present); Co-Chair of Program Committee, International Law Weekend – West (2001, 2003, 2005); Co-Chair of Program Committee, International Law Weekend (2016, 2019, 2023, 2025).

American Civil Liberties Union

National Board of Directors (2004 – 2010; 2011 – 2023; 2024 – Present); Chair, Bylaws Committee (2019 - 2023); Member, Executive Committee (2020 - 2023); Chair, Supreme Court Reform Committee (2020-21); Member, Title IX Committee (2019 - 2020); Member, Foreign Contributions Committee (2018 - 2019); Member, Adoption Committee (2016 - 2018); Chair, Right to Travel Committee (2006 - 2010); Member, Human Experimentation Committee (2008 - 2011).

American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego and Imperial Counties

Board of Directors (2000 - 2011); Executive Committee (2002 - 2008).

American Society of International Law

Co-Chair of the Program Committee, 101st Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (2006 - 2007); Member of the Program Committee, 99th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (2004 - 2005).

Amnesty International USA

Ombudsperson (2003 - Present); Board of Directors (2003); Committee on Mission, Research and Action (2002 - 2005); Legal Network Steering Committee (2001 - 2009); HR 2020 Committee (2002 - 2005).

Center for American Progress

Affiliated Scholar (2007 - 2015).

Center for Justice & Accountability

Board of Directors (2004 - Present); Chair of the Board (2020 - 2024).

Center for Constitutional Rights

Cooperating Attorney (1997 - 2010).

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