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## **Education**

**Stanford Law School**, J.D., 1999  
Order of the Coif  
Articles Editor, Stanford Law Review  
Member, Stanford Law & Policy Review

**University of Virginia**, B.A. in Political and Social Thought (honors major), 1994  
Graduated with Highest Distinction  
Echols Scholar  
Dean's Alumni Scholarship Recipient

## **Recent Professional Experience**

**Isabelle Wade and Paul C. Lyda Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law**, 2005-present

- Tenured, 2009; Full Professor 2016

**Trial Attorney, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Housing & Civil Enforcement Section**, 2000-2005

Primary responsibility for investigating, litigating, and trying cases under the Fair Housing Act, the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, and Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

- Hired through the Attorney General's Honors Program
- Attorney General's Special Commendation Award, 2003

**Law Clerk, Hon. Stephanie K. Seymour, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals**, 1999-2000

## **Areas of Specialization**

Fair Housing, Employment Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Civil Rights, Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, Pretrial Litigation

## **Scholarship**

### **Casebook**

Sexual Harassment Law: History, Cases, and Practice (2d Ed.), Carolina Academic Press, co-authored with Jennifer Drobac and Carrie Baker

### **Law Review Articles, Book Chapters, and Works-in-Progress**

*Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination Claims Under the FHA After Bostock v. Clayton County*  
(work-in-progress)

*Sexual Harassment of Low-Income Women by Landlords* (refereed paper) Cityscape vol. 21, no. 23 (2019)

*Vouchers And Affordable Housing: The Limits Of Choice In The Political Economy Of Place*, 54 Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review 795 (2019)

*The Sexual Harassment of Low-Income Women In Housing: Pilot Study Results*, 83 Missouri Law Review 597 (2018)

*The Legislative Battle for the Fair Housing Act*, chapter in *The Fight for Fair Housing Causes, Consequences and Future Implications of the 1968 Federal Fair Housing Act* (Routledge Press 2018)

*Single Family Zoning, Intimate Association, and the Right to Choose Household Companions*, 67 University of Florida Law Review 1401 (2015)

*Fair Housing and Ferguson: How the Stage Was Set*, 80 Missouri Law Review 1053 (2015)

*Disparate Impact and Integration: With TDHCA v. Inclusive Communities the Supreme Court Retains an Uneasy Status Quo*, 24 Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law 267 (2015)

*Beyond Disparate Impact: How the Fair Housing Movement Can Move On*, 54 Washburn Law Journal 625 (2015)

*Discriminatory Housing Advertisements On-Line: Lessons From Craigslist*, 43 Indiana Law Review 1125 (2010)

- Selected from call for papers by the AALS Sections on Property Law and Real Estate Law

*Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Landlords, Latinos, Anti-Illegal Immigrant Ordinances, and the Fair Housing Act*, 62 Vanderbilt Law Review 55 (2009)

- Cited in *amicus* briefs filed by state Attorneys General with the U.S. Supreme Court in *Magner v. Gallagher* (2012), *Mt. Holley Gardens Citizens in Action v. Township of Mt. Holley* (2013), and *Texas Dep't of Housing and Community Affairs v. Inclusive Communities, Inc.* (2014)

*Is Acquisition Everything? Protecting the Rights of Occupants Under the Fair Housing Act*, 43 Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review 1 (2008)

- Cited in *Committee Concerning Community Improvement v. City of Modesto* (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2009)
- Cited in *Hidden Village v. City of Lakewood* (N.D. Ohio 2012)
- Cited in *Davis v. City of New York* (S.D.N.Y. 2012)

*A New Look at Sexual Harassment Under the Fair Housing Act: The Forgotten Role of § 3604(c)*, 2002 Wisconsin Law Review 771 (2002) (co-authored with Robert Schwemm)

*Note, Statutory Rape in the Wake of Welfare Reform*, 52 Stanford Law Review 463 (2000)

*The Political and Moral Battle Over Late-Term Abortion*, 10 Yale Journal of Law and Feminism 397 (1998)

### **Shorter Articles**

*50 Years After Martin Luther King Jr.'s Death, America Is Still Segregated*, Huffington Post (April 4, 2018)

Expert Analysis, *50 Years After MLK's Death, Housing Segregation Persists*, Law360 (April 3, 2018)

Policy Brief: *Fair Housing, Disparate Impact, and "Housing Improvement" Cases: The Supreme Court Weighs in With TDHCA v. Inclusive Communities*, HUD Cityscape (July 2016)

*Eliminate Unnecessary Barriers to Equal Housing Opportunity*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Feb. 5, 2015)

Preview of *Texas Dep't of Housing and Community Affairs v. Inclusive Communities, Inc.*, ABA Preview Magazine (Jan. 2015)

*Why Legal Education is Worth It*, National Jurist (March 2014)

Preview of *Mt. Holly v. Mt. Holly Garden Citizens in Action*, ABA Preview Magazine (Dec. 2013)

*ISO Roommate: Fair Housing Laws Don't Apply*, Washington Post (March 24, 2012)

Preview of *Magner v. Gallagher*, ABA Preview Magazine (March 2012)

*Discriminating Roommates*, Salem News (Feb. 7, 2012)

*Affordable Housing Laws Aren't Stopping Segregation*, San Francisco Examiner (Sept. 24, 2009)

*Immigration Ordinance Will Lead to Discrimination*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch (April 2, 2007)

*When Zoning Hurts Children*, St. Louis Post-Dispatch (May 25, 2006)

### **Grant-Funded Research and Related Activities**

Policy Research Scholar, Institute for Public Policy, Truman School of Public Policy (2013-2014)

\$6,500 – Grant from the City of Columbia, MO and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to perform fair housing testing in Columbia (2013-2014)

- Produced Testing Report for City of Columbia (June 30, 2014)

\$2,000 – Research Incentive Funding to conduct pilot study on the incidence of sexual harassment in housing for low-income women at the Columbia Housing Authority (2010)

### **Academic Presentations**

Discussant, *Culp Colloquium & Emerging Scholars Program*, Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC (May 2019)

Presenter, Fair Housing Council of San Diego, *Fair Housing Laws and Litigation Conference* (Feb. 2019)

Participant, Texas A&M School of Law, *Real Property Round-Table* (Feb. 2019)

Panelist, Section on Real Estate Transactions, *Standing for Municipal Plaintiffs and Defendants in Fair Housing Act Cases in the Modern Era*, AALS Annual Meeting (January 2019)

Presenter, John Marshall School of Law, *Melding Scholarship and Advocacy Under the Fair Housing Act* (Sept. 2018)

Panelist, Washburn School of Law, *Fair Housing and Financial Markets Diversity Symposium* (March 2018)

*Sexual Harassment of Low Income Women in Housing: Results of the Pilot Study*

- University of Indiana School of Law, Colloquium (November 2015)
- University of Kansas School of Law, Colloquium (April 2016)

Panelist, Workshop on Next Generation Issues of Sex, Gender, and the Law, *Empirical Research on the Sexual Harassment of Low-Income Women by Housing Providers*, AALS Mid-Year Meeting (June 2015)

Panelist, Missouri Law Review Symposium, *Policing, Protesting and Perceptions: A Critical Examination of the Events in Ferguson* (February 2015)

Panelist, Washburn Law Journal Symposium, *The Future of Housing: Equity, Stability, and Sustainability* (February 2015)

Panel organizer and panelist: *Constructing Community – Self-Definition and Exclusion*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Annual Meeting (August 2014)

*Single Family Zoning Laws and the Right of Intimate Association*, Central States Legal Scholarship Conference (September 2013)

*Courageous Conversations on Contraception: Women's Health and Religious Freedom*, MU Difficult Dialogues Program, University of Missouri (April 2012)

*Sexual Harassment of Low-Income Women in Housing*, AALS Annual Meeting, AALS Section on Women in Legal Education (January 2012)

*Community Development Funds and the Duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing*, UC Irvine Conference on Race, Economics, and Law (March 2011)

*Discriminatory Housing Advertisements On-Line: Lessons From Craigslist*

- University of Illinois Faculty Colloquium (September 2010)
- AALS Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA (January 2010)

*Conducting Qualitative Empirical Research*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Annual Meeting (August 2009)

*The Nature and Incidence of Sexual Harassment in Housing Among Women Receiving Federal Rent Subsidies*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Annual Meeting

(August 2008)

*Difficult Dialogues in the Immigration Debate*, Chancellor's Global Issues Forum, University of Missouri (Dec. 2007)

*Anti-Illegal Immigrant Laws and Housing Discrimination*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Annual Meeting (August 2007)

*Is Acquisition Everything? Protecting the Rights of Housing Occupants Under the FHA*

- University of Missouri Law Review Symposium (April 2007)
- Washington University School of Law Faculty Colloquium (April 2007)
- Villanova University School of Law Faculty Colloquium (Jan. 2007)

## **Honors and Awards**

President's Award for Community Engagement, University of Missouri System (2020)

Lloyd Roberts Memorial Prize in Administration of Justice, University of Missouri School of Law (2020)

Named a "Human of HUD" <https://www.hud.gov/HumansofHUD#rigel> (2019)

Women's Justice Award – Legal Scholar, Missouri Lawyers Weekly (2017)

Carey Mae Carrol Award for Advancement of Women, University of Missouri Women's Law Association (2016)

## **Courses Taught**

Civil Procedure I  
Civil Procedure II  
Constitutional Law  
Fair Housing  
Employment Discrimination  
Pretrial Litigation

## **Service**

### **Service to the University of Missouri School of Law**

- Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development, 2009-2015
- Committee Service:

- Appointments (2008-present, Chair 2009-2015)
- Strategic Planning (2011-2014)
- Policy Committee (2015-2016)
- Dean's Search Committee (2011-12) (2016-2017)

### **Service to the University of Missouri Campus**

- Director, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (2012-2017)

Acting on behalf of the Provost's Office, I handled academic misconduct cases and policy for MU's Columbia campus.

### **Professional Service**

Mid-Missouri Legal Services, Board Member, January 2019 - present

Columbia Housing Authority Board, Commissioner, June 2018 -- present

Elwood Thomas Inns of Court, Master (2010-2013)

New York State Bar Association, Member (2000-present)

### **Professional Activities**

#### **Professional Presentations**

*CLE Session: Supreme Court Term in Review*, Boone County Bar Association, Columbia MO (August 2019)

*Sexual Harassment in Housing: What Lawyers and Investigators Need to Know*, Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission Region IV Conference, Omaha, NE (August 2019)

*Roundtable on Sexual Harassment in Housing*, Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Justice, Columbia MO (May 2019)

*Fair Housing Month Closing Ceremony*, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington DC (April 2019)

*Fair Housing Law: Overview and Current Issues*, Jefferson City Area Board of Realtors, Missouri Commission on Human Rights and River City Habitat for Humanity, Annual Fair Housing Conference, Jefferson City, MO (April 2019)

*Developments in Fair Housing Law*, Columbia Fair Housing Seminar, City of Columbia,

MO (April 2019)

*Developments in Fair Housing Law*, Columbia Fair Housing Seminar, City of Columbia, MO (April 2018)

*Fair Housing Law: Overview and Current Issues*, Jefferson City Area Board of Realtors, Missouri Commission on Human Rights and River City Habitat for Humanity, Annual Fair Housing Conference, Jefferson City, MO (April 2018)

*Fair Housing Law: Overview and Current Issues*, Missouri Bar Real Estate Section, Annual Real Estate Institute Seminar CLE Program, St. Louis, MO (April 2018)

*The Fair Housing Act at 50*, Missouri Bar and HEC-TV live Constitution Day television broadcast (Oct. 2017)

*Fair Housing Law: Overview and Current Issues*, Missouri Bar Diversity Summit and CLE Program (August 1027)

*Developments in Fair Housing Law*, Columbia Fair Housing Seminar, City of Columbia, MO (April 2017)

*Constitutional and Civil Rights*, Missouri Bar Law Forum for Teachers (January 2017)

*From Separate But Equal to Black Lives Matter: How the Civil Rights Movement Has (and Has Not) Brought About Political, Social, and Legal Change*, Missouri Bar Law Teachers Forum, (Dec. 2016)

*Developments in Fair Housing Law*, Columbia Fair Housing Seminar, City of Columbia, MO (April 2016)

*Fair Housing and Ferguson*, Missouri Bar Law Forum for Teachers (June 2015)

*Fair Housing 101*, Columbia Fair Housing Seminar, City of Columbia MO (April 2015)

*Disparate Impact and Fair Housing Law and Fair Housing Issues Presented by Municipal Occupancy Permit Requirements*, Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council, Annual Regional Fair Housing Training Conference (April 2015)

*The Civil Rights Act of 1964 at 50*, Missouri Bar and HEC-TV live Constitution Day television broadcast (Sept. 2014)

*Civil Rights and Same-Sex Marriage*, Missouri Bar Law Forum for Teachers (June 2014)

*Reasonable Accommodations and the Fair Housing Act*, Columbia Fair Housing Seminar,

City of Columbia, MO (April 2014)

*2014 Fair Housing Expo*, Missouri Commission on Human Rights, Jefferson City MO (April 2014)

*Fair Housing and Disparate Impact*, “Professor’s Corner” Webinar for ABA Section on Real Estate and Real Property (January 2014)

*Fair Housing and Disability*, Missouri Commission on Human Rights International Human Rights Day Celebration, Jefferson City, MO (December 2012)

*Changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*, CLE for Hannibal Bench and Bar Seminar, Hannibal MO (June 2012)

*Labor Talk Podcast: Fair Housing Month*, Missouri Commission on Human Rights, Columbia MO (April 2012)

*Litigation Round-Up: The Year in Fair Housing*, National Fair Housing Alliance, Annual Conference; Washington, DC (June 2009)

*Unconscious Bias and Employment Discrimination*, NAACP Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Annual Convention; Detroit, Michigan (July 2007)

*Housing Discrimination: Rental and Sales*, CLE for Missouri State Bar Association; Kansas City, Missouri (July 2005)