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LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:

2015-Present	Dean and Iwan Foundation Professor of Law, University of Illinois College of Law
2008-2015	Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, University of California, Davis School of Law
2007-2015	Professor of Law, University of California, Davis School of Law (writing, consulting and teaching in the fields of constitutional law, civil procedure, remedies, criminal procedure and local government)
1998-2007	Professor of Law, University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA
1997-1998; 2007	Visiting Professor of Law, University of California, Hastings College of the Law
Spring 1997	Visiting Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law
1997-1998	Professor of Law, University of California, Davis School of Law
Spring 2007	Visiting Professor of Law, University of California at Berkeley School of Law
Spring 2006	
Spring 2005	
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Fall 2002	
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Spring 1999	
Fall 1997	
Fall 1996	
Spring/Fall 1995	

1993-1997	Acting Professor of Law, University of California, Davis School of Law
1990-1993	Associate, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (handled a variety of complex civil and white collar criminal litigation matters)
1989-1990	Law Clerk to Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun, United States Supreme Court
1988-1989	Law Clerk to Judge William A. Norris, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

EDUCATION:

Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, J.D., June 1988 (articles editor, *Yale Law Journal*)

University of California at Berkeley, A.B., May 1985, in History (Distinction in Scholarship, Recipient of Kraft Prize)

SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE:

2017-Present	Chair of the Search Committee for the Vice Chancellor/Provost
2017-Present	Chair of the Search Committee for the Dean, School of Social Work
2008-2015	Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, UC Davis School of Law (Serve as the only the faculty member, other than the Dean of the Law School, with a Dean title. Primary responsibilities include: assisting the Dean in development and alumni relations efforts; overseeing process for all faculty hiring, tenure and promotion; assisting the Dean in all budgeting and strategic planning efforts; overseeing the Admissions Office and the admissions process; assisting the Dean in oversight of the Office of Career Services; creating the curriculum and assigning classes; mentoring faculty in scholarly activities; assisting in oversight of clinical programs and externships; hiring all adjuncts; overseeing all student journals and scholarly events; leading the ABA self-study and accreditation efforts.)

1993-Present	Committee Service at UC Davis and UC Hastings (Have served on and chaired all major standing committees at both law schools, including appointments committee, admissions committee and educational policy committee.)
2013-2014	Member, Blue Ribbon UC Davis Campus Committee on Freedom of Expression
2013	Member, Committee to Vet Candidates for the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of California
2012-2013	Member, Planning Committee for the Third District California Court of Appeal Conference
2012	Co-Organizer and Facilitator, Associate Deans' Schmooze, University of Connecticut School of Law
2012	Member (with Deans David Schizer and Robert Bennett), Internal Programmatic Review Team for IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law (Examined and made recommendations to Dean and Board of Directors concerning all aspects of law school academic and fiscal operation.)
2011-Present	Member, UC Davis Campus Committee on the "CORE" facilities (Committee is tasked with defining, cataloguing and improving the operation of shared "CORE" resources on campus.)
2010-Present	Member, Advisory Committee, Journal of Legal Education
2009-Present	Member, Advisory Committee to U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer for Judicial and U.S. Attorney Selection for the Eastern District of California
2007-2008	Member, Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)
2004-2011	Chair (2011) and Member of Executive Committee, Civil Procedure Section of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS)
2003-2005	Board Member and Vice-Chair, KIPP Bay Academy School (Charter Middle School), San Francisco, CA (Led Fundraising and Educational Policy Groups)
1995-1997	Member, Advisory Committee, California Minority Counsel Program

1996	Advisor, Colleagues in Conversation Series, UC Davis
1995-1996	Member, UC Davis Campuswide Educational Policy Committee
1993-1995	Hearing Officer, UC Davis Campus Student Judicial Affairs
1993-1995	Board Member, Sacramento Chapter of Head Trauma Support Project

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

2010-Present	Elected Member, American Law Institute (ALI)
2006-Present	Consultant, Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States (Gale Publishing Co.)
2003-Present	Consultant, National Association of Attorneys General
2003-Present	Retained Consultant, California Attorney General and Department of Justice
2003-2006	Consultant, Berkeley Unified School District Board
2002- Present	Consultant, Center for Civic Education, Calabasas, CA
1998- 2003	Judge, High School Mock Trial Competition, San Francisco, CA
1996-1999	Consultant, ACLU of Southern California
1996-1997	Advisor, Sacramento Chamber of Commerce
1994- Present	Instructor, Orientation in USA Law Program for Foreign Law Graduates, UC Extension

Have done extensive consulting work, written amicus briefs, assisted in mootings, and served as an expert witness for dozens of law firms, private clients and public entities -- including GTE Corp., IGT Corp., Duke Power, Google, the City of Hermosa Beach, the ACLU of Southern Calif., the California ISO, the State of California, the State of Hawaii, the United States Department of Justice and the United States Postal Service -- on a variety of constitutional, remedial and procedural issues. Admitted to the California Bar in 1992. Have testified multiple times before legislatures at all levels -- federal, state and local. Have served as an expert guest on scores of television and radio station programs, including the PBS NewsHour, ABC World News Tonight, Nightline, CNN, Court-TV,

MSNBC, National Public Radio, Public Radio International, KQED radio, KCBS, KRON, KGO, KPIX, KTVU and Bay TV. Have been quoted hundreds of times in scores of major newspapers and magazines, including the New York Times, the L.A. Times, The Washington Post, the San Jose Mercury News, the Miami Herald, the Christian Science Monitor, the Dallas Morning News, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Boston Globe, U.S.A. Today, Time Magazine, The New Republic, and Newsday. Received ACLU of Southern California's Outstanding Service award in 1997, and the Hastings Black Law Students' Association Teacher of the Year Award in 2007.

PUBLICATIONS -- BOOKS, ARTICLES, ESSAYS, CHAPTERS, BOOK REVIEWS, NOTES, OP-EDS AND ON-LINE PIECES:

Books Edited or Written (Current Editions Only):

FEDERAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE, JURISDICTION 3D Vol.17 (with Charles A. Wright, Arthur R. Miller and Edward H. Cooper, St. Paul: West Group, 2006) (with 2017 Pocket Part)

FEDERAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE, JURISDICTION 3D Vol.17A (with Charles A. Wright, Arthur R. Miller and Edward H. Cooper, St. Paul: West Group, 2006) (with 2017 Pocket Part)

FEDERAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE, JURISDICTION 3D Vol.17B (with Charles A. Wright, Arthur R. Miller and Edward H. Cooper, St. Paul: West Group, 2006) (with 2017 Pocket Part)

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (with Jonathan D. Varat, 15th ed., Westbury, N.Y.: Foundation Press, 2017) (with 2017 Supp.)

CONCISE EDITION OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (with Jonathan D. Varat, 15th ed., Westbury, N.Y.: Foundation Press 2017) (with 2017 Supp.)

FREEDOM OF SPEECH: THE FIRST AMENDMENT, ITS CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARY DEBATE (Prometheus Books, 2009)

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (with Mark Tushnet, Oxford University Press, 2009)

American Civil Procedure in R. Blanpain ed., INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF LAWS- CIVIL PROCEDURE 2d Ed. (with John Oakley, Deventer; Boston: Kluwer Law and Taxation Publishers, 2008)

Law Review Articles and Essays (Other than Articles Written by Invitation, Which are Listed Separately):

Standing Up for Direct Democracy: Who Can Be Empowered to Defend Initiatives in Federal Court?, forthcoming in the 48 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 473 (2014) (this article was written separately from but included in a Symposium Issue)

The Case for Reforming Presidential Elections by Sub-Constitutional Means: The Electoral College, the National Popular Vote Compact and Congressional Power, 100 GEORGETOWN L. J. 237 (2011)

How Senate Confirmation Hearings Should Better Educate Senators and the American Public: The Instructional Necessity of Case-Specific Questioning, 61 HASTINGS L.J. 1407 (2010) (this article was written separately from but included in a Symposium Issue)

Lessons from California's Unusual Non-Unitary Executive Branch, 59 EMORY L. J. 469 (2009) (this article was written separately from but included in a Symposium Issue)

When Avoiding Federal Questions Shouldn't Evade Federal Review, 12 GREEN BAG 2D 381 (2009) (with Alan Brownstein)

Are Statutes Constraining Gubernatorial Power to Make Temporary Appointments to the United States Senate Constitutional Under the Seventeenth Amendment? 35 HASTINGS CONST. L. Q. 737 (2008) (a Symposium Issue was built around this article)

Academic Freedom, 9 GREEN BAG 2d 1 (2005) (with Alan Brownstein)

Adventures in Direct Democracy: Constitutional Lessons from the California Recall Experience, 92 CAL. L. REV. 927 (2004)

The Cheney Decision: A Missed Chance to Straighten Out Some Muddled Issues, 2004 CATO SUP. CT. REV. 185 (2004)

Lower Court Obedience & the Ninth Circuit, 7 GREEN BAG 2d 31 (2004)

The New 'New Federalism': The Supreme Court in Hibbs (and Guillen), 6 GREEN BAG 2d 349 (2003)

Reasonable Accommodations Under the ADA, 5 GREEN BAG 2d 361 (2002) (with Alan Brownstein)

Conduct Unbecoming a Coordinate Branch: the Supreme Court in Garrett, 4 GREEN BAG 2d 351 (2001) (with Samuel Estreicher)

Bush v. Gore and Article II: Pressured Judgment Makes Dubious Law, 48 FED. LAW. 27 (2001) (with Alan Brownstein)

The People Made Me Do It: Can the People of the States Instruct and Coerce Their State Legislatures in the Article V Constitutional Amendment Process?, 41 WM. & MARY L. REV. 1037 (2000)

The Hybrid Nature of Political Rights, 50 STAN. L. REV. 915 (1998) (with Alan Brownstein)

Indirect Effects of Direct Election: A Structural Examination of the Seventeenth Amendment. 49 VAND. L. REV. 1347 (1996)

Unlocking the Jury Box, 77 POLICY REVIEW. 38 (1996) (with Akhil Amar)

Is the Presidential Succession Law Constitutional?, 48 STAN. L. REV. 113 (1995) (with Akhil Amar)

Jury Service as Political Participation Akin to Voting, 80 CORNELL L. REV. 203 (1995)

President Quayle?, 78 VA. L. REV. 913 (1992) (with Akhil Amar)

The Senate and the Constitution, 97 YALE L.J. 1111 (1988) (Student Note)

Invited Pieces for Symposia:

Why I Don't Want to Be Like Mike – At Least With Respect to His Overbroad View of Presidential Power to Act on Independent Constitutional Interpretation, ST. THOMAS L. REV. (forthcoming 2017)

Why I So Enjoyed Learning With and From Calvin Massey, 15 NEW HAMPSHIRE L. REV. 259 (2017)

A Close-up, Modern Look at First Amendment Academic Freedom Rights of Public College Students and Faculty: 101 MINN. L. REV. 1943 (2017) (with Alan Brownstein)

The Vice Presidency in Five (Sometimes) Easy Pieces, 44 PEPPERDINE L. REV. 623 (2016)

A “Comparative” Analysis of the Academic Freedom of Public University Professors: 14 FIRST AMEND. NORTH CAROLINA L. REV. 293 (2016)

State Constitutional Change: Traditions, Trends, and Theory, 69, ARKANSAS L. REV. 253 (2016)

The Voracious First Amendment: Alvarez and Knox in the Context of 2012 and Beyond, 46 LOYOLA L. REV. 491 (2013) (with Alan Brownstein)

Revisiting Grutter and Its Diversity Rationale: A Few Reactions to Professor Blumstein's Critique, 65 VAND. L. REV. EN BANC 195 (2012)

Is Honest the Best (Judicial) Policy in Affirmative Action Cases? Fisher v. University of Texas Gives the Court (Yet) Another Chance to Say Yes, 65 VAND. L. REV. EN BANC 77 (2012)

Reflections on the Doctrinal and Big-Picture Issues Raised by the Constitutional Challenges to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) FLA. INT'L L. REV. (2011) (symposium on healthcare challenges)

A First Amendment Feast, or Perhaps a Smorgasbord, During the 2010 Term, 38 PREVIEW U.S. SUPREME COURT CASES 325-29 (Issue 8)(2011)

Reviewing Association Freedom Claims in a Limited Public Forum: An Extension of the Distinction Between Debate-Dampening and Debate-Distorting State Action, 35 HASTINGS CONST. L. Q. 505 (2011) (with Alan Brownstein) (symposium on Christian Legal Society v. Martinez case)

Afterthoughts on Snyder v. Phelps, 2011 CARDOZO L. REV. de novo 43 (2011) (with Alan Brownstein) (collection of reactions to Snyder v. Phelps case)

The NCAA as Regulator, Litigant and State Actor, 52 B. C. L. REV 415 (2011) (symposium on NCAA at 100)

Death, Grief and Freedom of Speech: Does the First Amendment Permit Protection Against the Harassment and Commandeering of Funeral Mourners? 2010 CARDOZO L. REV. de novo 368 (2010) (with Alan Brownstein) (theme Issue on Snyder v. Phelps case)

The First Amendment in the 2009 Term: It's All About How You Frame It, 37 PREVIEW U.S. SUPREME COURT CASES 347-351 (Issue 8) (2010)

California Constitutional Conundrums – State Constitutional Quirks Exposed by the Same-Sex Marriage Experience: The 21st Annual Rutgers Lecture in State Constitutional Law, 40 RUTGERS L. J. 741 (2009)

Morse, School Speech and Originalism, 42 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 637 (2009) (symposium on school speech issues)

Business and Constitutional Originalism in the Roberts Court, 49 SANTA CLARA L. REV. 979 (2009) (symposium on the Roberts Court)

When Does a Plaintiff Have Standing to Challenge Religious Displays on Public Land? 37 PREVIEW U.S. SUPREME COURT CASES 4-10 (Issue 1)(2009) (with Whitney Clark)

Direct Democracy and Article II: Additional Thoughts on Initiatives and Presidential Elections, 35 HASTINGS CONST. L. Q. 631 (2008) (symposium on election law)

An Enigmatic Court? Examining the Roberts Court as it Begins Year Three: Criminal Justice, 35 PEPPERDINE L. REV. 523 (2008) (symposium on the Roberts Court at three years)

Does the Military Commissions Act of 2006 Violate the Suspension Clause? 2007 PREVIEW U.S. SUP. CT. CAS. ISSUE 3 (2007) (with Whitney Clark)

The Constitution and the Courts, 2006 PREVIEW U.S. SUP. CT. CAS. ISSUE 8 (2007)

Reclaiming the Centrality of the Jury in Sentencing Guidelines Regimes, 52 S. TEX. L. REV. 291 (2005) (symposium on juries)

Must Parental Notification Laws Contain a Health Exception? 2005 PREVIEW U.S. SUP. CT. CAS. ISSUE 2 (Nov. 2005) (with Kelly O'Donnell)

May the Attorney General Sanction Physicians Who Comply with Oregon's Death with Dignity Act? 2005 PREVIEW U.S. SUP. CT. CAS. ISSUE 1 (2005)(with Kelly O'Donnell)

Why the Case in Favor of a Federal Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit or Regulate Gay Marriage is 'Not Proved,' 31 HASTINGS CONST. L. Q. 350 (2005) (with Alan Brownstein) (symposium on gay marriage)

Bias and the Problem of Peremptory Challenges, 5 INSIGHTS ON LAW AND SOCIETY 16 (2005)

The 'Converse Section 1983 Law': An Idea Whose Time is Now, 69 BROOK. L. REV. 1369 (2004) (symposium on federalism)

How Much Protection Do Injunctions Against Enforcement of Allegedly Unconstitutional Statutes Provide?, 31 FORDHAM URB. L. J. 657 (2004)

Case At a Glance: Wine Importation and the Constitution, 2004 PREVIEW U.S. SUP. CT. CAS. ISSUE 3 (2004) (with William Trachman)

Case At a Glance: The Meaning of Blakely in Booker and Fanfan, 2004 PREVIEW U.S. SUP. CT. CAS. ISSUE 2 (2004)

Case At a Glance: Rasul and Al Odah, 2003 PREVIEW U.S. SUP. CT. CAS. ISSUE 7 (2004)

Making Sense of the Michigan Affirmative Action Cases, 4 INSIGHTS ON LAW AND SOCIETY 11 (2003)

Back to the Future: Minority Groups and the Supreme Court's October 2002 Term, 2005 PREVIEW U.S. SUP. CT. CAS. ISSUE 9 (2003)

Constitutional Sunsetting?: Justice O'Connor's Closing Comments in Grutter, 30 HASTINGS CONST. L.Q. 541, (2003) (with Evan Caminker) (symposium on Grutter case)

The New Regulations Allowing Federal Agents to Monitor Attorney-Client Conversations: Why It Threatens Fourth Amendment Values, 34 CONN. L. REV. 1163 (2002) (with Akhil Amar)

Of Hobgoblins and Equality: The Equal Protection Vision of Justice O'Connor, 32 MCGEORGE L. REV. 1 (2001) (symposium on Justice O'Connor's jurisprudence)

The 20th Century—The Amendment and Populist Century, 47 FED. LAW. 32 (2000)

From Watergate to Ken Starr: Potter Stewart's "Or of the Press" a Quarter Century Later, 50 HASTINGS L.J. 711 (1999) (Anniversary Issue)

The Role of the People in Presidential Impeachment, ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES BULLETIN (Fall 1999)

Some Questions about Justice Blackmun's Federalism and Separation of Powers Cases, 26 HASTINGS CONST. L.Q. 153 (1999) (symposium on Justice Blackmun's jurisprudence)

State Religious Freedom Restoration Acts and the Employment Setting, 32 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 513 (1999) (symposium on state law religious protections)

Reflections on the 209 Litigation, 5 ASIAN L.J. 323 (1998)

The Hunter Doctrine and Proposition 209: A Reply to Thomas Wood, 24 HASTINGS CONST. L.Q. 1010 (1997) (with Evan Caminker) (Response essay)

Equal Protection, Unequal Political Burdens, and the CCRI, 23 HASTINGS CONST. L.Q. 1019 (1996) (with Evan Caminker) (symposium on Proposition 209)

Foreword: Symposium on Developments in Free Speech Doctrine, 29 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 465 (1996) (symposium on free speech)

Some Questions about Perfectionist Rationality Review, 45 HASTINGS L.J. 1029 (1994) (symposium on constitutional interpretation)

Chapters in Books:

What's Wrong with the Modern Jury, in R. Passantino, ed., *THE BEST AMERICAN LEGAL COMMENTARY 2005* (Boca Raton, Fla.: Universal Publishers, 2005)

Why Old and New Arguments for the Electoral College Are Not Compelling, in J.C. Fortier, ed., *AFTER THE PEOPLE VOTE: A GUIDE TO THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE* (3d ed., Washington, D.C.: AEI Press, 2004) (with Akhil Amar)

Reforming the Jury System Would Improve the Criminal Justice System, in J. Karson, ed., *CRIMINAL JUSTICE: OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS* (San Diego, Calif.: Greenhaven Press, 1998) (with Akhil Amar)

Book Reviews:

How shocked, or pleased, would the Founding Fathers be with America today?, (reviewing Juan Williams, 'We The People' *WASHINGTON POST*, April 15, 2016)

Rewriting the Constitution's Basic "Structural" Provisions: When a Constitutional Convention for Electoral Change is Necessary, and What it Might be Expected to Accomplish 7 *ELECTION L. J.* 245 (2008) (reviewing Levinson, *OUR UNDEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION: WHERE THE CONSTITUTION GOES WRONG (AND HOW WE THE PEOPLE CAN CORRECT IT)* (2006) and Sabato, *A MORE PERFECT CONSTITUTION: 23 PROPOSALS TO REVITALIZE OUR CONSTITUTION AND MAKE AMERICA A FAIRER COUNTRY* (2007))

The Many Ways to Prove Discrimination: A Review of Ian Ayres' Pervasive Prejudice?, 14 *HASTINGS WOMEN'S L.J.* 171 (2003) (reviewing Ayers, *PERVASIVE PREJUDICE?: UNCONVENTIONAL EVIDENCE OF RACE AND GENDER DISCRIMINATION* (2001))

The Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth About "High Crimes and Misdemeanors" and the Presidential Impeachment Process, 16 *CONST. COMMENTARY* 403 (1999) (reviewing Coulter, *HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS* (1998))

Essay Entries in Encyclopedias:

Adarand Constructors v. Pena, in D. Tanenhaus, ed. *THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES* (Gale, 2008)

California Democratic Party v. Jones, in D. Tanenhaus, ed. THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (Gale, 2008)

John Roberts, in D. Tanenhaus, ed. THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (Gale, 2008)

Seventh Amendment, in D. Tanenhaus, ed. THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (Gale, 2008)

Shaw v. Reno, in D. Tanenhaus, ed. THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (Gale, 2008)

Voting Rights, in J. Ehrlich ed., THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES, (Routledge Reference, Taylor & Francis Group) (2006)

Ballot Initiatives, in J. Ehrlich ed., THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES, (Routledge Reference, Taylor & Francis Group) (2006)

Jury Service and Jury Discrimination in Roger K. Newman ed., THE CONSTITUTION AND ITS AMENDMENTS (New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 1999)

The Constitution and Juries in Roger K. Newman ed., THE CONSTITUTION AND ITS AMENDMENTS (New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 1999)

Groups and Political Rights in Roger K. Newman ed., THE CONSTITUTION AND ITS AMENDMENTS (New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 1999)

Selected Print Op-Eds:

Broadening Our Teaching Horizons, ABOVE THE LAW, April 3, 2017

Tightening Bar Pass Standards And The 'California Problem', ABOVE THE LAW, February 6, 2017

Thoughts On The ABA's Proposed Tightening of Bar Pass Standards, ABOVE THE LAW, December 5, 2016

The Supreme Court Going Forward, ABOVE THE LAW, October 3, 2016

How Law Deans Spend Their (Or At Least, How One Dean Spent His) 'Summer Vacation', ABOVE THE LAW, September 6, 2016

How the Bar Exam Might be Improved, ABOVE THE LAW, August 1, 2016

Reflections On Judge Posner's Divergent Paths, ABOVE THE LAW, June 6, 2016

How race-based affirmative action could return to UC, L.A. TIMES, June 16, 2016

4 Tips For Law Students For Final Exams, ABOVE THE LAW, May 2, 2016

Bureaucracy And Metrics, ABOVE THE LAW, April 4, 2016

Can Obama be Reagan? Can the Senate be reasonable?, L.A. TIMES, February 16, 2016 (with Akhil Amar)

An Interview With Vikram Amar, ABOVE THE LAW, October 6, 2015

Five Supreme Court cases to watch that could make history, L. A. TIMES, October 4, 2015 (with Akhil Amar)

Arizona's district drawing method, like ours, is A-OK, S.F. DAILY JOURNAL, March 2, 2015

Affirmative Action: The Door's Still Open, L.A. TIMES, June 25, 2013

Chief Justice Roberts Reaches for Greatness, L.A. TIMES, July 1, 2012 (with Akhil Amar)

Accommodating Religious Objections, Liberty Magazine 5-7 (May/June 2012) (with Alan Brownstein)

What's Behind the Sinking Supreme Court Approval Ratings? DAILY JOURNAL, May 14, 2012

Student Protests Stepped Beyond Free Speech, SACRAMENTO BEE, April 27, 2012 (with Alan Brownstein)

Supreme Court Needn't Fear Healthcare Law's Mandate Provision, L.A. TIMES, April 3, 2012 (with Alan Brownstein)

Prop. 8 Case Likely Heading to Supreme Court, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, November 18, 2011

Ninth Circuit at Center Stage in Prop. 8 Appeal, Sunday Insight Section, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, August 8, 2010

Finding Common Ground in Same-Sex Marriage Debate, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, May 28, 2008 (with Alan Brownstein)

Vice President: A Split-Ticket Vote? L.A. TIMES, October 22, 2008

Who's the Real Alito? L.A. TIMES, November 20, 2005

A Third Option on Gay Marriage, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, September 20, 2005
(with Ethan Leib)

The Roberts Hearings? Blah, and More Blah, SAN JOSE MERC. NEWS, September 19, 2005

Casing John Roberts” NEW YORK TIMES, July 27, 2005

A Primer on Rules of Confirmation, SAN JOSE MERC. NEWS, July 24, 2005

Judges Rule: ‘Legislating From the Bench -- It’s a Matter of Opinion, L.A. TIMES, June 26, 2005

School Districts Have the Right to Be Secular, SAN JOSE MERC. NEWS, December 19, 2004

The Electoral College Votes Against Equality, L.A. TIMES, September 8, 2004 (with Akhil Amar)

Better to Avoid Mistakes Than Make Amends, L.A. TIMES, March 14, 2004

A Chance to Judge the Judges: The Ninth Circuit’s Performance in the Recall Case, SAN JOSE MERC. NEWS, September 28, 2003

The Ninth Circuit May Stand Unjustly Accused, L. A. TIMES, September 11, 2003

Life After 9/11: The Golden Rule of Racial Profiling, L.A. TIMES, September 22, 2002

No Reason to Shelve the Dog-Mauling Case, L.A. TIMES, June 30, 2002 (with Akhil Amar)

Security: When Racial Profiling is Appropriate, L.A. TIMES, September 30, 2001

How Do You Think? Ideology and the Judicial Nominee, LEGAL TIMES, July 9, 2001

The Judicial Nomination Game, SAN JOSE MERC. NEWS, May 13, 2001

The Bush v. Gore Ruling in Perspective, SAN JOSE MERC. NEWS, December 17, 2000
(with Roger Park)

What Are the Supremes Up To?, S. F. RECORDER, November 29, 2000

The Perils of Changing Election Rules Before the Votes are Counted, L.A. TIMES, November 26, 2000 (with Akhil Amar)

The Will of the People and the Presidential Election, SAN JOSE MERC. NEWS, November 19, 2000

Naming Justices: More is at Stake Than Roe v. Wade, L. A. TIMES, July 9, 2000 (with Alan Brownstein)

10 Things We Learned from Starr, L. A. TIMES, October 24, 1999 (with Akhil Amar)

At Breakfast with Blackmun; His Law Clerks Remember the Late Justice, March 8, 1999
LEGAL TIMES (with Sharp, Rothfeld, Moore, McDaniel, & Alden, Jr.)

Debunking the Myths of Impeachment, THE S.F. RECORDER, October 28, 1998

Split Decision: Voter Selection of the Vice President, 24 WASH. MONTHLY No. 11,
November 1992 (with Akhil Amar)

Selected On-Line Op-Eds and Legal Essays:

Defining the Boundaries of Free Speech in College Protests, JURIST (Jurist.org), April 9,
2012 (with Alan Brownstein)

Revisiting Standing: Proposition 8 in the Ninth Circuit, JURIST (Jurist.org), February 16,
2012

Knowing When Race Matters, NEW YORK TIMES ONLINE “ROOM FOR DEBATE,” Feb. 12,
2012

Not Everyone Needs to Speak, NEW YORK TIMES ONLINE “ROOM FOR DEBATE,” Feb. 16,
2011

Drawing Lines Against Harassment, NEW YORK TIMES ONLINE “ROOM FOR DEBATE,”
Oct. 6, 2010

A Private Chat, NEW YORK TIMES ONLINE “ROOM FOR DEBATE,” May 1, 2009

In addition, hundreds of on-line Essays are posted, archived and viewable at <http://writ.news.findlaw.com/amar/> and scores more (recent ones) are at <http://verdict.justia.com/author/amar>. Most of these Essays analyze doctrinal or historical constitutional questions, but others discuss educational policy (e.g., why diversity should be included as a factor in law school rankings and why proponents of the so-called “mismatch” thesis concerning affirmative action have not proven their case) and various aspects of the legal profession and of law school culture. I also have a number of blog entries on scotusblog.com that deal with recent or pending Supreme Court cases.

SELECTED TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND TESTIMONY BEFORE LEGISLATIVE BODIES (IN CHRONOLOGICAL, RATHER THAN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL, ORDER):

Paper Presenter, Hastings Law Journal Symposium on Balancing in Constitutional Law, UC Hastings, February 26, 1994

Introduction Speaker, Barrett Lecture, UC Davis School of Law, October 24, 1994

Paper Presenter, University of San Diego School of Law Colloquia series, October 1995

Speaker, Annual Conference of the California Minority Counsel Program, October 1995

Paper Presenter, Conference on Reserved Powers in American Constitutional Law and History, UC Berkeley School of Law, December 8, 1995

Paper Presenter, UC Davis School of Law Colloquia Series, December 1995

Introduction Speaker, UC Davis Law Review Symposium on Developments in Free Speech, February 16, 1996

Speaker, FDA Regulation of Tobacco Panel Discussion, UC Hastings College of the Law, March 20, 1996

Paper Presenter, Yale Law School, Spring 1996

Speaker, Affirmative Action Conversation Series, UC Davis School of Law, April 1996

Speaker, Sacramento Chamber of Commerce Meeting on Prop. 209, September 9, 1996

Speaker, UC-Berkeley School of Law Town Hall Meeting on Prop. 209, September 25, 1996

Speaker, Colleagues in Conversation/ Education Leader Consortium Meeting on Prop. 209, UC Davis, October 7, 1996

Panel Member, 1995 Term Supreme Court Review Series, UC Hastings College of the Law, October 15, 1996

Moderator, Sacramento Federalist Society Debate on Prop. 209, October 29, 1996

Closing Speaker, UC Davis Cross-Cultural Center Conference on Diversity, October 31, 1996

Paper Presenter, Discussion Group on Prop. 209 Constitutional issues, UC Berkeley School of Law Faculty, November 25, 1996

Paper Presenter, Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley, December 5, 1996

Speaker, Northern California Indo-American Bar Association Annual Banquet, December 8, 1996

Paper Presenter, Monday Colloquia series, UCLA Law School, February 3, 1997

Panel Member, Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly Symposium on the Right to Die Cases, March 22, 1997

Paper Presenter, Friday Colloquia series, UCLA Law School, April 11, 1997

Speaker, UC Berkeley School of Law Asian Law Journal Annual Banquet, April 24, 1997

Panel Member, SF Lawyers' Club Luncheon Program, June 7, 1997

Panel Member, Federalism Panel Discussion, California Bar Association Annual Conference, September 12, 1997

Panel Member, Northern California Indo-American Bar Association Career Options Forum, October 4, 1997

Moderator, 1996 Term Supreme Court Review Series, UC Hastings College of the Law, October 8, 1997

Speaker, Friday Colloquia series, UC Hastings College of the Law, October 31, 1997

Paper Presenter, Stanford Law Review Symposium on Law and the Political Process, Stanford Law School, Nov. 1, 1997

Paper Presenter, The Legal and Policy Debate Surrounding Affirmative Action, University of Michigan, January 10, 1998

Panel Speaker, Opportunities in Law Teaching, Yale Law School, April 18, 1998

Panel Member, Impeachment Panel Discussion UC-Hastings, September 12, 1998

Paper Presenter, Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly Symposium to Honor Justice Harry Blackmun's 90th Birthday, San Francisco, October 17, 1998

Presenter, UC Berkeley, Institute of Governmental Studies Program on Impeachment, UC Berkeley, November 13, 1998

Paper Presenter, Georgetown Law Center, Washington DC, January 29, 1999

Paper Presenter and Panel Member, South Asian Law Students Association Meeting, George Washington and Georgetown Law Schools, March 7, 1999

Panel Member, Panel on "Activist Academics," Progressive Lawyering Conference, Stanford Law School, March 12, 1999

Speaker, American Academy of Arts and Sciences Event, Stanford University, Palo Alto, March 20, 1999

Presenter, Conference on Jury Reform sponsored by the American Judicature Society, Chicago Illinois, June 23, 1999

Panel Member, 1998 Supreme Court Term Review, UC Hastings, September 22, 1999

Speaker, Constitutional Law Panel, 1999 Annual Federal Bar Association Convention, Sacramento, September 24, 1999

Moderator, Public Law Resources Institute Program on First Amendment Law, October 1, 1999

Paper Presenter, "Voter Coercion of Legislators," University of Illinois College of Law Faculty Colloquia Series, November 15, 1999

Paper Presenter, Yale Law School Federalist Society Series, December, 1999

Moderator/Interviewer, Session with KQED's Michael Krasny, UC Hastings College of the Law, April 5, 2000

Speaker, Recent Issues under the 11th Amendment, US Department of Education, Civil Rights Office, San Francisco, CA, May 23, 2000

Speaker, Pan-Pacific Federal Court Judicial Conference, United States District Court for Guam, Hagantna, Guam, August 1-4, 2000

Speaker, Palau Judicial Conference, Republic of Palau, August 5-8, 2000

Panel Member, 1999 Supreme Court Term Review, UC Hastings, September 27, 2000

Moderator, UC Hastings College of the Law Program on "Indecision 2000 -- the Presidential Election," San Francisco, November 9, 2000

Speaker, Stanford University Town Hall Meeting on the Election of 2000, Stanford Law School, November 11, 2000

Moderator, Wen Ho Lee Case Panel Discussion sponsored by APALSA, UC Hastings, December 2000

Paper Presenter, UC Hastings Faculty Works-in-Progress Series, January 31, 2001

Lecturer, "Lessons from the Election," ASUCH Lecture Series, UC Hastings, February 5, 2001

Moderator, Jesse Jackson Address and Discussion, UC Hastings, February 20, 2001

Speaker, Career Opportunities in Law Teaching, Event Sponsored by SALSA, UC Hastings, February 23, 2001

Paper Presenter, Faculty Workshop Series, UC Davis Law School, April 16, 2001

Speaker, "The Supreme Court's October 2000 Term," Judicial Conference of United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, St. Louis, MO, July 13-15, 2001

Speaker, California Bar Environmental Conference, Yosemite, CA Oct. 26, 2001

Panel Member, 2000 Supreme Court Term Review, UC Hastings, October 2001

Closing Speaker, Annual Conference of the National South Asian Law Students Association, Northwestern University Law School, Chicago IL, February 17, 2002

Banquet Speaker, Annual South Asian Bar Association Banquet, San Francisco, CA March 9, 2002

Moderator, Debate between Judge Alex Kozinski, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and Joseph Grodin, Retired Justice of the California Supreme Court, UC Hastings, April 15, 2002

Speaker, "Supreme Court Developments," Judicial Conference of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Santa Cruz, CA April 20, 2002

Speaker, Summer Public Interest Speaker Series, Employment Law Center, San Francisco, CA June 25, 2002 (spoke on important recent federal rulings, especially in employment and civil rights areas)

Panel Member, 2001 Supreme Court Term Review, UC Hastings, October 7, 2002

Speaker, Annual Conference of the Environmental Section of the State Bar of California, Yosemite, CA, October 27, 2002 (spoke on key property and administrative law rulings of the Supreme Court)

Paper Presenter, "Jurisprudence of and Legal Developments in the Ninth Circuit," Mid-Winter Conference of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Santa Barbara CA, January 29, 2003

Discussion Leader, Conference for Center for Civic Education, Pasadena, CA, February 1, 2003 (organized discussion on revision of materials to be used to teach high school students and teachers constitutional law and history).

Guest Speaker, Legal Research and Writing Class, UC Hastings, February 11, 2003 (discussed First Amendment cases relevant to brief students were writing).

Guest Speaker, "Uncommon Knowledge" PBS television show, Stanford, CA, February 28, 2003 (discussed pending affirmative action cases along with Doug Kmiec, Dean of Catholic University School of Law).

Guest Speaker, Mount Pleasant High School, San Jose, CA, March 4, 2003 (spoke on civil liberties in a time of war)

Speaker, Capitol Forum Event sponsored by the PLRI at UC Hastings, Sacramento CA, March, 2003 (spoke on recent developments in federalism).

Moderator, Symposium held by Hastings Communication and Entertainment Law Journal (COMMENT), March 21, 2003

Speaker, Barristers Club of San Francisco Event, San Francisco, CA, April 1, 2003 (spoke on the pending University of Michigan Affirmative Action cases).

Moderator, Symposium on Federalism Held by the Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly, April 16, 2003

Moderator, Event sponsored by Boalt Gay and Lesbian Students Organization on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Policies, Boalt Hall School of Law, UC Berkeley, May 1, 2003

Speaker, Judicial Conference of the United States District Court for the Northern District, Santa Rosa, CA, May 4, 2003 (spoke about Supreme Court developments, alongside Professor Pam Karlan of Stanford Law School).

Speaker, Symposium on Privacy Rights, sponsored by the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), a national organization devoted to privacy and civil liberties protection, Oakland, CA, May 9, 2003 (spoke about various aspects of USA Patriot Act, etc.)

Speaker, Trial Judicial Attorneys Institute, sponsored by the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, Newport Beach, CA, May 30, 2003 (addressed recent developments in Constitutional law that affect state judges).

Lecturer, The Mountain and Plain States' Institute, sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, Billings, MT, June 21, 2003 (addressed high school junior college instructors on how to teach the Constitution).

Speaker, "The 2002-03 Term in Review," Judicial Conference of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Kauai, HI, June 23, 2003 (addressed the Supreme Court's Term, alongside Judges Willy Fletcher and Susan Graber)

Lecturer, National Conference of State Legislators Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, July 23, 2003

Panel Member, "The 2002 Term that Was," Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) Luncheon, San Francisco, CA, July 23, 2003

Speaker, "Recent Supreme Court Rulings," Employment Law Center Public Interest Speaker Series, San Francisco, CA, August 5, 2003

Moderator, Practising Law Institute Supreme Court Review, San Francisco, CA, August 6, 2003

Panel Member, "The 2002 Term Race Cases," Annual Conference of the American Bar Association, San Francisco, CA, August 9, 2003

Speaker, Bar of San Francisco's Employment Section Lunch Speaker Series, San Francisco, CA, August 9, 2003

Witness, Joint Hearing of the California Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees on Legal Issues Raised by Proposition 54, Sacramento, CA September 7, 2003

Speaker, "Legal Issues Surrounding the Recall Election," Law Firm of O'Melveny & Myers San Francisco Office Lunch Event, September 16, 2003

Speaker, Supreme Court OT 2002 Review, Phoenix Federal Bar Association Event, Phoenix, AZ, September 25, 2003

Speaker, Bush v. Gore and the California Recall, Yale Law School Alumni of Northern California Speaker Series, San Francisco, CA, September 25, 2003

Participant, Roundtable Discussion on Federalism, Meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), San Francisco, CA, September 29, 2003

Speaker, "Supreme Court Developments," California State Bar, Environmental Section Annual Conference, Yosemite, CA October 17, 2003

Speaker, "Lessons from the Recall," Berkeley Town and Gown Society, November, 2003

Panel Member, Civil Liberties in Wartime Panel, California Judges Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November, 2003

Paper Presenter, "Ways States Can Keep the Feds Constitutionally Honest," Brooklyn Law School, New York, NY, November, 2003

Discussion Coordinator, Scholars Conference, Center for Civic Education, Manhattan Beach, CA, January 22-25, 2004

Keynote Speaker, South Asian Bar Association Banquet, Beverly Hills, CA, February 5, 2004

Co-Presenter (with Larry Lessig), Town Hall Meeting on the Patriot Act, Khanna for Congress Campaign Headquarters, San Bruno, CA, February 12, 2004

Moot Court Participant Representing Elk Grove School District in the case of Elk Grove School District v. Newdow ("one nation under God" case), UC Berkeley School of Law, February 19, 2004 (sponsored by the American Constitutional Law Society)

Moderator, Panel on Legal Issues Surrounding Same-Sex Marriage, UC Hastings College of Law, February 25, 2004

Speaker, "The Same-Sex Marriage Controversy in California and Elsewhere," Center for Social Justice, UC Berkeley School of Law, April 6, 2004

Moderator, Debate Between Ninth Circuit Judges Alex Kozinski and Steven Reinhardt, UC Berkeley School of Law, April 15, 2004 (sponsored by the American Constitutional Law Society)

Speaker, "Major Constitutional Controversies of 2004," Lamorinda Democrats Club, Orinda, CA, April 16, 2004

Keynote Speaker, Annual Meeting of the Placer County Bar Association, Lake Tahoe, CA, April 23, 2004

Speaker, "Recent Constitutional Issues in Judicial Selection," Boalt Hall Democrats, UC Berkeley School of Law, April 29, 2004

Speaker, "Supreme Court Year in Review," Judicial Conference of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Santa Cruz, CA, May 1, 2004

Lecturer, Mountain/Plains Institute for the Center for Civic Education, Billings, MT, June 9-11, 2004

Lecturer, California State Institute for the Center for Civic Education, San Diego, CA, July 10, 2004

Lecturer and Paper Presenter, Eastern Regional Institute for the Center for Civic Education, Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN, July 13, 2004

Luncheon Speaker, Annual Meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), Santa Monica, CA, July 17, 2004

Speaker, "The 2003-2004 Term in Review," Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, Monterey, CA, July 19, 2004

Panel Member, "OT 2003," Bar Association of San Francisco Luncheon (BASF), San Francisco, CA, July 23, 2004

Speaker, "Recent Supreme Court Rulings," Employment Law Center Public Interest Speaker Series, San Francisco, CA, July 27, 2004

Panel Member, "War on Terror Cases," Annual Conference of the American Bar Association, Atlanta, GA, August 7, 2004

Panel Member, "The Effect of the Upcoming Election on the Federal Judiciary," Democracy Conversation Series, San Francisco Yacht Club, September 1, 2004

Speaker, "Progressive Opportunities in the Legal Profession," Teach-for-America Alumni Summit, San Francisco, September 18, 2004

Panel Member, Bar Association of San Francisco Environmental Law Section Annual Supreme Court Roundup, San Francisco, CA, September 30, 2004

Panel Member, UC Berkeley Boalt Hall Reunion Program on International Law in American Constitutional Decisions, Berkeley, CA, October 2, 2004

Paper Presenter, Pepperdine Law School, Malibu, CA, October 4, 2004

Panel Member, UC Hastings Supreme Court Review, October 6, 2004

Speaker, "The October 2004 Term," Electronic Frontier Foundation Event, UC Berkeley School of Journalism, Berkeley, CA, October 9, 2004

Speaker, "The Supreme Court in Context," Smithsonian Institution Speaker Series, Washington DC, October 20, 2004

Speaker, "Supreme Court Administrative Law Developments," California State Bar, Environmental Section Annual Conference, Yosemite, CA October 23, 2004

Paper Presenter, "Selected Topics in Direct Democracy," Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA, October 28, 2004

Panel Member, "Developments in the Debate Over Gay Marriage," Boalt Hall School of Law, UC Berkeley, November 1, 2004

Speaker, "The Supreme Court, Religion and the Law," Adventist Congregation Event, Napa, CA, November 7, 2004

Speaker, "Administrative/Constitutional Law Developments," Legal Seminar of the American Public Power Association, San Francisco, CA, November 10, 2004

Speaker, Panel on the War on Terror Cases, Annual Federalist Society Convention Event, San Francisco, CA, January 7, 2005

Speaker, "The Supreme Court Preview – Cases and Beyond," Mid-Year Workshop of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, San Francisco, CA, February 3, 2005

Presenter, "Reflections on Gay Marriage and Constitutional Change," Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly Symposium on Gay Marriage, San Francisco, CA, February 11, 2005

Presenter, "Violent Video Games, Children and the First Amendment," Hastings Communications and Entertainment Law Journal (COMMENT) Symposium, February 23, 2005

Panel Member, Revisiting Proposition 209, Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Event, UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA, February 28, 2005

Panel Member, Center For Civic Education Scholars' Conference, Santa Monica, CA, March 18, 2005

Speaker, "The Present and Future of the Supreme Court," Convention of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs, Silverado Resort, Napa California, March 21, 2005

Speaker, "The Future of the Federal Nomination/Confirmation Process," American Constitution Society Lecture Series, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, April 4, 2005

Paper Presenter, "Booker, Fanfan, and Reclaiming the Historical Vision of the Jury," South Texas College of Law Symposium on Judges and Juries, Houston, TX, April 8, 2005

Panel Member, "Splitting the Ninth Circuit," Event Sponsored by the American Constitution Society and the Federalist Society, UC Berkeley School of Law, April 13, 2005

Panel Discussion Coordinator, Conference on "Direct Democracy in the West: Historical Roots and Political Realities," Bill Lane Center for Study of the North American West at Stanford University, Stanford, CA, April 14-15, 2005

Speaker, "Supreme Court Year in Review," Judicial Conference of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Santa Cruz, CA, May 1, 2005

Panel Member, "The Boy Scouts and the Constitution," Event of the Federalist Society, University of San Diego Law School, San Diego, CA, May 18, 2005

Lecturer, California Judicial Staff Attorneys Conference, Orange County, CA, May 20, 2005

Speaker, "Dysfunction on the Hill: The Chaos over Judicial Nomination and Confirmation," South Asian Political Alliance Dinner, Palo Alto, CA, May 26, 2005

Speaker, "Future of the Congress-Federal Judiciary Relationship," Annual Retreat of Law Firm of Munger, Tolles and Olson, San Francisco, CA, June 4, 2005

Panel Member, "OT 2004," Bar Association of San Francisco Luncheon (BASF), San Francisco, CA, June 26, 2005

Lecturer, Center for Civic Education (CCE) National Institute, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA, July 7-8, 2005

Lecturer, Center for Civic Education (CCE) California, Institute, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA, July 9, 2005

Speaker, "Supreme Court Year in Review," Annual Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Spokane, WA, July 18, 2005

Speaker, "Casing John Roberts," American Constitution Society (ACS) San Francisco Chapter Kickoff Luncheon, San Francisco, CA, July 22, 2005

Discussion Group Leader, Conference on Incorporating International/Comparative Law into American Casebooks and Curricula Sponsored by McGeorge Law School, Squaw Valley, CA, August 1-2, 2005

Speaker, "Supreme Court in Transition," In-House CLE Speaker Program, Law Firm of Kecker & Van Nest, San Francisco, CA, August 23, 2005

Speaker, "Constitutional Law – Year in Review," Montana Federal Bar Association Conference, Helena, MT, September 9, 2005

Speaker, "Administrative Law Cases of Note," Environmental Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) Luncheon, San Francisco, September 22, 2005

Paper Commentator, "What Do Reversal Rates Tell Us About Lower Court Performance?" Conference on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals at the University of Arizona Law School, Tucson, AZ, October 1, 2005

Panel Member, UC Hastings Supreme Court Review, October 3, 2005

Luncheon Speaker, PLRI Conference on Religion and Local Government, UC Hastings, October 5, 2005

Discussion Facilitator, UC Hastings Book Club Discussion on Linda Greenhouse's BECOMING JUSTICE BLACKMUN, October 19, 2005

Speaker, "Legal Challenges to Diversifying the Bar," Conference Sponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF), San Francisco, CA, October 28, 2005

Lecturer, "Supreme Court Update," California Judicial Attorneys Conference, San Jose, CA, November 4, 2005

Keynote Speaker, "Congress, the White House and the 2006 Confirmation Process," ACLU of Northern California Luncheon, San Francisco, CA, November 10, 2005

Speaker, "Issues Raised by the Alito Nomination," UC Davis Chapter of the American Constitution Society (ACS), Davis, CA, November 21, 2005

Invited Discussion Participant, Direct Democracy Reform Roundtable, Organized by the Center for Governmental Studies and Hosted by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), San Francisco, CA, December 13, 2005

Breakfast Speaker, "What Can We Take From the Nomination/Confirmation Process," The Lake Merritt Breakfast Club, Oakland, CA, January 19, 2006

Panelist, "Citizens' Assemblies and American Constitutionalism," Commonwealth Club of San Francisco Event, San Francisco, January 25, 2006

Speaker, "Separation of Powers in the War on Terror," Legal Aid Society Evening Fundraising Event, San Francisco, CA, February 8, 2006

Panelist, “Developments in Eminent Domain,” UC Berkeley Law and Public Policy Schools Conference on Environmental Developments, Berkeley, CA, February 16, 2006

Debater, Boalt Federalist Society Debate Series, Berkeley, CA, March 1, 2006

Lecturer, Center for Civic Education High School Teachers’ Continuing Education Event, Marin County, CA, March 11, 2006

Speaker, Constitutional Law Developments, Annual Conference of NCHELP (Education Funding lawyers), Palm Springs, CA, March 20, 2006

Panelist, Citizen Assembly Proposal Evaluation, San Francisco Planning Society Luncheon, San Francisco, CA, March 30, 2006

Panelist, ACLU/JFKU Event on War on Terror, JFK University, Pleasant Hill, CA, April 27, 2006

Speaker, “The Year in Review,” Annual Conference of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Santa Cruz, CA, April 30, 2006

Speaker, Constitutional Law Update, CJER (California judicial attorneys) event, San Francisco, CA, May 5, 2006

Speaker, The Legacies of Chief Justice Rehnquist and Justice O’Connor, Arizona State Bar Event, Phoenix, AZ, June 16, 2006

Speaker, The Supreme Court Term That Was, Annual Conference of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Huntington Beach, CA, July 10, 2006

Speaker, Trends in the Federal Judiciary, Annual Conference of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Lake Tahoe, CA, November 4, 2006

Participant, Stanford Law and Technology Review Symposium, Stanford, CA March 20, 2007

Speaker, “The Year in Review,” Annual Conference of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Santa Cruz, CA, April 25, 2007

Speaker, The Supreme Court Term That Was, Annual Conference of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Waikiki, HI, July 14, 2007

Speaker, Meeting of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs, San Francisco, CA, September 2007

Paper Presenter, Caruso Family Chair Symposium on the Constitution, Pepperdine Law School, Malibu, CA, October 19, 2007

Invited Commenter, Kadish Lecture (Delivered by Yale Law Prof. Robert Post), UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA, October 25, 2007

Paper Presenter and Commentator, Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly Symposium, San Francisco, CA, February 29, 2008

Paper Presenter, UC Davis Law Review Symposium, Davis, CA, March 7, 2008

Panel Participant, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, March, 2008

Witness, Sacramento County Library Authority, Sacramento, CA, March 27, 2008

Witness, Sacramento County Library Authority, Sacramento, CA, April 24, 2008

Speaker, Federal Bar Association of Fresno, Fresno, CA, April, 2008

Speaker, Conference of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, May 2008

Banquet Speaker, American Business Trial Lawyers Association West Coast Banquet, San Francisco, CA, June 2008

Speaker, Judicial Conference of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Sun Valley, ID, July 28-31, 2008

Panel Participant, American Association of Political Science Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 28, 2008

Speaker, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Phoenix, AZ, September 25, 2008

Panel Participant, Conference on the Electoral College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, October 17, 2008

Speaker, United States District Court for the Northern District of California Historical Society, San Francisco, CA, November 4, 2008

Speaker, Oregon State Bar Conference, Portland, OR, November 21, 2008

Paper Presenter, Santa Clara Law Review Symposium, Santa Clara, CA, January 23, 2009

Speaker, Mid-Winter Meeting of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, January 28, 2009

Paper Presenter, Emory Law Journal Throwing Symposium, Atlanta, GA, February 12, 2009

Paper Presenter: The 20th Annual Endowed Rutgers State Constitutional Law Lecture, Camden, NJ, March 3, 2009

Speaker, Conference of the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, March 6, 2009

Witness, United States Senate (Hart Building), Joint House-Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, Washington, DC, March 12, 2009

Speaker, Conference of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, April 18, 2009

Speaker, Annual "Operation Protect and Defend" Luncheon, Sacramento, CA, April 2009
Moderator, California Political Attorneys Association Event, Claremont Hotel and Spa, Berkeley, CA, September 12, 2009

Panel Participant, Supreme Court Review, ACS Event, Law Offices of Bingham McCutcheon, San Francisco, CA, September 16, 2009

Panel Speaker, Indian-American Legal Relations, Indian-American Business Association Event, Fremont, CA, October 24, 2009

Speaker, Recent Developments in Constitutional Law, Judicial Conference of the District of Idaho, Boise, ID, November 13, 2009

Panel Participant, Supreme Court Review, Bar Association of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, November 19, 2009

Speaker, Filling Senate Vacancies, Portland Federal Bar Association, Portland, OR, December 10, 2009

Speaker, Supreme Court Update, Oregon State Bar Conference, Portland, OR, December 11, 2009

Panel Participant, Should Judges Defer to Direct Democracy? Federalist Society Event, Simi Valley, January 30, 2010

Luncheon Speaker, Teaching the Constitution, Operation Protect and Defend, Sacramento, CA, February 9, 2010

Paper Presenter, Hastings Law Journal Symposium on Judicial Selection, San Francisco, CA, February 19, 2010

Paper Presenter, "Having A Trial When the Outcome is Foreordained: The Federal Gay Marriage Case and Lingering Questions About Summary Supreme Court Rulings 'On the Merits,'" University of Houston School of Law Colloquium Series, Houston, TX, March 4, 2010

Speaker, Constitutional Law Developments, Annual Conference of NCHELP (Education Funding lawyers), Silverado, CA, April 16, 2010

Paper Presenter, "Having A Trial When the Outcome is Foreordained: The Federal Gay Marriage Case and Lingering Questions About Summary Supreme Court Rulings 'On the Merits,'" Vanderbilt Law School Faculty Work-in-Progress Series, Nashville, TN, April 2, 2010

Speaker, Conference of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Sonoma, CA, April 11, 2010

Speaker, Supreme Court Developments, Placer County Bar Annual Conference, Tahoe City, CA, April 16, 2010

Luncheon Speaker, Nomination and Confirmation of Supreme Court Justices, Kecker & Van Nest, San Francisco, CA, June 3, 2010

Panel Participant, Medical Marijuana -- Constitutional Issues, Golden Gate Law School, San Francisco, CA, June 5, 2010

Luncheon Speaker, Implications and Dynamics of Replacing Justice Stevens, Sacramento County Bar Association Event, Sacramento, CA, June 17, 2010

Panel Participant, Elena Kagan Confirmation Process, ACS Event, Morrison & Forrester's San Francisco Offices, San Francisco, CA, June 30, 2010.

Panel Participant, Legal Issues Surrounding Arizona Immigration Law, San Francisco Barristers' Club, San Francisco, CA, July 15, 2010

Panel Participant, Supreme Court Review/Preview, Annual Conference of the ABA, San Francisco, CA, August 8, 2010

Speaker, Supreme Court Review, California State Bar Conference, Monterey, CA, September 25, 2010

Paper Presenter, Limited Public Forums and the Christian Legal Society Case, Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly Symposium, San Francisco, CA, October 1, 2010

Paper Presenter, NCAA and State Action, Boston College Law Review Symposium, Newton, MA, October 15, 2010

Luncheon Speaker, Recent Developments in Supreme Court, Appellate Section of Sacramento Bar Association, Sacramento, CA, October 21, 2010

Speaker, State Constitutional Developments, Oregon State Bar Conference, Portland, OR, December 3, 2010

Commentator, Impure Originalism, University of San Diego Law School Originalism Conference, San Diego, CA, February 5, 2011

Speaker, The Constitutional Challenges to the Healthcare Reform Law, Institute of Governmental Studies, Shields Library, UC Davis, Davis, CA, February 9, 2011

Speaker, Anti-Instrumentalization and Free Speech, ACS Event on Snyder v. Phelps, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, March 1, 2011

Speaker, Conference of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, April 10, 2011

Speaker, Presidential Election Reform, TEDx event at Davis, Davis, CA, April 23, 2011

Speaker, Three-Year Overview of Constitutional Change, Conference of Superior Court Judges, State of Washington, Suncadia, WA, May 2, 2011

Speaker, Supreme Court Review, Conference of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada, May 5, 2011

Speaker, Federal Bar Association of Fresno, Fresno, CA, July 28, 2011

Speaker, Sacramento Federal Bar Association Annual Supreme Court Review Luncheon, Sacramento, CA, August 3, 2011

Paper Presenter, The National Popular Vote Compact and Congressional Power, University of Illinois School of Law Colloquium Series, Champaign, IL, August 29, 2011

Speaker, California State Bar Convention, Supreme Court Recent Developments, Long Beach, CA, September 17, 2011 (with Eugene Volokh, UCLA)

Speaker, Sacramento Bar Association Lunch, Sacramento, CA September 19, 2011

Speaker, American Constitution Society Event on Obamacare Litigation, San Francisco, CA, October 11, 2011 (with Fred Smith, Berkeley and Jesse Choper, Berkeley)

Speaker, Bar Association of San Francisco Supreme Court Review/Preview, San Francisco, CA, October 24, 2011

Speaker, Wells Fargo Bank Conference of In-House Counsel, San Francisco, CA, October 26, 2011

Instructor, Mexican Electoral Judges Program in American Constitutional Law, Mexico City, Mexico, February 2-4, 2012

Participant, Public Moot Court Event on Obamacare Case Hosted by California Endowment, Los Angeles, CA, March 13, 2012 (with, among others, former California Governor Gray Davis, Kathleen Sullivan, Stanford, Tom Saenz, MALDEF, former California Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno, and former federal judge and current Pepperdine Dean Tacha)

Speaker, U.S. District Court for District of Arizona Judicial Conference, Phoenix, AZ, March 30, 2012

Speaker, U.S. District Court for District of Nevada Judicial Conference, Reno, NV, April 5, 2012

Speaker, Northern District of California Annual Conference, Monterey, CA, April 29, 2012 (with Pam Karlan, Stanford)

Speaker, Nevada State Court Judicial Conference, Las Vegas, NV, May 1, 2012 (with Ninth Circuit Judge Jay Bybee)

Speaker, Arizona State Court Judicial Conference, Tucson, AZ, June 21, 2012

Speaker, Summer CLE Speaker Series Event, Kecker and Van Nest, San Francisco, CA, August 16, 2012

Speaker, Federal Bar Association Lunch, Sacramento, CA, August 23, 2012

Paper Presenter on Dishonesty in Affirmative Action Jurisprudence, Saint Louis University School of Law, August 28, 2012

Speaker, Fresno Federal Bar Association Event, Fresno Federal Courthouse, September 13, 2012

Speaker, Symposium on Election Reform, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Friday, October 12, 2012

Paper Presenter on Standing by Initiative Proponents, Direct Democracy Conference, University of Southern California, November 16, 2012

Paper Presenter, Responses to Constitutional Objections to the National Popular Vote Plan, University of Arizona College of Law, January 24, 2013

Speaker on Abraham Lincoln's Vision of Partisanship and Federalism, Walnut Creek Public Library Speaker Series, January 29, 2013

Panel Member, Federalist Society/American Constitution Society Event, San Francisco, CA, February 1, 2013

Speaker, National Council of Higher Education Loan Resources Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, February 8, 2013

Lecturer, Petrobras Lawyers' Education Program, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 2013

Scholar in Residence Speaker, Denver University Law School, April 09-12, 2013

Speaker, Northern District of California Judicial Conference, Napa, CA, April 14, 2013

Speaker, Event to Commemorate Scholarship of Jonathan Varat, UCLA School of Law, April 19, 2013

Speaker, Federal Bar Association Lunch, Sacramento, CA, August 6, 2013

Speaker, American Bar Association (ABA) Annual Conference Panel Discussion on Supreme Court October 2012 Term (with Pam Karlan and Jamal Greene), August 10, 2013

Speaker, Fresno Federal Bar Association Event, Fresno Federal Courthouse, September 5, 2012

Speaker, Washington State Judicial Conference, Wenatchee, WA, September 25-27, 2013

Keynote Speaker, Unity Bar Banquet, Sacramento, CA, October 17, 2013

Invited Participant, Conference on Law Firm and General Counsel Hiring Trends Hosted by USC Law School and Organized by Professor Bill Henderson, Indiana Law School, November 7, 2013

Paper Presenter, UC Davis Law Review Symposium, February 7, 2014

Presenter on Electoral College Reform, Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, February 15, 2014

Participant, Conference on Originalism and the Good Constitution, University of San Diego, April 10, 2014

Speaker, Northern District of California Judicial Conference, Napa, CA, April 13, 2013

Speaker on Supreme Court Developments, Annual Conference of National Association of (State) Attorneys General, San Diego, CA, April 24, 2014

Speaker, Allegheny County Bar Association Event, Pittsburgh, PA, May 1, 2014

Speaker (with Kathleen Sullivan), Dinner Event for the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, San Francisco, CA, June 17, 2014

Participant, Federalist Society Conference on Constitutional Interpretation, Minneapolis, MN, July 25, 2014

Fresno Federal Bar Association, September 4, 2014

University of Virginia Miller Center Debate, September 10, 2014

Daily Journal LiveChat with Erwin, September 29, 2014

NDCA Napa, March 29, 2015

Danville Library/Community Center talk Lincoln, March 30, 2015

Talk on Federal Courts at Kennedy Courthouse, Sacramento, CA, April 11, 2015

California Appellate Attorneys Conference Con Law Update, San Francisco, CA, April 13, 2015

Kennedy Learning Center Summer Institute (Newdow talk), June 15, 2015

NAAG Event with Mike Ramsey, June 18, 2015

Speaker, NCHELP, 2015 NCHER Fall Legal Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, September 25, 2015

Panel Speaker, First Amendment Law Review Symposium: *Free Speech in Higher Education*, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, October 30, 2015

Chicago Bar Association (CBA) Federal Moot Court Final Round, Chicago, IL, November 14, 2015

The American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, New York, NY January 6-10, 2016

Speaker, Symposium on State Constitutional Change, Arkansas Law Review Symposium, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, January 21, 2016

Panel Speaker, Separation of Powers: Congressional Interference?, Georgia State Symposium, Atlanta, GA, February 11, 2016

Lecture for Center for Civic Education (CCivic Ed), Phoenix, AZ, February 19, 2016

Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Annual Banquet, Chicago, IL, March 4, 2016

Speaker, The Vice Presidency in Five (Sometimes) Easy Pieces, Pepperdine University School of Law, The United States Vice Presidency: In History, Practice, and the Future, Malibu, CA, April 1, 2016

Chuck Stevens and Keker Van Nest, April 22-23, 2016

Speaker, Odyssey Project Class, Urbana, IL, May 9, 2016

Speaker, Northwestern University Event, "The U.S. Constitution and Comparative Constitutional Law", Chicago, IL, May 17, 2016

Big 10 Dean's Meeting, Bloomington, IN, May 19-20, 2016

American Bar Association, Law School Development Conference, San Diego, CA, May 31 – June 3, 2016

Speaker, Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association Stampede, Minneapolis, MN, June 14, 2016

American Bar Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 3-5, 2016

Speaker, CLE: The U.S. Supreme Court: Recent and Upcoming Terms, and the Future of the Court, Polsinelli LLP, Chicago, IL, August 26, 2016

Keynote Speaker, South Asian Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, MO, September 1, 2016

Panel Speaker: *Free Speech on Campus*, (with Akhil Amar, Jim Anderson, Jason Mazzone), Champaign, IL, September 15, 2016

Speaker, Massey Symposium, *A Celebration of Life and Work of Calvin Massey* University of New Hampshire, Concord, NH, September 24, 2016

Speaker, Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Live Reenactment Panel Event, Champaign, IL, September 29, 2016

UC Berkeley American Bar Association Site Visit, Los Angeles, CA, October 5-8, 2016

Speaker, Thomas Jefferson Symposium, Free Speech In and Out of the Classroom, Charlottesville, VA, October 13-14, 2016

The Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Faculty Recruitment Conference, Washington, DC., October 14-15, 2016

Minnesota Law Review Symposium, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, October 20-21, 2016

Cline Symposium, *Money in American Politics*, Roundtable Panel Discussion, Hosted by Cline Center, Urbana, IL, November 11, 2016

Chicago Illini Day Panel of Fortune 500 Executors, Chicago, IL, November 16, 2016

The American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 3-7, 2017

Speaker, CLE: *The U.S. Supreme Court: Recent and Upcoming Terms, and the Future of the Court*, for South Asian Bar Association of Chicago, Franczek Radelet, Chicago, IL, January 24, 2017

Speaker, South Asian Bar Association Event, St. Louis, MO, February 22, 2017

Speaker, CLE: *President Trump and the Constitution*, Champaign, IL, February 25, 2017

Speaker, (with Fred Bartlit) Leadership Lecture -- *Fundamentals of Legal Practice*, Champaign, IL, March 9, 2017

National Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Annual Banquet, Chicago, IL, March 10, 2017

Panel Speaker, Pepperdine University School of Law, *Wm. Matthew Byrne, Jr. Annual Lecture: Bridging the Gaps between the Judiciary, Academy and Practice* (Joint Session), Malibu, CA, March 16, 2017

Speaker, LLSA Annual Alumni Banquet, Chicago, IL, April 1, 2017

Speaker, *Presidential Executive Power under the Constitution: Uses, Abuses, Prospects for the Future*, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN, April 6, 2017

Speaker, Panel Discussion on Judicial Term Limits, with Eric Segall, American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, Atlanta, GA, April 12, 2017

Speaker, (with Derek Muller), *Should we Keep the Electoral College?*, Champaign, IL, April 19, 2017

Speaker, American Constitution Society for Law and Policy, *De-Politicizing the Supreme Court: Term Limits for Justices?*, Los Angeles, CA, April 20, 2017

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