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EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
J.D. *cum laude*

Boston College, Newton, MA
Ph.D., English Literature

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
B.A. *cum laude*, German Literature

EXPERIENCE

Justice Josiah Brewer Distinguished Professor of Law
Albany Law School, 2023 -

Oklahoma City University School of Law
Oxford Research Professor of Law 2005-2023
Director, Certificate Program in Estate Planning
Director, Center for Critical Trusts and Estates Studies
Associate Dean for Faculty Development

Suffolk University Law School
Visiting Professor of Law, Fall 2021

Boston College School of Law

Visiting Professor of Law, Spring 2016

University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Visiting Professor of Law, Spring 2012

New York University School of Law, New York, NY

Samuel I. Golieb Fellow in Legal History, January 2004 -
June 2005

COURSES:

Wills, Trusts and Estates

Elder Law

Estate Planning

Advanced Trust Law and Drafting

Employee Benefits Law

Property

Law and Literature

PUBLICATIONS

Articles/Book Chapters:

Creditors Rights in Beneficiaries' Trust Assets: A Comparative Law Analysis, in The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Trust Law, forthcoming, 2025

The Estate Tax, Inequality and the Problem of Public Choice, 20:2 PITTSBURGH TAX REVIEW 397 (2023)

Estate Planning for the Apocalypse, 49:1 ACTEC L. J. 87 (2023)

The Ghost of Coverture Past, ESTATE PLANNING, Sept. 2022

The Happy Families of Tax Law, 100 NORTH CAROLINA L. REV. 601 (2022)

Are Women Human? Public Space and the Semiotics of Exclusion, 41 COLUM. J. OF GENDER AND LAW 190 (2021)

Twenty-first Century Trusts and Ethics: Estate Planning for Couples, 53 CREIGHTON L. REV. 683 (2021)

The Dilemma of the Transgender Heir, 33 QUINNIPIAC PROBATE L. J. 147 (2020)

Due Process, State Taxation of Trusts and the Myth of the Powerless Beneficiary, 7 UCLA L. REV. Disc. (2019)

Broken Links: A Critique of Formal Equality in Inheritance Law, 2019 Wis. L. Rev. 191 (Symposium Issue)

Power, Property and the Law of Trusts, in POWER, PROPERTY AND THE LAW OF TRUSTS: ESSAYS IN HONOR OF ROGER COTTERELL (Cambridge University Press, 2019)

Trust Flexibility and the Role of Courts in Limiting Property Forms, 43 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRUSTS AND ESTATES COUNSEL L. J. 1201 (2018)

Tampon Taxes, Equal Protection and Human Rights, 2017:3
WISC. L. REV. 491 (with Bridget Crawford)

Democracy and Trusts, 42 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TRUSTS AND
ESTATES COUNSEL L. J. 212 (2017)

Beware the Asset Protection Trust, 5(2): EUROPEAN J. PROP. L. 1
(2016) (double-blind peer reviewed)

Killers Shouldn't Inherit From Their Victims . . . Or Should They?
48:1 GA. L. REV. 145 (2013)

Let's Get Serious: Spousal Abuse Should Bar Inheritance, 90:1
OR. L. REV. 247 (2011)

*Stop the Beach Renourishment v. Florida Department of
Environmental Protection in a Comparative Law Context*, 44
NEW ENG. L. REV. 869 (2011)

Law, Land, Identity: The Case of Lady Anne Clifford, 87:1 CHI-
KENT L. REV. 393 (2011)

*Why the Testamentary Doctrine of Undue Influence Should be
Abolished*, 58:2 U. KAN. L. REV. 245 (2010)

*National Report: The Law of Surrogate Motherhood in the
United States*, 58 AM. J. COMP. L. 97 (2010)

“The Woman is Out:” A New Look at the Law in Shakespeare’s Hamlet, 20:1 YALE J. L. & HUMAN. 31 (2008)

From Hillary Clinton to Lady Macbeth: Gender, Law and Power in Shakespeare’s Scottish Play, 15:1 WM. AND MARY J. WOMEN & L. 51 (2008)

Awful Moony Light:” Law and the Colonial Other in Wilkie Collins’s The Moonstone, in Minsoo Kang, ed., VISIONS OF THE INDUSTRIAL AGE (Ashgate Press, 2008)

Bring Down the Flowers: The Cultural Context of Abortion Law in Early Modern England 14:1 WM. AND MARY J. WOMEN & L. 107 (2007)

Of Shrinking Sweat Suits and Poison Vine Wax: A Comparison of Basis for Excuse Under the Uniform Commercial Code and the Vienna Convention on the International Sale of Goods, 27 U. PA. J. INT’L. ECON. L. 3 (2006)

BOOKS

GILBERT LAW SUMMARIES: TRUSTS (with Karen Sneddon) (2023)

GILBERT LAW SUMMARIES: WILLS (with Karen Sneddon)
(forthcoming 2023)

DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL SKILLS: TRUSTS AND ESTATES (with Karen Sneddon) (West 2022)

Casebook: EXPERIENCING TRUSTS AND ESTATES 2d. ed., (West, 2021, Deborah Gordon, Karen Sneddon, and Allison Tait, co-authors)

THE SMART WOMAN'S GUIDE TO PROPERTY LAW (2020, Rowman and Littlefield)

FEMINIST JUDGMENTS REWRITTEN TRUSTS AND ESTATES OPINIONS (2020, Cambridge University Press) (Deborah Gordon and Browne C. Lewis, co-editors)

AWARDS/RECOGNITION:

Fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estates Council, 2022

Invited Speaker, Creighton Law Review Annual Symposium, "The Trust in the 21st Century, February 2020

Chair, Wisconsin Law Review 2018 Symposium, "Wills, Trusts and Estates Meets Gender, Race and Class," Madison, Wisconsin, October 12, 2018

Invited Speaker, Power, Property and the Law of Trusts Revisited: Roger Cotterrell's Contribution to Critical Trusts Scholarship, University of Kent, October, 2017

Named Oxford Research Professor of Law, Oklahoma City University School of Law, July, 2014 (a three year position with

reduced teaching load, scholarship stipend based on scholarly achievement)

Chosen as one of 25 participants in the June 2014 National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar titled “Meanings of Property” held at Marist College on Poughkeepsie, New York

“Killers Shouldn’t Inherit From Their Victims . . . Or Should They?” 48:1 GA. L. REV. 145 (2013) named one of seven “Notable Estate and Gift Tax Law Articles of 2013” by Professor Bridget Crawford in TaxProflog July 5, 2014

“Let’s Get Serious: Spousal Abuse Should Bar Inheritance,” 90:1 OREGON L. REV. 247 (2011) named one of ten “Estate and Gift Tax Law Must Reads of 2011” by Professor Bridget Crawford in *Tax Notes* March 12, 2012 and in TaxProfblog

“Let’s Get Serious: Spousal Abuse Should Bar Inheritance,” 90:1 OREGON L. REV. 247 (2011) named one of five “Must Read Articles for Practitioners by *Trusts and Estates Magazine* Summer 2012

EXPERIENCE

Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft, New York, N
Litigation Associate, January 2002 - December 2003

Choate, Hall and Stewart, Boston, MA
Litigation/ T and E Associate, September 2001 - October 2002

The Hon. Robert G. Flanders, Jr., Supreme Court of Rhode
Island, Providence, RI
Law Clerk, September 1999 - August 2000

LANGUAGES

German, beginning Dutch, read French

EXTRACURRICULAR

Dog training, rescue
Cooking

REFERENCES

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