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## **EXPERIENCE**

### **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:**

**Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA (1990 – present)**

***James G. Schmidt Chair in Law (2018-present)***

***Senior Advisor to the Dean (2013-present)***

Full-time faculty member, specializing in Conflict of Laws, Federal Courts, First Amendment and Constitutional Law. Promoted to Full Professor in July 1997. Served as James E. Beasley Professor of Law 2002-2009 and as Charles Klein Professor of Law and Government (2013-2018). Other courses taught: U.S. Constitution and Popular Culture, Civil Procedure, International Criminal Law, Remedies.

Awards: Temple University “Great Teacher” Award (2004); University-wide Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching (2000); George P. Williams Outstanding Teaching Prizes (1993, 1997, 2001). Friel-Scanlan Prize for Outstanding Scholarship (1995). Temple Alumni Law Faculty Prize for Contributions to the Law School (2005). Temple Law Review Alumni Merit Award (2015).

International Teaching and Appointments: Taught American J.D. students and Japanese lawyers in Temple’s Tokyo semester program (2007, 2004). Taught in Temple’s J.D. Program in Rome, Italy (2017, 2009, 2003, 2001). Lectured to Chinese judges and scholars in U.S. and China. Served as Visiting Professor at University of Sydney, Australia (2010) and at University College Cork, Ireland (2012).

**American Law Institute: *Associate Reporter*--Restatement (Third) of Conflict of Laws (2014-present).**

### **FEDERAL JUDICIARY:**

***Law Clerk, Honorable William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States, United States Supreme Court, Washington, DC (1986 – 1987).***

***Law Clerk, Honorable James Hunter III, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Camden, NJ (1985 – 1986).***

***Lecturer to U.S. Court of Appeals, District Court and Bankruptcy Judges:*** Engaged by federal judiciary to lecture on conflict of laws, judicial ethics, regulation of humor, and other issues pertaining to the federal courts (1995-present).

***Appellate Advocate:*** Recruited and appointed by United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit to brief and argue constitutional questions concerning the U.S. Senate (1991).

### **LAW PRACTICE:**

***Legal Consultant (1990 – present)***

Attorney and consultant in state and federal court proceedings. Retained by national and foreign law firms as expert in conflict of laws, constitutional law, and federal jurisdiction. Review merits briefs and petitions for writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court. Assist with litigation strategy.

**Kohn, Savett, Klein & Graf, P.C., Philadelphia, PA**

*Associate* (1989–1990). Represented metropolitan newspapers and magazines in libel suits. Counseled reporters seeking access to news. Reviewed draft articles for potential legal problems.

**Dechert Price & Rhoads, Philadelphia, PA**

*Associate* (1987–1989). Practice included general civil and appellate litigation and bankruptcy.

**Drinker Biddle & Reath, Philadelphia, PA** *Summer Associate* (1984).

**CIGNA Corporation, Philadelphia, PA** *Law Clerk* (1983).

**PRE-LAW SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT:**

**CIGNA Corporation, Philadelphia, PA**

*Legal Assistant*, Investment Group: Portfolio Management and Mutual Fund Administration (1981– 1983).

**Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis, Philadelphia, PA**

*Legal Assistant*, Litigation Department (1979; 1980 – 1981).

**Manager of Calf Nursery, Kibbutz Gezer, Israel** (1/80-7/80). Cared for calves. Milked dairy cattle.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOKS:**

Little, *GUILTY PLEASURES: LAW AND COMEDY IN AMERICA* (OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS 2018): Monograph cross-listed in the scholar’s Masters Series and as a trade book

Little, *CONFLICT OF LAWS: CASES, CONCEPTS, AND PROBLEMS* (ASPEN 2d ed. 2018). Teacher’s Manual (2d Ed. 2018).

Little, *FEDERAL COURTS: EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS* (3d ed. ASPEN 2013).

Little, *ADVOCACY BEFORE APPELLATE COURTS, VOLS. I and II* (NITA 1998): Two volume book developed with Professors Anthony Bocchino and David Sonenshein.

**ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:**

Little, “*Erie’s Unintended Consequences*,” \_\_ AKRON L. REV. \_\_ (solicited Symposium piece forthcoming 2019).

Little, “*Judicial Regulation of Humour in the United States*,” in *JUDGES, JUDGING, AND HUMOUR* (Jessica Milner Davis and Sharon Locklyer, eds.) (Palgrave MacMillan, 2018).

Little, *Laughing at Censorship*, 28 YALE J. OF LAW AND HUMANITIES 161 (2016)

Little, *Conflict of Laws Structure and Vision: Updating a Venerable Discipline*, 31 Georgia State L. Rev. 231 (2015).

Little, *Internet Defamation, Freedom of Expression, the Lesson of Private International Law for the United States*, 14 *European Yearbook of Private International Law* 181 (2012/2013) (European Institute of Comparative Law, University of Lausanne, Switzerland).

Little, *Internet Choice of Law Governance*, 4 *INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW* (China University of Political Science and Law Press 2013) (prepared for Globalization Workshop, hosted by Chinese Private International Law Society, Beijing).

Little, *Just a Joke: Defamatory Humor and Incongruity's Promise*, 21 *Southern California Interdisciplinary L.J.* 95 (2011).

Little, *Regulating Funny: Humor and the Law*, 94 *Cornell L. Rev.* 1235 (2009), *reprinted in* *First Amendment Law Handbook*, 2010-11 Edition (West Thompson).

\*Designated by West Publishing as one of the most notable First Amendment articles of 2010.

Little, *Empowerment Through Restraint: Reverse Preemption or Hybrid Lawmaking*, 59 *Case Western Law Review* 955 (2010) (symposium on Access to Courts in the Roberts Era).

Little, *Teaching Federal Courts: From Bottom Line to Mystery*, 53 *St. Louis L. Rev.* 797 (2009) (symposium on Teaching Federal Courts).

Little, *Transnational Guidance in Terrorism Cases*, 38 *George Washington International Law Review* 1 (2006) *reprinted in* M.B. Malleswari, ed., *ANTITERRORISM LAWS: GLOBAL SCENARIO* (2007).

Little, *Hairsplitting and Complexity in Conflict of Laws: The Paradox of Formalism*, 37 *University of California at Davis Law Review* 925 (2004), *reprinted in* 54 *Defense Law Journal* 377 (2005).

Little & Barrett, *Lessons of Yugoslav Rape Trials: A Role for Conspiracy Law in International Tribunals*, 88 *Minnesota Law Review* 30 (2003).

Little, *Adjudication and Emotion*, 3 *Florida Coastal Law Review* 205 (2002) (Therapeutic Jurisprudence Symposium).

Little, *The ABA's Role in Prescreening Federal Judicial Candidates: Are We Ready to Give up on the Lawyers?* 10 *William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal* 37 (2001), *reprinted in* Susan Bloch, *SUPREME COURT POLITICS: THE INSTITUTION AND ITS PROCEDURES* (2008).

Little, *Negotiating the Tangle of Law and Emotion*, 86 *Cornell Law Review* 974 (2001) (reviewing Susan Bandes, *THE PASSIONS OF LAW* (1999)).

Little, *Jealousy, Envy, and Separation of Powers*, 52 *Hastings Law Journal* 47 (2000).

Little, *Hiding with Words: Obfuscation, Avoidance, and Federal Jurisdiction Opinions*, 46 *U.C.L.A. Law Review* 75 (1998).

Little, *Characterization and Legal Discourse*, 42 *Journal of Legal Education* 372 (1996).

Little, *Loyalty, Gratitude, and the Federal Judiciary*, 44 American University Law Review 699 (1995).

\*Cited and quoted extensively by the Indian Supreme Court in an opinion declaring unconstitutional the Indian system of appointing judges (October 2015)

Little, *It's About Time: Unraveling Standing and Equitable Ripeness*, 42 Buffalo Law Review 933 (1993).

Little, *An Excursion into the Uncharted Waters of the Seventeenth Amendment*, 64 Temple Law Review 629 (1991).

Little, *Out of Woods and into the Rules: The Relationship Between State Foreign Corporation Door-Closing Statutes and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 17(b)*, 72 Virginia Law Review 767 (1986).

Note, *The Role of the Erie and Full Faith and Credit Doctrines in the Choice Between State and Federal Res Judicata Law in Consecutive Diversity Actions*, 57 Temple Law Review 159 (1984).

Note, *Coal Owner Holds Rights of Ownership and Development of Coalbed Gas*, 57 Temple Law Review 427 (1984).

## **RESTATEMENT (THIRD) OF CONFLICT OF LAWS:**

RESTATEMENT OF LAW THIRD, CONFLICT OF LAWS, Preliminary Draft No. 3 (Choice of Law: Procedure, Torts, Contracts) (2018) (with Kermit Roosevelt III & Christopher Whytock)

RESTATEMENT OF LAW THIRD, CONFLICT OF LAWS, Preliminary Draft No. 3 (Choice of Law: Torts, Real Property, Contracts) (2017) (with Kermit Roosevelt III & Christopher Whytock)

RESTATEMENT OF LAW THIRD, CONFLICT OF LAWS, Council Draft No. 1 and 2 (Introduction, Domicile, Choice of Law: Introduction, Determination of Foreign Law) (2016 and 2017) (with Kermit Roosevelt III & Christopher Whytock)

RESTATEMENT OF LAW THIRD, CONFLICT OF LAWS, Preliminary Draft No. 2 (Introduction, Domicile, Choice of Law: Introduction, Determination of Foreign Law, Torts General Rules, Real Property) (2016) (with Kermit Roosevelt III & Christopher Whytock)

RESTATEMENT OF LAW THIRD, CONFLICT OF LAWS, RESTATEMENT OF THE LAW THIRD, CONFLICT OF LAWS, Preliminary Draft No. 1 (Introduction, Domicile, Choice of Law: Introduction, Determination of Foreign Law) (2015) (with Kermit Roosevelt III & Christopher Whytock)

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, COMMEMORATIONS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Little, "Political Cartoonist Pat Oliphant," *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN POLITICAL SATIRE* (ABC-CLIO forthcoming 2018)

Little, Online essay: From Coal Bed Gas to Regulating Funny, *Temple Law Review* at 90 (Temple Law Review Online) (forthcoming 2018).

Little, "Food, Humor, and Law," online article for "Studying Humour," <https://ejournals.lib.auth.gr/humour> (forthcoming 2018)

Little, "From Coal Bed Gas to Regulating Funny: Law Reviews and Legal Scholarship," *Temple Law Review Online* (forthcoming 2018)

Mankoff and Little, "Judging Humor," featured on *THE NEW YORKER* website, <http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/cartoonists/2013/03/judging-humor.html>

Little, "Legal Restriction and Protection of Humor," *THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HUMOR: A SOCIAL HISTORY* (Salvatore Attardo, ed. 2014).

Little, "Hail to the Chief," *ABA Journal* 44 (November 2005).

Little, "Diversity of Citizenship Jurisdiction," *FEDERALISM IN AMERICA: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA* (Joseph R. Marbach, et al., eds. (2006).

Little, *Contradiction and Resolution in Federal Judicial Selection* (essay written for American Association of University Women 2005).

Rahdert and Little, *The Future of the Temple Law Review: Stasis and Change*, 75 *Temple Law Review* 13 (2002).

Little, *The Future of the Federal Judiciary*, 70 *Temple Law Review* 1151 (1997) (speech Delivered at Third Circuit Judicial Conference).

## MAJOR PRESENTATIONS

"The Intersection of Humor and the Law," 2018 Judicial College (Judicial Conferences for all of the judges in the State of New Jersey) (2018).

"Guilty Pleasures: Comedy and Law in America," Presentation to the Judges of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2018)

"*Erie's* Unintended Consequences," Symposium on *Erie* at 80 (Akron Law School 2018)

"The Intersection of Law and Humor," University of Akron (all campus lecture) 2018)

"Humor Dynamics in Adversary Litigation," International Society for the Study of Humor

(with Professor Rachel DiCioccio) (Tallinn, Estonia 2018)

“RBG,” Presentation in connection with the local premier of the documentary on Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Ambler, PA 2018).

“Hate Speech on Campus and Online,” All-campus lecture: Bucks Country Community College (2018)

“Censorship Humor Around the World,” Keynote Speech, Australasian Humour Studies Network, (Cairns, Australia 2018)

“Censorship Comedy,” Villanova Law School Faculty Colloquium (2018).

“Free Speech and Censorship in Graphic Illustration,” Temple University Liberal Arts Conference on “Graphic Thinking.” (2017).

“Legal Regulation of Humor,” Fordham University (New York City 2017).

“Defamatory Restaurant Reviews,” University of Burgundy Humor Conference (Dijon, France 2016)

“Internationalizing the New Conflict of Laws Restatement: Chapter on Families (Duke Law School 2017)

“Laughing at Censorship,” International Society for the Study of Humor (Trinity College, Dublin Ireland 2016)

“Why is Censorship Funny?” Law and Society Annual Conference (New Orleans 2016)

“The December 2015 Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,” United States District Court Judges for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2016)

“The Power of Humor,” University of Rhode Island Honors Colloquium (2015)

"Freedom of Expression and Humor Regulation," Doshisha University (Kyoto, Japan), Temple University Japan (Tokyo, Japan), Sophia University (Tokyo, Japan) (2015)

“Private International Law and the United States Restatement Process," East China University of Political Science and Law (Shanghai, China), Tshinghua University (Beijing), China University of International Business and Economics (Beijing), China University of Political Science and Law (Beijing), Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (Shanghai) (2015)

“Regulating Political Speech and Hate Speech,” International Conference of Democracy and the Rule of Law, The Catholic University of Salta, (Salta, Argentina 2015)

“Why is Censorship Funny?” Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference (New Haven 2014)

“Cross-Border Regulation of Internet Abuse,” Co-Sponsored Program of the Ontario Bar Association and the New York Bar Association (Toronto, Canada 2014)

“Conflict of Laws Structure and Vision: Updating a Venerable Discipline,” University of Auckland, New Zealand (2014)

“Comparative Defamation Law,” University of Victoria, Wellington, New Zealand (2014)

“Just a Joke: Humour as a Defense in Defamation Suits,” Australasian Humour Society, National Library of New Zealand, Wellington (2014)

“Civil Regulation of Humour: Contract, Trademark, Employment, and Defamation Law,” University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand (2014)

“Why is Law Funny?” Temple University’s Beasley School of Law (with THE NEW YORKER CARTOON EDITOR Bob Mankoff (2013)

“Protection and Restrictions of Humor,” Interdisciplinary Humor Conference sponsored by Texas A&M University and Southern Methodist University (Texas 2013)

“Legal Regulation of Humor” Trinity College Dublin, University College Cork and University College Dublin (Ireland 2012)

“Military Tribunals” University College (Cork, Ireland 2012)

“Publishing in U.S. Law Journals (Cork, Ireland 2012)

“Regulating Humor through Civil Actions,” Queens University Belfast (Belfast, Northern Ireland 2012)

“Internet Choice of Law Governance” (workshop on Private International Law in the Context of Globalization, Chinese Society of Private International Law, Beijing 2011)

“Legal Regulation of Humor” China University of Politics and Law (FaDa) (Beijing 2011)

“The First Amendment and Internet Governance in the United States,” University of International Business and Economics (Beijing 2011)

“Conflict of Laws,” Bar Review Lectures, sponsored by Bar-Bri (Pittsburgh, Villanova and Philadelphia; annually from 1998 - present)

“Rhetoric and Spin,” Delaware Bar Association (Rehoboth DE 2011)

“Humor and the Law,” Rutgers Law School Faculty Colloquium (Camden NJ 2010)

“Legal Regulation of Humor,” Continuing Legal Education lecture to the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia 2010)

“Humor and the Law,” Literature and Law Symposium, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (New York 2010)

“Legal Regulation of Humor,” Faculty Seminar, The Australian National University (Canberra, Australia 2010)

“Risk-Taking and Transgression,” Australasian Humour Studies Network (Sydney, Australia 2010)

“Adjudication and Emotion,” Faculty Seminar, University of Sydney Law School (Sydney, Australia 2010)

“Regulating Funny,” Flinders University (Adelaide, Australia 2010)

“Hybrid Lawmaking and Reverse Preemption,” Case Western Reserve Law School Symposium on Access to Courts in the Roberts Era (Cleveland, Ohio 2009)

“Humor and the Law,” United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Judges Retreat (Gettysburg 2008)

“Conflict of Laws in Bankruptcy” Federal Judicial Center Meeting of Bankruptcy Judges (Plenary session panel, Seattle 2008)

“Regulating Funny: Humor and the Law,” International Society for the Study of Humor (Spain 2008)

“Judicial Independence” (with retired Justice Sandra Day O’Connor), New Mexico Bar Association Annual Meeting (New Mexico 2007)

“Serving on the Supreme Court: How Should a Nation Select its Most Powerful Judges? Taking a Look at U.S. and Japanese Models” (with Professor Daniel Foote), Foreign Women Lawyer’s Association (Tokyo, Japan 2006)

“American Judicial Selection: Recent Experience from the Roberts, Miers and Alito Nominations” Temple University Japan (Tokyo, Japan 2006)

“William H. Rehnquist: In Memoriam” National Constitution Center (Philadelphia 2005)

“The Rehnquist Legacy,” American Constitution Society (Panel discussion, Philadelphia 2005)

“Domestic Conflict of Laws in American System,” Conflict of Laws Roundtable for Chinese Scholars (Philadelphia 2005)

“Becoming Justice Blackmun,” Interview of New York Times Reporter Linda Greenhouse, National Constitution Center (Philadelphia 2005)

“National Security & Individual Liberty,” 2004 Third Circuit Judicial Conference Panel together with Ted Olson, Paul Clement, Dick Thornburg, Michael Chertoff, John Gibbons, and David Cole (Plenary Session, Harrisburg 2004)

“The Criminal Process: Trial, Punishment, and Appeal,” Doshisha University (Kyoto, Japan 2004)

“Current Issues in Conflict of Laws: Contractual Choice of Law Clauses and the Internet



(Skadden, Arps, Tokyo, Japan 2004)

“The Media and the Judicial Process,” People’s Procuratorate (Shanghai 2004)

“Media and Fair Trial” Tsinghua University (roundtable participant) (Beijing 2004)

“American Judicial Decisionmaking,” Chinese National Judicial College (Beijing 2004)

“Judicial Decisionmaking and the Common Law Method,” Visiting Chinese Prosecutors (Philadelphia 2003)

“Jurisdictional Concurrency in the United States,” Cyberlaw Symposium for Visiting Chinese Scholars (Philadelphia 2003)

“Adjudication and Emotion,” International Congress on Law and Mental Health (Amsterdam, The Netherlands 2002)

“Federalism and the Operation of the United States Supreme Court, WTO Symposium for Visiting Chinese Scholars (Philadelphia 2002)

“Judicial Opinionwriting,” Superior Court of Pennsylvania Judicial Conference (Pittsburgh2002)

“Federal Judicial Selection,” Symposium, Univ. of California at Davis (Davis, CA 2002)

“Adjudication and Emotion,” Second International Conference on Therapeutic Jurisprudence (Cincinnati 2001)

“Operation of the United States Supreme Court,” Philadelphia Bar Association Appellate Courts Committee (Philadelphia 2000)

“Better Communication,” Workshop for the United States Court of Federal Claims (Williamsburg, VA 1999)

“Federalism,” Second Constitutional Law Conclave, sponsored by Pennsylvania Bar Institute (Philadelphia 1999)

“Judging on the Edge,” American Association of Women Judges (Miami1999)

“Legal Language -- Better Communication,” United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference (Grand Traverse, Michigan 1999)

“Future of the Federal Courts,” United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit Judicial Conference (Plenary Session; Philadelphia 1997)

“Conflict of Laws in the Federal System,” National Conference of United States District Judges, sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center (Arizona 1996)

“Future of the Federal Judiciary,” Conference for the Judges of the Eleventh Circuit, sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center (Alabama 1996)

“Characterization and Legal Discourse,” Delaware Valley Law Women (Philadelphia 1996)

“Loyalty, Gratitude, and the Federal Judiciary,” National Conferences of United States District Judges, sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center (Atlanta 3/95; Seattle 9/95; Boston 7/95)

“O. J. Simpson and Legal Issues of News Coverage,” Associated Press Managing Editors Conference (Plenary Session Philadelphia 1994)

“Major Changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,” sponsored by the Philadelphia Bar Association (1993)

## **BOARDS AND MAJOR ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Executive Committee, Conflict of Laws Section of the American Association of Law Schools (2015-present)

University College Cork, Board of External Advisors (Law Faculty) (2013-2016)

Academic Participant, Study of Collective and Individual Responsibility for Atrocities, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (Groupe de Sociologie Politique et Morale) at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris (2011)

Advisory Board Member, ISRAELI JOURNAL OF HUMOR (2011 – present)

Faculty Advisor, TEMPLE LAW REVIEW (1992 – 2014; 2016-present)

Editorial Referee, UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES LAW JOURNAL (Australia); LAW AND SOCIETY REVIEW (U.S.); HUMOR: INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL OF HUMOR RESEARCH

Promotions Referee, University of Sydney (Law School) and Minnesota Law School

Tenure Referee, Michigan State University College of Law School

Manuscript Referee, ASPEN PUBLISHING: Reviewed and commented on works related to Conflict of Laws, Remedies, Constitutional Law, and Federal Courts

Ph.D. Referee, Temple University, Department of Psychology, Dissertation on “Personality Characteristics of Lawyers”

S.J.D. Advisor and Doctoral Advisory Committee Chair, Professor Fu-Mei Sung, Dissertation on “Judicial Independence in Taiwan”

S.J.D. Doctoral Advisory Committee Member, Professor Lina Maria Céspedes-Báez, Dissertation on “Justice and the Legal Creation of Identity around Women and Sexual Bias in the Colombian Armed Conflict”

Individual Faculty Advisor for over 75 J.D. student law journal articles and guided research papers

Temple Law School representative on Temple University Graduate Faculty

Co-Chair, Temple Law School Strategic Planning Committee (2012-2015)

## EDUCATION

J.D., 1985 – Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA  
*Summa Cum Laude*; Graduated first in class of day division students.

Honors and Activities: TEMPLE LAW REVIEW: Editor-in-Chief (1984 – 1985); Staff Member (1983 – 1984). Awards: Honorable Donald J. Orlowsky Award for Appellate Brief Writing; Law Faculty Award for Distinguished Scholastic Performance; Corpus Juris Secundum Award for Overall Legal Scholarship; West Publishing Award for the Highest Average in the Senior Year; Robert E. Lamberton Award in Constitutional Law; Sarah A. Shull Memorial Award for Excellence in Legal Research and Writing; American Jurisprudence Awards in Constitutional Law and Criminal Procedure.

B.A. in Economics, 1979 – University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Smith College, Northampton, MA (1975 – 1976)

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