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APPOINTMENTS

Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA **2008-Present**

*Harriet S. Daggett-Frances Leggio Landry Professor of Law and
Bernard Keith Vetter Professor of Civil Law Studies* 2013-Present

Associate Professor of Law 2011-2014

Assistant Professor of Law 2008-2011

Courses Taught:

Western Legal Traditions & Systems: Louisiana Impact

Obligations

Sales & Real Estate

Successions, Donations & Trusts

Louisiana Bar Foundation, Scholar-in-Residence **2016-2018**

With Christopher K. Odinet, Southern University Law Center

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

Reconceptualizing Residential Tenancy as Property—A Theoretical and Doctrinal Approach
(Work-in-Progress).

Lawmaking, Legitimacy, and the “Hidden Law” of Legislative Commentary (Work-in-Progress).

Eliminating Retaliatory Eviction in England and Wales—Lessons from the United States, 75 LA.
L. REV. 1071 (2015).

*The Anomalous Interaction Between Code and Statute—Lessor’s Warranty and Statutory
Waiver*, 88 TUL. L. REV. 423 (2014).

*A Second Chance for Innovation—Foreign Inspiration for the Revised Uniform Residential
Landlord and Tenant Act*, 35 U. ARK. LITTLE ROCK L. REV. 905 (2013).

Finding Room for Fairness in Formalism—The Sliding Scale Approach to Unconscionability, 44 LOY. CHI. L.J. 1 (2012).

Convergence, Contort, and Consumer Protection: Landlord Liability for Defective Premises in Comparative Perspective, 85 TUL. L. REV. 413 (2010).

Note, *State v. Chauvin: Determining the Admissibility of Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome Diagnosis as Substantive Evidence of Sexual Abuse*, 78 TUL. L. REV. 1743 (2004).

TEXTBOOKS AND TREATISES

MELISSA T. LONEGRASS & CHRISTOPHER K. ODINET, THE LOUISIANA LAW OF REGISTRY (work-in-progress).

MELISSA T. LONEGRASS, CHRISTOPHER K. ODINET & SANDRA VARNADRO, THE LOUISIANA LAW OF SALE AND LEASE (work-in-progress).

LOUISIANA LAW OF SUCCESSIONS & DONATIONS: A PRÉCIS (LEXISNEXIS PUBLICATIONS, FORTHCOMING 2016).

LOUISIANA CIVIL CODE: STUDENT EDITION (West Academic, 2016).

LOUISIANA OBLIGATIONS II, SALE AND LEASE: CASES AND READINGS (LSU Publications Institute 2011).

SUCCESSIONS, DONATIONS & TRUSTS: CASES AND READINGS (with Katherine Spaht, Cynthia Samuel & Ronald J. Scalise, Jr.) (LSU Publications Institute 2010)

PROFESSIONAL AND BAR JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Treacherous Territory: Lessor Liability for the Condition of the Premises and its Proper Limitation by Contract, 63 LA. B. J. 260 (December 2015/January 2016)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Melissa T. Lonegrass & Will Monroe, *The Intersection of Legal Education and Technology in American Legal Education*, in L'ENSEIGNEMENT DU DROIT: RAPPORT DU GROUPE LOUISIANAIS [REPORT ON LEGAL EDUCATION IN LOUISIANA] (2016).

Designing a Better Course: Teaching with Instructional Technology, AALS New Law Professors Section Annual Newsletter (December, 2011).

PRESENTATIONS

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Reconceptualizing Residential Tenancy as Property—A Theoretical and Doctrinal Approach, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (Amelia Island, Florida, August 8, 2016).

Lawmaking, Legitimacy, and Legislative Commentary, 2016 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association (New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2, 2016).

Reconceptualizing Residential Tenancy as Property—A Theoretical and Doctrinal Approach, 7th Annual Meeting of the Association of Law, Property, and Society (Belfast, Northern Ireland, May 20, 2016).

Lawmaking, Legitimacy, and the “Hidden Law” of Legislative Commentary, Fifth Annual Younger Comparativists Committee Conference (New Orleans, Louisiana March 19, 2016).

Hidden Law: Legislative Commentary in a Mixed Jurisdiction, Southern University Law Center Law & Society Faculty Forum (Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 11, 2015).

Lawmaking, Legitimacy, and the “Hidden Law” of Legislative Commentary, 2015 Conference of the Central States Law Schools Association (Toledo, Ohio, October 9, 2015).

Hidden Law: Legislative Commentary in a Mixed Jurisdiction, 4th Congress of the World Society of Mixed Jurisdiction Jurists (Montreal, Quebec, June 26, 2015).

The Anomalous Interaction Between Code and Statute, Meeting of the Society of Bartolus (New Orleans, Louisiana, November 7, 2014).

Landlord Retaliation in the United States—Lessons for Law Reform in Wales, 2014 Conference of the Central States Law Schools Association (New Orleans, Louisiana, October 11, 2014).

Habitability and Home—Lessors' Responsibility for Leased Premises in Comparative Perspective, Mississippi College of Law International & Comparative Law Center Speaker Seminar Series (Jackson, Mississippi, October 21, 2013)

All that Glitters is Not Gold—Another Look at European Solutions to Unfair Contracts, American Society of Comparative Law Second Annual Younger Comparativists Committee Conference (Indianapolis, Indiana, April 18, 2013).

Judicial Degradation in the New Contract Formalism—Causes and Consequences, Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative Workshop, *Contract as “Public Law” at the Intersection of Globalization and Privatization* (Atlanta, Georgia, March 1, 2013).

Judicial Degradation in the New Contract Formalism—Causes and Consequences, Northeast Regional Scholarship and Teaching Development Workshop, *Sharing Scholarship, Building Teachers* (Albany, New York, February 2, 2013).

A Second Chance for Innovation—Foreign Inspiration for the Revised Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, 2013 University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Review Ben J. Altheimer Symposium, *A Question of Balance: 40 Years of the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and Tenants' Rights in Arkansas* (Little Rock, Arkansas, February 1, 2013).

Judge as Enforcer in the New Contract Formalism, 2012 Conference of the Central States Law Schools Association (Cleveland, Ohio, October 19, 2012).

Finding Room for Fairness in Formalism—The Sliding Scale Approach to Unconscionability, 7th Annual International Contracts Conference (San Diego, California, March 3, 2012).

Finding Room for Fairness in Formalism—The Sliding Scale Approach to Unconscionability, 2011 Conference of the Central States Law Schools Association (Toledo, Ohio, October 29, 2011).

The Sliding Scale Approach to Unconscionability—Empowering Judicial Control of Consumer Standard Form Contracts, 2011 Workshop on Women Rethinking Equality, AALS Women's Section (Washington, DC, June 20-22, 2011).

The Unconscionability Experiment: Judicial Interventionism in Standard-Form Contracts, 2010 Conference of the Central States Law Schools Association (Grand Forks, North Dakota, September 25, 2010).

Convergence in Contort: Premises Liability in Comparative Perspective, Louisiana Junior Faculty Forum (Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 5, 2010).

The Anomalous Interaction Between Code and Statute: Louisiana Warranty and Statutory Waiver, Introspective Colloquium on the Louisiana Civil Code (New Orleans, Louisiana, November 20, 2009).

Convergence in Contort: Premises Liability in Comparative Perspective, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (Palm Beach, Florida, August 4, 2009).

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION AND BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTATIONS

Redhibition in Sales of Real Estate: Waivers, Disclosures and Fraud, New Orleans Bar Association, 2015 Procrastinators' Series (New Orleans, Louisiana, December 29, 2015).

The Anomalous Interaction Between Code and Statute: Lessor's Warranty and Statutory Waiver, New Orleans Bar Association, Meeting of Real Property Committee (New Orleans, Louisiana, July 29, 2015).

OTHER PANELS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

Panelist, *Assessing Student Learning Using Multiple Choice Questions*, Teaching Nuggets—Takeaways for and by Law Professors, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (Amelia Island, Florida, August 5, 2016).

Opening Remarks, *Louisiana Law Review Symposium: More than a Tradition: the Future of the Civil Law in Louisiana and Abroad* (Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 18, 2016).

Moderator, *The Importance of Comparative Law: Methodology and Practice*, Fifth Annual Younger Comparativists Committee Conference (New Orleans, Louisiana March 19, 2016).

Moderator and Organizer, *Spotlight on the Louisiana Law Institute*, 2014 Conference of the Central States Law Schools Association (New Orleans, Louisiana, October 11, 2014).

Panelist, *Effective Use of Multiple Choice Questions in Formative and Summative Assessment*, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (Amelia Island, Florida, August 2, 2014).

Panelist, *Formulating an Outcomes-Based Approach to Teaching Western Legal Traditions, Writing What You Do—Using Experience as Inspiration for Scholarship*, 2013 Conference of the Central States Law Schools Association (Fayetteville, Arkansas, October 5, 2013).

Panelist, *Collegiality and Service: Balance*, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (Palm Beach, Florida, August 2013).

Moderator, *Transnational Private Law*, American Society of Comparative Law Second Annual Younger Comparativists Committee Conference (Indianapolis, Indiana, April 18, 2013).

Moderator and Organizer, *Planning for Student Outcome Measurements—Course Design, Implementation, and Ideas*, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (Amelia Island, Florida, July 31, 2012).

Moderator and Organizer, *Enhancing the Classroom Experience: New Developments in Teaching Methodology and Technology*, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (Hilton Head, South Carolina, July 24, 2011).

PODCAST EPISODES

Louisiana Law Review, *The Legal Ease, Ep. 2 Prof. A.N. Yiannopoulos: History of the Louisiana Civil Code and its Comments* (October 15, 2015) (Interviewer).

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

I. Current Service

Chair, ABA Self-Study Committee (2015-present)

Co-Chair, Appointments Committee (2016-present)

Promotion & Tenure Committee (2015-Present)

Law Center Representative, University Review & Assessment Council (2016-present)
Academic Tutoring Program Coordinator (2016-Present)

Faculty Advisor, *Civil Law Society* (2011-Present)

Faculty Advisor, *Student Veterans Association* (2012-Present)

II. Previous Service

Ad Hoc Committee on the DCL (Spring 2015)
Chair (Spring 2015)

Admissions Committee (2010-2011)
Admissions Factors Working Group (2010)

Admissions & Scholarship Committee (2012-2013)
Private Scholarships Subcommittee (Summer 2013)

Bar Exam Review & Revision Committee (2008-2015)
Chair (2009-2015)

Career Services Long Range Planning Subcommittee (2008-2009)

Civil Law Program Committee (2013-2016)

Curriculum Committee (2009-2010; 2012-2013, 2014-2016)
Chair (Spring 2015-2016)

Dean Search Committee (2015-2016)

Energy Law Program Committee (2013-2015)

Executive Committee (2009-2011)
Secretary (2009-2011)

Faculty Development Long Range Planning Subcommittee (2008-2009)

Instructional Technology Faculty Working Group (2011-2015)

LLM Committee (2008-2009)

Law Review & Energy Law Journal Committee (2012-2015)
Faculty Advisor, *LSU Journal of Energy Law and Resources* (2012-2015)

Legal Writing Program & Fellowships Committee (2010-2011)

New Orleans Ad Hoc Working Group (2009-2011)

Pathways Task Force (2008-2009)
Scholarships Committee (2010-2011)

Strategic Planning & Assessment Committee (2012-2015)

Title IX Coordinator (2014-2015)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Advisory Committee to the Louisiana Bar Association Committee on Bar Admissions (2009-Present)

Journal of Civil Law Studies
Advisory Board (2015-Present)

Law & Social Inquiry
Peer Reviewer (2015-Present)

Louisiana State Bar Association (2005-Present)
Special Committee to Review Proposed Changes to the Louisiana Bar Exam (2011)

Louisiana State Law Institute
Council Member (2009-Present)

Reporter, Mineral Rights—Unsolicited Offers Committee (2013-Present)
Reporter, Landlord and Tenant Committee (2014-Present)

Committee Member, Coordinating, Semantics, Style, and Publication Committee (2011-Present)

Committee Member, Lease of Movable Act Committee (2015-present)

Committee Member, Lesion Committee (2015-present)

Committee Member, Common Interests Ownership Regimes Committee (2014-present)

Committee Member, Committee Member, Counterletters Committee (2009-2010)

Southeastern Association of Law Schools

New Scholars Committee (2009-Present)

Chair (2013-Present)

Beginning & Newer Law Teachers Workshop Committee (2012-Present)

Prospective Law Teachers Workshop Committee (2013-Present)

Central States Law Schools Association

Secretary (2011-2012)

Vice President (2012-2013)

President (2013-2014)

Society of Bartolus (2011-Present)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Louisiana State Bar

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

United States District Courts for the Eastern, Western, and Middle Districts of Louisiana

EDUCATION

Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

2002-2005

Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*, Rank 1st

Activities & Honors: Senior Notes & Comments Editor, *Tulane Law Review*; Order of the Coif, Faculty Medal, Dean's Medal, Civil Law Studies Award, Dean Rufus C. Harris Civil Law Award, Mitchell Franklin Award, Walter J. Suthon, Jr. Award, Yippy Award, 9 CALI Excellence for the Future Awards, Legal Research & Writing Student Fellow

Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi

1997-2001

Bachelor of Science, Psychology, *magna cum laude*

Activities & Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Williams James Award for Academic Excellence, Millsaps Judicial Council, John Stone Writing Center Peer Tutor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Irwin Fritchie Urquhart & Moore LLC, New Orleans, Louisiana

Associate

Summer Associate

2005-2008
Summer 2003, 2004

Correro, Fishman, Haygood, Phelps & Walmsley, New Orleans, Louisiana

Summer Associate

Summer 2004

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