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## **EDUCATION**

Harvard University Law School: LL. M. 1976

Suffolk University Law School: J.D. 1974, *cum laude*

Ranked 3d in Class

Outstanding Student Award

Suffolk University Law Review (Note Editor 1973-74; Staff Member 1972-73)

Wells College: B.A. Philosophy 1968

(Trustee of the College since 2014)

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Suffolk University Law School (Professor Emerita, retired in 2017)

Associate Dean: 2010-14

Professor of Law: 1982-2017 (tenured in 1981)

Associate Professor of Law: 1978-80

Assistant Professor of Law: 1976-78

Legal Practical Skills Instructor: 1974-76

Subjects taught: Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Civil Rights, and Police Misconduct Litigation

Stoneham Public Schools, Stoneham, MA

Teacher of children with learning disabilities: 1970-73

New Haven Public Schools, New Haven CT

Teacher of children with learning disabilities: 1968-70

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Constitution Society

State Advisory Committee to U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (2009-2017)

ACLU MASS (served on Legal Committee)

National Police Accountability Project (Advisory Board)

American Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association (until 2018)

Boston Bar Association (until 2018)

Association of American Law Schools (First Chair of Civil Rights Section)

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **BOOKS, MONOGRAPHS, BOOK CHAPTERS:**

**Police Misconduct, Law and Litigation**, Avery, Rudovsky, Blum & Laurin (3d ed. 2021-22)

*Local Government Liability Under Section 1983*, Practising Law Institute: Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation: Litigation and Administrative Practice Course Handbook Series (1991-2019)

*Qualified Immunity*, Practising Law Institute: Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation: Litigation and Administrative Practice Course Handbook Series (1996-2021)

**Chapter 3 of Volume 31 of Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook (2015): Section 1983 Litigation: The Maze, the Mud, and the Madness (reprint of Wm & Mary Bill Rts article)**

**Chapter 4 of Volume 24 of Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook (2008): *Scott v. Harris*: Death Knell for Deadly Force Policies and Garner Jury Instructions? (reprint of Syracuse article with new addendum)**

**Chapter 4 of Volume 18 of Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook (West Group 2002): Recent Developments in the Law of Qualified Immunity**

**Section 1983 Litigation**, Blum & Urbonya (Federal Judicial Center 1998)

**Chapter Four: *Affirmative Duties of Government After DeShaney*, Sword & Shield Revisited** (American Bar Association 1998)

**Chapter 4 of Volume 13 of Civil Rights Litigation and Attorney Fees Annual Handbook (1998): Justices Revisit the Issue of Municipal Liability Under Section 1983 for Single Decision of Final Policymaker: *Board of County Commissioners of Bryan County v. Brown***

**ARTICLES:** [Note: The Touro L. Rev. publications all flowed from presentations made at PLI Section 1983 programs with Prof. Martin Schwartz and Dean Erwin Chemerinsky]

*Qualified Immunity: Time to Change the Message*, 93 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1887 (2018)

*Section 1983 Litigation: The Maze, the Mud, and the Madness*, 23 Wm. & Mary Bill Rts. J. 913 (2015)

*Once Again, Supreme Court Lets Police Officers Off the Hook*, (with Erwin Chemerinsky) The National Law Journal (May 25, 2015)

*Qualified Immunity Developments: Not Much Hope Left for Plaintiffs*, 29 Touro L. Rev. 633 (2013).

*Municipal Liability and Liability of Supervisors: Litigation Significance of Recent Trends and Developments*, 29 Touro L. Rev. 93 (2012)

*Qualified Immunity: Further Developments In The Post-Pearson Era*, 27 Touro L. Rev. 243 (2011)

*Supervisory Liability After Iqbal: Misunderstood But Not Misnamed*, 43 Urb. Law. 541 (2011)

*Section 1983 Litigation: Post-Pearson and Post-Iqbal*, 26 Touro L. Rev. 433 (2010)

*Fourth Amendment Stops, Arrests and Searches in the Context of Qualified Immunity*, 25 Touro L. Rev. 781 (2009) (with Erwin Chemerinsky)

*Making Out the Monell Claim Under Section 1983*, 25 Touro L. Rev. 829 (2009)

*Recent Developments in the Use of Excessive Force by Law Enforcement*, 24 Touro L. Rev. 569 (2008) (with Jack Ryan)

*The Qualified Immunity Defense: What's "Clearly Established" and What's Not*, 24 Touro L. Rev. 501 (2008)

*Scott v. Harris: Death Knell for Deadly Force Policies and Garner Jury Instructions?* 58 Syracuse L. Rev. 1 (2007)

*Qualified Immunity: Discretionary Function, Extraordinary Circumstances, and Other Nuances*, 23 Touro L. Rev. 57 (2007)

*Support Your Local Sheriff: Suing Sheriffs Under Section 1983*, 34 Stet. L. Rev. 623 (Spring 2005)

*Qualified Immunity in the Fourth Amendment: A Practical Application of § 1983 As It Applies to Fourth Amendment Excessive Force Cases*, 21 Touro L. Rev. 571 (2005)

*Qualified Immunity: The Constitutional Analysis and its Application*, 20 Touro L. Rev. 643 (2004)

*All Too Clearly Cruel*, The National Law Journal (February 25, 2002)

*Municipal Liability Under Section 1983 Independent of Employee Liability*, 17 Touro L. Rev. 551 (2001)

*The Theory of Municipal Custom and Practice*, 16 Touro L. Rev. 825 (2000)

*Local Government Liability for the Enforcement of State Law "The Devil Made Me Do It!"*, 41 Municipal Lawyer 7 (July/August 2000)

*Municipal Liability: Derivative or Direct? Distinguishing the Canton Case from the Collins Case*, 48 DePaul L. Rev 687 (1999)

*Municipal Liability Under Section 1983*, 15 Touro L. Rev. 1535 (1999)

*Heightened Pleading: Is There Life After Leatherman?*, 44 Cath. U. L. Rev. 701 (1995)

*DeShaney: Custody, Creation of Danger and Culpability*, 27 Loy. L.A. L. Rev. 435 (1994)  
(recently cited in an *en banc* Fifth Circuit case)

*Qualified Immunity: A User's Manual*, 26 Ind. L. Rev. 187 (1993)

*A Worker's Safety Rights*, The National Law Journal, January 20, 1992 at 17-18.

Monell, DeShaney and Zinermon: *Official Policy, Affirmative Duty, Established State Procedure and Municipal Liability under Section 1983*, 24 Creighton L. Rev. 1 (1990).

*Section 1981 Revisited: Looking Beyond Runyon and Patterson*, 32 Howard L. J. 1 (1989).

*Two Hundred Years Later: Hopes Not Realized, Promises Not Fulfilled--The Constitutionalization of Racism*, 72 Mass. L. Rev. 56 (1987).

*Applying the Parratt/Hudson Doctrine: Defining the Scope of the Logan Established State Procedure Exception and Determining the Adequacy of State Postdeprivation Remedies*, 13 Hastings Const. L. Q. 695 (1986).

*The Implications of Parratt v. Taylor for Section 1983 Litigation*, 16 Urb. Lawyer 363 (1984).

*From Monroe to Monell: Defining the Scope of Municipal Liability in Federal Courts*, 51 Temple L. Q. 409 (1978). (cited in Supreme Court decision, *Pembaur v. City of Cincinnati*, 475 U.S. 469 (1986))

**NATIONAL WORKSHOPS & CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
(From Summer 2002 to Present) [I have done these programs since the 1980's, but have listed only those from 2002 to the present)**

**Sixteenth Annual Seminar on Litigation Under Section 1983, ICLE Georgia**  
May 9, 2002 (Atlanta, GA)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
June 12-14, 2002 (Minneapolis, MN)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal District Court Judges**  
June 20, 2002 (Washington, D.C.)

**Ohio Municipal Attorneys' Association**

July 12, 2002 (Columbus, Ohio)

**Municipal Law Conference**

September 26, 2002 (Boston, MA) (MCLE)

**Retreat for Federal District Court Judges, Eastern District of Pennsylvania**

October 10, 2002 (Skytop in the Poconos, PA)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**

October 11, 2002 (Washington, D.C.)

**Practising Law Institute, 19th Annual Section 1983 Litigation Program**

October 31, November 1, 2002 (New York, NY)

**Police Misconduct Litigation**

November 16, 2002 (Chicago, IL) (Suffolk & NPAP)

**Seventeenth Annual Seminar on Litigation Under Section 1983, ICLE Georgia**

December 6, 2002 (Atlanta, GA)

**AALS Civil Rights Section: Presentation on Qualified Immunity**

January 4, 2003 (Washington, DC)

**Defense Research Institute: Seminar on Government Liability**

January 22, 23, 2003 (New Orleans, LA)

**National Sheriffs Association : All Day Seminar on Section 1983 (Sole Presenter)**

February 26, 2003 (Washington, DC)

**Workshop for Judges of the Fourth Circuit:**

March 24, 2003 (Wilmington, NC)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 20th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference**

March 26, 27, 2003 (Chicago, IL)

**Police Misconduct Litigation (Chair and Presenter)**

April 30, 2003 (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.)

**Twenty First Annual Seminar on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Chair & Presenter)**

May 1, 2, 2003 (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**

July 8-10, 2003 (Boston, MA)

**Ohio Municipal Attorneys' Association**

July 17, 18, 2003 (Columbus, Ohio)

**Focus Program for Federal District Court and Federal Magistrate Judges (Section 1983)**

July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2003 (Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA) (Chair and Speaker)

**Workshop for the Federal Judges of the Eleventh Circuit**

September 29, 2003 (Sea Island, GA)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**

October 3, 2003 (Washington, D.C.)

**Florida Sheriff's Association Legal Advisors Meeting**

October 16, 17, 2003 (Ft. Walton Beach, FL)

**New York State Bar Association, Municipal Law Section**

October 23, 2003 (Albany, NY)

**Practising Law Institute, 20th Annual Section 1983 Litigation Program**

November 13, 14, 2003 (New York, NY)

**Office of the Attorney General, Trial Division**

November 19, 2003 (Boston, MA)

**Eighteenth Annual Seminar on Litigation Under Section 1983, ICLE Georgia**

December 5, 2003 (Atlanta, GA)

**Defense Research Institute: Seminar on Government Liability**

January 22, 23, 2004 (San Diego, CA)

**Workshop for National Sheriffs Association (Four hour presentation on Section 1983)**

February 25, 2004

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 21st Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference**

March 17, 18, 2004 (Chicago, IL)

**Prison Litigation, (Chair and Presenter)**

April 21, 2004 (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.)

**Twenty Second Annual Seminar on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Chair & Presenter)**

April 22, 23, 2004 (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges**

June 7, 2004 (Chicago, IL)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
July 8, 2004 (Chicago, IL)

**Ohio Municipal Attorneys' Association**  
July 15, 16, 2004 (Columbus, Ohio)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges**  
September 20, 2004 (Seattle, WA)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**  
October 29, 2004 (Washington, D.C.)

**Practising Law Institute, 21st Annual Section 1983 Litigation Program**  
November 4, 5, 2004 (New York, NY)

**Public Agency Training Council, Internal Affairs Program**  
December 2, 2004 (Las Vegas, NV)

**Nineteenth Annual Seminar on Litigation Under Section 1983, ICLE Georgia**  
December 3, 2004 (Atlanta, GA)

**Defense Research Institute: Seminar on Government Liability**  
January 27, 28, 2005 (San Diego, CA)

**Workshop for Federal Judges of the Ninth Circuit**  
February 2, 2005 (San Francisco, CA)

**MCLE/ City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association: Municipal Law Conference**  
February 4, 2005 (Boston, MA)

**Indian Tribes and the Federal Courts: A Discussion on the Well-Pleaded Complaint Rule**  
March 30, 2005 (Suffolk Law School, NALSA event)

**Twenty Third Annual Seminar on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Chair & Presenter)**  
April 6, 7, 8, 2005 (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 22nd Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference**  
April 14, 15, 2005 (Chicago, IL)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
April 18, 2005 (Santa Fe, NM)

**Cincinnati Law Department: Full day program on Section 1983 and Qualified Immunity**  
May 13, 2005 (Cincinnati, OH)

**Police Misconduct Litigation, National Police Accountability Project**  
May 19, 20, 2005 (Suffolk Law School, Boston)

**National Sheriffs' Association : Internal Affairs Program**  
June 27, 2005 (Louisville, KY)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
July 7, 8, 2005 (Orlando, FL)

**Focus Program on Section 1983 for Federal District Court and Federal Magistrate Judges  
(Chair and Presenter)**

July 27, 28, 29, 2005 (Suffolk Law School, Boston MA)

**Practising Law Institute, 22nd Annual Section 1983 Litigation Program**  
October 27, 2005 (New York, NY)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**  
October 28, 2005 (Washington, D.C.)

**Annual Conference for New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association**  
November 18, 2005 (Albuquerque, NM)

**Public Agency Training Council, Internal Affairs Program**  
December 1, 2005 (Las Vegas, NV)

**Twentieth Annual Seminar on Litigation Under Section 1983, ICLE Georgia**  
December 9, 2005 (Atlanta, GA)

**Defense Research Institute: Seminar on Government Liability**  
January 26, 27, 2006 (Las Vegas, NV)

**Section 1983 and Qualified Immunity Update for Attorney General's Office (Trial  
Division)**

February 6, 2006 (Boston, MA)

**Prison Litigation, Section 1983 and Qualified Immunity in the Third Circuit [Half day  
program conducted at request of federal district court in New Jersey]**

February 27, 2006 (Newark, NJ)

**MCLE/ City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association: Municipal Law Conference**  
March 24, 2006 (MCLE, Boston, MA)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
April 6, 2006 (San Francisco, CA)



**Twenty Fourth Annual Seminar on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Chair & Presenter)**

April 19-21, 2006 (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 23rd Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference**

April 27, 28, 2006 (Chicago, IL)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges**

May 3-5, 2006 (Washington, DC)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges**

June 21, 2006 (San Diego, CA)

**Ohio Municipal Attorneys' Association**

July 21, 2006 (Columbus, Ohio)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**

July 27, 2006 (New York, NY)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**

October 20, 2006 (Washington, D.C.)

**Practising Law Institute, 23rd Annual Section 1983 Litigation Program**

October 26, 27, 2006 (New York, NY)

**ICLE-Georgia**

Nov. 2, 2006 (Atlanta, GA)

**Twenty First Annual Seminar on Litigation Under Section 1983, ICLE Georgia**

Dec. 9, 2006 (Atlanta, GA)

**National Police Accountability Project/Suffolk CALS, Police Misconduct Litigation**

Jan. 20, 2007 (Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA)

**Defense Research Institute: Seminar on Government Liability**

Feb. 1, 2, 2007 (Orlando, FL)

**Orientation for Newly Appointed Federal District Court Judges**

March 1, 2007 (Washington, D.C.)

**Twenty Fifth Annual Seminar on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Chair & Presenter)**

April 18-20, 2007 (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**

April 23, 2007 (Austin, TX)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 24th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference**  
April 26, 27, 2007 (Chicago, IL)

**New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute**  
May 16, 2007 (Trenton, NJ)

**Focus Program on Section 1983 for Federal District Court and Federal Magistrate Judges  
(Chair and Presenter)**  
June 20, 21, 22, 2007 (Suffolk Law School, Boston MA)

**Connecticut Judges Institute**  
June 27, 2007 (Quinnipiac University School of Law, CT)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
July 23, 2007 (Baltimore, MD)

**Ohio Municipal Attorneys' Association**  
July 27, 2007 (Columbus, Ohio)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**  
October 19, 2007 (Washington, D.C.)

**Practising Law Institute, 24th Annual Section 1983 Litigation Program**  
October 25,26, 2007 (New York, NY)

**Massachusetts Attorney General's Advocacy Institute**  
Nov. 14, 2007 (Boston, MA)

**Public Agency Training Council, Defending Law Enforcement Litigation**  
Nov. 28-30, 2007 (Las Vegas, NV)

**Twenty Second Annual Seminar on Litigation Under Section 1983, ICLE Georgia,**  
Dec. 13, 2007 (Atlanta, GA)

**Defense Research Institute: Seminar on Government Liability**  
Jan. 24, 25, 2008 (Scottsdale, AZ)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
April 7, 2008 (Memphis, TN)

**The Roberts Court: A New Jurisprudential Era? Standing and Access to the Courts  
(Moderator of Panel with Linda Greenhouse and Erwin Chemerinsky)**  
April 10, 2008 (Suffolk Law School, Boston, MA)

**Twenty Sixth Annual Seminar on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Chair & Presenter)**  
April 17, 18, 2008 (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 25th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference**  
April 24, 25, 2008 (Chicago, IL)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
July 7-9, 2008 (Seattle, WA)

**Ohio Municipal Attorneys' Association**  
July 25, 2008 (Columbus, Ohio)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**  
October 17, 2008 (Washington, D.C.)

**Practising Law Institute, 25th Annual Section 1983 Litigation Program**  
October 30, 31, 2008 (New York, NY)

**Twenty Third Annual Seminar on Litigation Under Section 1983, ICLE Georgia,**  
Dec. 12, 2008 (Atlanta, GA)

**Workshop on Section 1983 for National Sheriffs Association, Legal Advisors**  
Jan. 28, 2009 (Washington, D.C.)

**Masterman Institute Inaugural Program (Director of Institute)**  
Mar. 5, 2009 (Boston, MA)

**Municipal Law Conference 2009, MCLE, Civil Rights Law Update**  
Mar. 6, 2009 (Boston, MA)

**Twenty Seventh Annual Seminar on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Chair & Presenter)**  
April 16, 17, 2009 (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 26th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference**  
April 23, 24, 2009 (Chicago, IL)

**Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff, Overview of Section 1983 and Qualified Immunity**  
April 28, 2009 (Milwaukee, WI)

**Federal Judicial Center Focus Program on Section 1983 (Chair and Presenter)**  
June 8-10, 2009 (Suffolk Law School, Boston, MA)

**Ohio Municipal Attorneys' Association**  
July 29, 2009 (Columbus, Ohio)

**CORSA, County Insurance Pool of Ohio**  
August 31, 2009 (Columbus, Ohio)

**Ohio Federal Bench Bar Conference**  
Oct. 23, 2009 (Columbus, Ohio)

**Practising Law Institute, 26th Annual Section 1983 Litigation Program**  
October 29, 2009 (New York, NY)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**  
October 30, 2009 (Washington, D.C.)

**Workshop for Judges of the Eleventh Circuit**  
Nov. 2-4, 2009 (Ponte Vedra, FL)

**Public Agency Training Council, Defending Law Enforcement Litigation**  
Nov. 30-Dec.1, 2009 (Las Vegas, NV)

**Twenty Fourth Annual Seminar on Litigation Under Section 1983, ICLE Georgia**  
Dec. 11, 2009 (Atlanta, GA)

**Defense Research Institute: Seminar on Government Liability**  
Jan. 28, 29, 2010 (San Diego, CA)

**Second Annual Symposium of the Masterman Institute on the First Amendment and the Fourth Estate (Director of Institute)**  
Mar. 4, 2010 (Boston, MA)

**Twenty Eighth Annual Seminar on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Chair & Presenter)**  
March 25, 26, 2010 (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges I (two presentations)**  
April 7-9, 2010 (San Francisco, CA)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 27th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference**  
April 15, 16, 2010 (Chicago, IL)

**Pennsylvania Bar Institute: Section 1983 Program**  
April 22, 2010 (Philadelphia, PA)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges I**  
May 20-22, 2010 (Washington, D.C.)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges II (two presentations)**  
July 7-9, 2010 (Santa Fe, NM)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges II**

July 14-16, 2010 (Minneapolis, MN)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges III**

Sept. 20-22, 2010 (Portland, OR)

**Workshop for Pro Se Lawclerks**

Oct. 6, 7, 2010 (Chicago, IL)

**Practising Law Institute, 27th Annual Section 1983 Litigation Program**

October 28, 2010 (New York, NY)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**

October 29, 2010 (Washington, D.C.)

**Defense Research Institute: Seminar on Government Liability**

Jan. 20, 21, 2011 (San Diego, CA)

**Twenty Ninth Annual Seminar on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Chair & Presenter)**

March 24, 25, 2011 (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges I**

April 4-6, 2011 (Portland, OR)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 28th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference**

April 14, 15, 2011 (Chicago, IL)

**Workshop for Judges of the Fourth and Seventh Circuits**

June 27-29, 2011 (Cambridge, MD)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**

July 20-22, 2011 (Atlanta, GA)

**Update on Section 1983 Litigation, Wyoming State Bar Annual Conference**

Sept. 15, 2011 (Cheyenne, WY)

**Implications of *Iqbal*, National Police Accountability Project Seminar**

Oct. 13, 2011 (Philadelphia, PA)

**Update on Section 1983 Litigation in Sixth Circuit, Public Agency Training Council**

Oct. 19, 2011 (Columbus, OH)

**Municipal Liability and Liability of Supervisors, PLI 28th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

Oct. 27, 2011 (New York, NY)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Magistrate Judges, Federal Judicial Center**  
Oct. 28, 2011 (Washington, D.C.)

**National Sheriffs' Association: Annual Meeting**  
Jan. 18, 2012 (Washington, D.C.)

**Conference on Federal Jurisdiction and Venue Clarification Act**  
Jan. 25, 2012 (Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA)

**Defense Research Institute: Seminar on Government Liability**  
Feb. 1-3, 2012 (Miami, FL)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges I**  
April 18, 2012 (Miami, FL)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 29th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation Conference**  
April 19, 20, 2012 (Chicago, IL)

**Webinar on Section 1983 for Federal Judicial Center (broadcast nationally to 200 court staff)**  
April 25, 2012 (through media center here and FJC in D.C.)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges I**  
May 1-3, 2012 (Boston, MA)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges (II)**  
**July 16-18, 2012 (San Francisco, CA)**

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
July 24-25, 2012 (Denver, CO)

**Update on Section 1983 Litigation in Sixth Circuit, Ohio Municipal League**  
July 26, 2012 (Columbus, OH)

**Update on Section 1983 Issues: 9th Circuit Pro se Clerks Conference**  
Sept. 19-21, 2012 (San Diego, CA)

**Private Prisons and Section 1983/Bivens Litigation: Pro se Clerks Conference**  
Sept. 19-21, 2012 (San Diego, CA)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges, Federal Judicial Center**  
Oct. 5, 2012 (Washington, D.C.)

**Recent Developments in Qualified Immunity, PLI 29th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

Oct. 25, 2011 (New York, NY)

**Defense Research Institute, Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability**

Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 2013 (Phoenix, AZ)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal District Court Judges, Federal Judicial Center**

Feb. 8, 2013 (Washington, D.C.)

**Program for Pro-Bono Attorneys, Federal District Court for the District of New Jersey**

Feb. 27, 2013 (Trenton, NJ)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 30th Annual Conference on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

April 18, 19, 2013 (Chicago, IL)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges, Update on Qualified Immunity**

April 24-26, 2013 (New Orleans, LA)

**U.S. Attorney's Office, Civil Division: Update on Bivens Actions and Qualified Immunity**

June 27, 2013 (Boston, MA)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**

July 29-31, 2013 (San Diego, CA)

**Update on Section 1983 Issues: Pro se Clerks Conference**

Sept. 11, 12, 2013 (New Orleans, LA)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges, Federal Judicial Center**

Oct. 25, 2013 (Washington, D.C.)

**Program on Supervisory Liability and Qualified Immunity for TSA Attorneys**

Oct. 25, 2013 (Washington, D.C.)

**Municipal Liability: Relationship between Municipal Liability and Officer Liability, PLI 30th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

Oct. 31, 2011 (New York, NY)

**Policing in Trying Times: Chair and Presenter**

Nov. 8, 2013 (ALS, Suffolk Law School)

**Introduction to Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

Jan. 15, 2014 (MCLE Boston, MA)

**DRI Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability Seminar**  
Jan. 29, 30, 2014 (New Orleans, LA)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal District Court Judges**  
Feb. 26-28, 2014 (Washington, D.C.)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 31st Annual Conference on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**  
April 24, 25, 2014 (Chicago, IL)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
April 28-30, 2014 (San Antonio, TX)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges**  
May 1-3, 2014 (Washington, D.C.)

**Section 1983 Round-up for Federal Judges and Law Clerks**  
May 28, 2014 (Webinar)

**Training for National Association of Attorneys General**  
June 26, 2014 (Baltimore, MD)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
July 23-25, 2014 (Philadelphia, PA)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges**  
Aug. 25-27, 2014 (Seattle, WA)

**Post-Ferguson Program**  
Oct. 18, 2014 (Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA)

**PLI 31st Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**  
Oct. 23, 2014 (New York, NY)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**  
Oct. 24, 2014 (Washington, D.C.)

**Federal Bar Association: (Program with Judge Gustavo A. Gelpí, Jr.) Police Misconduct Litigation**  
Jan. 13, 2015 (Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA)

**DRI Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability Seminar**  
Jan. 29, 30, 2015 (San Diego, CA)



**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal District Court Judges**  
Feb. 25-27, 2015 (Washington, D.C.)

**Wm. Matthew Byrne, Jr., Judicial Clerkship Institute [Federal Judicial Center]**  
March 12, 13, 2015 (Malibu, CA)

**Federal Bar Association: (Program with Judge Timothy Hillman) Litigating Section 1983 Cases in Federal Court**  
April 8, 2015 (Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 32d Annual Conference on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**  
April 16, 17, 2015 (Chicago, IL)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
April 20, 21, 2015 (Seattle, WA)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
July 8-10, 2015 (Boston, MA)

**National Conference for Pro Se Law Clerks, Section 1983 and Pro se Litigation,**  
Sept. 8-10, 2015 (Santa Fe, NM)

**PLI 31st Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**  
Oct. 1, 2015 (New York, NY)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**  
Oct. 23, 2015 (Washington, D.C.)

**All Day Training Session on Section 1983 Litigation for CORSA Claim and Litigation Managers**  
Nov. 5, 2015 (Columbus, Ohio)

**The Criminal Justice Act and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - Half a Century Later: Program with Federal Judge Gustavo Gelpi for FBA (Massachusetts Chapter)**  
Jan. 14, 2016 (Suffolk Law School, Boston)

**Police Misconduct Litigation Seminar**  
Jan. 15, 2016 (MCLE Boston, MA)

**DRI Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability Seminar**  
Jan. 27-29, 2016 (Austin, TX)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges, Update on Qualified Immunity**  
April 11, 2016 (Charleston, SC)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 33d Annual Conference on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

April 14-15, 2016 (Chicago, IL)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges**

April 25-26, 2016 (Charleston, S.C.)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges, Update on Qualified Immunity,**

July 18-20, 2016 (San Francisco, CA)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges, Update on Qualified Immunity**

July 25-27, 2016 (San Diego, CA)

**PLI 33rd Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

Sept. 29, 2016 (New York, NY)

**Court Web Presentation on Section 1983 for Federal Judicial Center**

Oct. 19, 2016 (Washington, D.C.) (viewed by over 1,000 federal judges, staff attorneys and federal law clerks throughout the country)

**Seventh Circuit Workshop, Presentation on Section 1983, Qualified Immunity and Connection to Developments in Habeas Corpus**

Oct. 25, 2016 (Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, IN)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**

Oct. 28, 2016 (Washington, D.C.)

**Program for Federal Judges and Staff Attorneys, Middle District of Florida**

Nov. 17, 2016 (Orlando, FL)

**Police Misconduct Litigation Seminar**

Jan. 18, 2017 (MCLE Boston, MA)

**DRI Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability Seminar**

Jan. 25-27, 2017 (Nashville, TN)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 34th Annual Conference on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

April 19-20, 2017 (Chicago, IL)

**National Conference for Pro Se Law Clerks, Section 1983 and Pro se Litigation,**

Sept. 6-8, 2017 (Charleston, NC)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges**

Oct. 20, 2017 (Washington, D.C.)

**PLI 34th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

Oct. 26, 2017 (New York, NY)

**DRI Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability Seminar**

Jan. 24-26, 2018 (New Orleans, LA)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal District Court Judges**

March 28-30, 2018 (Washington, D.C.)

**Federal Bar Association: Qualified Immunity on the Cutting Edge**

April 11, 2018 (Boston, MA)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 35th Annual Conference on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

April 25-27, 2018 (Chicago, IL)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges**

May 3-5, 2018 (Washington, D.C.)

**Tenth Circuit Bench and Bar Conference**

Aug. 22-25, 2018 (Colorado Springs, CO)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges**

Aug. 29-31, 2018 (Santa Fe, NM)

**PLI 35th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

Oct. 25, 2018 (New York, NY)

**All Day Training Session on Section 1983 Litigation for CORSA Claim and Litigation Managers**

Nov. 7, 2018 (Columbus, OH)

**ABOTA Foundation: Teachers Law School Program**

Dec. 5, 2018 (Cheshire, CT)

**DRI Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability Seminar**

Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2019 (San Antonio, TX)

**Orientation for Newly Appointed Federal District Court Judges**

Feb. 25-27, 2019 (Washington, D.C.)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 36th Annual Conference on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

April 11-12, 2019 (Chicago, IL)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
April 15-17, 2019 (Miami, FL)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**  
July 15-17, 2019 (Redondo Beach, CA)

**PLI 36th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**  
Oct. 24, 2019 (New York, NY)

**DRI Civil Rights and Governmental Tort Liability Seminar**  
Jan. 29-31, 2020 (San Diego, CA)

**Orientation for Newly Appointed Federal District Court Judges**  
Feb. 24-26, 2020 (Washington, D.C.)

**ABA Webinar: Does Qualified Immunity trump the Rule of Law**  
July 7, 2020 (Zoom)

**Massachusetts Legislative Briefing on Qualified Immunity (with Howard Friedman, Devin McCourty, Matt Segal)**  
July 14, 2020 (Zoom)

**Dialogue with MBA Police Reform Working Group**  
July 30, 2020 (Zoom)

**PLI 37th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**  
Oct. 16, 2020 (Zoom)

**Western District of New York Pro Bono Counsel Training: A Primer for Effective Pro Bono Representation in Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**  
Oct. 21, 2020 (Zoom)

**New Hampshire Supreme Court Society Program on Qualified Immunity**  
Oct. 28, 2020 (Zoom)

**Massachusetts Chapter of the Federal Bar Association: Update on Qualified Immunity**  
Nov. 12, 2020 (zoom)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 37th Annual Conference on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**  
April 21-22, 2021 (zoom)

**National Bar Association Program on Qualified Immunity**

April 23, 2021 (zoom) (on a panel with federal judges Waverly Crenshaw, Carlton Reeves, and Victoria Roberts, and state court judge, Marion Humphrey)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal District Court Judges (FJC)**

May 13, 2021(zoom)

**Interactive Webinar on Overview of Section 1983 and Qualified Immunity**

May 26, 2021 (shown nationally to all federal judges, law clerks, and staff attorneys)

**Federal Bar Association for Eastern District of Michigan (Qualified Immunity: “To End or Not to End, That is the Question”)**

June 28, 2021 (Zoom) On panel with Federal Judges Carlton Reeves, Victoria Roberts, Judith Levy, and Attorneys Jeff Crapko and Jerry Ashford

**Defense Research Institute, Civil Rights and Government Tort Liability Seminar**

Aug. 17-19, 2021 (Nashville, TN) (I presented by Zoom)

**Civil Justice Research Initiative, Berkeley Law Executive Education: Qualified Immunity and Civil Rights Claims**

August 27, 2021 (Zoom panel with Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, Judge Carlton Reeves and Nusrat Choudhury)

**PLI 38th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

Oct. 28, 2021 (New York, NY) (Zoom presentation)

**Workshop for Newly Appointed Federal Magistrate Judges: Federal Judicial Center**

Nov. 18, 2021 (Zoom)

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:**

**Orientation for Newly Appointed Federal District Court Judges: Federal Judicial Center**

Dec. 7, 2021 (Zoom)

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges: Update on Qualified Immunity**

April 3-5, 2022 (Nashville, TN)

**Defense Research Institute, Civil Rights and Government Tort Liability Seminar**

April 7-8, 2022 (Minneapolis, MN)

**Presentation for Pro Bono Attorneys in District of Nevada, sponsored by Federal District Court for the District of Nevada**

April 13, 2022 (Zoom)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law, 38th Annual Conference on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

April 18-19, 2022 (Chicago, IL)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges: Update on Section 1983 and Qualified Immunity**

April 27-29, 2022 (Washington, D.C.)

**Upcoming Programs:**

**National Workshop for Federal Magistrate Judges**

July 25-27, 2022 (Salt Lake City, UT)

**National Workshop for Federal District Court Judges**

August 22-24, 2022 (San Diego, CA)

**PLI 39th Annual Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation**

Nov. 3, 2022 (New York, NY)

**Appellate Judges Education Institute's Summit (Panel on Qualified Immunity)**

Nov. 11-13 (Scottsdale, AZ)

**Other Activities:**

**Amicus Briefs: Worked with Professor Joanna Schwartz and others in drafting, editing and submitting scholars' amicus briefs to the Supreme Court in the following cases:**

1. *Almighty Supreme Born Allah v. Milling* (2d Cir. 2017) (cert. denied)
2. *West v. Winfield* (5th Cir. 2019) (cert. denied)
3. *Baxter v. Bracey* (6th Cir. 2018) (cert. denied)
4. *Stewart v. City of Euclid* (6th Cir. 2020) (cert. denied)
5. *Frasier v. Evans* (10th Cir. 2021) (cert. denied)

**Co-Chair of Subcommittee of BBA Police Reform Task Force**

(regular zoom meetings starting in July, 2020; drafting of reform proposals regarding police accountability and qualified immunity)

**Media Links**

<https://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/usa-police-immunity-variations/>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/investigations/pit-maneuver-police-deaths/>

<https://youtu.be/5ixJ2qKV214> (consulted on piece by Le Monde on qualified immunity)

Testified, along with **Dean Erwin Chemerinsky**, before the **Massachusetts Commission on Qualified Immunity**, laying out origins of the QI doctrine, its present interpretation by

Commonwealth courts, & the reasons why the doctrine should be modified or recalibrated. (June 4, 2021) (Zoom)

Testified and presented written documents to **Joint Committee on the Judiciary** of Massachusetts Legislature at hearing on qualified immunity under Massachusetts Civil Rights Act.

(Sept. 23, 2021) (Zoom)

Interview with local NBC10 about officer in Worcester (aired Oct. 13, 2021)

<https://www.nbcboston.com/multimedia/neighbor-911-calls-raise-questions-about-worcester-officer/2516180/>