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EDUCATION

- McGill University Faculty of Law** Montreal, Quebec
- Doctor of Civil Laws (D.C.L.) in Comparative Law, October 2011
 - Master of Law (LL.M.) Comparative Law, August 2007
 - Recipient of 2007 Quebec Society of Comparative Law Thesis Award
- The George Washington University Law School** Washington, D.C.
- Juris Doctor (J.D.) with Honors, May 2003 (Top 1/3 of class)
 - Notes Editor, *The George Washington International Law Review*
- Newcomb College at Tulane University** New Orleans, Louisiana
- B.A., Sociology and Psychology, May 1999
 - Magna Cum Laude with Honors in Sociology
 - *Phi Mu* Award for Most Outstanding Senior in Sociology

EXPERIENCE

- Alexander Blewett III School of Law, University of Montana** Missoula, Montana
Associate Professor September 2025 to present
Assistant Professor August 2022 to August 2025
- Teach Remedies, Comparative Law, International Law, Federal Courts and Pre-trial Civil Advocacy, Generative AI and the Practice of Law
 - Serve on Appointments, Curriculum and Strategic Planning Faculty Committees
 - Faculty Program Director for ABA-accredited Ireland Comparative Law Summer Program
- Missoula County Attorney's Office** Missoula, Montana
Civil Chief Deputy August 2019 to July 2022
Senior Civil Deputy March 2017 to August 2019
- Supervise attorneys and support staff in three civil units, including in-house civil defense, dependent neglect and civil commitment units.
 - Defend civil actions against Missoula County and its employees.
 - Bring enforcement actions on behalf of Missoula County and Missoula County departments.
 - Provide legal advice to Missoula County departments on various legal issues, including human resources, open meetings and records laws, constitutional law, risk management, and environmental and clinical health laws.
 - Contract review and negotiation for Missoula County departments.
 - Facilitate contract procurement for vendors providing services to civil units and with state agencies relating to dependent neglect and civil commitment services and reimbursements.
 - Coordinate with community and government stakeholders relating to issues impacting civil units.
 - Collaborate with criminal prosecutors on issues impacting both criminal and civil units.
 - Participate in Missoula County Senior Leadership Team as department liaison.
- University of Montana Department of Political Science** Missoula, Montana
Adjunct Professor January 2017 to December 2021
- Develop and teach Constitutional Law, International Law and Organizations and Comparative Legal Systems courses.
- Datsopoulos, McDonald and Lind, P.C.** Missoula, Montana
Contract Counsel July 2014 to March 2017
- Practice as contract counsel for Datsopoulos, McDonald and Lind, P.C.

- Litigate complex cases in state, federal and administrative tribunals in many legal areas, including commercial law, employment law, constitutional law, and land use and planning.
- Engage in discovery in complex civil cases, including taking and defending depositions, written discovery, and legal research and briefing regarding discovery-related issues.
- Present oral arguments on a variety of motions to judges.
- Direct and cross examine witnesses at trial and evidentiary hearings.
- Briefing and legal research, including drafting of complaints, answers, motions and memos.

Alexander Blewett III School of Law, University of Montana

Missoula, Montana

Adjunct Professor

August 2007 to 2016

- Taught Global Perspectives on Law, fall 2016; previously taught 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016
- Co-taught Public International Law 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014 and 2015
- Coached Jessup International Law Moot Court team, 2010, 2011

American Civil Liberties Union of Montana

Missoula, Montana

Staff Attorney

April 2012 to July 2014

- Litigated on behalf of plaintiffs against government entities in cases involving constitutional issues, including class actions and cases brought by institutional plaintiffs.
- Appeared in federal and state court.
- Wrote briefs and memos regarding constitutional legal issues and federal statutes.
- Researched and wrote amicus briefs for cases before the Montana Supreme Court.

McGill University UNCITRAL Arbitration Database Project

Montreal, Quebec

Senior Research Scholar (working remotely)

May 2007 – March 2011

- Conducted comparative law research on legislation, caselaw and scholarly works relating to international arbitration for 26 countries that have adopted the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration.

Zelle, LLP

San Francisco, California

Attorney

August 2003 – August 2005

- Practiced in state and federal antitrust and consumer class actions, civil litigation and arbitration.

U. S. Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser

Washington, D.C.

Legal Extern

August 2002 – August 2003

- Conducted extensive research, drafting and editing for annual international law digests.
- Assisted State Department attorneys on diplomatic and consular immunity legal issues.

PUBLICATIONS

The Storm of a Century – Separation of Powers in the United States in 2025—Forthcoming in American Journal of Comparative Law Supplement 2026

Preliminary Injunctions and the Montana 2025 Legislative Session's (Mostly Unsuccessful) Attempt to Reshape the Judiciary, 87 Mont. L. Rev. 135 (2026)

- Cited by *All Families Health Care v. State*, 2026 MT 64, 427 Mont. 328, 586 P.3d 803 (dissent)

Understanding the Duty of Competence for Attorneys Using Generative AI, 27 North Carolina Journal of Law & Technology 65 (2025).

- Cited by the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas in *Lexos Media IP, LLC v. Overstock.com, Inc.*, 2026 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 20994, 2026 WL 265581 (Feb. 2, 2026)
- Cited by the Court of Appeals of Ohio in *In re: M.A.L.B., et al., Adjudicated Dependent Children*, 2026-Ohio-2289, 2026 WL 1746998 (Ohio Ct. App. May 26, 2026)

Navigating Personal Jurisdiction Based on Social Media Activity – Tips for Practitioners, 12 Belmont Law Review 406 (2025)

The Inevitability of Adaptability – Comparative Contributions to Understanding Originalism, 39 Emory Int'l L. Rev. 467 (2025)

Legal Education's Role in Combating Automation Bias and Complacency with Generative AI in the Practice of Law, forthcoming in KiLaw Journal

TikTok v. Montana - State TikTok Ban Blocked by Court Based on Foreign Affairs Preemption, American Society of International Law Insights, Vol. 28 Issue 2 (February 2024)

Significant Remedies Changes in the 2023 Montana Legislature – An Overview, 85 Montana Law Review 1 (January 2024)

A Challenge to “Equitable Originalism” – The History of Injunctions as a Principle-Based Adaptable Judicial Power, 17 NYU Journal of Law and Liberty 112 (December 2023)

Comparing Essential Components of Transnational Jurisdiction: A Proposed Comparative Methodology, 31 Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law 1 (March 2023).

- This article received the AALS Comparative Law Section Mark Tushnet Award recognizing scholarly excellence in comparative law.

Torture in US Jails and Prisons: An Analysis of Solitary Confinement Under International Law, Vienna Journal on International Constitutional Law, Vol. 7, 4/2013 (December 2013) (peer reviewed)

Getting Individuals Committed to the Montana State Hospital out of County Jails, 39-NOV Mont. Law 10 (November 2013)

Preserving Reasonable Suspicion, 37-JUNE/JULY Mont. Law 5 (June 2012)

The Montana Supreme Court's Continued, Not-so-subtle Assault on Arbitration, 35-FEB Mont. Law. 6 (Feb. 2010).

- This article received the Haswell Award from the State Bar of Montana for the most outstanding Montana Lawyer article of the year.

Email Service on Foreign Defendants: Time for an International Approach?, 38 Georgetown J. Int'l L. 775 (2007) (with David Stewart).

- Cited by the Delaware Chancery Court in *Sky Mineral Invest., LLC, et al., v. DXS Capital (U.S.) Ltd.*, 2021 Del. Ch. LEXIS 152, 2021 WL 2983182 (July 15, 2021)

A Comparative Analysis of U.S. Judicial Assistance, 2007 World Arb. & Mediation Rev. 609 (2007)

A New World of Discovery: The Ramifications of Two Recent Federal Courts' Decisions Granting Judicial Assistance to Arbitral Tribunals Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1782, 17 Am. Rev. Int'l. Arb. 45 (2006).

- Cited by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas in *La Comision Ejecutiva Hidroelectrica Del Rio Lempa v. El Paso Corp.*, 617 F.Supp.2d 481, 487 (2008)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, Deconstructing Pluralism - World Congress of Constitutional Law, July 2026

Presenter, Generative AI, Hallucinations and Sanctions - A Snapshot of 2025 Cases, Montana Judges Association Training, May 2026

Presenter, Use and Misuse of Generative AI by Legal Professionals, Université du Havre, October 2025

Presenter, Generative AI and the Courts, U.S. Courts District of Montana Conference, September 2025

Presenter, Generative AI – Tools, Ethics and Uses, State Bar of Montana Bench Bar CLE, Missoula, April 2025

Presenter, AI and Legal Ethics, 2024 Stetson Business Law Symposium (Remote) February 2025

Presenter, New Technologies: Problems and Opportunities in Practice and Education – American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, January 2025

Moderator and Commenter, New Frontiers in Comparative Law: A Works-in-Progress Showcase – American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, January 2025

Presenter, Artificial Intelligence, Montana Judges' Association Conference, Missoula, October 2024

Presenter, Personal Jurisdiction Based on Social Media Activity – Tips for Practitioners, Belmont Law Review Symposium, Nashville, September 2024

Presenter, Generative AI and the Practice of Law, Solicitor Development and Wellbeing Continuing Professional Development, Cork, June 2024

Presenter, Integrating Generative AI into Law School Curriculum, Kuwait International Law School 10th Annual International Academic Conference, Kuwait, May 2024

Presenter, Generative AI and Legal Education, IP Day CLE, March 2024

Speaker, Comparative Law Perspectives on the Future of Constitutional Government in the Global World Order - American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC January 2024

Speaker and Moderator, Teaching Comparative Law in the 21st Century - American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC January 2024

Speaker, Legal Transplants, Originalism, and the Inevitability of Adaptability - American Society of Comparative Law 2023 Annual Meeting, Miami, Florida, October 2023

Generative AI and the Law – Citizens Law School October 2023

Significant Changes to Preliminary Injunctions, TROs and Punitive Damages in the 2023 Legislative Session - Montana State Bar Annual Meeting September 2023

Generative AI, Ethics and Legal Education - Montana State Bar Annual Meeting September 2023

Lecturer, Comparative Contract Law, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland, June 2023

Presenter, Montana Supreme Court Caselaw Update - Civil, Montana Judges Association Conference, May 2023

Paper Presenter, Equity as a Legal Transplant – the History of Injunctions as a Principle-based Adaptable Judicial Power, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, as part of the institute's annual Masterclass in International Law, April 2023

Panelist, Comparative Law Works-in-Progress on the Cutting Edge of a Plural and Global World Disorder, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, January 2023

Guest Lecturer (remote), Russian Invasion of Ukraine Through an International Law Lens, Odessa I.I. Mechnikov Nat. Univ. for International Cooperation, Odessa, Ukraine, November 2022

Lecturer, UM School of Public and Community Health Sciences Public Health Fall 2022 Seminar Series "Public Health laws in Montana after the 2021 Legislature" October 2022

Co-Presenter, Lies and Technology: Ethical Considerations for Civil and Criminal Practitioners, MT Bar Annual Meeting, September 2022

Speaker, Overview of the American Legal System, Mansfield Center Global Educators Program, June 2022

Panelist, Montana Bar Association Rule of Law Continuing Legal Education Event, April 2022

Panelist, Rights and Responsibilities in a time of COVID, Mansfield Dialogues, February 2021

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Université du Havre, Le Havre, France October 2025
Guest Lecturer

- Taught one-week course on birthright citizenship's origins in the common law and current legal issues regarding birthright citizenship in the United States.

University College Cork, Ireland May-June 2024

- *Lecturer and Program Director*, Comparative Criminal Law, Baucus Institute, Alexander Blewett III School of Law and University College Cork Summer Program

University College Cork, Ireland May-June 2023

- *Lecturer*, Comparative Contract Law, Baucus Institute, Alexander Blewett III School of Law and University College Cork Summer Program

America House, U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine August 2018
Rule of Law Lecturer and Keynote Speaker

- Presented three-day seminar on U.S. Constitutional law, U.S. law regarding elections and voting, U.S. law regarding freedom of press, U.S. safeguards against judicial corruption, and U.S. teaching methods to Ukrainian law professors and lawyers.
- Gave public talks and media interviews regarding U.S. safeguards against judicial corruption.

U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam December 2015
International Human Rights Rule of Law Initiative

- Presented lectures on the international law, civil rights and human rights, including freedom of public assembly to government officials and civil society and participated in roundtables with international organizations in Hanoi, Vietnam at invitation of U.S. Embassy in Vietnam.

U.S. Embassy in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam October 2014
International Human Rights Rule of Law Initiative

- Lectured and provided instruction to government officials and civil society, participated in roundtable discussions and press interviews regarding civil rights of criminal defendants under international human rights law in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, Vietnam at invitation of U.S. Embassy in Vietnam.

U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam

August 2013

Criminal Justice Lecturer for Rule of Law Initiative

- Presented lectures and participated in round tables on U.S. criminal justice system and representation of marginalized groups to law enforcement and legal community in Hanoi, Vietnam at invitation of U.S. Embassy in Vietnam.

Montana Osher Life Long Learning Institute (“MOLLI”)

2012-present

Instructor

- Taught the following six week courses: International Law: Foundations and Current Challenges (Fall 2019); Judicial Power: A Historical, Comparative and Functional Inquiry (Spring 2019); Incarceration in Montana (2014), International Law (2013), and Legal Traditions of the World (comparative law) (2012).

AWARDS

- Davis-Johnston Professorship 2024 – 2027
- 2026 Tech & Ethics Award from the American Association of Law Schools Section on Technology, Law, and Legal Education
- Thomas H. and Ann Boone Law Faculty Award 2025 - *recognizing excellence in scholarship*
- Garlington, Lohn & Robinson Faculty Merit Teaching Award 2024
- University of Montana School of Law Native American Law Student Association 2024 Outstanding Teacher Award
- Montana University System Teaching Scholar 2024-2025
- Howard W. and Jane S. Heman Memorial Law Faculty Award 2023 - *recognizing excellence in teaching*
- 2023 Recipient of Faculty Research Grant from UM Humanities Institute
- 2022 Mark Tushnet Award from the American Association of Law School's Comparative Law Section for best comparative law article of the year