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EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Arizona College of Law 1976
Graduation with Highest Distinction
Order of the Coif

B.A., Mary Baldwin College 1969
Graduation with Honors

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:

James E. Rogers College of Law
Professor Emerita 2011 – present
Mary Anne Richey Professor of Law 1998 – 2010
Professor of Law 1986 – 98

Associate Dean 1989 – 91
Acting Associate Dean 1988 – 89

University of Houston Law Center 1981 – 86
Assistant Professor of Law

University of Arizona College of Law 1980 – 81
Visiting Associate Professor

JURIS DOCTOR COURSES TAUGHT:

Family Law
Child Tribe and State (Seminar)
Adoption Law (Seminar)
Rights of Children and Adolescents (Seminar)
Gender and the Law (Seminar)
Representation of Children (with Professor Paul Bennett)
Transnational Family Law—collaborative format

Civil Procedure
Federal Jurisdiction
Civil Rights Litigation
Conflict of Laws
Complex Litigation (Seminar)

**FULLY ON-LINE COURSES
DESIGNED FOR UNDERGRADUATE/
MASTERS STUDENTS:**

Family Law
Native American Family and Domestic Relations Law
Community Property

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Judge Pro Tem, Tohono O’odham Nation	2013 – present
Commissioner, Uniform Law Commission	2006 – present
Trial Attorney	1978 – 79
Honors Program, Civil Rights Division U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C.	
Judicial Law Clerk	1976 – 78
Hon. Mary Anne Richey United States District Court for District of Arizona Tucson, Arizona	

BAR ADMISSION:

Arizona Supreme Court	1976
United States District Court for District of Arizona	1976

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Award of Special Merit Board of Governors	2023
Arizona State Bar	
Lifetime Achievement Award James E. Rogers College of Law	2018
Indian Child Welfare Excellence Award Connecting Legacies Conference	
Arizona Court Improvement Program	2017
Economidis Lifetime Achievement Award Family Justice Foundation	2017
Significant Contributions to Family Law Family Law Section, Arizona State Bar	2016

University of Arizona Alumni Association Extraordinary Faculty Award	2011
John Strong Teaching Award and SBA Teacher of the Year James E. Rogers College of Law	2011
Leslie F. & Patricia Bell Faculty Service Award James E. Rogers College of Law	2010
Alice Truman Award Arizona Women Lawyers Association	2009
Sarah Sorin Award Arizona Women Lawyers Association	2004
Graduate and Professional Education Teaching and Mentoring Award University of Arizona Graduate College	2004
Arthur W. Andrews Distinguished Mentor and Teacher Award James E. Rogers College of Law	2004
Fellow, American Bar Foundation	2002
Robert N. Endries Distinguished Lecturer, Syracuse University College of Law	2002
Leslie F. and Patricia Bell Faculty Service Award	2001
Distinguished Alumnus Award University of Arizona College of Law	1998
YWCA Women on the Move Award	1998
Soroptimists Women Helping Women Award	1998
GRANTS:	
ABA Child Custody and Adoption Pro Bono Project Grant (with Professor Paul Bennett and Hon. Sara Simmons, presiding Family Court Judge, Pima County Superior Court, Tucson, AZ)	2007

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS, BOOK CHAPTERS

Arbitrating Family Law Disputes, in THE FAMILY DISPUTE RESOLUTION HANDBOOK (Oxford University Press 2024)

Marital Contracts and the Changing Meaning of Marriage, in SOLIDARITIES BETWEEN GENERATIONS (PROCEEDINGS OF 14TH WORLD CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF FAMILY LAW) (Bruylant 2013)

CHILDREN, TRIBES, AND STATES: ADOPTION AND CUSTODY CONFLICTS OVER AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN (Carolina Academic Press 2010)

Child Protection in a Pluralist Society, in THE INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF FAMILY LAW 491 (Atkins ed., 2009)

A COURTROOM OF HER OWN: THE LIFE AND WORK OF JUDGE MARY ANNE RICHEY (Carolina Academic Press 1998)

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

Judicial Reticence, Legislative Inertia, and the Curtailing of Cohabitants' Rights, 38 J. AMER. ACAD. MATRIM. LAWYERS 1 (2025)

ICWA Survives for Now, 47 FAM. ADVOCATE (Spring 2025) (Issue 4)

The New Uniform Cohabitants' Economic Remedies Act: Strengthening Contract and Equity for Nonmarital Partners, 57 FAM. L. Q. 1 (2024) (with Naomi Cahn)

Standing Matters: Brackeen, Article III, and the Lure of the Merits, 23 J. APP. PRACT. & PRO. 105 (2023)

Cohabitants' Economic Remedies: The U.S. Approach, 45 HOUS. J. INT'L L. 191 (2022) (with Naomi Cahn)

Herma Hill Kay (1934-2017), Tributes to Family Law Scholars Who Helped Us Find Our Path, 55 FAM. L. Q. 357 (2021-22) (J. Thomas Oldham & Paul M. Kurtz, eds)

Third-Party Custody and Parental Liberty, 43 FAM. ADVOCATE 48 (2021) (Issue 4)

Marriage as Gatekeeper: The Misguided Reliance on Marital Status for Third-Party Standing, 58 FAM. CT. REV. 971 (2020)

Beyond Troxel: The New Uniform Nonparent Custody and Visitation Act, 52 FAM. L. Q. 479 (2018) (with Jeff Atkinson)

Religious Arbitration of Family Disputes, 42 FAM. ADVOCATE 24 (2019) (Issue 2)

The New UFLAA: Providing Needed Standards for Efficiency and Fairness, 39 FAM. ADVOCATE 38 (2017) (Issue 4)

Response to Professor Berger's In the Name of the Child: Race, Gender and Economics in Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl, 67 FLA. L. REV. F. 1 (2015)

Hard Cases, Muddled Law: Deciphering the Baby Veronica Case, 93 B.U. L. REV. ANNEX 3 (2013)

A New Uniform Law for Premarital and Marital Agreements, 46 FAM. L. Q. 313 (2012) (with Brian Bix)

Marital Contracts and the Meaning of Marriage, 54 ARIZ. L. REV. 11 (2012)

Representing Children Who Can't or Won't Direct Counsel: Best Interests Lawyering or No Lawyer at All? 53 ARIZ. L. REV. 381 (2011)

Child Custody, in THE CHILD: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA COMPANION 232 (University of Chicago Press 2009)

Achieving Permanency for American Indian Children: Lessons from Tribal Traditions, 37 CAPITAL U. L. REV. 239 (2008)

The New Uniform Representation of Children in Abuse, Neglect, and Custody Proceedings Act: Bridging the Divide between Pragmatism and Idealism, 42 FAM. L. Q. 63 (2008)

The Voice of the Indian Child: Strengthening the Indian Child Welfare Act Through Children's Participation, 50 ARIZ. L. REV. 127 (2008), reprinted on request in 2009 Minnesota Family Law Journal

Comment on Warshack: The Approximation Rule as a Work in Progress, 1 CHILD DEVELOPMENT JOURNAL 126 (2007)

Crossing Borders in the Classroom: A Comparative Law Experiment in Family Law, 55 J. LEGAL ED. 542 (2005) (with Graciela Jasa Silveira, Nicole LaViolette, & Tom Oldham), translated and reprinted at *Franchir les limites de la salle de classe: une experience de droit compare en droit de la famille*, 24 CANADIAN JOURNAL OF FAMILY LAW 65 (2008)

Representing Children: The Ongoing Search for Clear and Workable Standards, 19 J. AMER. ACAD. MATRIM. LAWYERS 183 (2005), reprinted in SINGER & MURPHY, RESOLVING FAMILY CONFLICTS (Ashgate 2008)

The Child's Voice in Custody Litigation: An Empirical Study and Suggestions for Reform, 45 ARIZ. L. REV. 629 (2003) (Symposium Issue)

Introduction to Symposium Issue, Youth, Voice and Power: Multidisciplinary Perspectives, 45 ARIZ. L. REV. 559 (2003) (with Professor Paul Bennett)

Flashpoints under the Indian Child Welfare Act: Toward a New Understanding of State Court Resistance, 51 EMORY L. J. 101 (2002)

Tribal Jurisprudence and Cultural Meanings of the Family, 79 NEB. L. REV. 401 (2000)

Identity and Assimilation: Changing Definitions of Tribal Power Over Children, 83 MINN. L. REV. 927 (1999)

Single Parents, Separation of Powers, and States' Rights: The Availability of Section 1983 Suits by Parents against State Child Support Agency, 1996 WL 728912 (West's Legal News)

Ten Years Later: Lingering Concerns about the Uniform Premarital Agreement Act, 19 J. OF LEG. 127 (1993)

Preliminary Assessment of Gender Implications of Federal Indian Law Jurisdiction, Working Paper, Ninth Circuit Gender Bias Task Force (1992)

Book Review of Herbert Jacobs, *SILENT REVOLUTION: THE TRANSFORMATION OF DIVORCE LAW IN THE UNITED STATES* (1988), AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW (March 1991).

Child Custody Jurisdiction and Territoriality, 52 OHIO STATE L.J. 369 (1991)

Fighting over Indian Children: The Uses and Abuses of Jurisdictional Ambiguity, 36 UCLA L. REV. 1051 (1989)

Bias on the Basis of Gender, Race and Ethnicity in the Civil Justice System, Arizona Town Hall, 131 (1988)

Marital Property and Spousal Maintenance, Arizona Women's Town Hall 1-36 (1988)

The Choice of Law Dilemma in Mass Tort Litigation: Kicking Around, Erie, Klaxon, and Van Dusen, 19 CONN. L. REV. 9 (1986)

Issues in Federal-State Relations Under the Federal Arbitration Act, 37 FLA. L. REV. 61 (1985).

Domestic Relations Cases in Federal Court: Toward a Principled Exercise of Jurisdiction, 35 HAST. L.J. 571628 (1984)

State Court Judgments in Federal Litigation: Mapping the Contours of Full Faith and Credit, 58 IND. L.J. 59 (1983)

Multimember Districting and Equal Protection: When Do They Conflict?, ARIZONA BAR JOURNAL, Feb. 1977, at 34

OTHER WRITINGS

What's New at the Uniform Law Commission, ARIZONA ATTORNEY (January 2019)

Uniform Law Commission Addresses Arbitration, Online Privacy, More, 53 ARIZONA ATTORNEY 32 (November 2016) (with Tim Berg & Hon. Sam Thumma)

Same Sex Marriage Lessons, Op-Ed, ARIZONA REPUBLIC, March 2013 (with Toni M. Massaro)

The Uniform Premarital and Marital Agreements Act, Trusts & Estates (Sept. 2012) (with Turney P. Berry)

Dean Toni M. Massaro: A Tribute, 51 ARIZ. L. REV. 267 (2009)

The Uniform Law Commission: Its Continuing Relevance, 45 ARIZONA ATTORNEY 30 (April 2009)

Preserve Domestic Partner Benefits, ARIZONA DAILY STAR, Guest Opinion, February 2009

Marriage Proposal Not Clear Cut, ARIZONA DAILY STAR, Guest Opinion, August 2006

Charles Ares: Mentor, Colleague, Friend, 35 ARIZ. L. REV 17 (1993)

Breaking Bounds: A Brief Reflection on Mary Anne Richey, ARIZ. LAW RECORD 8, Fall 1992

A Very Good Year, ARIZ. LAW RECORD 4-5, Fall 1989

Supreme Court Decision Upholds Nation's Highest Ideals, ARIZONA DAILY STAR, Guest Opinion, June 1989

PRO BONO LITIGATION & LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY:

Representation of Kimberly Juarez (2017 – 18) (asylum applicant in bond proceedings) United States Immigration Court, Eloy, Arizona

McLaughlin v. Jones, 401 P.3d 492 (Ariz. 2017) (special action) (Amicus Curiae Brief in Support of Respondent on behalf of UA Child and Family Law Clinic) (with Paul Bennett, Negar Katirai, Natalie Cafasso, Chris Lloyd) (constitutional litigation regarding parentage of child born into same-sex marriage)

Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl, 570 U.S. 637 (2013) (No. 12-399) (Amicus Curiae Brief in Support of Respondent on behalf of American Civil Liberties Union) (coauthored with Stephen Pevar) (addressing rights of Cherokee father under Indian Child Welfare Act)

Hollingsworth v. Perry, 570 U.S. 693 (2013) (Amicus Curiae on behalf of Law Professors in support of Respondents) (addressing constitutional status of same-sex marriage)

Egan v. Fridlund-Horne, 211 P.3d 1213 (Ariz. Ct. App. 2009) (Amicus Curiae on petition for review) (addressing rights of de facto parents under Arizona law)

Arizona Daily Star v. Pima County Juvenile Court (Ariz. App. 1998) (unpublished opinion) (consultant on amicus brief on behalf of James E. Rogers College of Law Child Advocacy Clinic) (holding that case file in dependency proceeding is subject to public disclosure under certain circumstances)

Alegria v. Redcherries, 812 P.2d 1085 (Ariz. App. 1991) (lead counsel) (holding that state court must recognize and enforce tribal custody decree from Northern Cheyenne Tribe)

Testimony before Domestic Relations Committee of Arizona State Legislature regarding Proposed Preference for Shared Parenting in Arizona Law, 2004

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

2026 *The Uniform Law Project on Possession of Domestic Pets at Dissolution*
AALS Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA

2025 *Webinar: The Judicial Interview of Children Act*
hosted by American Bar Association
(with Prof. Maxine Eichner)

Decoding the Uniform Law Commission
Arizona State Bar Convention
(with Tim Berg and Hon. Sam Thumma)
Wild Horse Pass, Gila River Indian Community

2024 *State ICWA Laws and the Uniform Law Commission Project*
Pascua Yaqui Annual ICWA Conference
Tucson, AZ

Constitutionality of ICWA after Brackeen: A Conversation
with Erwin Chemerinsky
Pima County ICWA Court Webinar

Webinar: Abortion on the Ballot
Arizona Public Radio Panel

Radio Interview: Arizona Abortion Chaos
Philadelphia Public Radio Show

Abortion Overview
Secular Arizona Assoc.

Interview: Abortion on the Ballot
Tom Collins, Arizona Clean Elections Commission

- 2023 *Webinar: Understanding the Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act*, hosted by Uniform Law Commission (with Linda Elrod & Carolyn Zack) [OBJ]
- Webinar: The Future of State Indian Child Welfare Laws*
Hosted by U.S. Administration for Children & Families and National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges
- Panelist, *The Indian Child Welfare Act: What, Why, and Where Is It Going*
Indian Law Section, Annual Bar Convention, Arizona State Bar
- 2023 *The Future of State Indian Child Welfare Acts*
National Webinar, U.S. Administration for Children & Families, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- After Dobbs: Where We Are and Where We're Going*
Arizona National Organization for Women
Statewide Conference
Tucson, AZ
- 2022 *Dobbs and the Chaos of Arizona Abortion Law*
Department of Political Science Webinar
University of Arizona College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Tucson, AZ 2022
- Understanding Dobbs and Its Impact in Arizona*
Pima County Bar Association Virtual Presentation
Tucson, AZ 2022
- Dobbs and Arizona Abortion Law*
National Organization for Women Virtual Presentation
Tucson, AZ 2022
- 2021 *Remembering Judge Mary Anne Richey*
Pima County Courthouse Reopening Celebration
Tucson, AZ
- 2020 *Bostock v. Clayton County* (US 2020)
McGirt v. Oklahoma (US 2020)
Panelist, Wildcat Webinar Series
University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law
- Panelist, *The New Uniform Nonparent Custody and Visitation Act*
ABA Family Law Section Spring Conference
La Romana, Dominican Republic

- 2019 *Sex Race and Gender in Arizona Family Law:
Looking Back and Looking Forward*
The Annual Arizona Lecture, Department of Geography
University of Arizona College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Tucson, AZ
- Assisted Reproduction and Parentage*
AZ AFCC Conference
Sedona, AZ
- 2018 *The New Uniform Nonparent Custody and Visitation Act*
AFCC Child Custody Conference
Denver, CO
- 2018 *The ICWA Regulations*
Arizona Judicial College
Phoenix, AZ
- Unmarried Cohabitants and the Uniform Law Process*
Regional Conference, International Society of Family Law
University of Minnesota School of Law
Minneapolis, MN
- The Child's Voice in Family Court*
For Better or Worse Seminar
Arizona State Bar/AAML
Scottsdale, AZ
- 2017 *The New ICWA Regulations*
Connecting Legacies Statewide Conference
Arizona Court Improvement program
Chandler, AZ
- Panelist, *The New Uniform Parentage Act*
National Child Support Enforcement Association
Phoenix, AZ
- The New Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act*
ABA Roundtable for National Audience
Litigation Section, American Bar Association
- 2016 *ICWA 101: An Introduction to the Indian Child Welfare Act*
Statewide Webinar
Court Improvement Program
Arizona Judiciary

- Understanding Obergefell*
AFCC Annual Sedona Conference
Sedona, AZ
- 2015 *From Status to Contract and Back Again*
Midyear Workshop
AALS Family Law Section
Orlando, FL
- 2015 *The New BIA Guidelines and Proposed Regulations*
Arizona Supreme Court Tribal State Forum
Chandler, AZ
- 2014 *A Reflection on the Voting Rights Act*
50th Anniversary of Civil Rights Act
United States District Court for District of Arizona
Tucson, AZ
- The Meaning of Good Cause in Section 1915 of ICWA*
National Indian Child Welfare Association
Webinar for National Audience
- Thorn v. Thorn, Family Law Seminar*
Arizona State Bar Convention
Tucson, AZ
- 2013 *The Baby Veronica Case and the Structure of ICWA*
Feminist and Family Law Seminar (via Skype)
New England College of Law
Boston, MA
- The Same-Sex Marriage Cases: Implications and Predictions*
Arizona State Bar Advanced Family Law Program
Tucson, AZ
- Personal History and Professional Identity*
32nd Annual Sedona Conference, AzAFCC
Sedona, AZ
- The Uniform Premarital and Marital Agreements Act*
Arizona State Bar/AAML Advanced Family Law Seminar
Scottsdale, AZ
- 2012 *New Uniform Laws Affecting Family Law*
Arizona State Bar Advanced Family Law Seminar
Tucson, AZ

Representing Children Who Can't or Won't Direct Counsel
31st Annual Sedona Conference, AzAFCC
Sedona, AZ

2011 *Marital Agreements and the Changing Meaning of Marriage*
14th World Congress
International Society of Family Law
Lyon, France

2011 *Overview of Indian Child Welfare Act*
Indian Law Section
Arizona State Bar Annual Convention
Tucson, AZ

An Introduction to ICWA
Dependency 101
Arizona Supreme Court
Phoenix, AZ

When Reunification is Not an Option
Connecting Legacies Conference
Arizona Supreme Court
Scottsdale, AZ

Children, Tribes, and States
Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Spring Author's Series
Michigan State University School of Law
East Lansing, MI

The Indian Child Welfare Act After 30 Years
Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program Speaker Series
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ

Representing Children Who Can't or Won't Direct Counsel
Ted Schneyer Ethics Symposium
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ

Building Bridges Across Cultural Divides
2010 Dependency 101 Judges Training
Arizona Supreme Court
Phoenix, AZ

Deconstructing Ballot Initiatives: The Arizona Experience
Society of American Law Teachers Conference
University of Denver School of Law
Denver, CO

*Representing Native Children in ICWA Proceedings:
Challenges and Possibilities*
University of Oregon College of Law
Eugene, OR

- 2010 *Listening to Children at Divorce*
AFCC Annual Conference
Sedona, AZ
- Debating a 50/50 Custody Presumption*
AFCC Annual Conference
Sedona, AZ
- 2009 *The Attorney Discipline Process*
Pima County Bar Association CLE
Tucson, AZ
- 2008 *The American Indian Child and the Meanings of Permanency*
4th Annual Wells Conference on Adoption Law Capital
Capital University Law School
Columbus, OH
- Commentator, *ICWA and Custodial Requests by Third Parties*
Second Annual Conference of Southwestern Indian Law Clinics
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM
- 2007 *Child Advocacy for the 21st Century*
Conference for Tenth Year Anniversary of Child Advocacy Clinic
University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law
Tucson, AZ
- The Voice of the Indian Child: Enhancing the
Indian Child Welfare Act Through Children's Participation*
North American Regional Conference
International Family Law Society
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- The New Uniform Representation of Children Act*
Family and Juvenile Law Section, AALS Annual Meeting,
Washington, D.C.
- Tribal Children's Courts*
Native American Law Students Association
Regional Conference, ASU Law School
Tempe, AZ

- The Uniform Representation of Children Act and the New Arizona Rules of Family Court Procedure*
Pima County Juvenile Court
Tucson, AZ
- 2007 *Ethical Dilemmas Facing Family Lawyers*
Arizona Conference, Association for Family and Conciliation Courts
Sedona, AZ
- Sex Discrimination in Employment: The Class Action Remedy*
Association of Women Faculty
Tucson, AZ
- 2006 *Supreme Court Review: The Guantanamo Cases*
University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law
Tucson, AZ
- Bar Complaint Blues*
Pima County Bar CLE Program
Tucson, AZ
- The Adolescent Brain—Legal Implications*
Annual Brain Science Conference
University of Arizona College of Medicine
Tucson, AZ
- 2005 *Reimagining the Indian Child Welfare Act Through the Convention on the Rights of the Child*
4th World Congress on Rights of the Child
Cape Town, South Africa
- The NCCUSL Project on Child Representation*
World Conference of International Society of Family Law
Salt Lake City, UT
- 2004 *The Child's Voice in Custody Litigation: Policy Questions*
Plenary Session, at Arizona Conference of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Sedona, AZ
- 2003 *Therapeutic Jurisprudence and American Family Law: A Skeptic's Misgivings*
North American Regional Conference of Intl Family Law Society
Eugene, OR

*Teaching Preclusion Doctrines
through the Use of Tribal Court Judgments*
AALS Mid-Year Conference on Civil Procedure
New York City, NY

2003 *The Child's Voice in Custody Litigation: What Judges Actually Do*
Arizona Conference of Association
of Family and Conciliation Courts,
Sedona, AZ

Parental Consent Laws and National Politics
30th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*,
Presentation Sponsored by League of Women Voters
University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law
Tucson, AZ

2002 *The Child's Voice in Custody Dispute Resolution*
Conference on Youth, Voice & Power: Multidisciplinary Perspectives
sponsored by James E. Rogers College of Law and
Rogers Program on Law, Philosophy, and Social Science
Tucson, AZ

Women in Legal Education: Progress and Challenges
Committee on Women and Minorities in the Legal Profession
Arizona State Bar Annual Convention
Tucson, AZ

Flashpoints Under the Indian Child Welfare Act
Robert N. Endries Distinguished Faculty Workshop
Syracuse University College of Law
Syracuse, NY

2001 *Domestic Violence Reform in the United States*
North American Consortium on Legal Education
San Antonio, TX

*An Arizona and National Perspective
on Domestic Violence Reform*
Maricopa County Bar Association
Phoenix, AZ

The Indian Child Welfare Act and State Court Resistance
Int'l Family Law Society, North American Regional Conf.
Kingston, Ontario, Canada

- 2000 *Feminist Discord in Family Law*
The Future of Women's Studies Conference
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ
- 2000 *Tribal Court Jurisprudence and the Construction of Culture*
Arizona State Judges Annual Conference
Tucson, AZ
- Medical Decision Making for Children*
Medicine, Humanities, and Ethics Annual Conference
University of Arizona Medical School
Tucson, AZ
- Tribal Court, State Court, Federal Court: A Jurisdictional Puzzle*
Federal Bar Association
Tucson, AZ
- The UCCJEA and Its Potential Application to Indian Tribes*
Annual Tribal-State Judges Forum
Phoenix, AZ
- 1999 *The Persistence of Gender Bias in Child Custody Adjudication*
Family Law Section, Arizona State Bar Convention
Phoenix, AZ
- Writing a Woman's Life*
Woman's Studies Advisory Committee Salon Series
Tucson, AZ
- 1998 *Identity and Assimilation in the Enforcement
of Tribal Custody Decrees*
Law and Society Annual Meeting
Breckenridge, CO
- 1996 *Evolution, Religion, and Public Education*
University of Arizona Department of Evolutionary Biology
Tucson, AZ
- 1995 *Medical Decision-making for Children*
University of Arizona Graduate Education Seminar
Tucson, AZ
- 1994 *The Best Interests of Children and the ICWA*
Annual Conference of Arizona
Tucson, AZ

The History of the ICWA
Symposium on the Indian Child Welfare Act
Co-sponsored by the U. of A. Office of Indian Affairs and
Pima County Bar Association
Tucson, AZ

Balancing Personal and Professional Lives
AALS Conference on Faculty in Law School Administration
Washington, D.C.

Issues in Adoption Law
Community Legal Forum
Public Access Television
Tucson, AZ

1993 *Gender and Judging*
Arizona Women Lawyers
Tucson, AZ

1992 *Mary Anne Richey – Gender and Judging*
Women’s Studies Advisory Council Reception
for University of Arizona Women Faculty
Tucson, AZ

1991 *Premarital Agreements for the 1990’s*
Pima County Bar Association
Tucson, AZ

1989 *Indian Child Custody - Balancing Interests of Child and Tribe*
Women’s Studies Advisory Council Salon Series,
Tucson, AZ

Overview of the American Civil Justice System
Arizona-Sonoran Bar Association,
Tucson, AZ

1989 *The Webster Case in Perspective*
Reproductive Rights Forum
Tucson, AZ

Balancing Work and Family in the Academy
Way Up Conference for Women in Higher Education
Phoenix, AZ

1988 *Sex Discrimination Against Women Professionals*
Hearings on Working Women
Tucson Women’s Commission
Tucson, AZ

- 1988 *Women in Academia*
Far West Regional Conference on Women and the Law
Tucson, AZ
- 1987 *The ERA: Why It Failed and Whether It Matters*
Tucson Executive Women’s Council
Tucson, AZ
- Bork and the Constitution*
Public Radio KUAT Morning Line
Tucson, AZ
- Homosexuality and the Social Construct of Gender*
Panelist, UA-Arizona Daily Star Bicentennial Program
Tucson, AZ
- 1986 *Family Law and Federal Jurisdiction*
Family and Juvenile Law Section
AALS Annual Meeting
Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

NATIONAL

Commissioner, Uniform Law Commission	2006 – present
Scope and Program Committee	2025 – present
Executive Committee	2023 – 25
Chair, Judicial Interview of Children Drafting Committee	2023 -- 25
Division Chair, Uniform Law Commission	2021 – 23
Chair, Joint Editorial Board for Uniform Family Law	2015 – present
Chair, Study Committee on Child Participation in Family Court Proceedings	2022 – present
Chair, Study Committee on Disposition of Human Embryos and Gametes	2019
Vice Chair, Nonparent Custody and Visitation Act Drafting Committee	2015 – 18
Vice Chair, Economic Rights of Unmarried Cohabitants Study Committee	2017 – 18

Chair, Uniform Premarital and Marital Agreements Drafting Committee	2011 – 13
Chair, Family Law Arbitration Act Drafting Committee	2013 – 16
Member, Standards of Representation, Texas Supreme Court Children’s Commission	2022 – present
Adviser, Restatement of the Law: Children and the Law American Law Institute	2018 – 24
Member, Academic Advisory Committee to ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judicial Improvements	2007 – 09
Reporter, Uniform Representation of Children in Abuse, Neglect, and Custody Proceedings Act, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws	2004 – 06
Chair, Subcommittee on Indian Law on Gender Bias Task Force of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	1991 – 92
AALS Family and Juvenile Law Section Chair	1988
Executive Committee	1989 – 90
Vice-Chair	1987

STATE AND LOCAL

Member, Arizona Supreme Court Task Force to Revise Rules of Procedure for Juvenile Court	2019 – 21
Member, Arizona Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission (Chair 2006)	2001 – 07
Board Member, Child and Family Resources	2016 – 2022
Board Member, William E. Morris Institute for Justice	2013 – present
Board Member, Arizona Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (State President 2012) [REDACTED]	2009 – 2016
Secretary/Treasurer, J. Byron McCormick Society	2015 – 2022
Member, Arizona American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Scholarship Committee	2002 – present

Mary Anne Richey Scholarship Committee for Southern Arizona Women Lawyers Association	1990 – 2024
Member, Pima County Bar Task Force on Proposed Changes to Attorney Discipline System	2010
Member, Arizona Supreme Court Task Force on Admission on Motion Course	2009
Chair, John Hawkins Professionalism Award Committee Pima County Bar Association	1999 – 2010
Member, United States Magistrate Judge Selection Committee District of Arizona	1997
Member, U.S. District Court Gender Equality Task Force for District of Arizona (Chair, Fact-Gathering Subcommittee)	1992 – 97
Consultant, Office of Legal Advisor, U.S. State Dept.	1989
Steering Committee, Pima County Gender & Justice Task Force	1987 – 90
Regional Legal Advisor Reporters' Committee for Freedom of the Press	1984
Member, AALS Library Committee	1983 – 84

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE:

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

University General Counsel Search Committee	2009
External Advisory Committee for Institute on Children, Youth, and Families, College of Agriculture	2007 – 2011
University Fees Committee	2004 – 2007
Dean's Five-Year Review Committee	2003
Sunset Review, Institute for Children, Youth and Families, College of Agriculture	2003
University General Counsel Search Committee	1998
University Promotion and Tenure Committee	1997 – 2000
College of Law Dean Search Committees	1987 – 89, 94 – 95, 1999
Provost Search Committee	1992
Arizona Women Faculty Executive Committee	1991 – 92
AWF Committee on Parenting Policies	1989 – 90
Chair, AWF Committee on Parenting Policies	1991 – 92
Provost's Committee on University Mission Statement	1990

JAMES E. ROGERS COLLEGE OF LAW

Co-Director, Family and Juvenile Law Association	2012 – present
Member, Search Committee for Director of IPLP Program	2022 – 23
Member, College of Law Lifetime Achievement Committee	2012 – present
Secretary-Treasurer, McCormick Society	2011 – 2021
Member, Ad Hoc Named Professorship Committee	2014
Member, Dean’s Advisory Committee	2009 – 10
Chair, Ad Hoc Named Professorships Committee	2008
Faculty Status Committee (intermittent years) (Chair 1996-97, 2000-01, 2003-04, 2009)	1986 – 2009
Faculty Personnel Committee	1990 – 91, 93-95, 1997 – 98, 2005-07
Faculty Retreat Committee	2006
Co-chair, “Youth, Voice and Power” Conference Planning Committee	2001 – 02
Faculty Peer Review Committee	1988, 1996, 2001, 2003
Dean’s Advisory Committee	1988 – 89, 91 – 92, 94 – 95, 2000 –01, 2003
Faculty Curriculum Committee	1990 – 92, 93 – 95, 2002 – 03
Writing Instructor Hiring Committee	2002 – 2007
Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee	2000 – 01
Admissions Committee	1998 – 99
Chair, Clinical Professor Search Committee	1998
Member, Child Advocacy Clinic Advisory Board	1996
Visiting Scholar’s Committee	1991 – 92
Chair, Honor Council	1988 – 91
Self-Study Committee	1989 – 90
Faculty Student Relations Comm.	1989 – 90
Ad Hoc Academic Policies Committee	1986 – 87
Advisor, Law Women’s Association	1990 – 2011
Advisor, Law Students for Reproductive Justice	2008 – 2011

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Faculty Senate	1984 – 86
Steering Committee, Environmental Law Project	1985 – 86
Coif Committee	1985
Faculty Hiring Committee	1982 – 83, 1985 – 86

OTHER INTERESTS:

Creative writing, including poetry, short fiction, and plays. Recent publications include “On the Trail to Hope Lake,” ARIZONA ATTORNEY (2022); “Old Grief: A Dialogue,” AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POETRY (July 2018); “Before Dawn,” 98 ZOCALO 46 (2018).