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**Appointed**    **Full Professor of Law**, University of San Francisco (2004-present)  
**Visiting Scholar**, University of California Berkeley School of Law, Center for the Study of Law and Society (August 2014-August 2015)  
**Senior Fellow**, University of California Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley Institute for Mindfulness in Law

***Courses Taught:***

Torts; Insurance Law; Race, Law and Policy: An Introduction and Legal History; Contemporary Issues in Race and Law: Evolving Notions of (In)equality; Immigration Law; Contemplative Lawyering; Effective and Sustainable Law Practices: A Mindfulness-Based Perspective; Group/Interpersonal Dynamics

**Interim Co-Director, Center for Teaching Excellence**, University of San Francisco (2012-present)

***Awarded:***

University of San Francisco Ignatian Service Award, May 2013

***Workshops Developed and Facilitated:***

“Reinventing Rigor” (Co-facilitator; Fall 2012, Spring 2013)

“Enhancing Rigor by Creating Inclusive and Identity-Safe Classrooms” (Lead facilitator; Spring 2014)

**Education**    **University of Virginia School of Law J.D.**, 1993.  
Editorial Board, Virginia Law Review (1991-92)  
Articles Review Board, Virginia Law Review (1992-93)  
Member, Raven Society

**University of Virginia Graduate School of Arts & Sciences M.A.**, 1993  
Sociology with emphasis on conflict management theory and qualitative research methods. Thesis: Conflict Management in a Non-Profit Organization. Paper on the origins of racial stratification nominated for the Beirstadt award. Awarded competitive fellowship for doctoral study.

**University of Virginia College of Arts & Sciences B.A. with Distinction**, 1989.  
Distinguished Majors' Thesis: The Socioeconomic Effects of Disability.

## **Other Education and Teacher Development Experience**

University of Massachusetts, Oasis Institute, Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Teacher Development Practicum (June 2013); and Teacher Development Intensive (May-June 2014).

Stanford Facilitator Training Group Introductory Workshop Training (June 2007).  
Facilitator Training Group Participant (2007-2009)

## **Other Appointments**

**Visiting Professor of Law**, William and Mary College of Law (Fall 2004).

**Adjunct**, California Institute for Integral Studies (2011)

**Associate Professor of Law**, University of San Francisco (1998-2004)

## **Representative Leadership Experience**

Interim Co-Director, USF Center for Teaching Excellence (2012-14)

President, Board of Directors, Center for Contemplative Mind in Society (2011-present)

Chair, Carnegie/Best Practices Task Force, Faculty of USF Law (2008-11)

Chair, Diversity Committee, Sonnenschein Nath and Rosenthal (San Francisco) (1998-99)

Second Lieutenant, Virginia National Guard (1989-1991), U.S. Army Reserves (1991-97)

## **Publications** *Law Review Publications:*

*Educating Lawyers to Meditate?* 79 UMKC L. Rev. 535 (2011) (Lead Article).

*Slavery as Immigration?* 44 U.S.F. L. Rev. 273 (2009)

*Competing Narratives, Competing Jurisprudences: Are Law Schools Racist? And the Case for an Integral Critical Approach to Thinking, Talking, Writing and Teaching About Race*, 43 U.S.F. L. Rev. 777 (2009)

*Toward An Integral Critical Approach to Thinking, Talking, Writing and Teaching About Race*, 43 U.S.F. L. Rev. 259 (2008)

*Legal Education and the Formation of Professional Identity: A Critical*

*Spiritual – “Humanity Consciousness” -- Perspective*, N.Y.U. Rev. L. & Soc. Ch. (2007)

*Inviting New Worlds, Tuning to New Voices: A Post 9-11 Meditation on “Where Do We Go From Here?”* 3 Seattle Journal for Social Justice 587 (2005)

*Racial Suffering As Human Suffering: An Existentially-Grounded Humanity Consciousness as a Guide to a Fourteenth Amendment Reborn*, 13 Temp. Pol. & Civ. R. L. Rev. 891 (2004)

*The Third Reconstruction: An Alternative to Race-Consciousness and Colorblindness in Post-Slavery America*, 54 Alabama Law Review 483 (Winter 2003)

Symposium, *Is Civil Rights Law Dead? Affirmative Action After Grutter: Reflections on a Tortured Death, Imagining a Dignity-Affirming Afterlife*, 63 L.S.U. L. Rev. 705 (2003)

*The Justice of Parental Accountability: Hypothetical Disinterested Citizens and Real Victims’ Voices In the Debate Over Expanded Parental Liability*, 75 Temple Law Review 375 (2002) (Lead Article)

Note, *The Master’s Tools, From the Bottom Up: Responses to African American Reparations Theory In Mainstream and Outsider Remedies Discourse*, 79 Va. L. Rev. 864 (1993)

*Book Chapters:*

*“Mindfulness and the Renewal of Legal Education,”* New Directions for Teaching and Learning: Contemplative Studies in Higher Education, no. 134, (Jossey Bass, 2013), 31.

*“Contemplative Practice in Law: An Overview”* in Mirabai Bush (ed.) Contemplation Nation: How Ancient Practices are Changing the Way We Live (Fetzer 2011).

*Other Publications:*

*“Making the Case for Mindfulness and the Law,”* NWLawyer Washington State Bar Journal (March/April 2014)

*“No Longer Waiting to Exhale: Mindfulness Meets the Legal Profession,”* (*“Beyond Stress Reduction,”* Panel Materials, Annual Meeting, State Bar of Arizona, June 2012)

**“The Mindful Lawyer and the Challenges of Diversity,”** Center for Contemplative Mind in Society (originally posted 2008); revised and republished as **“Paying Mind to Diversity,”** August, 2011, Mindful.org.

**“Beyond Black and White: Some Thoughts on the Impact of Brown on Legal Education and Legal Scholarship.”** USF Lawyer (2004)

**“Freeman v. Pitts,”** Oxford Supreme Court Reporter (2004)

**“Dog Law Should Value Human Life Above All,”** Forum, San Francisco Chronicle, February 7, 2001.

### **Works-In-Progress**

BEYOND STRESS REDUCTION: AN EVIDENCE-BASED DISCUSSION OF THE *FULL* BENEFITS OF MINDFULNESS FOR LAWYERS (Manuscript in Progress).

Mindfulness-Based Spirituality and the Transformation of Justice: A Soulful Journey Through Torts and Race Law (Book Chapter in Progress, forthcoming in TRANSFORMING JUSTICE (Manuscript in Progress))

Mindfulness and the Reduction of Stereotype and Stereotype Threat (Article in Progress)

### **Legal Experience**

**Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal**, San Francisco.

**Litigation Associate.** 1993-1998

Emphasis on Commercial Litigation and Insurance Law.

Extensive law and motion experience, including summary judgments and demurrers. Extensive discovery experience, including depositions.

Appellate briefing experience in state and federal courts. Frequent client contact and independent case management. Extensive settlement negotiation and drafting of agreements. Prepared and presented CLE programs on insurance litigation issues. Elected Associates' Representative (1996-97).

Representative clients include The Travelers Insurance Company; Allstate Insurance Company; American International Group (AIG); American Insurance Association (AIA).

**McCutchen Doyle Brown & Enersen**, Summer Associate (1992).

Received litigation associate attorney offer of employment.

**Hunton & Williams**, Summer Associate (1991). Received litigation associate attorney offer of employment.

## **Representative Presentations Include:**

“Enhancing Rigor for all through Contemplative Pedagogy” (University of Virginia, forthcoming, February 6, 2014)

“Mindfulness, Law and Social Justice” (University of Virginia School of Law, forthcoming, February 7, 2014)

“Mindfulness and Law Student Wellbeing,” Subjective Wellbeing and Law Conference, University of Colorado (June 26, 2013)

Contemplative Practices Across the Curriculum, Workshop on Mindfulness and Legal Education, University of California, Berkeley School of Law (June 9, 2013)

Keynote address, Lawyers as Peacemakers and Healers, Phoenix, AZ (April 19, 2013).

Featured presenter, Mindfulness and Compassion, Berkeley Greater Good Science Institute (March 8, 2013)

Featured presenter, Black and Latino Migration, California State University, Northridge (March 13, 2013)

Keynote address, Annual Conference, Association of Contemplative Mind in Society (November 20, 2012)

Mindfulness and Law Student Wellbeing, International Conference on Law and Society, O’ahu, Hawaii (June 6, 2012)

Beyond Stress Reduction: How Mindful Lawyers are Changing the World and How We Can All Make A Difference. “Creating a Mindful Society,” New York Ethical Society, (October 1, 2011)

Mindfulness and Ethics: The Deeper Ground. Effective Lawyering: The Meditative Perspective, Retreat for Legal Professionals, Spirit Rock Meditation Center (September 10, 2011).

Educating Lawyers to Meditate? Keynote Panel Presentation on Legal Education, Law and Meditation Conference, University of California, Berkeley Law School (October 29, 2010)

“Slavery as Immigration?,” Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop (June 2009); University of LaVerne, Symposium: Encountering Stereotypes in Immigration

Law (February, 2010); University of San Francisco, Symposium: The Evolving Definition of the Immigrant Worker (January, 2009)

“Legal Education and the Development of Professional Identity,” forthcoming, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (January, 2010)

“The Meditative Professional: Making Workplace Changes Toward a More Meaningful Worklife,” Tikkun Network of Spiritual Progressives Conference on Work and Meaning, Berkeley, California (September, 2008)

“The Mindful Lawyer and the Challenges of Diversity.” Queen’s Bench, San Francisco (May, 2008)

Keynote Address, USF Asian Pacific Islander Law Student Annual Spring Banquet (April, 2008)

“The Mindful Lawyer and the Challenges of Diversity.” Effective Lawyering: The Meditative Perspective, Retreat for Legal Professionals, Center for Contemplative Mind in Society, Santa Rosa, California (April, 2008)

“Slavery and Immigration Law.” USF Faculty Scholarship Brown Bag (April 1, 2008)

“The Mindful Law Professor and the Challenges of Diversity”, conference on Humanizing the Law, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas (October 20, 2007)

How to Succeed in Law School, presentation to the USF Black Law Students Association, September, 19, 2007

Keynote Address, Annual Banquet, USF La Raza, April 2007.

“The Meditative Perspective and the Elimination of Bias,” on behalf of the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society, Effective Lawyering: The Meditative Perspective – A Retreat for Legal Professionals, Spirit Rock Meditation Center (April 14, 2007)

“What is Black History?,” Keynote Address, City of San Francisco Black History Month Kickoff Celebration, San Francisco City Hall, (February 2007)

“Slavery Disclosure Ordinances: A Legal Perspective,” University of San Francisco (March 2006); African-American Historical and Cultural Society of San Francisco (September, 2006); San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee (October, 2006)

Moderator, “The Immigration Debate: Issues, Perspectives, Solutions,” University of San Francisco (October, 2006)

“Legal Education and the Development of Professional Identity (Golden Gate Law School, February 2006)

Anti-Racist Lawyering 101, National Lawyers’ Guild (March, 2006)

Critical Race Theory: An Overview, University of California Hastings College of Law (October, 2005)

“What Does it Really Mean to Think Like a Lawyer, and *What’s Love Got to Do With It?*” (University of San Francisco Law School, April 2005)”

“Teaching from the Left: Humanity Consciousness and Legal Education” (*Workshop Presentation* at Harvard Law School, March 2006)

“Liberation Theology and Critical Race Theory” (National Conference of People of Color in Law, George Washington University, November 2004)

“The Concept of Humanity Consciousness and a New Vision of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment” (Temple Law School, November 2003)

**Group Dialogue Facilitations:**

University of San Francisco Office of Diversity and Inclusion, “And Still We Rise: Class in Academia,” (Spring 2014; Fall 2013)

Effective Lawyering: The Meditative Perspective, Spirit Rock Meditation Center, Woodacre, California, “Mindfulness and Ethics;” “Mindfulness and the Elimination of Bias” (Fall, 2013)

California Institute for Integral Studies, Graduate Program in Integral Counseling Psychology, Group Dynamics (co-facilitator) (Fall Semester, 2011).

Center for Contemplative Mind in Society’s “Gathering of Leaders in Law and Meditation,” Group Discussion Facilitator, Berkeley, California (June, 2008).

Center for Contemplative Mind in Society’s “Effective Lawyering: The Meditative Perspective,” A Retreat for Legal Professionals, Santa Rosa, CA (April, 2008).

Diversity Forum, USF School of Law (November, 2007).

- Affiliations** President, Board of Directors, Center for Contemplative Mind in Society (2011-present); Board Member, American Association of Law Schools Section on Humanizing Legal Education (2007-10); Member, Project for the Integration of Spirituality, Law and Politics (2004-present); Member, Center for Contemplative Mind in Society Working Group for Lawyers (2006-present); American Sociological Association (2006); Law and Society Association (2006); Member, American Association of Law Schools, Sections on Torts and Insurance, and Minority Law Professors (1999-present); Western Law Professors of Color (1999-present); State Bar of California (1997-present); American Bar Association (Co-Chair, Tort and Insurance Practice Section Subcommittee, 1996-97); Bar Association of San Francisco (Committee on Minority Employment, 1995-96).
- Other** Consultant, African American Historical and Cultural Society of San Francisco.
- Media** Appearances on NBC Nightly News, KRON television and radio, KALW, and KCBS talk radio on topics related to civil law and community life.
- References** Available upon request.