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Curriculum vitae

Summary (full c.v. below)

Judicial experience

- Temporary judge for the LA County Superior Court (traffic arraignments and trials)
- Worked on 300+ criminal cases as well as dozens of immigration and civil cases (business, free speech, torts, constitutionally related police cases, etc.)
- Conducted legal research and writing and proposed legal opinions on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the nation's second-highest court after the U.S. Supreme Court
- Conducted legal research and writing for state- and federal-level trial and appellate court judges

High-level employment results

- Full, tenured professor of law at nationally ranked, ABA accredited law school
- Fulbright Scholar (climate change law and policy)
- Myanna writes very well for lay people and experts:
 - Top 10% author by download on SSRN for three years in a row
 - Her articles have been cited to by more than 100 judges, attorneys, government agencies, and other educators
 - Prolific researcher and author of numerous articles on complex legal issues published in major law review journals
- Myanna speaks well on issues of law:
 - Invited to present on issues of wildlife law, climate change and business law at major legal conferences around the nation
 - Taught thousands of law students how to practice law professionally and ethically
- First Amendment expertise:
 - Campus representative, Climate Science Legal Defense Fund, Columbia Law School

Education

- Graduated at the top of her law school class, #1/181
- Earned the honorary title "Order of the Coif"
- PhD Candidate (2021, remainder online), Political Science, judicial elections in California
- Master's Degree in International Communications

Personal

- Immigrant achieving all legal results as a non-native speaker
- Mid-life career changer
- Born and raised in a blue-collar family, first in family to get university degree
- Speak three languages fluently (English, Danish, German)
- Only tenured female professor on law faculty
- U.S. citizen
- 2018 Nominee, Mosaic Award for Inclusive Excellence, USD

EDUCATION

University of South Dakota

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science

- Specialty: The California Judicial Election System

Vermillion, SD

Expected: 2021

University of Oregon School of Law

Juris Doctor

- Class rank: 1/181
- GPA: 4.01/4.00
- Order of the Coif
- Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- Research Assistant: Human Rights and the Environment, Atmospheric Public Trust Doctrine (now *Juliana v. U.S*)
- National moot court finalist: Animal Law

Eugene, OR

2008

Aarhus University (a global top 100 research university)

Master's Degree, Translation & International Communications

Bachelor's Degree, English and German Business Communication

Aarhus, Denmark

1991

1988

EXPERIENCE

Superior Court of Los Angeles County

Temporary judge

Los Angeles, CA

9/2019 - present

Dellinger Law (concurrently with the above and below)

Freelance attorney (torts, contracts, small claims)

Los Angeles, CA

2/2020 - present

University of South Dakota School of Law (academic commuter)

Professor of Law

Vermillion, SD

8/2015 - present

- Teach Contracts, Sales, Public Int'l Law, Int'l Human Rights, Int'l Business Transactions (some online, some hybrid)
- Moot court instructor and judge
- 2020 Winner of the Best Article of the Year, Environmental Law Reporter
- May 2017-present: Top 10% author by downloads on SSRN
- Campus representative, Climate Science Legal Defense Fund, Columbia Law School
- Created and host *The Global Energy and Environmental Law Podcast* featured on iTunes
- Editor-in-chief, the ContractsProf Blog (2015-2020), approx. 250 blogs written hit 300 times/day
- 2018 Nominee, Mosaic Award for Inclusive Excellence
- Committee work: Faculty Appointments Committee (chair and member at large), Academic Standards Committee (member), Grading Task Force (member), Academic Affairs (member), Financial Awards (member).

Fulbright Scholar

Fulbright Specialist, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies

United States and international climate change law and policy

Potsdam, Germany

November-December 2016

China University of Political Science and Law

Visiting Lecturer, Summer Program

Beijing, China

2014, 2016

- Taught International Environmental Law at China's second-highest ranked law school

Western State College of Law

Fullerton, CA

Assistant Professor of Law (2011-2014) and Associate Professor of Law (2014-2015); 2011-2015
Founder & Director, Research Institute for Global Law and Policy

- Taught Contracts I & II, Sales, and Administrative Law
- Taught overload classes for four semesters in a row (an average of six classes per year) including Contracts three summers in a row
- Consistently very high student evaluations, 2011-12 Professor of the Year
- Spearheaded new Research Institute for Global Law and Policy. Invited speakers, motivated colleagues to contribute with articles and ideas, built bridges to environmental and international law sections of local and national legal associations and other key contacts, enabled students to research and write about international law, helped students network with local employers and organizations, developed new opportunities for school to enhance its visibility in the field in challenging economic times, wrote about and researched national and international environmental law
- Faculty advisor, student law review articles and other academic writing projects
- Chair, Academic Standards Committee (2012-2014), New Programs Task Force (2014 – 2015)

Whittier Law School

Costa Mesa, CA

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law 2010-2011

- Taught Contracts, Civil Procedure to approx. two hundred students per semester

The late Hon. Procter Hug, Jr.; United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Reno, NV

Law Clerk 2009-2010

- Conducted research for and wrote bench memoranda recommending legal outcome in numerous complex civil and criminal cases
- Drafted judicial opinions and memoranda dispositions, recommended outcomes adopted unanimously by panels in all but one case
- Reviewed bench memoranda written by non-chamber clerks, wrote supplemental memoranda to provide judge with legal recommendations
- Reviewed opinions and supplemental memoranda written by in-chamber clerks to provide legal and linguistic feedback before circulation to panel judges

The late Hon. Francis J. D'Eramo, Superior Court of the U.S. Virgin Islands St. Croix, USVI

Law Clerk 2008-2009

- Researched and wrote numerous orders and published opinions in criminal and civil cases
- Helped judge close higher-than-average number of cases and achieve shorter case lengths
- Helped maintain docket of 300 active criminal cases, all *pro se* cases, and half of the civil docket
- Researched wide range of issues such as environmental law, constitutional law, local and federal civil procedure, federal criminal procedure, the federal rules of evidence and rules of ethics

The Hon. S. James Otero, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

L.A., CA

Judicial Extern (law student)

Fall 2007

- Conducted legal research and analysis on par with law clerks to propose judicial orders
- Edited law clerks' proposed orders to provide legal and linguistic improvements

The United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change

Bonn, Germany

Legal Affairs Programme Intern (law student)

Summer 2007

- Researched and proposed standards for procedural due process as applied by American courts, international tribunals and quasi-judicial bodies
- Researched and wrote memoranda on issues of treaty law for top legal advisers
- Conducted legal research for secretariat attendees and attended bi-annual negotiations of approximately 1,500 delegates representing the parties to the Kyoto Protocol

The University of California and California State University

Irvine and Long Beach, CA

Instructor, English as a Second Language (part-time)

1997-2004

- Taught Reading & Writing, Presentation & Negotiation Techniques, Oral Communication and Business English to international students from Asia, South America and the Middle East
- Observed by graduate students of education and English instructors seeking to observe practical applications of theories of modern educational pedagogy

WordFlows, LLC

Huntington Beach, CA

Owner, Localization and Interpretation Specialist

1997-2005

- Clients included large national and int'l law firms, government agencies and Hollywood movie studios
- Localized lengthy and complex legal texts for use in major international cases such as class action lawsuit against Philip Morris International, Inc. and *In re Holocaust Victims' Asset Litigation*
- Courtroom interpreter in more than 50 federal and state cases in New York, California and Texas
- Interpreted depositions for multi-million-dollar international lawsuits re. IP rights
- Subtitled Shrek and other movies for Warner Bros. Studios, DreamWorks Animation and other major Hollywood studios
- Performed quality control of the translation of four Harry Potter-related entertainment products

The Aarhus School of Business (now Aarhus University)

Aarhus, Denmark

Assistant Professor of English

1992-1997

- Revamped curriculum and teaching materials for English for Science and Technology at the Master's Degree-level, taught course, Master's Degree thesis adviser

KPMG

Aarhus, Denmark

International Communication Specialist

1991-1992

- Performed quality control of work performed by two translators, wrote financial dictionary, translated

BAR ADMISSIONS, LICENSES TO APPEAR

- State Bar of California (2009, first try); South Dakota (2017, by admission)

LEGAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Pro bono, Standing Rock Tribe action against Dakota Access Pipeline

2016-17

Climate Science Legal Defense Fund

2017-present

Columbia Law School, Campus Representative

- Present and render advice to researchers on the Freedom of Information Act, First Amendment, and other legal rights and obligations bearing on climate change research and information distribution

Campaign for the Right to Dual Citizenship in Denmark

International Legal Consultant

2011-2014

- Wrote report on the democratic and societal desirability of dual citizenship
- Met with top Danish government leaders to lobby for national legislative change
- Result: On new government's first day in office, announcement made that Denmark was to allow dual citizenship after decades of legal and political resistance, dual citizenship now legalized

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ELECTED POSITIONS

- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- Women Lawyer's Association of Los Angeles, LGBT Bar Association of Los Angeles

DIVERSITY PROFILE

First-generation immigrant, achieved legal results in non-native tongue, first and only in blue-collar family to earn several university degrees, mid-life career changer, speaks three languages fluently, took care of terminally ill father while in law school, was sole caregiver for elderly mother in Denmark including for her passing during my judicial election campaign.

SOFT SKILLS

Great interpersonal and communication skills, a cherished colleague, highly organized, attention to detail, self-starter, creative thinker, sense of humor, positive, able to see new opportunities where others see none, create desired results, embrace change and challenges

PUBLICATIONS

Law review articles:

- *Airline Bailouts and Re-regulation for Climate Change Action*, forthcoming in April 2020
- *AB 1054: Electric Utility Wildfire Liability Reform in California*, Vol. 49, No. 11, the Environmental Law Reporter (2019) Winner of the Best Article of the Year
- *Post-Jesner Climate Change Litigation under the Alien Tort Statute*, 44 COLUM. J. ENVTL. L. 395 (2019)
- *Trophy Hunting—A Relic of the Past*, 42 J. ENVTL. L. & LITIG. 525 (2018)
- *See You in Court: Around the World in Eight Climate Change Lawsuits*, 42 WM. & MARY ENVTL. L. & POL'Y REV. 525 (2018)
- *Rethinking Force Majeure in Public International Law*, 37 PACE L. REV. 455 (2017)
- *An "Act of God"?: Rethinking Contractual Impracticability in an Era of Anthropogenic Climate Change*, 67 HASTINGS L. J. 1551 (2016)
- *Trophy Hunting Contracts—Unenforceable for Reasons of Public Policy*, 41 COLUM. J. ENVTL. L. 395 (2016)
- *Narrowed Constellations in a Supranational Climate Change Regime Complex: The "Magic Number" Is Three*, 37 FORDHAM INT'L L.J. 373 (2014)
- *Rethinking Fuerza Mayor in a World of Anthropogenic Climate Change*, 42 DERECHO & SOCIEDAD 45 (2014)
- *Localizing Climate Change Action*, 14 MINN. J.L. SCI. & TECH. 603 (2013)
- *An Unstoppable Tide: Creating Environmental and Human Rights Law from the Bottom Up*, 15 OR. REV. INT'L L. 63 (2013)
- *Ten Years of the Aarhus Convention: How Procedural Democracy Is Paving the Way for Substantive Change in National and International Environmental Law*, 23 COLO. J. INT'L ENVTL. L. & POL'Y 309 (2012)
- *Something Is Rotten in the State of Denmark: The Deprivation of Democratic Rights by Nation States Not Recognizing Dual Citizenship*, 20 J. TRANSNAT'L L. & POL'Y 41 (2010-11)
- *From Jumping Frogs to Graffiti-Painted Walls: Legal Issues Caused by Mistranslation in International Commercial Arbitration*, 7 RUTGERS CONFLICT RESOL. L.J. 1 (2010)
- *Using Dogs for Emotional Support of Testifying Victims of Crime*, 15 ANIMAL L. 171 (2009)

Misc. other articles:

- *Trophy Hunting under the Precautionary Principle of Law*, ABA TIPS-SEER Animal Law Newsletter, Winter/Spring 2019
- *Acts of God or Acts of Man?: Rethinking Contractual Impracticability in Times of Climate Change*, NAT. RESOURCES & ENV'T, Winter 2016, at 31
- *That's Wild!: The Ongoing International Trade in Endangered Species*, ORANGE COUNTY LAW., Dec. 2013
- *California as an Oil Boom State?*, ORANGE COUNTY LAW., May 2013
- *Public Participation: A Bottoms-Up Approach to Law-Making and Enforcement*, ORANGE COUNTY LAW., Feb. 2012)
- *Winds of Change?: A Review of International Climate Change Litigation*, 10 OR. STATE BAR OUTLOOK 9 (2009)

Non-print media:

The “ContractsProf Blog”

Editor and Author

2013-present

- Write several weekly blogs on national and international business law issues
- Total number of blogs written: Approximately 250
- Total daily hits: Approximately 300

Podcasts, 2014-present:

- Created The Global Energy and Environmental Law podcast, currently featured on www.itunes.com and www.podbean.com (theglobalenergyandenvironmentallaw.podbean.com)
- Interview legal experts on issues of national and international energy and the environment
- Approximately 750,000 hits and 17,000 total plays
- Podcast episodes:
 - Benjamin Barton, *Rebooting Justice* (May 30, 2019)
 - Maya van Rossum, *The Green Amendment: Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment* (Feb. 11, 2018)
 - Christine Harada, *Sustainability and Governance: Taking Steps for the Future* (Aug. 9, 2017)
 - David R. Montgomery, *Regenerative Agriculture* (June 11, 2017)
 - Stefan Schäfer, *The Logic and Controversies of Geoengineering* (May 17, 2017)
 - Armin Haas, *Super Smart Energy Grids* (Mar. 30, 2017)
 - Falk Schmidt, *Water Resources Management* (Feb. 21, 2017)
 - Craig Morris, *Transitioning Energy* (Jan. 25, 2017)
 - Matthias Honegger, *Climate Geoengineering* (Jan. 16, 2017)
 - Wil Burns, *Loss and Damage Under the Paris Agreement* (Aug. 16, 2016)
 - Rick Reibstein, *Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in the United States EPA Regime* (Jul. 20, 2016)
 - Greg Keating, *Volkswagen Emission “Dieselgate” Scandal, Part II* (June 27, 2016)
 - Björn FASTERLING, *Volkswagen Emission “Dieselgate” Scandal, Part I* (June 19, 2016)
 - Gabrielle Hecht, *Nuclear Power in France and Beyond, Part III* (Mar. 22, 2016)
 - Jonathan Cobb, *Nuclear Power in France and Beyond, Part II* (Mar. 15, 2016)
 - Mycle Schneider, *Nuclear Power in France and Beyond* (Feb. 22, 2016)
 - Joseph W. Dellapenna, Joel A. Mintz, & Alex Wang, *Environmental Law in China: A Paper Tiger or Actual Change?* (Nov. 11, 2015)
 - Sarah Barker, Julian Poulter, & Jay Youngdahl, *Asset Owners Disclosure Project* (Sept. 21, 2015)

- Phillip Sutherland, *The Oslo Principles on Global Climate Change Obligations, Part II* (June 14, 2015)
- Michael Gerard, *The Oslo Principles on Global Climate Change Obligations* (May 31, 2015)
- Ruth Nzioka, *Kenya, Environment, and Public Participation* (Apr. 27, 2015)
- Mary Wood, *Atmospheric Trust Litigation* (Feb. 20, 2015)
- Greg Magofna & Al Murray, *CO₂ Warning Labels on Gas Pumps in Berkeley, California* (Jan. 31, 2015)
- Wil Burns, *Geoengineering* (Jan. 15, 2015)

PRESENTATIONS

Conference and symposia presentations:

- Liability for Climate Change Loss and Damage: Ensuring Human Rights through the Courts, International Human Rights Conference, South Dakota State University (October 5, 2018)
- Priorities for the Trump Administration in International Environmental Law: Avoiding Counterproductive Climate Change Litigation, Midwest Regional Conference of the American Branch of the International Law Association, Denver University School of Law (Feb. 24, 2017)
- Trophy Hunting Contracts: Unenforceable for Reasons of Public Policy, Annual Conference, Environmental Law Association, Johannesburg, South Africa (Sept. 30, 2016)
- Disasters, the Environment, and the Law, Annual Conference, Law and Society Association, New Orleans (June 2-5, 2016)
- An “Act of God”?: Rethinking Contractual Impracticability in an Era of Anthropogenic Climate Change, Annual Conference, Law and Society Association, New Orleans (June 2-5, 2016)
- A Workshop on the Environment and Vulnerability, Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative, Emory University School of Law (Apr. 9, 2016)
- Public Policy Considerations in Contract Law (“Trophy Hunting” Contracts), 5th Annual Animal Law Review Symposium: Crossing Borders: Animals & Business, Lewis & Clark Law School (Mar. 11, 2016)
- Trent Water Crisis, University of South Dakota School of Law (Feb. 22, 2016)
- Public Policy Considerations in Contract Law (“Trophy Hunting” Contracts), 11th International Conference on Contracts, St. Mary’s University School of Law (Feb. 27, 2016)
- Professorial Professions: Creating a Student-Centered Contracts Classroom, 11th International Conference on Contracts, St. Mary’s University School of Law (Feb. 26, 2016)
- An “Act of God”?: Rethinking Force Majeure in U.S. and International Contracts Law in an Era of Anthropogenic Climate Change, SEALS Conference, Boca Raton, Fla. (Aug. 1, 2015)
- An “Act of God”?: Rethinking Force Majeure in U.S. and International Contracts Law in an Era of Anthropogenic Climate Change, Natural Resources Law Teachers, University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law (May 27-29, 2015)
- Governing on the Edge: Cities, Climate Change, and the Polycentric-Global Governance Tension, 45th Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association: Rethinking Force Majeure in an Era of Climate Change, Miami, Florida (Apr. 9, 2015)
- An “Act of God”?: Rethinking Force Majeure in U.S. and International Contracts Law in an Era of Anthropogenic Climate Change, 10th Annual International Conference on Contracts, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada at Las Vegas (Feb. 27-28, 2015)
- Narrowed Constellations in a Supranational Climate Change Regime Complex: The “Magic Number” Is Four, American Society of International Law Mid-Year Meeting, New York University School of Law (Nov. 2013)

- The Evolving Role of the Public—Past, Present, and Future—in the Development of International Environmental Law, American Branch of the International Law Association, Fordham Law School (Oct. 2012)
- Invited to write and present: Creating Environmental and Human Rights Law from the Bottom Up, Symposium, New Directions in Human Rights and Environmental Law, The University of Oregon School of Law (Sept. 2012)

Media interviews:

- Keystone XL Pipeline, Dakota Midday, South Dakota Public Broadcasting (May 25, 2016)
- Trent Water Crisis, Dakota Midday, South Dakota Public Broadcasting (Feb. 22, 2016)
- Campaign for Dual Citizenship, National Danish Radio (September 2014)

Moderator/organizer:

- The Role of Law and Policies for Environment and Humanities at Risk, Annual Conference, Law and Society Association (June 2-5, 2016)
- Export/Import Legal Issues Impacting Global Trade, Legal Ports 2015 Conference, Los Angeles County Bar Association (Mar. 19, 2015)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, International Law Section, organizer of half-day program on International Wine Law (Nov. 2014)
- American Society of International Law, International Economic Law Interest Group, panel on Globalization and Policy Space, 2014 Biennial Research Conference: Reassessing International Law and Development, University of Denver School of Law (Nov. 2014)

REFERENCES

<p>The Hon. Ray G. Jurado RGJurado@lacourt.org Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center 210 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 323 578 9320</p>	<p>Associate Professor of Law Dylan Malagrino Charleston School of Law 81 Mary St. Charleston, SC 29403 proplawprof@gmail.com 858 405 3938</p>
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