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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

July 2009 – Present

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL HUMANITIES

Assistant Professor

Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A.

Duties & Accomplishments:

- Teach courses, including torts, advanced torts, bioethics and the law, public health law and policy, and legislative and administrative processes. Offer independent study oversight for students taking on such projects for credit. Provide guest lectures within areas of expertise.
- Serve as Faculty Advisor for *The Journal of Legal Medicine*.
- Oversee the Health Law & Policy Semester Away Program, which provides semester-long placements for third-year law students in health law settings outside of Carbondale, coupled with for-credit, distance-learning opportunities.
- Contribute as a core member of the SIU Health Law and Policy Center actively engaged in planning events and coordinating programs. Managed the Center during the director's sabbatical (spring semester 2011), including handling visits of special guests to the University and directing the 13th Annual SIH/SIU Health Policy Institute.
- Mentor and advise law students, including serving as a 1L mentor, a case note and comment advisor, a faculty facilitator in professionalism sessions for 1Ls, and a moot court judge. Also served as a mentor to an undergraduate student conducting university-sponsored research at the nexus of law and medicine.
- Initiated and host "Law, Medicine & Movies," a series of movie screenings that raise medico-legal and/or bioethical issues followed by moderated discussions among participants and experts.
- Participated in the "Passport to Practice" Initiative to prepare first-year students for the practice of law through coordinated, skills-based assignments.
- Serve on faculty committees, including Awards Committee, Clinical Programs Committee, and Garwin Distinguished Visitor Committee.
- Act as faculty co-sponsor of various student organizations within the School of Law, including Student Animal Legal Defense Fund and the Law and Medicine Society.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

July 2008 – May 2009

Visiting Associate Professor of Law

Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A.

Duties & Accomplishments:

- Taught torts, advanced torts, bioethics and the law, and legislative/administrative law.

- Mentored and advised law students, including serving as a 1L mentor, a law journal case note advisor, and a faculty participant in professionalism sessions for 1Ls.
- Initiated “Law, Medicine & Movies,” a series of screenings of movies that raise medico-legal and/or bioethical issues followed by moderated discussions among participants and experts.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
Visiting Associate Professor of Law

August 2007 – May 2008
Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.A.

Duties & Accomplishments:

- Taught health law, public health law and policy, bioethics and the law, and administrative law.
- Mentored first-year law students. Advised other law students.
- Initiated and served as faculty advisor for Drake Health Law Society.
- Assisted with the establishment of joint degree programs, J.D./M.H.A. and J.D./M.P.H., between Drake University Law School and Des Moines University.
- Affiliated, as a visiting faculty member, with the Drake Intellectual Property Law Center.
- Engaged in outreach efforts with the Iowa health care and health insurance communities. Served as a health law and bioethics resource for the Drake, Des Moines, and Iowa communities, and beyond.
- Conducted research, writing, and presentations in areas of interest and expertise.

INSTITUTE ON BIOTECHNOLOGY AND THE HUMAN FUTURE
Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago-Kent College of Law
Executive Director

August 2005 – July 2007
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Duties & Accomplishments:

- Coordinated Institute office activities and staffing, and developed policies, procedures, protocols and systems for Institute operations. Hired and mentored research assistants. Conducted staff meetings.
- Planned and managed Institute events, projects, web site, and publications.
- Provided grant development and oversight, including grant writing, grant management, and institutional review board compliance.
- Participated in strategic planning, budgeting, reporting, and other development activities for the Institute.
- Conducted legal and other research, as well as rendered analysis, related to the Institute’s initiatives.
- Served as a liaison with various Institute constituencies and represent the Institute at various events.
- Conducted individual academic research, including invited papers and presentations.
- Provided lectures, student mentoring, and course assistance for law school courses associated with Institute.

CENTER ON NANOTECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY
Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago-Kent College of Law
Associate Director

August 2005 – July 2007
Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Duties & Accomplishments:

- Coordinated Center office activities and staffing, and developed policies, procedures, protocols and systems for Center operations. Hired and mentored research assistants. Conducted staff meetings.
- Planned and managed Center events, projects, web site, and publications.
- Provided grant development and oversight, including grant writing, grant management, and institutional review board compliance.
- Participated in strategic planning, budgeting, reporting, and other development activities for the Center.
- Conducted legal and other research, as well as rendered analysis, related to the Center’s initiatives.
- Served as a liaison with various Center constituencies and represent the Center at various events.

- Conducted individual academic research, including invited papers and presentations.
- Provided lectures, student mentoring, and course assistance for law school courses associated with Center.

FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH ABROAD

September 2004 – May 2005

Queen's University Centre for Health Services and Policy Research

Kingston, Ontario, Canada

Visiting Fulbright Scholar

Accomplishments:

- Conducted an ethics board-approved comparative study of Canadian and U.S. academic-affiliated health policy centers. Presented project findings to relevant Canadian audiences, including the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation's Network of Applied Health Services Research Centre Directors and various Canadian health policy centers. Received invitations to present poster sessions on project results at various international conferences. Wrote research-related reports and articles for placement in peer-reviewed academic journals, including the inaugural issue of *Healthcare Policy*, the Canadian journal on health policy issues.
- Successfully applied for a Fulbright Mobility Initiative Grant that enabled site visits to selected Canadian health policy centers. Obtained a first-hand view of different center models. Engaged in knowledge-transfer efforts by sharing project findings directly with the leadership and staff of visited centers.
- Assisted in selected Centre projects with health policy and legal aspects.

OTHER LEGAL & HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE

SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI

July 2003 – July 2004

Judicial Law Clerk

Jefferson City, Missouri, U.S.A.

Duties:

- Drafted transfer, writ, and motion memoranda. Researched various areas of law. Assisted with researching, drafting, and proofreading opinions.

ASPEN LAW & BUSINESS PUBLISHING

April 2004 – August 2004

Freelance Editor

Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Duties:

- Compared cases in legal casebooks to drafted briefs for *Casenote Legal Briefs* series.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

May 1999 – August 1999

Health Resources & Services Administration, Center for Quality

Rockville, Maryland, U.S.A.

Summer Fellow

Accomplishments:

- Developed an Internet-based web site for the Center and trained staff on how to maintain it.
- Selected as the Center representative on the HHS Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Group and participated in multi-agency senior staff briefings.
- Created mission-critical documents for the Center, including initiative crosswalks and fact sheets.

MISSOURI ADVANTAGE, L.L.C.

December 1996 – June 1998

Compliance/Corporate Planner

Jefferson City, Missouri, U.S.A.

Accomplishments:

- Gained approval for and implemented a point-of-service offering, including negotiation of an indemnification agreement with a stop-loss carrier. Received approval on health plan products and documents by maintaining working relationships with federal and state regulatory agencies, including the Health Care Financing Administration, the Missouri Department of Insurance and the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan.
- Brought offerings into compliance with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and Missouri House Bill 335.
- Spearheaded, completed, and presented strategic planning documents, including a three-year business plan, a strategic expansion plan, a business recovery plan, and a Medicare risk-contracting plan.

“Popular” Publications

Michele Mekel, *Lessons on Health Care Reform from the Hospital*, THE SOUTHERN ILLINOISIAN, (Oct. 8, 2009), available at http://www.thesouthern.com/news/opinion/article_1eeb5ee0-b3c3-11de-a96c-001cc4c03286.html?mode=story.

Michele Mekel, *Health-care Reform Won't Mean We Can Have It All, at Little Cost*, THE DES MOINES REGISTER, (Aug. 30, 2007), available at <http://desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070830/OPINION01/708300359/1035/OPINION>.

Michele Mekel, *Early Lessons from Second Life: A Study in Reality*, THE HUMAN FUTURE (Summer 2007) (electronic newsletter), available at <http://www.thehumanfuture.org/commentaries/>.

Michele Mekel, *Big Stakes Behind Nano Communication*, NANO & SOCIETY (Summer 2006) (electronic newsletter), available at <http://www.nano-and-society.org/commentaries/>.

Michele Mekel & Stephen Ten Eyck, *The Trouble with Transhumanism*, (Feb. 2007), available at <http://www.thehumanfuture.org>.

Michele Mekel & Stephen Ten Eyck, *The National Nanotechnology Initiative: An Overview*, (Feb. 2007), available at <http://www.nano-and-society.org>.

Michele Mekel, *In Bioethics, Job Security is NOT Necessarily a Good Thing – for Humanity*, THE HUMAN FUTURE (Feb. 2007) (electronic newsletter), available at <http://www.thehumanfuture.org/commentaries/>.

Michele Mekel, *Art, Science, and Law: Fostering the Public Discourse on “Body Worlds,”* THE HUMAN FUTURE (Feb. 2007) (electronic newsletter), available at <http://www.thehumanfuture.org/commentaries/>.

Michele Mekel, *Taking the Nano Pulse: National Research Council Releases Triennial NNI Review*, NANO & SOCIETY (Oct. 2006) (electronic newsletter), available at <http://www.nano-and-society.org/commentaries/>.

Michele Mekel, *Through the Looking Glass: Nano Standards and Regulations Must Mirror Society's Values*, NANO & SOCIETY (Sept. 2006) (electronic newsletter), available at <http://www.nano-and-society.org/commentaries/>.

Michele Mekel, *IBHF Commentary*, THE HUMAN FUTURE (July 2006) (electronic newsletter), available at <http://www.thehumanfuture.org/commentaries/>.

Michele Mekel, *Civil Engagement Versus Social Engineering: What Can Be Learned from NanoJury UK*, 2 NANOLOGUES 5 (2006) (also reprinted in NANO & SOCIETY (Apr. 2006) (electronic newsletter)), available at <http://www.nano-and-society.org/commentaries/>.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic & Scholarly Lectures & Talks

Guest Lecturer on Medical Malpractice Law. Physician Assistant Program, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, June 17, 2011, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A.

Guest Lecturer on Writing Publication-quality Legal Research Articles. Securities Regulation Senior Seminar, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale School of Law, June 7, 2011, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A.

Moderator. 13th Annual SIH/SIU Health Policy Institute, May 21, 2011, Southern Illinois University—Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A.

Faculty Presentation on Academic Poster Presentations. Faculty Development Lecture, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale School of Law, May 3, 2011, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A.

Poster Presentation. “Legal Approaches for Increasing Organ Donation Rates—A Multi-national Review,” 8th Annual Meeting Research Town Meeting and Fair, April 12, 2011, Southern Illinois University—Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A. (co-authored with Wayne Paris).

Poster Presentation. “Legal Approaches for Increasing Organ Donation Rates—A Multi-national Review,” 51st Annual Meeting of the American College of Legal Medicine, February 24-27, 2011, Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A. (co-authored with Wayne Paris).

“How to Become a Law Professor.” Illinois State Bar Association, December 9, 2010, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. (co-presented with Paul McGreal and Lucian Dervan).

“Legal Approaches for Increasing Organ Donation Rates—A Multi-national Review,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Transplant Social Workers, October 20-22, 2010, Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A. (co-authored with and presented by Wayne Paris).

Guest Lecturer on Medical Malpractice Law. Physician Assistant Program, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, School of Law, June 29, 2010, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A.

Guest Lecturer on Tort Law at the Nexus of Constitutional Law. Supreme Court Decisions Senior Seminar, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale School of Law, June 15, 2010, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A.

Poster Session Presentation. “The Law and Organ Transplantation: An Assessment of International Perspectives and Approaches,” 7th Annual Research Town Meeting and Fair, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, April 19, 2010, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A. (co-authored with Wayne Paris).

Discussion Group Co-chair on End-of-life Decisions. “Aging is an Asset for Health Promotion.” Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Center for Health Law and Policy, November 23, 2009, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A.

Guest Lecturer on Genetics, Law, and Bioethics. Human Genetics Course, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, November 16, 2009, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A.

Guest Lecturer on Human Subjects Research and Genetics. Health Care Law & Ethics Course, Des Moines University Master’s of Health Care Administration, February 28, 2008, Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.A.

Panelist. “From Science Fiction to Science Fact: What Pharmaceutical Innovation, Consumer Choices and the ‘Politicization’ of Public Health Concerns Say About Society.” “Technology and Character in Fact, Fiction and Philosophy.” 2008 Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, April 2008, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Guest Lecturer. “Health Care and Social Justice: A Law & Policy Analysis.” Drake University Master’s of Public Administration Program, February 13, 2008, Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.A.

Opening Session Panelist. “SiCKO” Panel Discussion. 2007 Innovation and Leadership Conference, Drake University Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, November 16, 2007, Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.A.

Presenter on “Brave New Technology” Panel. “Hype, Hope, or Horror: The Public and Emerging Technologies.” Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), 2006 Annual Meeting, November 2, 2006, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Guest Lecturer. “Nano Dialogue: Public Engagement or Social Engineering?.” Nanotechnology and Society Course, Chicago-Kent College of Law, October 25, 2006, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Panel Presenter. “Nano-Bio Roundtable.” Chicago-Kent College of Law, October 11, 2006, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Poster Session Presentation Acceptance. “A Comparative Study of Canadian and U.S. Academic-linked Health Policy Centers.” The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States 18th Biennial Conference, November 16-20, 2005, St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A. (co-authored with Sam E.D. Shortt).

Poster Session Presentation Acceptance. “A Comparative Study of Canadian and U.S. Academic-linked Health Policy Research Centers.” 6th International Conference on the Scientific Basis of Health Services, September 18-20, 2005, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (co-authored with Sam E.D. Shortt).

Poster Session Presentation. “A Comparative Study of Canadian and U.S. Academic-linked Health Policy Research Centers.” AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, June 27, 2005, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (co-authored with Sam E. D. Shortt).

Guest Presenter. “Study of Canadian Academic Health Policy Research Centres: Overview of Final Project Results with a Comparison to U.S. Findings” (Presentation of Final Results). Community Health Sciences Seminar. Centre for Health and Policy Studies, University of Calgary, March 18, 2005, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Guest Presenter. “Study of Canadian Academic Health Policy Research Centres: Overview of Final Project Results with a Comparison to U.S. Findings” (Presentation of Final Results). Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, University of Manitoba, March 15, 2005, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Guest Presenter. “Study of Canadian Health Policy Centres: Project Overview with a Comparison to U.S. Findings” (Presentation of Preliminary Results). Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, Queen’s University, December 14, 2004, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Lead Meeting Presenter. “Study of Canadian Health Policy Centres: Project Introduction & Overview with a Comparison to U.S. Findings” (Presentation of Preliminary Results). Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, Network of Applied Health Services Research Centre Directors, November 29, 2004, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Professional & Public Lectures & Talks

Panelist. Legal Professions Panel. Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity – Southern Illinois School of Law Chapter, November 10, 2009, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A.

Presenter. “From the Ivory Tower to the Real World: Some Thoughts on Healthcare Reform.” Carbondale KIWANIS Club, February 16, 2009, Carbondale, Illinois, U.S.A.

Presenter. “Health Law & Policy: A Focus on Health Care Reform.” “All About Health – 2008.” Kelley Insurance Center & The Des Moines Area Association of Health Underwriters, April 17, 2008, Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.A.

Presenter. “Health Law & Policy: Headlines, Highlights and Hot Topics.” Drake University Law School 2007 General Practice Review, December 12, 2007, Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.A.

Guest Speaker. “Reality’s ‘Bitter Pill’: Considering the Problems of and Possibilities for Health Care Reform – Part I.” Des Moines Lions Club, November 1, 2007, Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.A.

Panelist. “Reality’s ‘Bitter Pill’: Considering the Problems of and Possibilities for Health Care Reform.” “Health Care Reform Panel.” Federation Forum – State Legislative and Regulatory Affairs: An Update, Federation of Iowa Insurers, October 31, 2007, Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.A.

Panel Moderator. “Risky Business? Risk Perception and Nano Business.” Chicago Nano Forum, March 21, 2007, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Panel Moderator. “The Spotless Mind? Policy, Ethics and the Future of Human Intelligence.” Institute on Biotechnology and the Human Future, February 16, 2007, National Press Club, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Panel Moderator. Humanism in an Age of “Enhancement”: A Critical Response to “Body Worlds.” Institute on Biotechnology and the Human Future, January 24, 2007, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Panel Moderator. Eugenics and Emerging Technologies Conference. Institute on Biotechnology and the Human Future, November 10, 2006, National Press Club, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Presenter. Town Hall Meeting. 2006 International Congress of Nanotechnology, October 31, 2006, San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

Moderator. “Big Issues & Small Science: Addressing the Socially Responsible Development of Nanotechnology.” Chicago Nano Form, October 5, 2006, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Presenter. “Putting Pen to Paper and Getting Published.” Institute on Biotechnology and the Human Future, Chicago-Kent College of Law, October 4, 2006, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Co-organizer of and presenter on “NABIS Town Hall Meeting.” Nano & Bio in Society (NABIS) Conference, August 10, 2006, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Guest Presenter. “Nano & Society – Setting the NELSI Agenda.” NanoQuebec, July 20, 2006, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Moderator/Interviewer. “Keynote Interviews at the Nanoscale: Confronting Nano Business Risks.” Converging Technologies Bar Association Legal Tutorial, NanoBusiness 2006 Conference, May 18, 2006, New York, New York, U.S.A.

Presenter. “Setting the Agenda for Nanoethics” Panel. “‘Nanobabble’ & Beyond: Making Sense of the ‘Nanosphere.’” Nanotechnology in Society’s Context – Nano & Bio in Society Conference. McCormick Place, March 29, 2006, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Moderator. “Legal and Regulatory Issues Related to Nanotechnology” Panel. “The Next Little Thing: Nano, Business and Society for the 21st Century.” Chicago-Kent College of Law, March 9, 2006, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Presenter. “Institute on Biotechnology and the Human Future 2006 Fellows’ Consultation: Overview of Projects & Upcoming Events.” Institute on Biotechnology and the Human Future Fellows’ Consultation. February 11, 2006, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Break-out Session Facilitator/Group Leader. “Building Communities through Sport, Culture and the Arts.” Canada-U.S. Exchange Alumni Conference, April 9, 2005, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Continuing Legal Education Discussion Panelist. “Practical Tips for Appellate Brief Writing.” Missouri Bar Spring Committee Meetings, May 7, 2004, Jefferson City, Missouri, U.S.A.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & DESIGNATIONS

Faculty Advisor, *The Journal of Legal Medicine*.

Member, Southern Illinois University Center for Health Law and Policy.

Member, Technical Program Committee for the International Workshop on Wireless Body Area Networks for mHealth (WiBAN) 2012.

Member, American College of Legal Medicine.

Member, American Health Lawyers Association.

Member, American Bar Association.

Member, Missouri Bar Association.

Former Reviewer (for law/ethics-related articles), *IEEE Transactions on Professional Communication*.

Former Associate Editor, *Nanotechnology Law & Business*.