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### EDUCATION

**New York University School of Law**, New York, NY

*Juris Scientiae Doctor*

**May, 2004**

- Dissertation Topic: Concurrent jurisdiction of state and federal courts in the context of the Constitution's admiralty clause.

*LL.M.*: General Legal Studies

**May, 1996**

- Concentrations in Trade Regulation and Private International Law

**Northwestern University School of Law**, Chicago, IL

*Juris Doctor*

**May, 1991**

- Dean's List

**Regent's College**, London, UK

- London Law Program

**Spring Semester, 1991**

**The Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, MD

*Ph.D. Program*: Classics

- Concentrations in Ancient History, Archaeology and Linguistics

*Bachelor of Arts*: Classics

### PUBLICATIONS

*Development of Competition Policy in the People's Republic of China*, 28 N.Y.U. J. Int'l L. & Pol. 575 (1996)

*Controlling Restrictive Business Practices in Global Markets: Reflections on the Concepts of Sovereignty, Fairness, and Comity*, 33 Stan. J. Int'l L. 215 (1997)

JOHN E. HALL, PRACTICE AND JURISDICTION OF THE COURT OF ADMIRALTY (1809; critical ed., Steven L. Snell trans. & ed., Ann Arbor: Scholars' Facsimiles & Reprints, 2004) [ISBN: 0-8201-1545-2]

*International Transportation Law*, 40 Int'l Law. 405 (2006) (co-author)

COURTS OF ADMIRALTY AND THE COMMON LAW: ORIGINS OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT IN CONCURRENT JURISDICTION (Durham: Carolina Academic Press, 2007) [ISBN: 978-1-59460-173-6]

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**American University, Washington College of Law**

**Washington, D.C.**

Adjunct Professor

**2007-Present**

- Teaching *Law of the Sea* (Law-721), tracing the evolution of twenty-first century public international law of the sea through its partial codification in an assortment of multilateral agreements – including the United Nations' Convention on Law of the Sea. Topics addressed include freedom of navigation on the high seas, the limits on port-state jurisdiction over foreign vessels, the obligations of flag-states in maintaining their registries of vessels, the scope of coastal nations' power to regulate activities in their respective territorial waters, "contiguous zones", and "exclusive economic zones", and the regulation of living and nonliving resources both in the ocean and on the continental shelf.

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (continued)

- Teaching *Admiralty* (Law-603), tracing the history and scope of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction and examining both admiralty procedure and current substantive maritime law – including that relating to charterparties, carriage of cargo, general average, salvage, collision, marine insurance, limitation of liability, and maritime liens.

*Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law*

Washington, D.C.

Adjunct Professor

2018-Present

- Teaching *Law of the Sea* (Catalog 566A), exploring the international community's efforts to define and regulate a "global commons" as the "common heritage of mankind." Through examination of both various treaties (including the United Nations' Convention on Law of the Sea and 1958 Continental Shelf Convention) and customary international law, the course addresses the regulatory regime governing the world's oceans. Topics covered include delimitation of a nation's territorial sea, "contiguous zone", and "exclusive economic zone", regulation of nations' ports and internal waters, regulation of straits, archipelagic waters, the high seas and seabed beneath them (the "Area"), and the right of innocent passage. Specific issues highlighted include the nationality of vessels and flag-state jurisdiction, conservation of fish-stocks, deep-seabed mining, protection of the environment, and suppression of piracy. The course also examines the role of various international bodies, including the International Tribunal on Law of the Sea and the International Seabed Authority, in enforcing public international law of the sea.

*The Johns Hopkins University, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences*

Baltimore, MD

Adjunct Professor, *Environmental Sciences and Policy Program*

2016-Present

- Designed an interdisciplinary graduate-level course on *Maritime Law and the Environment*, examining the international regulatory regime for protection of the resources of the world's oceans. Issues addressed include coastal states' power to regulate navigation and commercial activities within their respective territorial waters, their power to establish regimes for protecting living resources in their respective "exclusive economic zones", and the legal mechanisms available for nations acting collectively to preserve the environment in those portions of the oceans located beyond coastal-state jurisdiction.

Adjunct Professor, *Department of Political Science*

2016-2017

- Taught *Constitutional Law* (AS.190.334) focusing on civil rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights – as well as rights grounded in the Fourteenth Amendment, the "blessings of liberty" in the Preamble, and those penumbral rights recognized in decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science

2007

- Taught *Anglo-American Legal History* (Political Science 191.405), covering legal theory and the development of the common law from its medieval origins in England through American practice in the twentieth-century.

*Bryn Mawr College*

Philadelphia, PA

Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science

2017-2018

- Taught *Topics in Constitutional Law and Theory: First Amendment and Equality* (POLS B220-001), addressing theories Constitutional interpretation, with special emphasis on freedom of the press, and on freedoms of speech, assembly, association, and religious belief as protected by the First Amendment.

*George Washington University, Department of Political Science*

Washington, D.C.

Visiting Professor

2011 - 2017

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- Taught *The Politics of Justice* (PSC 2992), exploring both the manner in which various theoretical approaches address issues of procedural justice and distributive justice and the manner in which justice is manifest in the political world and public policy – including such issues as rule of law and judicial decision-making.

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (continued)

- Taught *Introduction to International Law* (PSC 2444), tracing the origins of modern customary international law, examining the structure of the United Nations and the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, and exploring the role of international law both in regulating relations among nations and in providing mechanisms for nations' regulation of international commerce through bilateral and multilateral agreements.
- Taught *Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties* (PSC 2215), examining civil liberties as protected under the Constitution of the United States, including freedom of speech and freedom of the press – as well as freedom of thought, belief, and association. The course also addresses the right to privacy, the rights of those accused of crimes, and the rights and protections secured by the two clauses of the First Amendment relating to religious liberty – the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause.

*Georgetown University, Department of Liberal Studies*

**Washington, D.C.**

Adjunct Professor

**2011-2014**

- Taught *International Law* (BLHV 243 01), addressing the development of modern international law from its origins in the seventeenth century to the present - with emphasis on the sources of substantive public international law, the structure of the United Nations, and the concept of “*ius cogens*” - in the context of human rights protections, management of resources in global commons, and regulation of commerce in global markets.
- Taught *Constitutional Law* (BLHS 2270 01), with an emphasis on the Bill of Rights and those rights secured under the Fourteenth Amendment.
- Taught *Justice: Domestic and Global Perspectives* (BLHV 275 01), examining theories of procedural and distributive justice – as well as multilateral agreements protecting human rights, “*ius cogens*” norms, competing theoretical approaches for reducing poverty in developing nations, and strategies for promoting corporate social responsibility in a global economy.

## EXPERIENCE

*Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal*

**New York, NY**

Attorney

**1995-1997**

- Drafted memoranda, participated in discovery, and reviewed and analyzed documents in preparation for taking depositions in a class action involving business practices in the insurance industry.

*Bellas & Wachowski*

**Des Plaines, IL**

Consulting Attorney

**1996**

- Prepared agreements facilitating sales by American manufacturers to foreign buyers.
- Assessed the impact of multilateral and bilateral treaties governing international sales of goods upon parties' choice of law. Composed choice-of-law clauses.
- Advised clients regarding various conflict-of-laws issues arising in the drafting of transboundary sales contracts. Counseled clients on the differences between common-law principles of contract law and those of the civil law.
- Provided clients with options available in selecting rules governing commercial arbitration. Drafted arbitration clauses.
- Counseled clients on the provisions in various contracts for carriage of goods by sea.

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- Researched issues arising in the areas of company law, joint-venture law, choice of law, commercial arbitration, tax law, and the law of sales under the domestic law of Pakistan and the Russian Federation.

## EXPERIENCE (continued)

***International Law Clinics: New York University School of Law*** **New York, NY**  
Candidate for LL.M and J.S.D. Degrees **1993-1995**

- Completed a comparative analysis of international trade/shipping regulations at the request of the government of Eritrea. Produced a report to assist the Eritrean government in promulgating trade/shipping legislation.
- At the request of the Canadian Mission to the United Nations, analyzed international custom and practice and authored a report in the field of environmental law to assist in negotiations at the United Nations' Fisheries Convention.

***Haight, Gardner, Poor & Havens*** **New York, NY**  
110 Attorney firm specializing in commercial and maritime law. **1991-1993**  
Associate, Litigation Group

- Drafted claimant's Request for Arbitration and supporting memoranda of law in preparation for arbitral proceedings conducted under the auspices of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce.
- Wrote briefs for submission to both federal and state appellate courts. Assisted in taking depositions.
- Researched, analyzed and drafted memoranda of law in the areas of commercial law, antitrust, aviation law, admiralty, and environmental law.

***Semmes, Bowen & Semmes*** **Baltimore, MD**  
150 Attorney general practice firm. **1990**  
Summer Associate

- Researched and wrote memoranda on issues arising in antitrust, insurance contracts, admiralty, and general commercial litigation.

***United States Department of Justice*** **Washington, D.C.**  
Summer Program **1989**

- Assigned to the *Exxon Valdez* matter. Assessed the Federal Government's legal position in regard to a major oil spill within U.S. territorial waters.
- Compiled legislative histories of the Water Quality Improvement Act (WQIA), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA), and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act (TAPAA). Examined the issue of shipowner's limitation of liability under both WQIA and TAPAA, as well as under the Shipowners' Limitation of Liability Act.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

### American Bar Association

- Antitrust Section
- Section of International Law
  - Vice-Chairman: International Transportation Committee (2004-2005; 2010-Present)
  - Co-Chairman: International Transportation Committee (2005-2008)
  - Vice-Chairman: Art and Cultural Heritage Law Committee (2015-Present)

### The Selden Society

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### International Law Association: American Branch

- Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Committee
- Law of the Sea Committee

### Maritime Law Association of the United States: Proctor in Admiralty

- Committee on Uniformity of Maritime Law
- Committee on International Organizations, Conventions, and Standards

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Moderator:** “The Costs of Lawlessness: Commercial and Economic Responses to Piracy,” Founders’ Celebration Conference – “Troubled Waters: Combating Maritime Piracy with the Rule of Law” (sponsored by the American University Law Review: Washington, D.C., March 31, 2010)
- **Brief Judge:** Annual Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition (sponsored by the University of Texas Law School: Charleston, SC, March 26-28, 2009; New Orleans, LA, February 25-27, 2010)
- **Moderator:** “Piracy: An International Problem in Search of a Solution,” Fall Meeting of the American Bar Association, Section of International Law (Miami, FL, October 29, 2009)
- **Speaker:** “Admiralty and Federalism Revisited: State Remedies in the Wake of *Yamaha Motor Corp. v. Calhoun*,” Spring Meeting of the Maritime Law Association of the United States (New York, NY, May 2, 2008)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (continued)

- **Moderator:** “A Trade Lawyer’s Guide to the New UNICTRAL Convention Governing Carriage of Goods by Sea,” Spring Meeting of the American Bar Association, Section of International Law (New York, NY, April 4, 2008)

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- District of Columbia

## COURT ADMISSIONS

United States Court of International Trade

United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

United States Supreme Court

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### **REFERENCES**

#### **Jerome A. Cohen**

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