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Member: Canadian Bar Association, Law Society of Alberta and the Law Society of South Australia. The American Journalism Historians Association.

Education

LL.M. University of Calgary.

J.D. University of Adelaide, Australia.

M.A. (History) University of Guelph.

B.A. (English Literature) University of Toronto.

Academic Career

Associate Professor, University of Arizona 2017 to date.

- Lecture in Broadcast Journalism and Media Law.

Legal Career

Barrister & Solicitor, Ellwand Law 2015-2017.

- Litigated all criminal matters including appeals.

Barrister & Solicitor, RuttanBates, Calgary 2012-2015.

- Litigated primarily criminal cases. Supreme Court of Canada (*R v Pappas* April 2013), Alberta Court of Appeal (*R v Chan*, 2012 ABCA 250).

Articling Student, Tiro Clarke, Calgary 2011-2012.

- Focused on mortgages, wills, lawsuits, examinations and court work.

Summer Law Clerk, DLA Phillips Fox, Adelaide, Australia 2008-2009.

- Prepared research and correspondence for this large international firm.

Legal Awards

Mactaggart Essay Prize in Environmental Law 2010. 2nd Place (National competition).

Law Foundation of South Australia Essay Contest. 2009. 1st Place.

Journalism

Teaching

2001-2007 - (Part-time) Journalism Lecturer - Western University (London, ON).

- Taught radio documentary writing, editing and production to graduate students in the Master of Journalism program.

1993-1996 - (Part-time) Journalism Instructor – Connestoga College Institute of Technology (Kitchener, ON).

- Taught basics of newsgathering, newswriting and copy editing.

Practice

2012 – 2019 – Western Correspondent for *Canadian Lawyer* magazine.

2010-2012 - (Part-time) Reporter CBC Radio/TV News Calgary & Yellowknife.

2007/8/9 – Freelance - Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Delivered major Australian news stories to the CBC.

1989-2007 - Reporter/Editor Canadian Broadcasting Corporation – Toronto.

2001-2007 - Morning radio reporter CBC Toronto.

2006 – Special CBC correspondent, Tokyo.

1989 – 2001 - Editor and reporter with CBC's national news service.

1992-1996 CBC National Reporter on the Bernardo/Homolka murder case.

1992/1996 -CBC News reporter Barcelona & Atlanta Olympic

1988 – Freelance Seoul Olympics

1988-1989 – Correspondent for *Maclean's Magazine* in Tokyo.

1985-1988 - Reporter/Editor CBC Radio Winnipeg

1985 – Writer *Western Report Magazine*.

Special Projects

2008/9 – Part-time Consultant Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) -

Monitored editorial content as part of ABC's Accuracy Project.

1994 - *From Crime to Time* – With the assistance of the CBC Legal Department I prepared a practical in-house guide for CBC journalists on reporting/editing crime stories.

Scholarly Papers

2014 - An Analysis of Canada's Most Famous Holograph Will: How a Saskatchewan Farmer Scratched His Way into Legal History – *Saskatchewan Law Review* 77 Sask. L. Rev. <https://litigation-essentials.lexisnexis.com/webcd/app?action=DocumentDisplay&crawlid=1&doctype=cite&docid=77+Sask.+L.+Rev.+1&srctype=smi&srcid=3B15&key=a48408cec14b038dc4ed1e0b1647bc591>

2011 – “Safe and enjoyable and reasonable use”: Of public space, public fighting and Edmonton's defence of its Public Places Bylaw – *Ablawg.ca* <http://ablawg.ca/2011/11/18/%E2%80%9Csafe-and-enjoyable-and-reasonable-use%E2%80%9D-of-public-space-public-fighting-and-edmonton%E2%80%99s-defence-of-its-public-places-bylaw/>

2009 – My ball: who owns the cricket ball once it crosses the boundary? [2009] *ANZSportsLawJl* 5; (2009) 4(1) *Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Journal* 82 <http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/journals/ANZSportsLawJl/2009/5.html>

1997 - The Mercury Rising. James Innis: The "honesty of purpose and sound judgment" of a Victorian journalist - M.A. Thesis http://amicus.collectionscanada.ca/s4-bin/Main/ItemDisplay?l=0&l_ef_1=1&id=757228.237470&v=1&lvl=1&coll=18&rt=1&rsn=S_WWWufajbWemg&all=1&dt=NW+|Geoffrey|+AND+|Ellwand|&spi=-&rp=1&vo=1

Volunteer Work

Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission, 2018 - Present

- Commissioner

Calgary Defence Lawyers Association, 2012-2017

- Member Police Committee

Board Member, City of Calgary Heritage Authority, 2014-2017

- Advised Calgary City Council on urban heritage matters.

Chair, Great Divide Trail Association, 2014-2017

- Board member and trail builder for this wilderness hikers' group.

Canadian Bar Association, Alberta Branch, Calgary 2012-2017

- Editorial Committee, *Law Matters* quarterly magazine.

Law Society of South Australia 2008-09

- Member of board overseeing the Law Society's monthly magazine.

Board Member, Roma Mitchell Legal Centre, Adelaide, Australia 2007-09

- Assisted lawyers providing *pro bono* advice to the public.

Recent speaking engagements

- Calgary Heritage Authority, Lions Awards – July 2016

- Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre, University of Calgary – January 2015

- Panel discussion, "The Reasonable Limits on Free Expression in Canada: Preview of *American Freedom Defence Initiative v City of Edmonton*."

- University of Saskatchewan, College of Law – October 2013

- Speech, *The Tractor Fender Will: Prairie practicality writ large*

Interviews

Fall 2019 - History Lab - <https://historylab.net/>

Assisted Australian broadcaster with hour-long podcast on the "Tractor Fender Will".

Interests beyond Journalism/Law

History, hiking, rugby (played for Canada and professionally in France).

Part-time soldier in Canadian Army (Reserve) for three years.

Recent Journalism (a selection)

- Jan 2019, *Canadian Lawyer*, "Saskatchewan keeps at-risk partners in the loop"
- Aug 2018, *Canadian Lawyer*, "Tough new impaired laws raise concern in West"
- Aug 2018, *Canadian Lawyer*, "USask College of Law Opens Door Even Wider"
- Aug 2017, *Law Matters*, "150 Years of Alberta Law"
- July 2017, *Canadian Lawyer*, "Hard look at paralegals"
- April 2017, *Canadian Lawyer*, "Anti-fracker splits Supreme Court"
- March 2017, *Canadian Lawyer*, "Fix for big Family Law problem?"
- Jan 2017, *Canadian Lawyer*, "Language, culture drive Nunavut law program"
- Oct 2016, *Canadian Lawyer*, "Gay Martyr"
- Sept 2016, *Canadian Lawyer*, "Warrantless Search"
- August 2016, *Canadian Lawyer*, "The Rise and Fall of the Law Library"