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Seton Hall University, School of Law; *Professor of Law* (1971 – Present)

Subjects include: United States Constitutional Law, International Law, International Human Rights, International Criminal Law, International Organizations, Comparative Law, Gender and the Law, Communications Law, Evidence

Seton Hall University, School of Law; *Dean* (1983 – 1988)

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Naples, *Distinguished Chair in Civil and Common Law* (Fulbright Award 2003).

St. John's University, School of Law; *Visiting Professor* (Spring 1990)  
International Law, International Criminal Law, Constitutional Law

University of Milan; *Visiting Professor* (1996)  
International Law

Columbia University, Center for the Study of Human Rights; *Visiting Scholar* (1989)  
International Human Rights.

St. Louis University, School of Law; *Visiting Professor* (1988)  
Constitutional Law; Advanced Seminar on Individual Rights

Temple Law School Abroad; *Visiting Professor* (1981 & 1982)  
Rome, Italy, Summer Program; Comparative Constitutional Law and Comparative Individual Rights.

Fulbright-Hays Senior Lectureship to Iran and India, *Lecturer* (1978 – 1979)  
Inter alia, at University of Bombay, Nehru University, University of New Delhi, Center for Constitutional Studies, Indian Law Institute, India; Damavant College, Teheran, Iran.

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (Partial Listing)

New Jersey Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Council on International Affairs (1993 – Present)

Special Committee on the United Nations, *Chair* (2002 – 2006)

Committee on European Affairs (1998 – Present)

International Law Committee (1993 – 1994); *Chair* (1995 – 1998)

Committee on National Security and Military Affairs (1989 – 1993)

American Bar Association, member of Steering Committee

Member of Blue Ribbon Task Force on Terrorism

American Society of International Law

American Law Institute, (1989 – Present)

Association of American Law Schools, *Chairperson of Section of Women in Legal Education*

Columbus Citizens Foundation, *Officer* (1986 – 1992)

American Branch of International Law Association, *Co-chair International Law Weekend* (1994)

#### AWARDS (Partial Listing)

Fulbright Hays Scholarships

Fulbright Hays award, Distinguished Chair in Civil and Common Law, University of Naples

Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Scholar to Russia, Armenia and Italy

Senior Fulbright Lectureship, Iran – India

Fulbright Scholarship, University of Milan

United States Information Service - Certificate of Achievement - Outstanding Contribution for Democracy Building/Armenia

St. John's University - Honorary Doctor of Law

American Committee on Italian Migration, Achievement Award

N.J. General Assembly Resolution for Contribution to the State of New Jersey

Ford Foundation Fellowship in Urban Affairs

Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship

#### INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (Partial Listing)

Seton Hall University School of Law, *Director of Law in Italy Program* (2001)

United Nations Office of Human Rights, *Legal Expert* (2000)  
Constitutional Revision in Guinea Bissau

Armenia, *Legal Expert Consultant* (1999)

Legal Education Reform in Armenia

**Gaza and West Bank, *Legal Expert Consultant* (1998)**

Requested by USAID funded organization to assess feasible options for Rule of Law Programming in Gaza and West Bank; report submitted to USAID Mission to West Bank and Gaza. Visited law schools, courts, bar associations and met with private lawyers and Government officials

**Macedonia, *Member of Advisory Group to Central Government of Macedonia Project* (1997 – 1998)**

Reviewed and commented on draft legislation relating to government and public administration. Purpose was to assure that democratic values of openness, transparency and public participation are included in new legislation. Reviewed and commented on the Law on Government, Law on Public Administration, Civil Service Law and Law on Administrative Disputes. The project was funded by USAID through the Institution for Public Administration

**Cairo, Egypt, *Professor* (Summer 1998)**

Taught International Criminal Law at the Seton Hall Law School at the American University in Cairo, Egypt

**Armenia, *Legal Expert for OSCE Election Mission - Armenia* (March 1998)**

Advised with respect to legal issues arising during the course of Armenian Presidential Election

**Armenia, *OSCE Chair* (January 1997)**

Chaired team of experts to investigate disputed election in Armenia and make suggestions for improvement of elections and redraft of election law

**Azerbaijan, *Legal expert for OSCE* (1996)**

Taught workshops on Judicial Independence and Professionalism; Participants included Minister of Justice, Foreign Affairs, Chief Justice and Vice President of Azerbaijan

**Tajikistan, *Legal Expert* (1996)**

OSCE conference on integration of human rights norms in domestic decision making and independence of the judiciary

**Moscow, Russia, *Legal Expert* (1996)**

Taught professional training program on international standards of the judiciary for judges of the Supreme Court of Russia

**Turkmenistan, *Legal Expert* (1995)**

Taught area workshop on drafting human rights legislation for legislators

**UN Conference on Women in Beijing, China, *NGO Delegate and Official Delegate to UN World Conference on Women*, (1995)**

Representing the Association of the Bar of the City of New York

**World Congress on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria, *NGO Delegate* (1995)**

**Armenia, *Advisor to Government*, (1992 – 1995)**

On Drafting the Armenian Constitution

**United States Information Agency, *Ampart Program*, (1977 – Present)**

Conducted present workshops, lectured and met with Governmental Officials and Community Leaders in, *inter alia*, Bangladesh, Egypt, Germany, Italy, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Nepal, Uganda. Subjects included American Constitutional Law, Legal Services and Gender and

the Law

**CIVIC AFFAIRS** (Partial Listing)

The Albert Einstein Institution, *Board of Directors Chairperson* (1990 – Present)

Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, *Board of Directors* (1991-2005)

Urban Development Corporation of New Jersey, *Chair*

Third Circuit Task Force on Equality in the Courts, (1994 – 1998)

New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Gender Bias in the Courts, (1983 – 1995)

Legal Services of New Jersey Trustee, *Executive Committee* (1983 – 1989)

MFY Legal Services, Inc., New York City; *Board of Directors* (1971 – Present), *Chairperson* (1979 – 1981)

New Jersey Constitutional Bicentennial Commissioner (1986 – 1990)

**EDUCATION**

Graduate Institute of International Studies; Geneva, Switzerland  
Invitational Seminar on International Humanitarian Law

Rene Cassin Institute for International Human Rights; Strasbourg, France

New York University, School of Law (L.L.M.); New York, New York  
Ford Foundation Fellowship in Urban Affairs

University of Milan; Milan, Italy  
Fulbright Scholarship. Comparative Due Process.

St. John's University, School of Law; Jamaica, New York  
Juris Doctor

St. John's University, University College; Queens, New York  
Bachelor of Arts, *Cum laude*

**BAR AMISSIONS**

State of New York  
State of New Jersey  
Federal Courts  
United States Court of International Trade  
United States Supreme Court

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

Bedford-Stuyvesant Legal Services Corporation,

Reginald Heber Smith Fellow, Test case litigation in poverty law context

**Carter, Ledyard & Milburn;** New York, New York

Associate, general civil litigation involving complex multi-party litigation

**RCA Corporation;** New York, New York

Staff of General Counsel; general corporate matters.

**United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York;** New York, New York

Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Division

**Department of Justice;** Washington, D.C.

Attorney General's Program for Honor Recruits.

### **PUBLICATIONS** (Partial Listing)

**Targeted Sanctions and Human Rights - Response of the Court of First Instance of the European Union,** FORDHAM INT'L. L.J. Forthcoming 2007.

**Religious Liberty and Protections in Europe,** 45 J. CATH. LEG. STUD. 73 (2006).

**A Constitution for the European Union? A Transatlantic Perspective,** 19 TEMP. INT'L. & COMP. L.J. 351 (2005).

**2004: The European Union's Year of Expansion: A Bill of Rights for the European Union,** 11 ILSA J. INT'L. & COMP. L. 471 (2005).

**The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act and Human Rights,** 8 ILSA J. INT'L. & COMP. L. 363 (2002).

**Elections – A Global Right?,** 19 WIS. INT'L. L.J. 3, 321 (2001).

**Human Rights and the European Union: Who Decide?,** 19 DICK. J. INT'L L., 301 (2001).

**The Treaty of Amsterdam: the Next Step Towards Gender Equality,** 23 B.C. INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 1 (1999).

**Minority Rights and Bi-lateral Instruments - An Effective Mechanism,** 22 HASTINGS INT'L & COMP. L. Rev. 291 (1999).

**Armenian Constitutional Referendum: Towards a Democratic Process,** 9 TEMP. INT'L & COMP. L.J. 269 (1995).

**Constitution Building in Armenia: A Nation Once Again,** 2 PARKER SCH. J.E. EUR. L., (Columbia University) 153 (1995).

**Women's Human Rights: The Twenty-First Century,** 18 FORDHAM INT'L. L.J. 1748 (1995).

**Freedom of Speech and International Norms: A Response to Hate Speech,** 29 STAN. J. INT'L L. 57 (1993).

**An International Human Right: Gender Equality,** 3 J. WOMEN'S LEGAL HIST. 90 (1991).

Women's Legal Rights: International Covenants as Alternative to ERA, Transnational Publications (with Halberstam) (1988).

Justice William Brennan: A Perspective, 16 SETON HALL L. REV. 429 (1986).

### VIDEO PROGRAMS (Partial Listing)

Public International Law: 10-program television series, funded by Department of Education. Released in 1996. Over 400 subscribers, in more than 20 countries. Translated into Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

THE ITALIANS AND THE CREATING OF AMERICA: 3 part television Series funded by the Columbus Citizens Foundation. 1990

FOUR JUSTICES FROM NEW JERSEY AND THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT - Constitutional Bicentennial program funded by inter alia by N.J. Bell, Prudential Insurance, and Whaley Foundation. 1989

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE 3 part television series (with Dr. Gene Sharp; funded by the Department of Education). 1985

Women and the Law, 15-part television course funded by Exxon Educational Foundation and U.S. Department of Education. 1980

### BIOGRAPHICAL LISTING

Who's Who in America

Who's Who in American Law

Who's Who in American Women

Who's Who in Italian Americans