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WORK EXPERIENCE

2015 – present

Comisión de Derechos Civiles de Puerto Rico

Member

2003 – present

University of Puerto Rico Law School

Associate Dean 2015-present

Faculty Research and Development Coordinator, 2014

*Associate Professor 2007-present **

Assistant Professor 2003-2007

**on leave Fall 2007 - Spring 2011 (graduate studies)*

- *Courses:* Copyright Law; Constitutional Law; Cyberlaw; Jurisprudence; Intellectual Property Theory; Privacy and Technology; Constitutional Law Seminar: The Constitution in Cyberspace; Copyright Law and Freedom of Speech in a Digital Context; Administrative Law
- *Projects:* Founder, UPR Law School New Technologies, Intellectual Property and Society Clinic (<http://cyberclinicpr.org>); Co-Lead, Creative Commons Puerto Rico (<http://pr.creativecommons.org>)

July 2012 – December 2012

Puerto Rico Electoral Commission (CEE), Technical Advisory Board

Member

- Evaluates all technical projects and information services at the CEE from a technological and policy standpoint.

2005 - 2007

Department of Justice of Puerto Rico

Special Advisor to the Secretary of Justice

- Constitutional law, administrative law and public policy advisor.

Sample cases: Aponte Hernández v. Acevedo Vilá, 2006 TSPR 24, February 16, 2006 (P.R. S.Ct.); Díaz Saldaña v. Acevedo Vilá, 2005 TSPR 108, June 30, 2006 (P.R. S.Ct.); Commonwealth of Puerto Rico v. United States, 06-2449, ___ F.3d ___ (1st Cir. 2007), 2007WL1723387.

June 2006 – June 2007

Governmental Advisory Committee, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Representative

2002-2003

Department of Justice, Office of the Solicitor General

Assistant Solicitor General

- Appellate litigation. Sample cases: *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Rodríguez*, 322 F.3d 747 (1st Cir 2003); *Badillo-Santiago v. Naviera-Merly*, 378 F.3d 1 (1st Cir. 2004).

2000-2001

Supreme Court of Puerto Rico

Clerk, Hon. Federico Hernández-Denton, Associate Judge.

EDUCATION

2013

New York University

JSD

- Dissertation: *Copyright Law, Personal Use and the First Amendment: A Public Discourse Perspective* (Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Diane L. Zimmerman)

2008

New York University

LL.M.

- Intellectual Property, Innovation Policy, Art Law, Entertainment Law, Cyberlaw
- Research on the intersection between free speech and copyright law

2002

Harvard Law School

LL.M.

- Constitutional law, civil rights litigation, legal theory and history

2000

University of Puerto Rico Law School

Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude

1997

University of Puerto Rico, Faculty of Social Sciences, Río Piedras Campus

B.A., Summa Cum Laude (Political Science)

PUBLICATIONS

EL DERECHO A LA VIDA PRIVADA EN UN ENTORNO DIGITAL Y EL PROBLEMA DE LOS INTERMEDIARIOS (2015), DRAFT SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION (2016)

MERCADOS, PROPIEDAD, EXPRESIÓN Y USO PERSONAL: EL SISTEMA DE DERECHOS DE AUTOR, EN DERECHO, Y CRÍTICA SOCIAL 1(1) 109-138. ISSN 0719-5680 (2015)

ESTADO, RELIGIÓN Y DERECHO: UNA REFLEXIÓN MULTIDISCIPLINARIA, 84 REVISTA JURÍDICA UPR 531 (2015)

EL DERECHO A LA INTIMIDAD, NUEVAS TECNOLOGÍAS Y LA JURISPRUDENCIA DEL JUEZ HERNÁNDEZ DENTON: LO PÚBLICO DE LO PÚBLICO, 83 REVISTA JURÍDICA UPR 1035 (2014)

DERECHO AL DERECHO: UNA APUESTA POR LA DEMOCRATIZACIÓN RADICAL DE LO JURÍDICO, 83 REVISTA JURÍDICA DIGITAL UPR 230 (2014) (CON ÉRIKA FONTÁNEZ TORRES)

DERECHO AL DERECHO: INTERSTICIOS Y GRIETAS DEL PODER JUDICIAL EN PUERTO RICO (WITH ÉRIKA FONTÁNEZ TORRES) (EDITORA EDUCACIÓN EMERGENTE, 2012)

INTERMEDIARIOS Y LIBERTAD DE EXPRESIÓN: APUNTES PARA UNA CONVERSACIÓN (2012), Centro de Estudios en libertad de Expresión y Acceso a la Información, Universidad de Palermo, Buenos Aires

TECNOPOLÍTICA Y DERECHOS DE AUTOR, at EL CONSTITUCIONALISMO EN TRANSICIÓN (2011)

CREATIVE COPYRIGHT FOR CREATIVE BUSINESS, 1 UPR BUSINESS L.J. 137 (2010)

DRM INTEROPERABILITY, XV B.U.J. SCI. TECH. L 181 (2009)

EL MENOSPRECIO COMO OBJETIVO CONSTITUCIONALMENTE ILEGÍTIMO: LA CONSTITUCIONALIDAD DE LA LEY 54 DESPUÉS DE PUEBLO V. LEANDRO RUIZ MARTÍNEZ; 1.09 INDRET CONSTITUCIONAL 594 (2009)

PRIVACY IN PUERTO RICO AND THE MADMAN'S PLIGHT: DECISIONS, 9 GEORGETOWN J. GEN. & L. 1 (2008)

LA CONSTITUCIÓN EN CEROS Y UNOS: UN ACERCAMIENTO DIGITAL AL DERECHO A LA INTIMIDAD Y LA SEGURIDAD PÚBLICA, 77 REV. JUR. UPR 45 (2008)

CREATIVE COMMONS PUERTO RICO Y LA AGENDA DE CONTENIDO LIBRE, 69 REVISTA COLEGIO ABOGADOS DE PR 151 (2008)

DERECHO CONSTITUCIONAL, 75 REV. JUR. UPR 29 (2006)

DERECHO ADMINISTRATIVO, 74 REV. JUR. UPR 531 (2005)

DERECHO ADMINISTRATIVO, 73 REV. JUR. UPR 509 (2004)

CURRENT RESEARCH

- *Copyright Law, Copyright Intermediaries, Personal Use and the First Amendment*

BAR ADMISSIONS

- *Commonwealth of Puerto Rico*
- *Federal Circuit Court for the First Circuit*
- *Federal District Court, Puerto Rico*

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- *Visiting Professor, University of Ottawa; January 2014, January 2015, January 2017*
- *Visiting Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law, March 2014*

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Board of Directors Member, *Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, University of Puerto Rico
- Executive Committee Member of the *Association of American Law Schools* 2010 Internet and Computer Law Section (2010-2011)
- Board of Advisors Member, University of Puerto Rico Business Law Journal
- SELA Member (Yale Law School), Seminar in Latin America on Constitutional and Political Theory <http://www.law.yale.edu/intellectuallife/SELA.htm>
- Member of the Puerto Rico Bar Association Committee on Intellectual Property (2012)
- Founder and Contributor of Puerto Rican Blawg www.derechoalderecho.org.
- Columnist at www.80grados.net