
JOHN O. SONSTENG
MITCHELL HAMLINE SCHOOL OF LAW
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EDUCATION

J.D., University of Minnesota, 1967.

B.A., University of Minnesota, 1964.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018-Present	Director of Mitchell Hamline School of Law Center for Law and Business
2011-Present	Co-Director, Expert Witness Training Academy, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation
2008-2016	National Institute for Trial Advocacy Public Programs Advisory Committee
1979-Present	Tenured Professor, William Mitchell College of Law Minnesota State Bar Association (Member) First District Bar Association (Member) Admitted to practice before United States Supreme Court and United States District Court
1989-2017	Regional Director NITA (National Institute for Trial Advocacy), North Central Regional Program
1989-Present	Member, Founder, Warren E. Burger American Inn of Court (1989-1996 Secretary/Treasurer) (1996-97 President Elect), (1997-98 President)
1991-Present	Lifetime member, Fulbright Association

HONORS

2010	John J. McAulay Legal Educator Award – Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International
2008	Hon. Prentice H. Marshall Faculty Award – National Institute for Trial Advocacy
1993	Appointed as the first “City Solicitor’s Education Trust Visiting Professor in Litigation and Advocacy,” Nottingham Law School, Nottingham, England
1992	Minnesota State Bar, 1st recipient of the “Advocate” for outstanding achievement and contribution to the Bar
1988	Fulbright Lecturer, Aberdeen Scotland
1983	National College of Trial Lawyers Emil Gumpert Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy

TEACHING

Criminal Law

Criminal Constitutional Law

Effective Advocate Training Program – on-line distance learning

The Legal Practicum: General Practice

The Legal Practicum: Business Practice

Trial Advocacy

Advanced Advocacy

Juvenile Law and Procedure

Law and Psychiatry Clinic

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL PRESENTER/LECTURER/TEACHING

1999-Present Director of William Mitchell College of Law London Summer Program

2014 Presenter/Lecturer for the Department of Ministry, Qatar, Police Training, Expert Witness Academy

2013 Presenter – Legal Education Summit, Hong Kong

Lecturer – Criminal and Constitutional Law, Prague, Czech Republic

- 2012 Presenter/Lecturer – Reforms in Legal Education, USAID, Colombia
- 2011 Presenter/Lecturer – Legal Education Training, Training Turkish and Iranian law teachers, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2010 Presenter/Lecturer – Inner Temple, Advocacy Training Weekend, Surrey, England
- 2009 Presenter/Lecturer – Criminal and Procedure, Advocacy, Terrorism trials – University of Bahçeşehir, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2004 Presenter/Lecturer – Criminal and Procedure and Advocacy – University of Bahçeşehir, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2004 Presenter/Co-Director for Institute for the Global Understanding of Law (IGUL) at Bahçeşehir University, Turkey
- 2004 Lecturer, Criminal Law and Procedure and advocacy training for Bar Associations in Istanbul, Ankara, and Antalya, Turkey
- 2003 Lecturer, Istanbul police academy, Bar Association of Antalya, Turkey
- 2003 Foundation development for Rule of Law for the University of Bahçeşehir, Turkey
- 2003 Two three-day seminars and training for advocacy; Istanbul, Ankara, and Antalya, Turkey
- 2001 Advocacy Teacher Training, College of Law of England and Wales, London, England
- 2000 Lectures at College of Law of England and Wales “Advocacy a View From Across The Pond,” London, Guildford, York
- 1999-Present Course Director and Faculty Member, Edinburgh/London Summer School, London, England (Mitchell Hamline School of Law, St Paul; New England Law School, Boston; California Western College of Law, San Diego; South Texas College of Law, Houston; with the College of Law of England and Wales) (1999-2002, London/York) (2003-Present, Edinburgh/London)
- 1985-1999 Approximately 20 lectures in England, Scotland, Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland
- 1998 Lectures to two law firms “Litigation a Comparative Study,” Singapore
- 1997 First Annual International Conference on Advocacy Training, Gray’s Inn, London, England, Presenter/panelist
- 1996 Ontario Center for Advocacy Training, Toronto, teacher training
- 1994 Third Annual Litigation School, Nottingham Law School, London, England
- 1994-June 98 Faculty Member, LLM Advanced Litigation, Nottingham Law School, Nottingham, England
- 1993-June 98 Visiting Professor and Lecturer, Nottingham Law School, Nottingham, England
- 1993-June 98 Advisory Board, Center of Advanced Litigation, Nottingham, England

- 1992-1993 Advocacy Advisory Board, Legal Practice, College of Law, London
- 1988 Queens University, Belfast, Negotiation University of Aberdeen, Scotland,
Trial Advocacy, Comparative Law
- 1986-1988 Irish Law Society, Dublin, Trial Advocacy and Negotiation

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS 2000 - 2018

TEXTS

- Trial (Theories, Tactics Techniques), 5th edition, (Thomson Reuters 2015) with R. Haydock
- Juvenile Law and Practice, Minnesota Practice, Volumes 12 and 13, Pocket Parts (West Publishing 1986 – 1996, 1998 – 2001, 2004 – 2014), with R. Scott
- Trialbook, 3rd edition with R. Haydock, NITA/ LexisNexis, 2010
- Practicum Advocacy Exercises: Trial (court and jury), arbitration, deposition and oral argument, NITA/ LexisNexis, 2010
- A Legal Education Renaissance: A Practical Approach for the Twenty-First Century, Vandeplass Publishing, June 2008

SELECTED LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

- Changing Education and Practice of Law: Teaching the Art of Effective Advocacy in the 21st Century: A Paradigm Shift, Mitchell Hamline Law Review, Vol. 44, 1, (2018) with Samuel Heacox, Hannah Holloran and Cara Moulton
- A Legal Education Renaissance: A Practical Approach for the Twenty-First Century, William Mitchell Law Review, Vol. 34, 1, (2007) with Donna Ward, Colleen Bruce, Michael Petersen
- Minnesota Lawyers Evaluate Law Schools, Training and Job Satisfaction, William Mitchell Law Review, Vol. 26, 2, (2000) with David Camarotto
- Learning By Doing: Preparing Law Students for the Practice of Law The Legal Practicum, William Mitchell Law Review, Vol. 21, 1 (1995) with assistance from R. Haydock, J. Cicero, and R. Gilats

CASES AND MATERIALS 1983 - 2014

City of Shields Falls, et al., v State of Midstate, Midstate Department of Natural Resources-Water Conservation, Weather Modification Board, and its individual members, Rain Makers, Inc. and Hugh Fitzpatrick for EWTA/WMCL

Legal Practicum Exercises used by law firms and law schools, 1983-2009 (revisions): NITA /LexisNexis, 2009-2010:

Advanced Exercise: Intellectual Property – Theft of Trade Secrets, *NANO Search, Inc. v. St. Helens Worldwide Technology*, General/Trial File

Advanced Exercise: Intellectual Property – Theft of Trade Secrets, *NANO Search, Inc. v. St. Helens Worldwide Technology*, Deposition File

Criminal Law – Felony Burglary and Theft Offense, *State v. Kartal*, General Trial File

Employment Law – Conflict Management/Arbitration, *Midstate University and Pat Rogers and State Professional Employee Union (SPEU)*, General/Trial File

Employment Law – Conflict Management/Arbitration, *Midstate University and Pat Rogers and State Professional Employee Union (SPEU)*, Deposition File

Employment/Labor Law – Conflict Management/Arbitration, *Picket Up Delivery Services and International Association of Transport Workers and Karol Brezenski*, General/Trial File

Employment/Labor Law – Conflict Management/Arbitration, *Picket Up Delivery Services and International Association of Transport Workers and Karol Brezenski*, Deposition File

Employment/Labor Law – Conflict Management/Arbitration, *Picket Up Delivery Services and International Association of Transport Workers and Karol Brezenski*, Arbitration File

Employment Law – Non-Compete—Injunction Motion, *Superior Speech and Hearing Center v. Baines*, Oral Argument File

Professional Responsibility – Disciplinary Hearing, *In the Matter of the Petition for Disciplinary Action against Timothy B. Halbrock, Attorney at Law*, Appellate Oral Argument File

Tort – Personal Injury, *Chris Reagan v. Jody Jacobson*, General/Trial File

Tort – Personal Injury, *Chris Reagan v. Jody Jacobson*, Deposition File

Tort – Personal Injury, *Helen Darngood v. Mel Landers and Picket Up Delivery Services*, General/Trial File

Tort – Personal Injury, *Helen Darngood v. Mel Landers and Picket Up Delivery Services*, Deposition File