

**JESSICA L. WEST**  
*curriculum vitae*

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***ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS***

**MITCHELL HAMLINE SCHOOL OF LAW**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, 2025 – present

- Designing, developing, and teaching a First Amendment: Activism clinic allowing students to engage in legal and policy issues related to nonviolent political action.
- Teaching Evidence and serving on law school committees including the Academic Standards committee.

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW**

LECTURER, 2022 - 2025

ASSISTANT DEAN FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAMS, 2019 –2022

AFFILIATE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, 2017-2019

VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, 2016 – 2017

- Taught Administrative Law, American Legal Systems, Beginning of Life: Rights & Choices, Constitutional Law Recap, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Criminal Justice Policy, Externship Seminar, Persuasive Writing, Research & Writing Seminar, & Torts.
- Designed, developed, and administered the law school Academic Success Program from mission statement through the development and implementation of programming to foster high-quality teaching and learning. Delivered programming for law school professors to encourage teaching excellence workshops for students focused on law school skills, bar applications, and bar passage.
- Served on law school leadership team, and diversity and academic standards committees.
- Supervised student research and writing projects in areas of Administrative Law, Reproductive Rights, and Criminal Law & Procedure.

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON – BOTHELL**

**SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS & SCIENCES**

VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, 2017-2019

- Taught Criminal Law & Policy, Human Rights in the United States, Legal Clinic: Legal Needs Assessment of the UW-Bothell Community.
- Member of Curricular Area Working Groups in the Law, Economics and Public Policy major and the Master of Arts in Policy Studies and Society, Ethics and Human Behavior.

**VERMONT LAW SCHOOL**

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, 2014 -2018

DIRECTOR, EXPERIENTIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM, 2014 - 2016

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, 2012 – 2013

- Taught Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Administrative Law, Public Law, & Remedies.
- Directed simulation-based experiential curriculum and certificate program.
- Supervised Independent Research and Advanced Writing Projects in Evidence, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Administrative Law.
- Faculty Advisor to Women’s Law Group & National Lawyers Guild.
- Significant committee service and leadership including the elected Dean’s Advisory Committee 2015-2016 (Co-Chair, elected); and design of new 1L Public Law course.

## **YALE LAW SCHOOL**

VISITING RESEARCHER, August 2011 – July 2012

- Research: Evidence Theory & Application; Administrative & Institutional Design.

## **UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, STURM COLLEGE OF LAW**

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, 2010 – 2011

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, 2009 – 2010

- Taught Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Administrative Law, & Appellate Courts.
- Supervised Directed Research Projects in areas of Evidence & Criminal Procedure.

## ***INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS***

### **ESADE LAW SCHOOL, RAMON LLULL UNIVERSITY – BARCELONA, SPAIN**

VISITING PROFESSOR, April 2019 – June 2019

- Research & collaboration in: United States Criminal Justice; Protest and the Rule of Law; and Comparative Administrative Law.

### **UNIVERSITY OF GRANADA (UNIVERSIDAD DE GRANADA) – GRANADA, SPAIN**

#### **SCHOOL OF LAW (FACULTAD DE DERECHO)**

VISITING RESEARCHER, January 2019 – April 2019

- Research & collaboration in: United States Criminal Justice; and Protest and the Rule of Law.

## ***PUBLICATIONS***

The U.S. Supreme Court's Lack of a Code of Ethics Undermines its Legitimacy, Op-Ed, MCCLATCHY NEWS SERVICE SYNDICATED, September 21, 2023.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW: A CASEBOOK (10<sup>th</sup> Ed.), 2022, Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, with Roberto Corrada and Jay Brown.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW: A CASEBOOK (9<sup>th</sup> Ed.), 2018, Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, with Roberto Corrada and Jay Brown.

*Protest Is Different* – 50 U. RICH. L. REV. 737 (2016).

*Is Injustice Relevant?: Narrative and Blameworthiness in Protester Trials*, 86 TEMPLE LAW REV. 107 (2013).

*12 Racist Men: Post-Verdict Evidence of Juror Bias*, 27 HARV. J. ON RACIAL & ETHNIC JUST. (now BLACKLETTER LAW JOURNAL) 165 (2011).

*Let Me Hear It Again: When Should a Lawyer File a Petition for Rehearing*, 53 TRIAL TALK, 56 (2004).

## ***SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, MEDIA, AND TESTIMONY***

- *Emerging Legal Issues in a New Era of Activism*, Minnesota Lavender Bar Association, Minneapolis, MN, February 25, 2025.
- *Protest & the First Amendment*, The Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Washington, Guest Speaker, February 6, 2025.
- Fox 13 Seattle: Live television appearances discussing: *Trump v. U.S.* (presidential immunity) July 1, 2024. <https://www.fox13seattle.com/video/1478727>; *Idaho v. U.S.* (EMTALA) & Supreme Court approval, generally, June 27, 2024. <https://www.fox13seattle.com/video/1477303>; *People of N.Y. v. Donald J. Trump*, (Manhattan “hush money” convictions), May 31, 2024.
- The Spokesman-Review Newspaper discussed the Trump Manhattan convictions. *Local Politicians, Law Experts, Chime in on First Criminal Conviction of a President in U.S. History*. <https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2024/may/30/local-politicians-law-experts-chime-in-on-first-cr/>, May 30, 2024.
- *Three Minute Legal Talks: The Trump Indictments*, University of Washington School of Law, September 2023.
- *Moving Backwards: Developments in Reproductive Healthcare*, If/When/How Symposium, University of Washington School of Law, May 18, 2023.
- *Three Minute Legal Talks: Access to the Medical Abortion Medication Mifepristone*, University of Washington School of Law, May 2023.
- *How Washington State Could be Impacted on the SCOTUS Ruling on Mifepristone*, King5 News, April 20, 2023.
- *How to be an Anti-Racist Supervisor*, Washington State Bar Association CLE, University of Washington School of Law, October 15, 2021.
- *Supporting Students by Supporting Teachers*, AASE Annual Conference, American University School of Law, May 27, 2021.
- *Criminalizing Protest: The Legal Contradictions of American Dissent*, The Santa Barbara & Ventura Colleges of Law, Santa Barbara, CA, June 25, 2020.
- *Confederate Monuments and Protest*, Panel Presentation, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA, November 29, 2017.
- *The Role of Gender in the Art of Advocacy*, University of Washington School of Law Second Friday CLE, Anchorage, AK, September 8, 2017.
- *New (& Improved) Queer Issues with Juries*, Vermont Law School, OBERGEFELL AND BEYOND, October 22, 2015.
- *What’s Does a Right to a Jury Mean? Assessing Hurst v Florida*, Vermont Law School, CONSTITUTION DAY, September 17, 2015.
- *The Experiential Evidence Course*, Ohio State Moritz College of Law, CONFERENCE ON INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING AND LEARNING EVIDENCE, November 7, 2014.
- *Tensions Between Protest and the Rule of Law*, RECOGNIZING INJUSTICE: FROM SOCIAL MOVEMENTS TO LEGAL REFORM, Vermont Law Review Symposium, October 3, 2014.
- *Protest is Different*, COLLECTIVE IDENTITIES, COLLECTIVE ACTION: ON PROTEST AND RESISTANCE, LatCrit 2013 Conference, October 4, 2013.
- *Is Injustice Relevant?: Narrative and Blameworthiness in Protester Trials*, CORNELL LIBRARY AUTHOR SERIES, Vermont Law School, February 26, 2013.

- *Bridging Narrative Distance in the Classroom*, SOCIETY OF AMERICAN LAW TEACHERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, University of Maryland, Oct. 6, 2012.
- *Is Injustice Relevant?: Narrative and Blameworthiness in Protester Trials*, YALE LAW SCHOOL, April 25, 2012.
- *Lawyers as Agents of Change*, 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROBERT M. COVER PUBLIC INTEREST RETREAT, March 2-4, 2012.
- *Police Accountability and the Role of the Independent Monitor*, RESPONSES TO INJUSTICE SERIES, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, November 4, 2010.
- *Evidence of Oppression: Limitations on the Admissibility of Motivation Evidence*, TRANSFORM COLUMBUS DAY: CONTEMPORARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY, LatCrit XV Conference, October 9, 2010.
- *Police Discrimination Against Gay Crime Victims*, AMAZING CASES IN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW, University of Denver School of Law, November 11, 2009.
- *International Law in Defense of Protesters*, MASS DEFENSE TRAINING, Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, July 18, 2008.
- Expert Witness, *Strickland* defense witness on counsel actions when confronted with DNA evidence in a capital case, *People v. Dale Eaton*, Cheyenne, WY, June 8-9, 2005.
- *It's Small, But It's There: Defending Against DNA Evidence*, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE SEMINAR, Colorado Criminal Defense Bar, February 25, 2005.
- *Lethal Injection Protocols*, DEATH PENALTY SYMPOSIUM, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, November 8, 2004.
- *The Media & Publicity: Legal & Practical Issues*, TRIAL TECHNIQUES FOR THE CRIMINAL CASE IN COLORADO, Lorman Educational Seminar, June 2, 2004.
- *Forced Medication to Render an Individual Competent for Execution*, DEATH PENALTY SYMPOSIUM, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, March 2, 2004.

### **LEGAL PRACTICE**

**SMITH & WEST, LLC**, Denver, Colorado, 2003 – 2011

**JESSICA LYNN WEST, P.C.**, 1999 – 2010

- AV Preeminent<sup>®</sup> Rated\* Principal and Founder of law firm specializing in Criminal Defense, Death Penalty Defense, Civil Rights, Employment Discrimination and State and Federal Appeals.
- Managed and oversaw all law firm work. Supervised and trained associate & intern lawyers.
- Representative published cases include: *Martin v. People*, 27 P.3d 846 (Colo. 2001) (counsel for *amicus*); *Salazar v. American Sterilizer Co.*, 5 P.3d 357 (Colo. App. 2000) (with former Colorado Supreme Court Justice Jean Dubofsky); and *People v. James*, 5 P.3d 328 (Colo. App. 2000).

**BUCHANAN, JURDEM & ZULAUF**, Denver, Colorado, 1997 – 1999

- Attorney at plaintiffs' personal injury firm emphasizing product defect, toxic tort, class action and insurance bad faith actions in state and federal courts.
- Responsible for litigation of firm's appellate and complex motion practice as well as all aspects of trial preparation and presentation.

**TENNYSON, WINEMILLER & LAVALLEE**, Portland, Oregon, 1994 – 1997

- Responsible for a varied caseload of indigent and retained felony trial work in state courts. Developed a civil practice primarily involving civil rights, false arrest and excessive force actions. Co-counsel on murder case which was dismissed pre-trial.

### ***EDUCATION***

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF LAW**, Hartford, Connecticut

- J.D. received May 1993
- American Jurisprudence Award (Federal Courts)
- Thesis – *Redefining the Debate: The Rights of the Woman vs. the Rights of the Fetus*

**BROWN UNIVERSITY**, Providence, Rhode Island

- B.A. (Development Studies) received 1989
- National Merit Scholar
- Thesis – *Social Status and Marketplace Articulation in the Highland Sierra of Ecuador*

### ***LICENSURE***

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

United States District Court for the District of Colorado

State of Colorado

State of Oregon (inactive)

### ***SELECTED MEMBERSHIPS***

- Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire (Board of Trustees, 2013 – 2016)
- American Constitution Society, Colorado Chapter (Board of Directors, 2008 – 2011)
- The Odyssey Expeditionary Learning School, Denver (Board of Directors, 2005 – 2011)
- Colorado LGBT Bar Association (Judicial Selection Committee, 2005 – 2009)
- Presidential Candidate Barack Obama's Criminal Justice Policy Committee (2008)

### ***RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS***

Administrative Law, American Legal Systems, Bar Preparation, Beginning of Life: Rights & Choices, Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law: Structure of Government, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure: Investigation, Criminal Procedure: Adjudication, Criminal Justice Policy, Death Penalty Jurisprudence, Evidence, Externship Seminar, Federal Courts, Human Rights, Legislation-Regulation, Persuasive Legal Writing, Postconviction Relief, Remedies, Reproductive Rights, Scientific Evidence, Student Success and Academic Achievement, Torts.