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EDUCATION

J.D. University of San Francisco School of Law, Dec. 2004

Honors: CALI Award in International Environment & Trade Law
Activities: Survey Editor, USF Maritime Law Journal; and
Vice President, Student Bar Association

B.A. Texas A & M University, Modern Languages (French), 1990

Honors: Distinguished Student (Fall 1989)
Activities: Vice President, Student Government External Affairs Committee

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor University of La Verne College of Law, July 2017- Present, Courses taught include the following: Torts, Criminal Law, Remedies, International Law, International Business Transactions, International Trade Law & Policy, and Aviation Law

Visiting Assistant Professor Soongsil University Global Law Department, September 2015 – July 2017, Courses taught include the following: Comparative Civil Procedure, Comparative Constitutional Law, Comparative Criminal Law, Comparative Criminal Procedure, International Law, and International Business Transactions

Adjunct Professor Golden Gate University School of Law, Spring 2013 and Fall 2014—Aviation Law

Adjunct Professor Golden Gate University School of Law, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, and Fall 2013—Practical Legal Writing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE- Admitted to California Bar in 2005

Law Office of Ronnie R. Gipson Jr (Attorney)—January 2015 – July 2015

Higa & Gipson, PC-(Founding Shareholder) January 2010- December 2014

Burnham Brown-(Associate Attorney) October 2006- December 2009

Cox, Wootton, Griffin, Hansen & Poulos-(Associate Attorney) July 2005- August 2006

U.S. District Court Northern District of California-(Judicial Extern) to Magistrate Judge Maria Elena James August 2002- December 2002

AVIATION POLICY & LEGISLATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

Experimental Aircraft Association (Legal Advisory Council) 2011- Present: I provide policy and legislative guidance to the organization on a wide array of legislative matters that impact aviation. Specifically, I provided substantive policy recommendations in support of creating statutory immunity for designated pilot examiners, which were incorporated into a U.S. Senate bill introduced in 2015 and again in July 2019.

Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (Attorney Panel Member) 2011- 2016: As part of a national team, I provided legal support to the organization's members as well as policy and legislative guidance to the organization on aviation issues. Specifically, I provided substantive policy recommendations on pilot medical certificate reforms that were incorporated into the 2016 FAA Reauthorization bill recently signed into law.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Through my scholarship, I seek to produce works that examine the legal issues that arise at the intersection of international and aviation law. Selection of this intersection as the focal point of my work enables me to address topics in criminal law, tort law, international trade law policy, international business transactions, constitutional law, property law, and public international law. There are times where my scholarship examines these issues solely from the lens of aviation interests and consequences. Other opportunities arise that enable me to produce timely critiques of international issues beyond the limited reach of the aviation sector. As a result, I remain engaged and excited by the numerous prospects and projects that develop in my defined field.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

"International Free Trade Thrives through the Use of Regional Trade Pacts," (Ready for Publication Summer 2020).

"The Chicago Convention Should Not be Used to Create Criminals," *Annals of Air and Space Law (McGill University)*, vol.42, pp.73-104 (January 2019).

"Understanding Why the Vacancy on the United States Supreme Court Caused by Justice Antonin Scalia's Death Triggered a Constitutional Crisis," *Korean Journal for the Study on the American Constitution*, vol. 27 no.1, pp. 37-66 (April 2016).

"Can Lufthansa Successfully Limit its Liability to the Families of the Victims of Germanwings flight 9525 Under the Montreal Convention?" *Journal of Korean Air & Space Law Policy*, vol.30 no.2, pp. 279-310 (December 2015).

DOMESTIC PUBLICATIONS & SOLICITED EXPERT OPINIONS

“Drone Law: Recent Developments in Trespass and Privacy Issues,” American Bar Association Air & Space Law Magazine, (July 2020).

“Signposts Signify Troubled Waters Ahead for Taiwan- U.S. Relations,” (Ready for Publication Summer 2020).

“Pilotless Airliners Would Pose Big Threat to Safety,” *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, p.A24 (Sep. 17, 2017).

“The Need for Statutory Immunity to Protect Federal Appointees from Civil Suit,” *Journal of Transportation Law, Logistics and Policy*, vol.82 pp.15-30 (1st & 2nd Quarter 2015).

“Space Flight Accidents Should Be Investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board,” *Westlaw Aviation Journal* (December 2, 2014).

Subject Matter Expert Contributor, “The FAA’s Recent Notice and Amazon Drone Delivery”, *Thomson Reuters Blog* (July 15, 2014).

Policy Paper Submitted on behalf of the Experimental Aircraft Association to Senator J. Inhofe on the need for statutory immunity protection to Designated Pilot Examiners when performing functions identical to FAA Inspectors (October 2013).

Contributor, Legal Q & A Section of San Francisco Apartment Association Magazine (September 2009) addressing landlord’s need for compliance with local Health Code provisions when faced with bedbug infestation caused by tenants.

Contributor, Legal Q & A Section of San Francisco Apartment Association Magazine (August 2009) addressing landlord’s repair obligations when presented with warranty of habitability issues.

Contributor, Legal Q & A Section of San Francisco Apartment Association Magazine (July 2009) addressing landlord’s concerns for a subtenant who refuses to return possession to master tenant.

Contributor, Legal Q & A Section of San Francisco Apartment Association Magazine (April 2009) addressing landlord’s response to nuisance claims from tenants.

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, “Drone Privacy & Government Drone Use in Law Enforcement,” webinar sponsored by National Business Institute on April 28, 2020

Panelist, “Teaching Abroad: For Visitorships, Sabbaticals, Retirement and Summer Programs,” sponsored by the Association of American Law Schools Arc of Career Program on January 5, 2020, in Washington D.C.

Presenter, “BREXIT’s Impact on Global Trade and Regional Security” sponsored by the University of La Verne College of Law on October 9, 2019 in Ontario, CA

Presenter, “Hot Topics in Aviation Law” sponsored by EAA Legal Advisory Council on July 27, 2019, at Air Venture in Oshkosh, WI

Presenter, “International Free Trade Thrives through the Use of Regional Trade Pacts” Athens Institute for Education and Research in Athens, Greece on July 15, 2019

Presenter, “The Boeing 737 MAX Crisis” sponsored by the University of La Verne College of Law on March 19, 2019, in Ontario, California

Presenter, “Drone Privacy & Tort Law Concerns” webinar sponsored by National Business Institute on February 2, 2019

Moderator, “Representation after an Accident/Incident” sponsored by EAA Legal Advisory Council on July 27, 2018, at Air Venture in Oshkosh, WI

Presenter, “Decriminalizing Pilot Error” University of Sharjah Conference on Contemporary Issues in Air & Space Laws in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on February 22, 2017

Presenter, “Can Lufthansa Successfully Invoke Article 20 of the Montreal Convention to Limit its Liability to the Families of the Victims of Germanwings flight 9525?” Godang 5th International Conference in Seoul, Korea on November 25, 2015

Presenter, “Demystifying the FAA Enforcement Process” sponsored by the FAA Wings Program at California Airways on May 23, 2015, in Hayward, CA

Presenter, “Understanding the FAA Enforcement Process” sponsored by the Salinas Owners and Pilots Association on April 14, 2015, in Salinas, CA

Presenter, “Risk Awareness: Understanding Pilot & Aircraft Owner Liability to Passengers” sponsored by San Carlos Flight Center on October 11, 2014, in San Carlos, CA

Presenter, “The FAA Enforcement Process and the Pilot’s Bill of Rights” sponsored by the Tracy Airport Association on September 9, 2014, in Tracy, CA

Panelist, “Ramp Checks, Customs & Border Patrol Stops, and FAA Calls” sponsored by EAA on August 1, 2014, at Air Venture 2014 in Oshkosh, WI

Presenter, “Understanding the FAA’s Enforcement Process” sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association on June 5, 2014 and April 10, 2014, San Francisco Bay Area Airports

Presenter, “Effective Motion Writing for Young Lawyers” CLE Credit sponsored by the San Francisco Bar Association on March 11, 2014

Presenter, “Effective Motion Writing for Young Lawyers” sponsored by the Asian American Bar Association on September 18, 2013

Panelist, “Implementation of the Pilots Bill of Rights” sponsored by EAA on August 2, 2013, at Air Venture 2013 in Oshkosh, WI

Panelist, “Avoiding Liability When Buying General Aviation Aircraft” sponsored by EAA on July 26, 2012, at Air Venture 2012 in Oshkosh, WI

Presenter, “The Pilots Bill of Rights Impact on the FAA Enforcement Process” sponsored by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association on October 2, 2013, August 30, 2012, and September 20, 2011, San Francisco Bay Area & Sacramento Airports

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Chair Executive Planning Committee for the first Aviation Law Symposium sponsored by the University of La Verne College of Law, (October 2018- January 24, 2020). The Aviation Law Symposium occurred on January 24, 2020, and it was a huge success garnering more than sixty attendees, and sponsorships from aviation industry stakeholders. Because of the excellent teamwork, the symposium funded five student scholarships awarded to law students interested in aviation or local government service.

Admissions Committee, University of La Verne College of Law, (Member August 2017 – July 2019); (Committee Chair, August 2019- Present)

Faculty Recruitment Committee, University of La Verne College of Law, (Member August 2018- July 2019)

Recruitment Committee Chair, Director of Student Services for the University of La Verne College of Law, (September 2018 – December 2018)

Member Recruitment Committee for Vice-President of Strategic Enrollment Management for the University of La Verne, (June 2018- December 2018)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

State Bar of California (Bar Grader) February 2006 – July 2010: I graded subject matter essay exams in the following topics: Business Associations, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Evidence, Professional Responsibility, Real Property, and Torts. I also served on small committees that developed subject matter essay and performance test questions for future bar exams.

United Air Lines, Inc. (Flight Attendant) April 1996 – August 2003

Mac Tools, Inc. (District Business Manager) June 1994- April 1996

U.S. Navy (Lieutenant) August 1990 – May 1994

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Chartered Institute of International Arbitrators, Certified International Commercial Arbitrator
2018-Present

Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association, Member- 2006-Present

Experimental Aircraft Association, Vice Chairman Legal Advisory Council- 2011-Present

Asian American Bar Association 2005-2015

International Air & Transportation Safety Bar Association 2010-2015