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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (Arizona State University)  
*Visiting Assistant Professor of Law* (August 2011-present)

- Courses: Torts, Introduction to Law and Economics, Evidence, Property
- Scholarly Interests: economic analysis of tort damages, the empirical study of well-being (“happiness research” as applied to law), law and behavioral economics, social norms

**EDUCATION**

University of California, Berkeley: Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program  
Ph.D. (awarded 12/10)

Dissertation: *Happiness in Law and Policy: Two Empirical Studies*

- *The Hedonic Impact of “Stand-Alone” Emotional Harms – An Analysis of Survey Data*
- *Perceived Income and Financial Satisfaction Through a Demographic Lens: Do Different Race/Gender Pairs Reap Different Returns to Income?*

Committee: Robert Cooter (chair), Robert MacCoun, Justin McCrary, Trond Petersen  
Field Exams: Law and Economics; Psychology and Economics of Discrimination

Honors/Awards:

Boalt Hall Law and Economics Grantee (2007-08)  
John M. Olin Law and Economics Fellow (2004-05, 2005-06, 2009-10)  
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (2007)  
Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley (2008-09)

Georgetown University Law Center  
Juris Doctor, 2001, *Magna Cum Laude*

Honors/Awards:

Member, *Order of the Coif* Honor Society  
Associate Editor, *The Georgetown Law Journal*, 1999-2001  
Recipient of CALI Award for Top Exam in Torts and Contracts Courses

University of California at Davis  
Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Philosophy, 1998

Honors/Awards:

Member, *Phi Beta Kappa* Honor Society  
Recipient of Wall Street Journal Award for Outstanding Achievement in Economics

Departmental Citation in Philosophy (Highest Honors)  
Departmental Citation in Economics (High Honors)

## **PRIOR EMPLOYMENT**

Legal Studies Department, University of California, Berkeley  
*Graduate Student Instructor* (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010)

- Served as teaching assistant for multiple law and economics and legal studies courses, designing syllabi, leading discussions, lecturing, drafting and grading exams.
- Served as research assistant to Professor Robert Cooter on multiple research/writing projects

Cooley Godward LLP  
*Associate Attorney* (2001-03)

- Provided research support and drafted motions in various commercial litigation matters.
- Participated in *Hewlett v. Hewlett Packard* merger litigation, conducting legal research, shaping trial strategy and preparing court demonstratives.
- Assisted in extensive investigations of alleged accounting irregularities in Silicon Valley technology companies.

U.C. Davis Department of Economics  
*Reader and Tutor* (1997-98)

- Graded Exams and other assignments in microeconomics and macroeconomics courses
- Led tutoring and discussion sections in intermediate microeconomics course

## **PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS**

*Tort Damages and the (Misunderstood) Money-Happiness Connection* (Ariz. St. L.J., forthcoming 2013).

*The Hedonic Impact of “Stand-Alone” Emotional Harms – An Analysis of Survey Data*, 36 *Law and Psychology Review* (forthcoming, 2012).

*Incompensable Harms: Damages for Death and Serious Bodily Injury*, in *Research Handbook on the Economics of Torts* (2012) (with Robert D. Cooter).

*Perceived Income and Financial Satisfaction Through a Demographic Lens: Do Different Race/Gender Pairs Reap Different Returns to Income?* *SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH* Vol. 40:3, pp. 773-783 (2011). [peer-reviewed]

Working Paper: *Sticky Compliance: An Endowment Account of Expressive Law and Norm-Internalization*

Working Paper: *Discriminatory Voting* (with Zachary Kramer)

## **ACADEMIC REFERENCES**

Robert D. Cooter – U.C. Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)  
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## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

California State Bar, admitted December 2001 (#218545, Inactive)