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EDUCATION:

The Dickinson School of Law, Pennsylvania State University, Carlisle, PA, *J.D.*, May, 1999.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, *M.A., Philosophy*, May, 1991;
additional graduate work Sept. 1992-May 1994.

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, *B.A., Philosophy (departmental honors)*, May, 1989.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Law Office of Cotlar & Cotlar, (August, 2006-present). **Partner** in full-service generalist civil practice serving Eastern Pennsylvania

- Represented clients in
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Personal Injury Litigation
 - Real Estate Litigation
 - Orphans' Court Litigation
 - Employment Discrimination Litigation
- Provided strategic advice concerning
 - Estate Planning
 - Commercial Contracts
 - Nonprofit Law
 - Communications Law
 - Copyright
- Engaged in other advocacy:
 - Workers Compensation
 - Local zoning
- Appellate representation before U.S. Court of Appeals and Pennsylvania appellate courts

Association of Public Television Stations, Washington, D.C.

Associate General Counsel. (August, 2005 – August, 2006)

Assistant General Counsel. (January 2004- August, 2005).

Senior Staff Attorney. (September 2002- January 2004).

Staff Attorney. (September 1999- September 2002).

- **Advocacy.** Engaged in regulatory, legislative and policy advocacy on behalf of nation-wide membership organization of public television stations before Members of Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and other federal administrative bodies.
- **Policy.** Engaged in system-wide policy development initiatives requiring the integration of legal, technical and political perspectives into major white papers on media and telecommunications issues.
- **Coalitions.** Developed strategic coalitions with other organizations and trade associations to support legislative and regulatory advocacy.
- **Litigation.** Tracked litigation of interest nationwide, developed litigation strategy and drafted amicus or intervenor briefs before federal appellate and district courts on behalf of public television stations.
- **Liaison.** Served as station liaison for legal issues by answering inquiries and writing memoranda to member stations.
- **Publications.** Authored and updated editions of comprehensive and readable compliance guide for public television stations (the Public Television Legal Survival Guide).
- **Transactional.** Negotiated and drafted national carriage agreements between public television stations, cable systems and other telecommunications entities.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: Ethics, History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Art.

Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy.

Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA. August 27, 1997- May 4, 1998.

Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA. July 7, 1997-August 15, 1997.

Marion College, Fond du Lac, WI. Fall, 1992-Spring, 1993.

Teaching Assistant.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Philosophy, Madison, WI. Fall, 1990- Spring, 1991.

Guest Lecturer, Communications Law, George Mason University School of Law (2005).

PUBLICATIONS:

“You Said What? The Perils of Content-Based Regulation of Public Broadcast Underwriting Acknowledgments,” 59 Fed. Comm. L.J. 47 (December, 2006).

“The Road to Analog Switch-Off: How the United States Can Turn Off Its Analog Television Service Without Significant Service Disruption,” 13 CommLaw Conspectus 271 (2005).

“The Road Not Yet Traveled: Why the FCC Should Issue Digital Must-Carry Rules for Public Television “First,”” 57 Fed. Comm. L.J. 49 (December, 2004).

“Say Cheese: The Constitutionality of State-Mandated Free Air-Time on Public Broadcasting Stations in Wisconsin,” 56 Fed. Comm. L.J. 55 (December, 2003).

“A Subsidy By Any Other Name: First Amendment Implications of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999,” 53 Fed. Comm. L.J. 379 (May, 2001).

The Public Television Legal Survival Guide, Third Edition (Association of Public Television Stations, 2003).

The Public Television Legal Survival Guide, Second Edition (Association of Public Television Stations, 2001).

The Public Television Legal Survival Guide, First Edition (Association of Public Television Stations, 2000).

See also, Herbert A. Terry, “Public Television Law Redit: The Public Television Legal Survival Guide, 2d ed., Association of Public Television Stations, 2001,” 55 Fed. Comm. L.J. 615 (May 2003) (book review of above).

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

What Workers Compensation Practitioners Should Know About Disability Discrimination and Unemployment Compensation, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (2009).

The Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act, National Association of the Remodeling Industry, Education Day (2009).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

Pennsylvania Bar Association
Bucks County Bar Association
Licensed to practice before:
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
Pennsylvania Supreme and intermediate appellate courts
District of Columbia Bar
Federal Communications Bar Association (former member)

PERSONAL INTERESTS:

Modern Olympic Fencing	Creative Writing/ Literature
Travel	Music
Philosophy	Politics and Policy