

# Karen Petroski

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## LEGAL AND ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**Saint Louis University School of Law**, St. Louis, Missouri (2008-present)

Assistant professor of law

Courses: Civil Procedure I & II, Evidence, Legislation

**Morrison & Foerster LLP**, San Francisco, California (2006-08)

Litigation associate

**Cooper, White & Cooper LLP**, San Francisco, California (2005-06)

Litigation associate

**The Honorable William W Schwarzer**, Senior U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco, California (2004-05)

Judicial law clerk

**Boalt Hall School of Law**, University of California, Berkeley (2003-04)

Research assistant to Professors Philip Frickey and Daniel Farber; teaching assistant, Written & Oral Advocacy

## EDUCATION

**Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley**, J.D., 2004

Order of the Coif

Supervising Editor, California Law Review

Associate Editor, Berkeley Journal of International Law

**Columbia University**, Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature, 1999

M.Phil., 1994; M.A., 1991

Marjorie Hope Nicolson Fellow, President's Fellow

**Duke University**, A.B. in Philosophy and Comparative Literature, 1990

## PUBLICATIONS

*Legal Fictions and the Limits of Legal Language*, \_\_\_\_ International Journal of Law in Context \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2012).

*Iqbal and Interpretation*, \_\_\_\_ Florida State University Law Review \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2012).

*Does It Matter What We Say About Legal Interpretation?*, \_\_\_\_ McGeorge Law Review \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2012).

*Visual Legal Commentary*, chapter in Law, Culture, and Visual Studies (Anne Wagner & Richard K. Sherwin eds., forthcoming 2012).

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**PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)**

*Is Post-Positivism Possible?*, 12 German Law Journal 663 (2011).

- To be republished, in Portuguese, in Contemporary Constitutional Readings (Daniel Giotti & Felipe Asensi eds., forthcoming 2012).

*The Public Face of Presumptions*, 5 Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology 388 (2008).

*The Rhetoric of Symmetry*, 41 Valparaiso University Law Review 1165 (2007).

*Lessons for Academic Freedom Doctrine: The California Approach to University Autonomy and Accountability*, 32 Journal of College & University Law 147 (2005).

*Rethorizing the Presumption Against Implied Repeals*, 92 California Law Review 487 (2004).

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Statutory Genres: Substance, Procedure, Jurisdiction* (work in progress)

*Legal Uses of Non-Legal Expertise* (work in progress)

*Legal Fictions and Scientific Fact* (work in progress)

*Varieties of Post-Positivism* (work in progress)

**PRESENTATIONS**

Paper to be presented at the Evidence Section panel on Burdens of Proof, 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools, Washington, D.C., January 2012 (invited presentation).

“Legal Fictions and the Limits of Legal Language,” presented at special workshop on Legal Fictions at the XXV World Congress of the IVR (International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy), Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany, August 2011.

“Making Public Meaning: Legal Uses of Non-Legal Expertise,” presented at working group at the XXV World Congress of the IVR (International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy), Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany, August 2011.

“Varieties of Post-Positivism,” presented at the 2011 Legal Theory Research Group Workshop Series, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, June 2011 (invited presentation).

“Statutory Genres,” presented at New Scholars Workshop, Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2010 Annual Conference, Palm Beach, Florida, August 2010.

“Statutory Genres,” presented at Second Biennial Literature and Law Conference, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York, April 2010.

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**PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)**

“The ‘Terror Memo’: Topologies of Political Agency,” presented at panel on Communication, Control, and Terror at conference Changing Culture: Cultures of Change, cosponsored by University of Barcelona and Goldsmiths College, University of London, Barcelona, Spain, December 2009.

“After *Iqbal*: Interpreting Complaints,” presented at Washington University School of Law Regional Junior Faculty Works-in-Progress Workshop, St. Louis, Missouri, October 2009.

“Is Post-Positivism Possible?,” presented at special workshop on The Many Fates of Legal Positivism, at XXIV World Congress of the IVR (International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy), Beijing, China, September 2009.

“Judicial Opinions and Network Control,” presented at conference The State of Things: Towards a Political Economy of Artifice and Artefacts, Centre for Philosophy and Political Economy, School of Management, University of Leicester, Leicester, UK, April 2009.

“The Public Face of Presumptions,” presented at conference on Law and Evidence, hosted by Episteme: A Journal of Social Epistemology in connection with annual themed issue, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, June 2008.

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

St. Louis University Law School Scholarship Committee (2010-present)

St. Louis University Law School ABA Self-Study Committee (2011-present)

Planning committee for the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law and Advocacy, St. Louis University Law School (2010-11)

**MEMBERSHIPS**

State Bar of California (admitted 2004)

American Bar Association

Modern Language Association