John D. King

**Professor of Law**

Rutgers Law School

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**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**Rutgers Law School, Camden and Newark, New Jersey**, 2023-present

**Professor of Law**, 2023-present

Courses: Criminal Procedure, Sentencing, Evidence, and Professional Responsibility

**Washington & Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Virginia**, 2008-2023

**James P. Morefield Professor of Law**, 2020-2023

**Director of Experiential Education**, 2016-2023

**Director, Criminal Justice Clinic**, 2009-2023

**Core Faculty, Shepherd Interdisciplinary Program on Poverty and Human Capability**, 2009-2023

Endowed chair awarded, 2020

Lewis Prize for Excellence in Legal Scholarship, 2019

Ethan Allen Faculty Fellowship for Scholarship, 2018-2019

Tenure awarded, 2013

Professor of the Year (selected by the student body), 2013

Jessine Monaghan Faculty Fellowship for Teaching, 2011

Courses: Criminal Justice Clinic, Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Professional Responsibility, and an intensive two-week course in litigation skills

Previously served as Visiting Assistant Clinical (2008-2010), Assistant Clinical (2010-2011), Associate Clinical (2012-2016), and Clinical (2016-2020) Professor of Law

**Fulbright Scholar, Universidad Viña del Mar, Chile**, 2014

Conducted research on criminal justice reforms in Chile and the role of the public defender in the Chilean criminal justice system. Designed and taught a Spanish-language hybrid course in comparative criminal procedure and trial advocacy, entitled “Perspectivas Actuales de la Litigación Criminal.” Also designed and taught an English-language seminar course entitled “Power, Class, and Social Justice in Contemporary Chile.”

**Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington**

**Visiting Professor**, Summer 2011

Taught Evidence

**University of Wyoming College of Law, Laramie, Wyoming**

**Visiting Assistant Professor of Law**, 2007 – 2008

Taught Criminal Adjudication, Trial Practice, Negotiation, and Civil Pretrial Practice, and directed the Defender Aid Program, supervising law students in state and federal appellate courts litigating direct criminal appeals and other post-conviction matters.

**Georgetown University Law Center Criminal Justice Clinic, Washington, DC**

**Supervising Attorney and E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow**, 1999 – 2001

Taught and supervised third-year law students representing clients in misdemeanors in the District of Columbia Superior Court; represented adults charged in both misdemeanors and felonies; co-taught accompanying course regarding both substantive criminal law issues and trial advocacy skills; completed associated two-year training program in clinical pedagogy.

**EDUCATION**

**Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC**

LL.M., Advocacy, 2005

E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship in Criminal Justice

**University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan**

J.D., *cum laude*, December 1996

Michigan Law Review

Summer Law Clerk Experience:

Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Tennessee (Nashville, Tennessee)

Cohen, Weiss & Simon (New York, New York)

Chittenden County Public Defender (Burlington, Vermont)

**Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island**

B.A., History / Religious Studies, 1992

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Articles and Chapters**

*Prosecution Without Prosecutors*, 60 Wake Forest Law Review \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2026)

*Juries, Democracy, and Petty Crime*, 24 University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law 817 (2022)

*Gamesmanship and Criminal Process*, 58 American Criminal Law Review 47 (2021)

*The Meaning of a Misdemeanor in a Post-Ferguson World: Evaluating the Reliability of Prior Conviction Evidence*, 54 Georgia Law Review 927 (2020)

*Privatizing Criminal Procedure*, 107 Georgetown Law Journal 561 (2019)

*The Public Defender as International Transplant*, 38 University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law 831 (2017)

*Recognizing the Limits of the Right to Counsel as a Guarantee of Justice*, 12 Revista de Derechos Fundamentales (Chile) 67 (2015)

*Beyond “Life and Liberty:” The Evolving Right to Counsel*, 48 Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review 1 (2013)

*Procedural Justice, Collateral Consequences, and the Adjudication of Misdemeanors*, in The Prosecutor in Transnational Perspective (Oxford University Press, Erik Luna & Marianne Wade, eds.) (2012)

*Candor, Zeal, and the Substitution of Judgment: Ethics and the Mentally Ill Criminal Defendant*, 58 American University Law Review 207 (2008)

**Shorter Essays and Op-Eds**

*SCOTUS should heed Gorsuch and require juries for petty crimes*, The Hill, June 5, 2024 (with Andrea Roth), available at [SCOTUS should heed Gorsuch and require juries for petty crimes (thehill.com)](https://thehill.com/opinion/criminal-justice/4703221-scotus-should-heed-gorsuch-require-juries-for-petty-crimes/)

*Anything but Petty*, Inquest (Harvard online journal), October 25, 2022 (with Andrea Roth), available at <https://inquest.org/anything-but-petty/>

*Farmer Bruck: A Tribute to David Bruck*, 78 Washington and Lee Law Review 604 (2021) (with Johanna Bond)

*Coercion, Consent, Compassion*, 70 Washington and Lee Law Review 823 (2013)

*Lamentations, Celebrations, and Innovations:* Gideon *at 50*, 70 Washington and Lee Law Review 835 (2013)

**OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Sole Practitioner, Laramie, Wyoming**, 2006-2008

Represented clients facing criminal charges in United States District Court.

**Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC**

**Supervising Attorney, Trial Division**, 2005-2006

Selected as one of six supervising attorneys in 65-attorney trial division; supervised all aspects of pre-trial litigation and trial advocacy for attorneys in the general felony section; with other supervising attorneys, organized and conducted twice-monthly trial skills training sessions for trial attorneys; selected as Public Defender Service representative on the Domestic Violence Court Implementation Committee (2005); selected as Public Defender Service representative on the District of Columbia Sentencing Commission (2005 – 2006); in addition, directly represented indigent clients charged with serious felonies in the District of Columbia Superior Court.

**Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC**

**Staff Attorney, Trial Division**, 2001-2005

Represented indigent clients charged with criminal matters in the District of Columbia Superior Court, including homicides and sex offenses, handling all aspects of pre-trial and trial litigation.

**Judge Richard H. Kyle, Saint Paul, Minnesota**

**Law Clerk, United States District Court for the District of Minnesota**, 1997-1999

Researched and wrote memorandum opinions and orders in a wide variety of civil and criminal matters and assisted with all aspects of trials.

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, Florida, July 27-August 2, 2025: “Centering People, Producing Narratives, and Exposing Myths in Criminal Law and Procedure” (forthcoming)

American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, April 26-29, 2025: “Reexamining the Role of the Criminal Clinic” (forthcoming)

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, July 21-27, 2024: “Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and the Legacies of Slavery”

American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, May 1-5, 2024: “Privilege, Self-Care, and Criminal Clinics”

American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference, San Francisco, California, April 27-30, 2023: “Structural Change and Individual Representation: Teaching Students to Thrive within Systems They Seek to Dismantle”

Law and Society Association Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, July 13-16, 2022: “Prison Abolition and Clinical Pedagogy: Teaching Students to Thrive in a System They Seek to Dismantle”

American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 5-9, 2022: “Critical Evidence Reform: How Do We Change Prior Conviction Impeachment in the U.S?”

Law and Society Association Conference, May 26-30, 2021: “Critical Evidence Reform: How Do We Change Prior Conviction Impeachment in the U.S?”

American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference, San Francisco, California, May 4-7, 2019: “Friday Night Fights: Addressing Clinical Team Dynamics and Teaching Collaboration Skills in an Age of Polarization”

Federal Defenders of San Diego CLE Seminar, San Diego, California, April 10, 2019: “Ethics and Strategy in Criminal Defense of Mentally Ill Clients”

Crimfest, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York, July 15-16, 2019: “Gamesmanship and Criminal Process”

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, August 6-10, 2018: “The Warren Court’s Impact on Criminal Justice”

Law and Literature Seminar, Lexington, Virginia, October 27-28, 2017: “’Good Character and Bad Company’: Criminality and Punishment in *Great Expectations*”

NYU Clinical Writers’ Workshop, New York, New York, September 23, 2017: “Privatizing Criminal Procedure”

American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference, Denver, Colorado, May 6-9, 2017: “A Pedagogy of Intervention: Student Autonomy and Zealous Advocacy”

American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, January 3-7, 2017: “Law School Curricula and Practice-Readiness: Perfect Partners or Strange Bedfellows?”

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, Florida, August 3-August 9, 2016: “The Politics of Criminal Justice”

American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, April 30-May 3, 2016: “Carpetbaggers or Collaborative Colleagues?: Challenging Local Legal Culture”

Colloquium, Programa de las Reformas Procesales y Litigación, Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile, December 2, 2014: “El rol del defensor en el proceso penal chileno: una mirada comparada desde la experiencia de los Estados Unidos (The Role of the Defense Lawyer in the Chilean Criminal Justice System: A Comparative Perspective from the United States Experience)”

Vicerrectoría de Internacionalización y Vinculación, Universidad Viña del Mar, Viña del Mar, Chile, November 27, 2014: “Perspectivas internacionales sobre derechos humanos (International Perspectives on Human Rights)”

Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad Viña del Mar, Viña del Mar, Chile, October 3, 2014: “La raza y el sistema penal estadounidense (Race and the American Criminal Justice System)”

Fulbright Commission, Santiago, Chile, August 28, 2014: “The Evolving Role of the Defense Lawyer in Chile’s Criminal Justice System”

American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 27-30, 2014: “Using Case Rounds to Teach Professional Identity”

IX Encuentro Internacional: Escuela de Verano de La Habana 2013 sobre Temas Penales Contemporáneos, IV Fórum Iberoamericano sobre Derecho Penal Económico, y X Congreso Internacional de la Sociedad Cubana de Ciencias Penales, Havana, Cuba, July 8-12, 2013: “Los Problemas Estadounidenses de Defensa Penal, Específicamente la Representación en un Escenario del Defensor Público (Issues in Indigent Criminal Defense in the United States)”

University of Havana Department of Law, Havana, Cuba, March 28, 2013: “Alternatives to Incarceration in Cuba and the United States” (presentation given to Cuban law professors, law students, and judges)

Washington and Lee Law Review Symposium, Lexington, Virginia, November 8-9, 2012: “*Gideon* at 50: Reassessing the Right to Counsel”

Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Teaching Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, October 5-6, 2012: “Race and the Criminal Justice System: Harmonizing Clinical and Doctrinal Teaching to Advance Social Justice”

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, Florida, July 30-August 3, 2012: “Teaching Race, Discretion, and Implicit Bias in the Criminal Justice System”

American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference, Los Angeles, California, April 30-May 4, 2012: “Teaching Investigating/Investigating Teaching: Ideas on Developing Persuasive Fact Analysis Techniques for Law Students”

University of Cincinnati School of Law Faculty Workshop, Cincinnati, Ohio, February 17, 2012: “Beyond ‘Life’ and ‘Liberty’: The Evolving Right to Counsel”

ClassCrits IV: Criminalizing Economic Inequality, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., September 23-24, 2011: “’Petty Offenses,’ ‘Minor Convictions,’ and Other Extinct Creatures: The Right to Counsel in a Changing Context”

American Association of Law Schools Conference on the Future of the Law School Curriculum, Seattle, Washington, June 14, 2011: “Criminal Clinics 2.0: Advantages and Drawbacks to Broadening the Traditional Model”

American Bar Association Ethics Roundtable, Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Virginia, November 19, 2010

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach Florida, July 30-August 4, 2010: “Through the Looking Glass: Analyzing an Ethics Lesson Through Four Modes of Teaching”

Commentator, Prosecutorial Power: A Transnational Workshop, Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Virginia, April 1-2, 2010

**UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL SERVICE**

Committee Assignment at Rutgers:

Intellectual Life Committee (2023-present)

Committee Assignments at Washington and Lee:

Experiential Education (chair: 2016-2023)

Sydney and Frances Lewis Law Center (2012-2013, 2021-2023)

Mudd Center for Ethics Advisory Board (2022-2023)

Shepherd Poverty Program Advisory Committee (2010-14, 2015-2023)

Various Tenure and Promotion Committees (2013-present) (chair: 2015-2016, 2021-22)

Faculty Appointments (2012-2013 2020-2022, chair: 2020-2022)

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees (2019-2021)

Faculty Affairs (2018-2022)

Clerkship (2008-14, 2018-2020)

University Advisory (2018)

Educational Planning and Curriculum (2011-14, 2015-2018)

Shepherd Poverty Program Strategic Planning Steering Committee (2017-2018)

Sustainable Commerce Minor (2017-2018)

University Board of Appeals (2011-13, 2017-2018)

Clinical Programs (2008-14) (chair: 2015-2016)

Student-Faculty Hearing Board (2015-2016)

Planning Committee, Mudd Center for Ethics “Race and Justice in America” (2013-14)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Bar Association Working Group on Building Public Trust in the American Justice System (co-chair, 2023-present)

Mentor, American Association of Law Schools Clinicians Helping Hands Mentoring Program

Virginia Bar

District of Columbia Bar

Clinical Legal Education Association

American Bar Association

Law and Society Association

**LANGUAGE**

Proficient in Spanish