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SPECIALTY

Educator specializing in helping law students, individual lawyers, law firms, organizations, communities and governments develop skills in litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution that are tailored to their needs & publishing materials to assist in the development of such skills.

Professor Seckinger's specialty is litigation before common law tribunals, international arbitration panels and special courts for humanity (such as the International Criminal Court for Rwanda and the Special Court for Sierra Leone.)

Professor Seckinger has taught trial advocacy skills for fact witnesses and expert witnesses before common law tribunals in law schools, law firms, legal organizations throughout North America, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand.

Professor Seckinger has taught advocacy skills before international arbitration panels at Universite de Geneva MIDS (masters in dispute resolution) program and Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [FIAA] programs on Fact Witnesses and Expert Witnesses in Geneva, Lausanne, Paris, London, Mumbai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bogota, Sao Paola.

Professor Seckinger has taught courses on depositions / examinations for discovery for law students in the U.S. and Canada, for law firms in the U.S., Canada and London. Professor Seckinger has also taught courses on Evidence at Cornell and Notre Dame. Professor Seckinger has also taught seminars on ethics for practicing lawyers at law firms and professional organizations.

COURSES TAUGHT IN LAW SCHOOLS

Applied Evidence Pretrial Civil [AEPC] 2-3 credit hours

International Arbitration Advocacy Skills [IAAS] 2-3 credit hours

Advanced Trial Advocacy Civil [ATAC] 2-3 credit hours

Evidence Course 3-4 credit hours

Deposition Skills 3 credit hours

Intensive Trial Advocacy [ITA] 4 credit hours

PUBLICATIONS

2023

- Materials Published by Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [FIAA.com].
Lead Author James Seckinger Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame, Indiana USA.
Materials used by Faculty and Participants. November 10-12, 2023, Dubai, UAE,
Questioning of Expert Witnesses in International Arbitration, A Learning-by-Doing Skills Workshop Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [FIAA.com].
(1) Instructional Materials for Faculty and Participants;
(2) Advance (Reference) Materials: Expert Testimony in International Arbitration 179 pp.;
(3) KVG v. Cambridge Casefile Quantum Phase Expert Testimony in International Arbitration 260 pp.

 - Materials Published by Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [FIAA.com].
Lead Author James Seckinger Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame, Indiana USA.
Materials used by Faculty and Participants. June 1-3, 2023, Miami, Florida, USA,
Questioning of Expert Witnesses in International Arbitration, A Learning-by-Doing Skills Workshop Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [FIAA.com].
(1) Instructional Materials for Faculty and Participants;
(2) Advance (Reference) Materials: Expert Testimony in International Arbitration 179 pp.;
(3) KVG v. Cambridge Casefile Quantum Phase Expert Testimony in International Arbitration 260 pp.

 - Materials Published by Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [FIAA.com].
Lead Author James Seckinger Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame, Indiana USA.
Materials used by Faculty and Participants, April 14-16, 2023, Geneva, Switzerland,
Questioning of Fact Witnesses in International Arbitration, A Learning-by-Doing Skills Workshop for the MIDS – Geneva LL.M in International Dispute Settlement, Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies Maison de la Paiz, chemin Eugene Rigot 2, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland.
(1) Instructional Materials for Faculty and Participants;
(2) Advance (Reference) Materials: Fact Testimony in International Arbitration 72 pp.;
(3) KVG v. Cambridge Casefile Liability Phase for Fact Testimony in International Arbitration 116 pp.
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PUBLICATIONS

2023

- *State v. O'Neill Casefile* Sixth Edition NITA
- *State v. O'Neill Casefile* Rev Fifth for University of Ottawa NITA
- *State v. Diamond Casefile* Sixth Edition NITA
- *Cranbrooke v. Intellex Casefile, Trial Materials, Fourth Ed* NITA
- *Cranbrooke v. Intellex Casefile, Deposition Materials, Fourth Ed* NITA

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- Published by Law Practice Program for Lawyers Seeking Admission to the Bar of Ontario: *Dolan v. Providential Insurance Co* Canadian Edition (2023) and all of their program materials.. Contact Person: Chris Bentley chris.bentley@ryerson.ca
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Publications for Notre Dame Law School Courses

- Seckinger, *Dolan v. Providential Life Insurance Co.* Casefile, U.S. Edition, 2nd Ed (2023) 90 pp for Fall 2023 Applied Evidence Pretrial Civil Course
- Seckinger, *Case Analysis Organizer and Template* for *Dolan v. Providential Life Ins. Co.* Casefile, U.S. Edition, 2nd Ed (2023) 86 pp for Fall 2023 Applied Evidence Pretrial Civil Course
- Seckinger, *Exhibit Booklet – Legal and Fact Foundations for Exhibits*, 119 pp for Fall 2023 Applied Evidence Pretrial Civil Course
- Seckinger, *Syllabus and Schedule for Applied Evidence Pretrial Civil Courses*, 89 pp Fall 2023

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Publications for Notre Dame Law School Courses

- Published Seckinger, *KVG v. Cambridge Co. Casefile and Advance Materials (text)*, U.S. Law School Edition (2023) 162 pp for Spring 2023 and Fall 2023 International Arbitration Advocacy Skills Course
 - Published Seckinger, *Case Analysis Organizer and Template for KVG v. Cambridge Casefile with Two Deciding Questions of Fact*, U.S. Law School Edition 2nd Ed (2023) 86 pp for Spring 2023 and Fall 2023 International Arbitration Advocacy Skills Course.
 - Published Seckinger, *Syllabus and Schedule for International Arbitration Advocacy Skills Course* xxx pp Spring 2023 and xxx pp Fall 2023
 - Published Seckinger, *Dolan v. Providential Life Insurance Co. Casefile*, U.S. Edition, 2nd Ed (2023) 90 pp for Spring 2023 Advanced Trial Advocacy Civil Course
 - Published Seckinger, *Case Analysis Organizer and Template for Dolan v. Providential Life Ins. Co. Casefile*, U.S. Edition, 2nd Ed (2023) 86 pp for Spring 2023 Advanced Trial Advocacy Civil Course
 - Published Seckinger, *Syllabus and Schedule for Advanced Trial Advocacy Civil Course*, 125 pp Spring 2023
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EDUCATION

Notre Dame Law School, JD Honors 1st in class, Hoynes and O'Meara Awards, Prentice-Hall Tax Award, Brennan Scholar, Law Review, published two articles. First Generation Professional School

Vanderbilt University Masters in Nuclear Physics with Honors; Thesis at Atomic Energy Argonne National Laboratory, Lamont Illinois. First Generation Graduate Student

St. John's University, Minnesota, B.S. Physics/Math, Summa Cum Laude, 3.92 gpa 1st in class First Generation University graduate.

High School, St. James Academy, New Rockford North Dakota [population 1,600]

BAR ADMISSIONS

Current: Supreme Court of the United States; **Inactive:** Supreme Courts of Colorado and Indiana; US District Court for Colorado; US Tenth Circuit Court of Appeal; US District Court for ND Indiana, US Seventh Circuit Court of Appeal

APPOINTMENTS

Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame.

Visiting Professor: Cornell Law School.

Visiting Professor: University of Toronto Law School.

One of four Founding Directors, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [*FIAA.com*]

Member FIAA Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, Director of Education, Faculty, Author

Executive Director, National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA] 15 years, Faculty to present

Master Member, Robert A. Grant Inn of Court, South Bend Indiana

Chief Deputy, Denver District Attorneys Office

Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship

Law Clerk, William E. Doyle, U.S. District Court, Denver, Colorado

Summer Associate: Davis Graham Stubbs Denver, Colorado; Cushman Darby Cushman, DC

HONORS

Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching Advocacy.

Scholarship established to honor James H. Seckinger for his contributions to the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy Geneva [FIAA.com] Geneva

Academic Fellow, International Society of Barristers.

Designed a Program on “Advanced Questioning Techniques” for Osgoode Professional Development, York University, Toronto, which won the U.S. ACLEA award

Francis Rawle Award from ALI-ABA for extraordinary service to post-admission legal education.

Member, Advisory Panel to Indiana Commission on Continuing Legal Education’s Committee on Attorney Specialization.

Master Member, Robert A. Grant Inn of Court, South Bend IN

Special Lecturer, Australian Legal Convention, Adelaide, Australia. Presented a paper on Expert Witnesses, which has been revised and published on three continents.

Author of a casefile with problems that has been published in United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, England, Scotland, Ireland, Hong Kong, Singapore,

Certificate of Excellence for Teaching of Trial Advocacy, Roscoe Pound Foundation.

Honorary Member of New Zealand Law Society (first non-native New Zealander to be so honored).

I. Goodman Cohen Lecturer in Trial Advocacy, Wayne State University School of Law. Presented a paper which was published.

Invited Keynote Speaker, Swearing-in Ceremony for Hon. Ann C. Williams, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois.

Special Recognition for Outstanding Service, National Mock Trial Team, Notre Dame Law School. 3 times.

Distinguished Teacher Award, Notre Dame Law School.

CONTRIBUTIONS – GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Canada has its own section

Founder and Trustee, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [FIAA.com]

Designed, Wrote Teaching/Learning Materials, Taught the First Advocacy Skills Program for Prosecutors, Rwanda War Crimes Tribunal, Kigali, Rwanda.

Designed, Wrote Teaching/Learning Materials, Taught an Advocacy Skills Program for Prosecutors, Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Started advocacy skills training in New Zealand, Australia, Scotland, England, El Salvador.

In each country Jim Seckinger designed the initial program, wrote the teaching/learning materials and taught in the program. Each program continued to use Jim Seckinger's program design and teaching/learning materials with the understanding that each program would evolve to most appropriately serve its constituents needs for advocacy skills training.

Designed, directed and taught advocacy skills program for Scotland's Advocates.

Designed, directed and taught advocacy skills programs for the major English law firms after solicitors received the rights of audience.

Designed, directed and taught advocacy skills programs for *examining fact witnesses* in international arbitration proceedings in Geneva, Singapore, Mumbai, London, Paris, Sao Paolo, Bogota

Designed, directed and taught advocacy skills programs for *examining expert witnesses* in international arbitration proceedings in Geneva, Singapore, Hong Kong, London, Paris

With Steven Lubet designed and taught the first programs training experts to be witnesses in common law proceedings and arbitrations. Conducted such programs in Australia, New Zealand, England, several cities in United States.

CONTRIBUTIONS – CANADA

2015-2023 *Law Practice Program [LPP]-Advocacy Skills*, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The *LPP Advocacy Skills Program* is sponsored by the Law Society of Ontario for graduates of law schools outside of Canada (U.S. England Ireland New Zealand Australia) who are seeking admission to the Ontario Bar. 90% of the participants are persons of color or women. Each year the three day *LPP Program on Advocacy Skills* has 250 participants and 60 practicing lawyers serving as guest faculty.

Jim Seckinger designed the *LPP Program on Advocacy Skills* and wrote the casefile, text and teaching/learning aids for the practitioner/guest faculty who assist the participants in learning advocacy skills. Each year Jim Seckinger updates the program design and the materials. The three day program has one day in August, October and December. Each day starts with a faculty meeting at 730 am with learning/teaching workshops from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. For more information contact the LPP Director Chris Bentley, London, Ontario, Canada.

Jim Seckinger assisted Professor Garry Watson, York University Law School in founding Trial Advocacy Skills Training in Ontario and later throughout Canada.

Jim Seckinger Wrote Casefiles, Text and Learning/Teaching Materials and Designed Programs for York University Law School, Law Schools throughout Canada, including French speaking law schools in Quebec and New Brunswick.

Toronto Canada, York University Law School; Montreal Quebec, Canada, Sherbrooke University Law School; Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, University of Moncton Law School.

In each jurisdiction, Jim Seckinger designed the initial program, wrote the teaching/learning materials and taught in the program. Each program continued to use Jim Seckinger's program design and teaching/learning materials with the understanding that each program would evolve to most appropriately serve its constituents needs for advocacy skills training.

Sherbrooke, Montreal and Moncton are both French speaking law schools and Seckinger's materials have been translated into French and are used in French speaking law schools and continuing education programs.

Jim Seckinger designed a Program on "Advanced Questioning Techniques" for Osgoode Professional Development, York University, Toronto, which won the U.S. ACLEA award

CONTRIBUTIONS – UNITED STATES

Participated in the initial programs developed by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA] in Boulder, Colorado.

Director, National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA] 15 years. Focused on 1) creating and developing trial skills programs run by NITA; 2) Developing materials for use in law schools, legal organizations, and law firms; 3) bringing the NITA programs to law firms, legal organizations, such as US Department of Justice, Bar Associations, District Attorneys' Offices, Public Defenders Offices, Public Interest Lawyers; 4) bringing the NITA materials and methods to the global community.

Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy [FIAA.com] FIAA programs have been conducted in Washington DC and New York using materials of which I am the primary author

**TEACHING FACULTY
PROGRAMS FOR LAWYERS**

Pre-Pandemic

2020

Faculty and Program Director, *Law Practice Program [LPP]-Advocacy Skills Program*, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. One full day in August, October, December 2019. The *LPP Advocacy Skills Program* is sponsored by the Law Society of Ontario for graduates of law schools outside of Canada (U.S. England Ireland New Zealand Australia) who are seeking admission to the Ontario Bar. 90% of the participants are persons of color or women. Each year the three day *LPP Program on Advocacy Skills* has 250 participants and 60 practicing lawyers serving as guest faculty. For more information contact the LPP Director Chris Bentley, London, Ontario, Canada.

2019

Faculty, International Arbitration Advocacy Skills Program on Fact Witnesses, May 2019, MIDS LLM Program Universite de Geneva, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA). Program for LLM students from across Asia and Europe with a few from North and South America

Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA] Midwest Deposition Program, June 5-7, 2019, Robert Burns Program Director

REFERENCES

Christopher Bentley
Director
Law Practice Program [LPP]
London, Ontario, Canada

Robert Burns
Professor of Law
Northwestern University
Chicago, Illinois

Lady Justice Leona Dorrian
Court of Appeal of Scotland
Edinburgh, Scotland

Timothy Dutton QC
Barrister, former President of
the London Bar
London, England

Gabrielle Kaufmann- Kohler
International Arbitrator
Geneva, Switzerland

Victoria Watkins
Director, Professional Development
Osgoode Law School
York University
Toronto, Canada

Hon. Ann C. Williams
Circuit Judge, Retired
7th Circuit Court of Appeals
Chicago, IL Now with Jones Day

Kenneth Broun
Dean Emeritus, Law School
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Hon Carol Corrigan
Justice
California Supreme Court

Lord Justice Brian Leveson
Court of Appeal for United Kingdom Ret.
London, England

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Geneva, Switzerland

Timothy Nickels
Managing Partner
Swanson, Martin & Bell
Chicago, IL

State v. Diamond and State v. Doyle
Introduction
Innovative Gender Bias Casefile



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