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### Specialty

Educator specializing in empowering individuals, law firms, organizations, communities and governments to develop skills in litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution that are tailored to their needs. *In lieu of providing fish Professor Seckinger focuses on teaching another person or group to fish*

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. and Canada. 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.

### Education

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

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

St. John's University, Minnesota, B.S. Physics/Math, Summa Cum Laude, 3.92 gpa 1<sup>st</sup> in class High School, New Rockford North Dakota

### **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. Trial Advocacy, Deposition Skills, Evidence

Visiting Professor: Cornell Law School. Trial Advocacy, Evidence

Visiting Professor: University of Toronto Law School. Trial Advocacy, Examination for Discovery Skills (Canada's version of Deposition Skills)

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

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

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

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

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

### **Honors** (cont.)

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.

Academic Fellow, International Society of Barristers.

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.

### **Contributions – Global Community** (cont.)

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**

2015-2020 *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.

### **Contributions – Canada** (cont.)

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. Montreal and Moncton are both French speaking law schools and

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

Other contributions see long cv.

### **Teaching Faculty Programs for Lawyers**

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

**Teaching Faculty**  
**Programs for Lawyers**

2019

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.

**Recent Publications**

2019

Geneva Switzerland May 2019 *Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Fact Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 168 pp, 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

Beijing China May 2019 *Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Fact Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 168 pp, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA). Program for Practicing Lawyers.

New York, USA October 10-12, 2019 *Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Expert Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 396 pp, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA). Program for Practicing Lawyers.

Toronto, Canada *Dolan v. Providential Life Ins Co* 158 pp *Law Practice Program [LPP]-Advocacy Skills*, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 2019

Toronto, Canada *Text on Advocacy Skills for Trials, Hearings and Arbitrations*, 120 pp, *Law Practice Program [LPP]-Advocacy Skills*, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 2019

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2018

Paris, France June 2018 *Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Fact Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 168 pp, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA). Program for Practicing Lawyers.

Geneva Switzerland April 2018 *Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Fact Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 168 pp, 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

Toronto, Canada *Dolan v. Providential Life Ins Co* 158 pp *Law Practice Program [LPP]-Advocacy Skills*, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 2018

Toronto, Canada *Text on Advocacy Skills for Trials, Hearings and Arbitrations*, 120 pp, *Law Practice Program [LPP]-Advocacy Skills*, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada 2018

2017

*Evidence in Context, A Trial Evidence Workbook*, 296 pp, Burns, Lubet, Moberly, Seckinger National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA]

*Problems and Materials in Evidence and Trial Advocacy, Volume One Cases*, 249 pp, Burns, Lubet, Moberly, Seckinger, National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA]

*Problems and Materials in Evidence and Trial Advocacy, Volume Two Problems*, 89 pp, Burns, Lubet, Moberly, Seckinger, National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA]

*State v. Diamond & State v. Doyle. Homicide Case File*. 159 pp. National Institute for Trial Advocacy [NITA] Innovative Gender Focus. See Introduction attached.

Bogota, Columbia September 2017 *Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Fact Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 168 pp, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA). Program for Practicing Lawyers.

Geneva Switzerland April 2017 *Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for **Fact Testimony** in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 168 pp, 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

## Recent Publications

2016

Hong Kong March 2016 *Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for Expert Testimony in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 396 pp, Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy (FIAA) Program for Practicing Lawyers

Geneva Switzerland May 2016 *Advance Materials (text) and Casefile for Fact Testimony in International Arbitration Advocacy*, 168 pp, 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

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Justice  
California Supreme Court

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Court of Appeal for United Kingdom  
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***Innovative Gender Bias Casefile***



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