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EDUCATION

J.D., Chapman University School of Law, Orange, CA, May 2003

M.A., Christian Apologetics (Highest Honors), Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA, December 2019

B.A. (Honors), California State University Fullerton, Fullerton, CA, May 1989

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Advanced Mediation Techniques, Iowa Association of Mediators, Grinnell, IA, July 2017 (5 hr)

Mediation Practice Updates, Southwest Iowa Mediation Center, Council Bluffs, IA, July 2017 (3 hr)

World Mediation Congress, Int'l Academy for Dispute Resolution, Des Moines, IA, November 2016 (15 hr)

Managing High Conflict Personalities in Mediation, Iowa Assoc. Mediators, Johnston, IA, May 2015 (7 hr)

Cultivating Mediation: Growing Our Fields, Iowa Assoc. of Mediator, Indianola, IA, October 2014 (7 hr)

World Mediation Congress, Int'l Academy for Dispute Resolution, Des Moines, IA, October 2014 (15 hr)

Reconciling Marital Conflict training, Peacemaker Ministries, Colorado Springs, CO, September 2014 (20 hr)

Aging Issues Mediation Certification Training, Iowa Association of Mediators, Grinnell, IA, July 2014 (26 hr)

Client Centered Mediation for the 21st Century, Iowa Assoc. of Mediators, Ames, IA, May 2014 (6 hr)

Domestic Violence Mediation, Southwest Iowa Mediation Services, Atlantic, IA, January 2013 (4 hr)

Mediation Certification, Chris Crilley Mediation Services, Lake Okoboji, IA, August 2012 (40 hr)

Adv. Mediation & Arbitration Certification, Peacemakers Ministries, Billings, MT, March 2011 (24 hr)

Conflict Coaching & Mediation Skills Seminar, Peacemaker Ministries, Chatsworth, CA, October 2010 (24 hr)

National Litigation Academy XXIII Certificate, Alliance Defense Fund, Naples, FL, October 2005 (40 hr)

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Trinity Law School, Adjunct Professor, Santa Ana, CA, August 2018 to present

Classes: Legal Research & Writing (J.D.), Torts (J.D.), Foundational Skills for Christian ADR (M.L.S.),

Pacific Law Partners, LLP, Associate Attorney, Irvine, CA, July 2019 to November 2020

Practice areas: Bad Faith Insurance Defense (Law & Motion)

Fraser, Watson & Crouch, LLP, Associate Attorney, Orange, CA, September 2018 to June 2019

Practice areas: Medical Malpractice Defense, Employment Law Defense (Law & Motion)

Stewart Law & Mediation, PLLC, Private Law & Mediation Practice, Panora, IA, June 2014 to April 2018

Practice areas: ADR, Municipal Law, Civil Litigation

Wild, Baxter & Sand, Associate Attorney, Guthrie Center, IA, July 2012 to May 2014

Practice areas: Civil Litigation, Municipal Law, ADR, General Practice

Law Office of Stewart & Stewart, Orange, CA, Private Law Practice, October 2005 to August 2018

Co-Founder & Partner. Practice areas: Civil Litigation, Family Law, Business Law

Alliance Defending Freedom, Scottsdale, AZ, Allied Attorney, October 2005 to present (pro bono)

Honor Corps Member. Practice areas: Religious freedom & civil liberties

Pacific Justice Institute, Sacramento, CA, Affiliate Attorney, October 2004 to December 2009 (pro bono)

Practice areas: Religious freedom and civil liberties

The Claremont Institute, Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, Orange, CA, Summer 2005

Supervise ADF Blackstone Fellows - public school teacher discrimination case

Law Office of Laurie A. Messerly, Irvine, CA, Private Law Practice, July 2004 to October 2005

Practice areas: Family Law, Civil Litigation

Crandall, Wade & Lowe, Irvine, CA, Associate Attorney: 2003 to 2004; Law Clerk: 2002 to 2003
Practice areas: Insurance Defense, Corporate Defense, Civil Litigation, Personal Injury
Law Office of David P. Crandall, Irvine, CA, Law Clerk, 2001
Practice areas: Personal Injury
Chapman University School of Law, Orange, CA, Legal Research Assistant, 2000 to 2001
Legal research Constitutional Law issues, e.g., Florida election statutes, judicial appointments

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL PRESENTATIONS & ADDITIONAL TEACHING

“Women, Human Rights & Christianity,” Guest speaker
Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, August 2018
“Getting it done: A roundtable discussion of mediation procedures, pointers, pain, and propriety,” Panelist
Mediation Inns of Court, Des Moines, Iowa, April 2018
“Communities Addressing Conflict/Violence Panel,” Panelist
Iowa Association of Mediators, 2017 Summer Chautauqua, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, July 2017
“Resolving Conflict Out of Court,” Guest speaker, Law students and Law faculty
Maranatha Christian University, Bandung, Indonesia, February 2017
“Resolving Everyday Conflict,” Guest speaker, Lawyers
Indonesia Christian Legal Society, Jakarta, Indonesia, February 2017
“Conflict Coaching & Mediation,” Co-Lecturer, 30-hour class to lawyers and judges
CLASFON, Jos, Nigeria, November 2016
“Peacemaker’s Seminar,” Co-Lecturer to lawyers, judges and church leaders
CLASFON, Jos, Nigeria, November 2016
“Coping with Conflict: Fight, Flight or Follow,” Guest Speaker
CLASFON, Lagos, Nigeria November 2016
“Mediation as a First Response,” Guest speaker, International ADR Society’s 6th Annual
World Congress, Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA, October 2016
“Friends & Family at Mediation,” Guest speaker, International ADR Society’s 6th Annual
World Congress, Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA, October 2016
“Resolving Conflict Out of Court,” Guest speaker, Law students and Law faculty
Maranatha Christian University, Bandung, Indonesia, February 2016
“Women, Human Rights & Christianity,” Guest speaker, NCCA,
Charlotte, NC, October 2015
“Women, Human Rights & Religion,” Guest speaker,
Conference, Jakarta, Indonesia, July 2015.
“Pay It Forward: Teaching Conflict Resolution,” Guest speaker, International ADR Society’s 6th Annual
World Congress, Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA, October 2014
“Peacemaking Seminar: Conflict & Reconciliation,” Lecturer 30-hour class to lawyers and judges
CLASFON, Jos Nigeria, February 2014
“Religious Freedom,” Guest Speaker
Christian Lawyers Association, Delhi, India, February 2010
“Troubled Waters: Know Your Legal Rights and Run Your Ministry with Boldness,” Guest speaker
CCCA, Colorado Springs, CO, November 2009
“Are International Laws Influencing America’s Moral Decline?” Keynote speaker
CPC, Orange, CA, November 2009
“International Law: Impact on Religious Freedom & Families in American,” Guest speaker
Rolling Hills Covenant Church, Rolling Hills, CA, October 2009
“Battle for Marriage: Why It Matters to You,” Guest speaker
Townhall Meeting, Panora, IA, August 2009
“Freedom of Choice Act,” Keynote speaker to law students
Whittier Law School, Costa Mesa, CA, February 2009
“Camps and the Law: How to Avoid the Legal Snares,” Guest speaker,

NW Sectional Meeting of CCCA, Camp Berachah, Auburn, WA, February 2009
“Prop 8 Panel, Post Election,” Co-panelist with law school professors on topic of same sex marriage
Chapman University School of Law, Orange, CA, November 2008
“Prop 8 Debate,” Debate regarding same-sex marriage
Whittier Law School, Costa Mesa, CA, October 2008
“Marriage Matters To Kids,” Featured interview in a documentary on Constitutional analysis of California
Supreme Court opinion of *In Re Marriage Cases* in documentary, University of California Berkeley,
Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley, CA, September 2008
“Christian Defense Against the ACLU,” Keynote speaker
CPC, Orange, CA, April 2006
Dean’s Fellow, Chapman University School of Law, Orange, CA, 2001 to 2002, Taught Legal Research
& Writing to law students

OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND TEACHING

Bible Studies, Small Group Leader
Calvary Church, Santa Ana, CA, September 2020 to present
“Inner Peace: Journey to Soul Care, Guest Speaker for Nurture: Moms with Young Children
Calvary Church, Santa Ana, CA, March 2022
The Path of a Peacemaker: Advanced Mediation/Certification course, Trainer
Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, CA, August 2021
“Apologetics for the Trinity,” Guest speaker via Zoom
Ratio Christi, Biola University chapter, May 2021
“Illuminate” Reasons to Believe/Women in Apologetics Conference, Co-Emcee
Reasons to Believe, Covina, CA, September 2020
“Why Pray?,” Guest Speaker
Orange County Rescue Mission, Tustin, CA, September 2020
“Women in Apologetics,” Guest speaker via Zoom.
Ratio Christi, Malaysia chapter, September 2020
“Women in Apologetics,” 28:19 Television Show, Guest interviewee
Reasons to Believe, Covina, CA, August 2020
“Is Christianity News for Women,” Guest speaker via Zoom
Ratio Christi, Biola University chapter, April 2020
“Is Christianity Good News for Women,” Guest interview
All the Things Show, March 2020
“Women’s Rights: A Christian Lawyer, Former Feminist Perspective,” Conference Emcee and Speaker
Women in Apologetics Conference, Biola University, La Mirada, CA, January 2020
“Rooted in Christ in Conflict,” Sunrise Christian Church, Women’s Retreat, Guest Speaker,
Maranatha Bible Camp and Retreat Center in Everton, MO, October 2019
“Biblical Peacemaking Seminar,” Seminar Instructor
Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, CA, May 2019
“True Story of ‘Unplanned,’” Guest interview
All the Things Show, April 2019
“Coping with Conflict,” Guest speaker
Orange County Rescue Mission, Tustin, CA, April 2019
“Apologetics: The New Bad Word and Why You Need It,” Christian Apologetics Conference, Guest speaker
St. Paul United Methodist Church, Tampa, Florida, March 2019
“Making Sense of the Trinity,” Conference Emcee and Speaker
Women in Apologetics Conference, Biola University, La Mirada, CA, January 2019
“Apologetics, the New Bad Word, and Why We Need It,” Guest Speaker,
Cal Baptist University, Riverside, CA, April 2018
“Intelligent Faith: Mission Report,” Guest speakers

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA, May 2018

“Apologetics, the New Bad Word, and Why We Need It,” “Biblical Peacemaking: Apologetics in Action,”
 Guest Speaker, Intelligent Faith Conference, New Covenant Bible Church, April 2018

“Truth: What it is and Why We Need It,” Conference Emcee and Speaker
 Women in Apologetics Conference, Biola University, La Mirada, CA, January 2018

Coping with Conflict: Fight, Flight or Follow,” Conference Speaker
 Evangelism Conference, Adulam Church, Jerez, Spain, October 2017

“Apologetics the New Bad Word and Why We Need it,” “Worldview In Focus,” Conference speaker
 No Pat Answers Metro Conference, City of Hope International Church, Kearney, NJ, May 2017

“Apologetics the New Bad Word and Why We Need it,” “Worldview In Focus,” Conference speaker
 No Pat Answers Annual Conference, Long Branch Covenant Church, Long Branch, NJ April 2017

“Biblical Peacemaking: Apologetics in Action,” “Apologetics, the New Bad Word, and Why We Need It,”
 Guest Speaker, Intelligent Faith Conference, New Covenant Bible Church, March 2017

“Speak the Truth with Love,” Guest speaker, Student & Faculty Chapel
 Maranatha Christian University, Bandung, Indonesia, February 2017

“Apologetics with Gentleness & Respect,” “Human Rights & Christianity,” Guest speaker
 Christian Apologetics Conference, Vineyard Institute, Jakarta, Indonesia, February 2017

“Biblical Peacemaking,” Co-Lecturer to Pastors
 Jos, Nigeria, November 2016

“Secular University Ideology & A Christian Response to Feminism and Transgenderism,” Guest teacher
 Ratio Christi Symposium, Fort Mill, SC, October 2016

“Coping with Conflict: Fight, Flight or Follow,” Keynote speaker to church leaders and members
 Oakhill Community Jackson Church, Cedar Rapids, IA, May 2016

“Biblical Peacemaking: Apologetics in Action,” Guest Speaker
 Intelligent Faith Conference, New Covenant Bible Church, March 2016

“Apologetics for Doctrine of the Trinity,” “Apologetics with Gentleness & Respect,” “Christian Worldview,”
 “Human Rights & Christianity,” Guest speaker
 Christian Apologetics Conference, Vineyard Institute, Jakarta, Indonesia, February 2016

“Coping with Conflict: Fight, Flight or Follow,” Keynote speaker,
 Ratio Christi Symposium, Fort Mill, SC, October 2015

“Collaborative Panel Discussion on Unity in Origins Apologetics,” Co-Moderator for panel discussion,
 Ratio Christi Student Retreat, Fort Mill, SC, October 2015

“Resolving Every Day Conflict,” Guest teacher
 Faith Bible Church, Panora, IA, October - December 2014

“Coping with Conflict: Fight, Flight or Follow,” Guest speaker
 Ratio Christi Symposium & Student Retreat, Fort Mills, SC, October 2014

“Resolving Every Day Conflict,” Guest teacher
 Faith Bible Church, Panora, IA, September-October 2014

“Coping with Conflict: Fight, Flight or Follow,” Guest speaker to Bible school students and key leaders
 New Life For All. Jos, Nigeria, February 2014

“For Such a Time As This,” Guest speaker
 Calvary Chapel Raccoon Women’s Conference, Panora, IA, February 2014

“Coping with Conflict: Fight, Flight or Follow,” Guest speaker
 Johannesburg, South Africa, March 2013

“Conflict Resolution,” Guest speaker at Life Streams Live
 Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA, February 2012

“Coping with Conflict: Fight, Flight or Follow,” Guest teacher to Bible school students and key leaders
 New Life For All. Jos, Nigeria, November 2012

“Sex & Youth,” Guest speaker at Life Streams Live
 Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA, March 2012

“Conflict Resolution,” Guest speaker at Life Streams Live
 Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA, November 2011

“Understanding Cultural Differences,” Guest speaker to female students
 Calvary Chapel School Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, September 2011
 “Royal Women,” Keynote speaker at Women’s Spring Brunch
 Bethany Bible Fellowship, Westminster, CA. April 2011
 Prayer Seminar, Fellowship Beit Tfilah – Guest speaker to Russian-speaking Christian fellowship group
 House of Prayer, Katzrin, Israel, February 2011
 Seminar, Victory Evangelical Ministries, Int., Guest speaker
 Nairobi, Kenya, April 2010
 Seminar, Guest speaker to Mission Department for three-day seminar
 Hindustan Bible Institute, Jaipur, India, February 2010
 Seminar, Guest speaker at Women’s Church Conference
 South B PEFA Church, Nairobi, Kenya, April 2009
 Seminar, Guest speaker at Women’s Church Conference
 Gikomba All Nations PEFA Church, Nairobi, Kenya, April 2009
 “Counseling” Seminar, Guest teacher for three-day seminar to HBI staff
 Hindustan Bible Institute, Chennai, India, January 2009
 Seminar, Guest teacher for three-day seminar to North Indians students
 Hindustan Bible Institute, Chennai, India, January 2009
 Seminar, Guest speaker at Women’s Church Conference
 Gikomba All Nations PEFA Church, Nairobi, Kenya, April 2008
 “Hakuna Matata” Keynote speaker at Women’s Retreat for Covenant Presbyterian Church
 Palomar Mountain, CA, September 2007
 “Out of Africa,” Guest speaker for Kirk Night
 Covenant Presbyterian Church “Kirk Night,” Orange, CA, September 2007
 Women’s Seminars, Guest speaker for Women’s Church Conferences
 PEFA Church District Women’s Conferences, Nairobi, Kenya, April 2007
 The Bible Explorer, Co-owner and Manager, Orange, CA, October 2006 to 2014

PUBLICATIONS

A Cross-Cultural Analysis of Women, Religion, and the Law, __ W. Australian Jurist __ (forthcoming 2022)
Does Christianity Offer Hope for Women’s Rights?, Do You Believe: A Book Series from Ratio Christi (2021)
Women of Intelligent Faith, personal blog, (2009-2020) at <http://lauriestewart.blogspot.com>
A Cross-Cultural Analysis of Women, Religion, and the Law: Does the Christian Worldview Offer the Best Hope for Women’s Rights? (Dec. 2019) (Master’s Thesis, Talbot School of Theology) (on file with author)
Courier, monthly newsletter for Covenant Presbyterian Church, various articles (2007-2009)
Reviving Religious Liberty in America, 8 Nexus J. Op. 151 (2003)
Taking Away Music Copyrights: Does Compulsory Licensing of Music on the Internet Violate the Fifth Amendment’s Takings Clause?, Center For Individual Freedom (September 2001)

GOVERNANCE, AFFILIATIONS, AND AWARDS

Trinity Law School, Law Faculty Senate, July 2021 to present
 Peacemaker Ministries, Board of Directors, April 2021 to present
 Ratio Christi, Board of Directors, April 2021 to present
 Women in Apologetics, Advisor, October 2020 to present; President/Director, July 2016 to October 2020
 Intelligent Faith, Co-Founder, Officer & Director, 2007 to present
 Christ Transformation Ministries, Advisory Board, July 2018 to present
 International Christian Conciliation, Inc., Board of Directors, Nov. 2020 to Dec. 2021
 ICC Peace, Advisory Council, 2019-2020
 Inns of Mediation, Master Member, 2017 to 2018
 Iowa State Bar Association, ADR Section Council, July 2016 to April 2018

Iowa Association of Mediators, Board of Directors, 2014 to 2018; President 2017 to 2018
Iowa Supreme Court Family Law Case Processing Task Force, ADR Workgroup, 2015 to 2017
Black Diamond Camp, Board of Directors, 2009 to 2016
Alliance Defending Freedom, Allied Attorney Honor Corp, 2008.
Pacific Justice Institute, recipient of the *C. William Carlson Award* for commitment and integrity, April 2006
Marketplace Women of Orange County, Board of Directors, 2004-2006
Orange County Chapter of Federalist Society, Executive Board of Directors, 2002-2006
Warren Ferguson Inns of Court, member, 2002-2006
Nexus Journal – Associate Managing Editor, Chapman University School of Law, 2002-2003
Orange County Women’s Lawyers Association, Board of Directors, 2002-2003

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Independent Sales Director & Consultant, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Orange County, California, 1994 to 2000
Actress and Theatrical Producer, Southern California, 1985 to 1998