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**Employment:**

New York Law School

Robert F. Wagner Professor of Labor & Employment Law (since 2018)

Professor of Law (since 1988)

Associate Professor of Law (1983-1988); Assistant Professor of Law (1982-1983)

Courses Taught: Contracts, Sexuality & the Law (formerly Sexual Orientation & the Law), Employment Relations & Anti-Discrimination Law (formerly separate courses in Employment Law and Employment Discrimination Law), The Legal Profession (formerly Lawyers and the System of Justice), Legal Method, Labor Relations Law, Labor Relations Law in the Public Sector, Torts I & II.

Committees:

Past Committee Service: Curriculum Committee (Chair); Appointments Committee (Chair); Promotion & Tenure (Chair); Faculty Advisor for Moot Court Association; Academic Status Committee (Chair); Chair, Self-Study Committee for ABA-AALS 1991 Site Inspection; Admissions Committee; Coordinating Committee

Representative of NY Law School to the House of Representatives of the Association of American Law Schools (1990-2017)

Faculty Advisor, Robert F. Wagner National Labor & Employment Law Moot Court Competition

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University  
Adjunct Professor of Law (Spring 1992 Semester)  
Course: Sexuality and the Law

Seyfarth, Shaw, Fairweather & Geraldson, New York, N.Y.

Associate Attorney (1979-1982) - labor relations law practice

Kelley Drye & Warren, New York, N.Y.

Associate Attorney (1977-1978) - labor relations law practice

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Editor & Chief Writer, *LGBT Law Notes*, monthly legal newsletter published by Lesbian and Gay Law Association Foundation of Greater New York (since 1980); archived on the homepage of the Impact Center of New York Law School.; LGBT Law Note podcast.

Contributing Writer on Law, *Gay City News* (formerly *LGNY*), community newspaper, May 1995 to date.

Blog: [artleonardobservations.com](http://artleonardobservations.com)

Editorial Advisory Board, *Same-Sex Partnership Law Report*, American Lawyer Media (2005-2006)

Columnist on AIDS Law & Policy, *POZ* (monthly national newsmagazine; 1998-2000)

Columnist, "Out/Law," *Outweek Magazine* (monthly column, November 1989 - May 1991).

Columnist, "The Law," *New York Native* (monthly column, May 1986 - October 1989).

Editorial Advisory Board and Contributing Writer, *Employment Testing Law & Policy* Newsletter, University Publications (1991-1999)

### **Professional and Public Service Activities:**

Association of the Bar of the City of New York: Ad Hoc Committee on AIDS (member 1987-96), Special Committee on Gay Men and Lesbians in the Legal Profession (Co-Chair, 1990-1994), Committee on Sex and Law (Chair, 1987-1990; member 1982-1985), Committee on Labor and Employment Law (member 1985-1987); Association Member since 1978.

American Bar Foundation, Fellow (since 2011).

New York State Unified Court System, Special Committee of Lawyers to Enhance the Jury Process (1998) (established by Chief Judge Judith Kaye to consider and report on proposals to enhance the jury process from the perspective of lawyers who had served as jurors).

Society of American Law Teachers, Board of Governors (1992-1998), society member since 1983.

City University of New York, Center for Lesbian & Gay Studies, Board of Directors (Fall Term 1996 to Spring Term 1999).

LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York (formerly Bar Association for Human Rights of Greater New York), Founding Member, Incorporator and First President (1984-1989); founder of predecessor organization, New York Law Group, and coordinator of its activities (1978-1984); Newsletter Editor since inception. LeGaL Foundation, Hank Henry Fellowship Committee (1996 to 1998); Local Planning Committee for Lavender Law Conference co-sponsored with National Lesbian and Gay Law Association, New York City, October 17-19, 2003.

Association of American Law Schools: Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (2001-2004); Committee on Curriculum & Research (1996-98); Section on Gay/Lesbian Legal Issues: Founding member of Section Council, Secretary (1984), Chair-Elect (1985), Chair (1986), Newsletter Editor (1984-1998); Section on Employment Discrimination Law (member of section council, 1985-1987); Section on Labor and Employment Law (member of section council, 1992-94); Member, House of Representatives representing NY Law School (1990-2017); Member, Working Group to Advise the Executive Committee on Implementation of EC Regulation 6.17 (1992-1993); Member, Task Force on Solomon Amendment (1994-95); Member, Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (2002-2004).

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.: Member, National Board of Directors (1983-1990); Co-Chair, Board Legal Committee (1987-1990); Member, Legal Advisory Committee (1982-94).

UJA-Federation of New York City, Children Youth & Family Task Force of the Caring Commission (Member, 2005-2011); AIDS Task Force of the Caring Commission (Member, 2005).

Jewish Board of Family and Children Services (An Affiliated Agency of UJA-Federation of New York), New York City. Board of Trustees (January 1994 to date). Advisory Committee to Volunteer Services for AIDS Clients (Member, 1988-93; Chair, 1992-93); AIDS Services Divisional Committee (Chair, 1993-1998); Managed Care Committee (1996-2000); Human Resources Committee (member since 1997, Chair since 1998); Community Services Committee (1999-2002); Committee on Treatment and Intensive Preventive Services (ATIPS@) (2001-2004); Executive Compensation Committee (1998 to date); Jewish Connections Divisional Board (2004 to 2008). Current Committees:

Audit Committee; Corporate Compliance Committee (Chair); Human Resource Taskforce (Chair); Diversity Equity & Inclusion Task Force.

Congregation Beit Simchat Torah of New York; Member, Board of Trustees (1982-83; 1988-90); Legal Counsel to Board (1979-1988); Co-Chair, Rabbi Search Committee (1990-92); Member, Rabbi Liaison Committee (1992-2000) (Chair of Committee, 1992-96)); Member, Executive Director Search Committee (2000); By-Laws Revision Committee (2001-2).

Independent Suwalk & Vicinity Benevolent Association (society of descendants of the Jewish community of Suwalki, Poland): President (since 1997); Board of Directors (since 1990); Financial Secretary (since 1990); Chair, Cemetery Committee (since 1992).

Howard House Owners Corporation (cooperative apartment building), Board of Directors (May 1996 to May 1999, May 2000 to May 2004 [President, May 1996-May 1998, May 2000 to May 2004]).

Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (CUGALA), Co-Founder (1979).

Harvard Law School Gay & Lesbian Alumni Committee, co-founder.

Cornell University, New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Catherwood Library Advisory Committee (1995 to date); Scheinman Institute on Conflict Resolution Board of Advisors (2007 to date).

Annual Review Board of Advisors, Georgetown Journal of Gender & the Law (1999-2000; 2000-2001; 2001-2002)

Law & Sexuality: A Review of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Legal Issues (Tulane University School of Law), former National Advisory Board member

Member, Independent Democratic Judicial Screening Panel for Supreme Court, New York County (2001); Administrator, Independent Democratic Judicial Screening Panel, New York County (1983); Member, Independent Democratic Judicial Screening Panel for Supreme Court, First Department (New York and Bronx Counties) (1980).

**Education:**

Harvard Law School, J.D., cum laude, 1977  
Vice President, Harvard Law School Forum  
Member, Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Research Committee

Cornell University, New York State School of Industrial & Labor Relations, B.S., 1974.  
Class Marshall (Valedictorian of I&LR School Class of 1974); Editor, *Industrial & Labor Relations Forum*; Teaching Assistant, Professor John P. Windmuller; Member, University Faculty Committee on Music; Member, Review Staff (music critic), *Cornell Daily Sun*

**Bar Admission:**

State: New York, 1978 (retired from active status, 1992).

Federal: Southern & Eastern Districts of New York (1978), Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals (1981), United States Supreme Court (1986)