# **BYRON G. STIER**

Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Professor of Law Southwestern Law School 3050 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90010 (tel.) (213) 738-6809 bstier@swlaw.edu

#### **EDUCATION**

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, Massachusetts J.D., June 1996. Senior Editor, *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy* 

**TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania LL.M., May 2005. Abraham L. Freedman Teaching Fellowship Program

#### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

B.A., in English, with minors in History and Music, May 1993.

Honors: summa cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa; Dean's Scholar (one of 20 students selected for outstanding scholarly achievement and intellectual promise from nearly 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Arts and Sciences); Benjamin Franklin Scholar (curricular honors program); H.L. Jayne English Composition Prize (best essay by a first-year student); Dean's List; President & Treasurer, John Marshall Pre-Law Honor Society

#### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

#### SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, California

Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives, 2016 to present

- Leading the development of a new program on technology law and a new, fully endowed program on civil justice, including new course development, programmatic initiatives, and related fundraising.
- Leading institutional consideration of seeking accreditation by the WASC Senior College and University Commission, and institutional focus on learning outcomes and assessment, in connection with applicable ABA and WASC Standards.
- Leading institutional consideration of developing master's degree in legal studies and certificate programs for non-lawyers.
- Overseeing joint-degree and joint-certificate programs involving business, public policy, and bioscience with the Drucker School of Management, Claremont Graduate University; Pardee RAND Graduate School; and the Keck Graduate Institute.
- Reporting to the Board of Trustees regarding strategic initiatives.

Associate Dean for Research, 2015 to 2016

• Reported to the Board of Trustees and the Dean in connection with summer research grants, faculty tenure and promotion; participated in tenure-progress meetings with tenure-track faculty and interviews of potential visiting professors; reviewed faculty scholarship submitted in proposed satisfaction of summer research stipends, and

proposals for future summer research grants.

- Coordinated year-long Faculty Speaker series at Southwestern Law School, and assisted in organizing Southern California Junior Faculty Workshop at Chapman University School of Law.
- Evaluated student applications for credit-based Independent Study with a sponsoring faculty supervisor.
- Gathered and distributed information regarding faculty publications, recognition of scholarship and other awards, presentations, media commentary, and amicus briefs, as well as opportunities for conferences, workshops, research grants, and student writing competitions of particular interest to the faculty; and assisted with launch of Southwestern SSRN Legal Studies Research Paper Series.

Co-Director of the Summer Law Program in Vancouver, 2013 to 2014

- Recruited faculty; set faculty salary and student tuition; marketed program; coordinated classroom, office space, and student housing; arranged for program cultural outings; and administered examinations, including disability accommodations.
- Month-long program in collaboration with the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law at Allard Hall and the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy; served on program faculty, summer 2011 and summer 2014.

Professor of Law, with tenure, 2009 to present

Associate Professor of Law, 2005 to 2009

Honors:

2009 Irving D. and Florence Rosenberg Professor of Law, in recognition of outstanding teaching, professional accomplishments, and service.

Sabbatical (Faculty Research) Leave, fall 2011

Nominee, 2010-2011 Excellence in Teaching Award, Upper Division Professor (nominees are top 3 in category, as determined by Student Bar Association, out of full-time faculty of over 50).

Courses taught: Mass Tort Litigation (capstone course); Torts; Legal Profession; Global Tort Litigation (writing seminar & summer abroad course); Civil Procedure II; Products Liability.

Additional Positions of Law School Service:

Chair, Advisory Committee for Strategic Initiatives, 2016 to present

Co-Chair, Outcomes Assessment/WASC Accreditation Steering Committee, 2016 to present

Chair, Tenure Candidate Subcommittee, 2016 to present

Chair, Faculty Development Committee, 2015 to 2016

Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2014 to 2015

Chair, Subcommittee on Preparation and Engagement Policy, 2014 to 2015

Co-Chair, Ad Hoc 2L Committee, fall 2007 to spring 2008

Faculty Supervisor, Externships, 2006 to 2010

Faculty Advisor, Southwestern Law Review, 2009 to 2016

Faculty Advisor, Southwestern Law Tort Litigation Society, 2015 to present

Faculty Advisor, Southwestern Law Federalist Society, 2013 to present

• Hosted speaker events and debates including, among others:

- Judges Alex Kozinski and Sandra Ikuta of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit;
- John Allison, former President, Cato Institute and former Chief Executive Officer, BB&T Corporation; Yaron Brook, Executive Director, Ayn Rand

Institute; Roger Pilon, Vice President for Legal Affairs, Cato Institute; Steve Simpson, Director of Legal Studies, Ayn Rand Institute; and Elan Journo, Director of Policy Research, Ayn Rand Institute; and

 Professor Richard Epstein, Laurence Tisch Professor of Law and Director, Classical Liberal Institute, New York University School of Law; Professor Eugene Volokh, Gary Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law; and Professor John Eastman, Henry Salvatori Professor of Law, Chapman University School of Law and Founding Director, Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, The Claremont Institute.

Committee membership:

Tenure, Promotion & Retention Committee (2014 to present)

Advisory Committee for Strategic Initiatives (2016 to present)

Outcomes Assessment/WASC Accreditation Steering Committee (2016 to present)

Ad Hoc Committee on Curricular Efficiency (2016 to present)

- Faculty Development Committee (2015 to 2016)
- Sabbatical (Faculty Research) Leave Committee (2012 to 2014; 2015 to 2016)

Curriculum Committee (2005 to 2015)

- Subcommittees: Preparation and Engagement Policy (2014 to 2015); Skills Curriculum (2012 to 2013); Curricular Concentrations (2010 to 2011); Legal Research and Writing (2005)
- Placement Committee (2005 to 2006; 2014 to 2015)
- SCALE (2-year J.D. Program) Committee (2006 to 2007; 2008 to 2014) Subcommittees: SCALE Marketing (2006; 2012 to 2013); 3-Year J.D./M.B.A. program (2009 to 2010); SCALE Curriculum (2008 to 2010).
- Ad Hoc J.D./M.B.A. Drucker Advisory Group (2009 to 2012)
- Subcommittee on Executive Education (2011)
- Externships Committee (2006 to 2010)

Subcommittee on Law Firm Externships (2006)

Ad Hoc 2L Committee (2007 to 2008)

Ad Hoc Committee on Grading (2005)

Institutional Advancement and Fundraising:

- Raised more than \$350,000 in grants and gifts from the Anthem Foundation for Objectivist Scholarship, Charles Koch Foundation, and the Institute for Humane Studies, in connection with a multi-year, full-time visiting professor position; multi-year semester-long, part-time research fellowships; student book groups; student summer student fellowship; and speaker events.
- Participant, Law and Academia Roundtable, Charles Koch Foundation, March 3-4, 2015, Arlington, Virginia (panel convened by invitation to inform the Foundation's charitable giving in legal education).

Curricular Development:

Three-Year Accelerated J.D./M.B.A. with Drucker School of Management, Claremont Graduate University

- Proposed program, drafted curriculum, and worked on three-year accelerated J.D./M.B.A. subcommittee and Ad Hoc Drucker J.D./M.B.A. Committee to develop and enact three-year accelerated J.D./M.B.A.
- First three-year accelerated J.D./M.B.A. program on West Coast.

Pre-Week First-Year Academic Program and First-Year Legal Profession Elective

- As part of first major first-year curriculum reform in 15 years, proposed creation of pre-week for first-year students focused on legal research and analysis, and expanded three-credit Legal Profession first-year elective course.
- Legal research and writing program and pre-week program developed to include emphasis on professionalism.

Capstone Course

• Developed and taught Southwestern's first Capstone Course, integrating study of oral advocacy, persuasive and predictive writing, and doctrinal analysis in the context of mass tort litigation.

Upper-Division Orientation Program

• Proposed upper-division student orientation for second- and third-year law students, highlighting challenges and opportunities in curricular choices and requirements, career development, and preparation for bar passage; proposal adopted as Welcome Back Program for upper division students.

Other Committee Reforms:

- Enactment of traditional four-year joint-degree programs for J.D./M.B.A. and J.D./M.A.M. (Arts Management) with the Drucker School of Management, Claremont Graduate University.
- First comprehensive curricular revision of two-year accelerated J.D. program (SCALE program) in more than 25 years.
  - Drafted revised curriculum in subcommittee.
- Addition of upper-division January course term, capstone course format, and optional floating mini-semester.
- Reshaping of first-year and upper-level grading system.

## TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Lecturer in Law and Abraham L. Freedman Teaching Fellow, 2003 to 2005

Courses taught: Civil Procedure II; Legal Research and Writing.

Teaching-collaboration courses: Torts; Ethical Perspectives on the Practice of Law; Mass Tort Litigation.

## SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Boston, Massachusetts

Guest Lecturer, 2001 to 2004

Lectured in Professional Responsibility for classes on the ethics of client selection and representation in private practice.

# **BAR SERVICE**

## AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, Chicago, Illinois

Vice Chair, International Ethics Committee, 2016 to present

Committee Liaison for the Rule of Law Initiative

Member, Section on International Law, 2015 to present

Member, Sections on Litigation, and Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, 2005 to present

Committees on Class Actions and Derivative Suits, Ethics and Professionalism, Mass Torts Litigation, and Products Liability

## ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS, Washington, D.C.

Treasurer, Section on Litigation, January 2017 to present

Member, Sections on Associate Deans for Academic Affairs and Research, 2015 to present Member, Sections on Torts and Compensation Systems, Professional Responsibility, Civil Procedure, and Evidence, 2008 to present

#### HARVARD LAW SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles, California

Vice President and Board Member, January 2017 to present

Speaker Co-Chair and Board Member, 2014 to 2016

*Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member*, 2015 to present

Served as organizer for speaker events and receptions (also co-sponsored by Harvard Club of Southern California), including the following:

- inaugural diversity day program, including panel discussion and presentations by UCLA Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Jerry Kang and Southwestern Law School Dean Susan Westerberg Prager (also co-sponsored by Harvard Women's Alliance and Skadden Arps, Slate Meagher & Floom LLP);
- panel on litigation funding (also co-sponsored by Bentham IMF);
- presentation by CNN senior legal analyst and author Jeffrey Toobin; and
- presentation by Above the Law founder and managing editor and author David Lat (cosponsored by Harvard Women's Alliance and Yale Club of Los Angeles).

**STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS** (name of State required to be held confidential) *Author*, Torts Essay Question and Grading Guide for State Bar Examination, 2010

## PEER REVIEWER

#### FOR PUBLICATION

*Yale Law Journal*, spring 2016 Oxford University Press, spring 2011 & spring 2013 *Stanford Law Review*, spring 2010

#### FOR TENURE, PROMOTION, AND SCHOLARLY AWARD

University of Windsor, Windsor, Canada, fall 2014 University of Memphis School of Law, fall 2010 & fall 2011

## EXPERT WITNESS

Astrazeneca Ins. Co., Ltd. v. XL Ins. (Bermuda) Ltd. et al., EWHC (Comm) 2011 Folio 1047 (Eng.) (submitted expert report regarding mass tort litigation in the United States).

## **Media**

• Quoted in the *Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, San Jose Mercury News, Houston* 

*Chronicle, Philadelphia Inquirer, Reuters, Forbes, National Law Journal, Los Angeles Daily News, Las Vegas Review-Journal, Legal Intelligencer,* and *Law 360*, and contacted for back story on mass torts by the *New York Times,* Associated Press, *BNA,* and *ABA Journal.* 

- Quoted by *All Things Considered* on National Public Radio.
- Appeared in the special features section on class actions for the DVD of the first season of the FX television series, *Damages*.

# **LITIGATION EXPERIENCE**

SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP, New York, New York2001 to 2003Associate, Complex Mass Torts and Insurance Group2001 to 2003

- Responsible for assembling nationwide scientific evidence and the development and depositions of scientific expert witnesses in connection with the defense of a consumer product company in phenylpropanolamine (PPA) litigation alleging stroke-related injuries from appetite suppressants and cough-and-cold medications. Drafted briefing and participated in federal multidistrict litigation *Daubert* hearing.
- Opposed class certification of a nationwide heart stent class action on behalf of a medical device manufacturer.
- Drafted an appellate amicus brief for manufacturing industry group, arguing that drunk drivers should be barred from bringing tort actions for their injuries from drunk driving.

# JONES, DAY, New York, New York

Associate, Litigation Group

1996 to 2001; Summer 1995

- Lectured on class action law for members of the office Litigation Group and on legal research for first year associates.
- Served on lead counsel team for the tobacco industry in numerous cases of national import, including:
  - The first tobacco class action trial, which involved a nationwide class of flight of attendants claiming injuries for secondhand smoke exposure
  - A nationwide punitive damages class action for all smoking-related claims
  - A nationwide class action of smokers with lung cancer
  - Class actions of Atlantic City and Las Vegas casino workers seeking medical monitoring as a result of secondhand smoke exposure
  - Various statewide smoker class actions
- Represented clients in state and federal courts in products liability (tobacco, breast plants, penile implants, industrial machinery, and automobile tires), commercial, and credit reporting litigation.

# PASSAIC COUNTY LEGAL AID SOCIETY, Paterson, New Jersey

Law Clerk, New Jersey Public Interest Program

- Interviewed clients, prepared affidavits, and conducted factual and legal research for consumer litigation.
- Attended statewide presentations on public-interest law.

Summer 1994

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State:New YorkFederal:United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

BYRON G. STIER, PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY SIMULATIONS (West Academic Publishing forthcoming) (West's Bridge to Practice Series).

BYRON G. STIER, TEACHER'S MANUAL, PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY SIMULATIONS (West Academic Publishing forthcoming) (West's Bridge to Practice Series).

Byron G. Stier, *Class Settlement versus Non-Class Claims Fund: Lessons from the BP Gulf Oil Spill*, STAN. J. COMPLEX LITIG. (invited submission).

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Byron G. Stier, *The Promise and Peril of Media and Culture: The Gulf Coast Claims Facility and the Toyota Unintended Acceleration Litigation in the United States, in* CLASS ACTIONS IN CONTEXT: HOW ECONOMICS, POLITICS AND CULTURE SHAPE COLLECTIVE LITIGATION (Deborah Hensler, Christopher Hodges & Ianika Tzankova eds., Edward Elgar Publishing 2016).

Byron G. Stier & Ianika Tzankova, *Collective Litigation in Cultural Context: A Comparative Analysis, in* CLASS ACTIONS IN CONTEXT: HOW ECONOMICS, POLITICS AND CULTURE SHAPE COLLECTIVE LITIGATION (Deborah Hensler, Christopher Hodges & Ianika Tzankova eds., Edward Elgar Publishing 2016).

Byron G. Stier, *Film and Mass Tort Litigation in the United States:* A Civil Action *and* Erin Brockovich, *in* LAW AND POPULAR CULTURE: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES (Michael Asimow, Kathryn Brown & David Papke eds., Cambridge Scholars Publishing 2014).

## ARTICLES

Byron G. Stier, *The Sale and Settlement of Mass Tort Claims: Alternative Litigation Finance and a Possible Future of Mass Tort Resolution*, 23 WIDENER L.J. 193 (2013) (Symposium Issue).

Byron G. Stier, *The Gulf Coast Claims Facility as Quasi-Public Fund: Transparency and Independence in Claim Administrator Compensation*, 30 MISS. C. L. REV. 255 (2011) (Symposium Issue).

• Cited in, *inter alia*, ANN. MODEL RULES OF PROF'L CONDUCT r. 2.4 (AM. BAR ASS'N 2015).

Byron G. Stier, *Promotion of Off-Label Drug Use: In Favor of a Regulatory Retreat*, 19 ALB. L.J. SCI. & TECH. 609 (2009) (Symposium Issue).

Byron G. Stier, Another Jackpot (In)Justice: Verdict Variability and Issue Preclusion in Mass Torts, 36 PEPP. L. REV. 715 (2009).

- Cited in, *inter alia*, *City of St. Louis v. American Tobacco Co.*, Inc., slip op. at 13, n.9., 2010 WL 2917188, No. 22982-09652-01 (Mo. Cir. Ct. June 2, 2010) (denying issue preclusion from prior federal tobacco case brought by U.S. Department of Justice).
- Quoted in Brief of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America as Amicus Curiae in Support of Petitioners at 13, 15, *Philip Morris USA Inc. v. Douglas*, 132 S. Ct. 332 (2013), 2013 WL 4855967, at \*13, \*15; Amicus Curiae Brief of Chamber of Commerce of the United States in Support of Petitioners at 13, 14, *Philip Morris USA, Inc. v. Campbell*, 132 S. Ct. 1794 (2012), 2012 WL 167004, at \*13-\*14.

Alan Calnan & Byron G. Stier, *Perspectives on Asbestos Litigation: Overview and Preview*, 37 Sw. U. L. REV. 459 (2008) (Symposium Issue).

- Quoted in, *inter alia*, O'Neil v. Crane Co., 53 Cal. 4th 335, 354 n.9 (Cal. 2012) (rejecting asbestos liability for product manufacturers whose products were subsequently used in conjunction with defective products or replacement parts from other manufacturers); Brief of Defendant-Appellee General Electric Company, *DeVries v. Buffalo Pumps, Inc.*, No. 16-2602 (3d Cir. Nov. 21, 2016), 2016 WL 6916063, at \*40.
- Cited in, *inter alia*, *Rost v. Ford Motor Co.*, No. 56 EAP 2014, 2016 WL 6876490, at \*20 n.12 (Pa. Nov. 22, 2016) (Saylor, Chief Justice, dissenting).

Byron G. Stier, *Crimtorts, Class Actions, and the Emerging Mass Tort Method*, 17 WIDENER L.J. 893 (2008) (Symposium Issue).

Byron G. Stier, *Now It's Personal: Punishment and Mass Tort Litigation After* Philip Morris USA v. Williams, 2 CHARLESTON L. REV. 433 (2008) (Symposium Issue).

- Quoted in *Murphy v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 740 F. Supp. 2d 51, 81 (D.D.C. 2010) (awarding punitive damages against Iran in connection with 1983 Beirut bombing of U.S. Marines).
- Cited in, *inter alia*, Brief Amicus Curiae of Pacific Legal Foundation in Support of Petitioner, *Google, Inc. v. Pulaski & Middleman, LLC*, 136 S. Ct. 2410 (June 6, 2016), 2016 WL 1321133, at \*15; Brief Amicus Curiae of Pacific Legal Foundation in Support of Petitioner at 16, *Tyson Foods, Inc. v. Bouaphakeo*, 136 S. Ct. 1036 (Mar. 22, 2016), 2015 WL 4940883, at \*16; Brief Amicus Curiae of Pacific Legal Foundation in Support of Defendant-Appellant and Defendant-Appellee Wal-Mart, Inc., and in Support of Reversal of Class Certification, *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, 603 F.3d 571 (9th Cir. 2010), *rev'd*, 131 S. Ct. 2541 (2011); JACK FRIEDENTHAL, ARTHUR MILLER, JOHN SEXTON & HELEN HERSHKOFF, CIVIL PROCEDURE: CASES AND MATERIALS 765 (10th ed. 2009); WILLIAM B. RUBENSTEIN, NEWBERG ON CLASS ACTIONS §§ 4:19, 12:3 (5th ed. 2012); ANNOTATED MANUAL FOR COMPLEX LITIGATION (FOURTH), INTRODUCTION, annotated law review and other commentary (2012); PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF AGGREGATE LITIGATION § 2.07 reporters' notes cmt. i (2011).

Byron G. Stier, *Jackpot Justice: Verdict Variability and the Mass Tort Class Action*, 80 TEMP. L. REV. 1013 (2007).

Byron G. Stier & Charles H. Hennekens, *Phenylpropanolamine and Hemorrhagic Stroke in the Hemorrhagic Stroke Project: A Reappraisal in the Context of Science, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Law,* 16 ANNALS EPIDEMIOLOGY 49 (2006).

Byron G. Stier, *Resolving the Class Action Crisis: Mass Tort Litigation as Network*, 2005 UTAH L. REV. 863 (2005).

Cited in, *inter alia*, Reply Brief for the Petitioner Philip Morris USA at 19 n.13, *Philip Morris USA v. Williams*, 549 U.S. 346 (2007) (No. 05-1256), 2006 WL 2966602, at \*19 n.13; Brief of Amicus Curiae Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America in Support of Petitioners at 9, *Bayer Corp. v. Anderson*, 549 U.S. 946 (2006) (No. 06-88) (on Petition for a Writ of Certiorari), 2006 WL 2433423, at \*9; JAMES A. HENDERSON, JR. & AARON D. TWERSKI, PRODUCTS LIABILITY: PROBLEMS AND PROCESS 720 (7th ed. 2011); LINDA S. MULLENIX, MASS TORT LITIGATION: CASES AND MATERIALS 52, 77, 85 (2d ed. 2008); PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF AGGREGATE LITIGATION § 1.02 reporters' notes cmt. b(3) (2012).

Byron G. Stier & Steven C. Bennett, *Lawyers Are Much More Useful Than They Seem*, NAT'L L. J., Oct. 26, 1998, at A25.

## **ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS**

Mass Tort Litigation Blog, http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/mass\_tort\_litigation/ *Founding Editor*, August 2006 to present.

- Co-Editors: Professors Elizabeth Chamblee Burch, University of Georgia School of Law; Sergio J. Campos, University of Miami School of Law; Howard M. Erichson, Fordham Law School; Alexandra D. Lahav, University of Connecticut School of Law.
- Cited, *inter alia*, by Brief of Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America as Amicus Curiae in Support of Petitioner at 16, *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes*, 131 S. Ct. 2541 (2011) (blog post by Professor Howard Erichson), 2010 WL 3740524, at \*16; PAUL RHEINGOLD, LITIGATING MASS TORT CASES §1:1 ("Blogs on mass torts are another source of information on topics in this treatise. A valuable one is the Mass Tort Litigation Blog.").
- Received more than 685,000 page views from courts, law firms, and the public; member of the Law Professor Blogs Network.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Byron Stier, Panelist, Lessons Learned: Mediation of Mass Claims in Natural and Man-Made Disasters, American Bar Association Section of International Law Fall 2016 Meeting, Tokyo, Japan, October 20, 2016.

Byron Stier, Panelist, Panel on Lawyer Liability, Limitations and Insurance: The Next Storm?, American Bar Association Section of International Law Spring 2016 Meeting, New York, New York, April 14, 2016.

Byron Stier, Panelist, Panel on Litigation Funding, Harvard Law School Association of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, November 19, 2015.

Byron G. Stier, Panelist, Developing as a Scholar, Southern California Junior Faculty Workshop, Chapman University School of Law, Orange, California, October 24, 2015.

Byron G. Stier, Moderator, Paths to the Top in Tort Litigation: Advice from Recent Southwestern Alumni at Leading Firms, Southwestern Law Tort Litigation Society, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California, October 21, 2015.

Byron G. Stier, Panelist, Panel on How the Magna Carta Gave Birth to Representative Government and the Liberty of the Individual, International Conference on The Magna Carta: The 800 Year Struggle for Human Liberty, American Freedom Alliance, Los Angeles, California, June 14, 2015.

Byron G. Stier, Comparing the BP Gulf Coast Claims Facility and Class Settlement After the BP Gulf Oil Spill: Claims Funds or Class Actions in Mass Claims Processing, Symposium on BP Gulf Oil Spill, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California, May 9, 2014.

Byron G. Stier, Moderator, Debating First Principles: The Proper Role of Government, Southwestern Law Federalist Society, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California, March 26, 2014.

Byron G. Stier, Moderator, Public Interest Panel: Public Interest from a Different Perspective, Southwestern Law Federalist Society, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California, March 19, 2014.

Byron G. Stier, Mass EnTORTainment: Cultural Storytellers and Mass Tort Litigation in the United States, Law and Popular Culture: International Perspectives, International Conference, Department of Culture Studies, Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands, June 6-7, 2013.

Byron G. Stier, Mass Settlement Ethics, Symposium on Perspectives on Mass Tort Litigation, Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, April 16, 2013 (videoconference presentation).

Byron G. Stier, An Alternative to Class Actions for Small Value Claims: Addressing Small Value Claims Through Individual Litigation, Loser Pays, and Offer of Settlement, Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference, Maui, Hawaii, April 16, 2013.

Byron G. Stier, Moderator, Perspectives on the Ideas of Ayn Rand, Southwestern Law School Federalist Society, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California, April 4, 2013.

Byron G. Stier, The Promise and Peril of Media and Culture in Global Mass Litigation, University of Windsor Faculty of Law, Windsor, Canada, February 8, 2013 (faculty research presentation, and guest lecture for course on Law and Catastrophe).

Byron G. Stier, Mass Media and Disparate Culture as Enablers and Obstacles in the Toyota and British Petroleum Litigation in the United States, 2012 International Conference on Law and Society, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 7, 2012.

Byron G. Stier, Tort Reform and Individual Justice, Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2, 2012.

Byron G. Stier, Case Studies on the Gulf Coast Claim Facility and the Toyota Unintended Acceleration Litigation in the United States: An Interim Report, Fifth Annual Conference on the Globalization of Class Actions and Mass Litigation, The Hague, The Netherlands, December 9, 2011.

Byron G. Stier, The Gulf Coast Claims Facility as Quasi-Public Fund: Transparency and Independence in Claim Administrator Compensation, Symposium on BP Gulf Oil Spill, Mississippi College School of Law, Jackson, Mississippi, February 18, 2011.

Byron G. Stier, Ethics in Mass Settlements, Conference on Chemical Products Liability and Environmental Litigation, American Conference Institute, Chicago, Illinois, April 28, 2010.

Byron G. Stier, Mass Torts and Bankruptcy, HB Litigation Conferences, National Teleconference, April 7, 2010.

Byron G. Stier, Examining Litigant Autonomy in Mass Torts: Insights from the Individualism of Ayn Rand, Panel on Pluralism in Tort Litigation, Annual Meeting, Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, March 20, 2010.

Byron G. Stier, Promotion of Off-Label Use: In Favor of a Regulatory Retreat, Symposium on Regulating the Cure: Topics Arising out of the Prescription of Drugs Off-Label, Albany Law School, Albany, New York, March 27, 2009.

Byron G. Stier, Crimtorts, Class Actions, and the Emerging Mass Tort Method, Symposium on Crimtorts, Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, February 25, 2008.

Byron G. Stier, Moderator, Panel on Public and Private Law Perspectives, Symposium on Perspectives on Asbestos Litigation, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California, January 18, 2008.

Byron G. Stier, Background on the Asbestos Crisis, Symposium on Perspectives on Asbestos Litigation, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California, January 18, 2008.

Byron G. Stier, Symposium Co-Chair, Symposium on Perspectives on Asbestos Litigation, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California, January 18, 2008.

Byron G. Stier, Panelist, Vexing Situations: Ethics and International Practice, White & Case LLP, Los Angeles, California, November 13, 2007.

Byron G. Stier, Panelist, Vexing Situations: Ethics and International Practice, State Bar of California, 80th Annual Meeting, Anaheim, California, September 29, 2007.

Byron G. Stier, Moderator, Panel on The Relationship Between Punitive Damages and Class Actions, Symposium on Punitive Damages, Due Process, and Deterrence, The Debate After *Philip Morris v. Williams*, Charleston Law School, Charleston, South Carolina, September 7, 2007.

Byron G. Stier, Advisability of Class Actions for Antitrust, Consumer Fraud, and Mass Torts, Presentation to Korean Fair Trade Commission and Korean Presidential Commission for Judicial Reform, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, California, November 9, 2005.

#### PERSONAL

Enjoy playing guitar, and occasionally perform in bands for charitable fundraising events or faculty gatherings.