

## JOEL A. NICHOLS

### EXPERIENCE

- University of St. Thomas School of Law (Minneapolis, MN)  
Associate Professor, 2007- present (*with tenure, August 2009*)
- Emory University Center for the Study of Law and Religion  
Senior Fellow, 2009-present
- Pepperdine University School of Law (Malibu, CA)  
Associate Professor, 2006-2007  
Assistant Professor of Law, 2003-2006  
Rick J. Caruso Research Fellow in Law, 2006-2007
- Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering (Washington, D.C.)  
Associate, 2001-2003
- Hon. Gerald Bard Tjoflat, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit (Jacksonville, FL)  
Law Clerk, 2000-2001
- Hon. Julie E. Carnes, U.S. Dist. Court for the Northern District of Georgia (Atlanta, GA)  
Judicial Intern, 1999
- Professor John Witte, Jr. (Atlanta, GA)  
Research Assistant, 1996-2000

### EDUCATION

- Emory University School of Law  
Juris Doctor, *with highest honors*, May 2000  
Cumulative GPA: 4.100/4.300 (top 5% = 3.709)  
*Honors:* Robert W. Woodruff Fellow in Law  
Order of the Coif  
*Emory Law Journal* – Editorial Board, Articles Editor  
Herman Dooyeweerd Prize in Law and Religion
- Candler School of Theology, Emory University  
Master of Divinity, May 2000  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0  
*Honors:* Dean's Award in Theology and Ministry  
M.Div. Honors Program  
Award for Academic Excellence
- Abilene Christian University  
Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, May 1995  
Major: English Interdisciplinary Studies  
Minor: Public Service (Jack Pope Fellow)  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0

**ACCEPTED PUBLICATIONS****BOOKS**

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE IN A MULTI-CULTURAL CONTEXT: MULTI-TIERED MARRIAGE AND THE BOUNDARIES OF CIVIL LAW AND RELIGION (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2010), approx. 450 ms. pp.

RELIGION AND THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERIMENT (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.) (Westview Press, forthcoming 2010) (with John Witte, Jr.), approx. 400 ms. pp.

**ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

*Multi-Tiered Marriage: Reconsidering the Boundaries of Civil Law and Religion*, in MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE IN A MULTI-CULTURAL CONTEXT: MULTI-TIERED MARRIAGE AND THE BOUNDARIES OF CIVIL LAW AND RELIGION (Ed. Joel A. Nichols) (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2010), approx. 30 ms. pp.

*Evangelicals and Human Rights: The Continuing Ambivalence of Evangelical Christians' Support for Human Rights*, 24 JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming Spring 2009), 34 ms. pp.

*More than a Mere Contract: Marriage as Contract and Covenant in Law and Theology*, 5 UNIV. OF ST. THOMAS L. J. 595-615 (2008) (with John Witte, Jr.).

*Multi-Tiered Marriage: Ideas and Influences from New York and Louisiana to the International Community*, 40 VAND. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 135-196 (Jan. 2007).

*Dual Lenses: Using Theology and International Human Rights Law to Assess China's 2005 Regulations on Religion*, 34 PEPP. L. REV. 105-121 (Dec. 2006).

*Religious Liberty in the Thirteenth Colony: Church-State Relations in Colonial and Early National Georgia*, 80 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1693-1772 (Dec. 2005).

"Introduction," in COVENANT MARRIAGE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE, eds. John Witte, Jr. & Eliza Ellison (Eerdmans, 2005) (with John Witte, Jr.), 25 pp.

*The Right to Anonymity Under the First Amendment*, 49 FED. LAW. 44-48 (March/April 2002) (with David W. Ogden).

*A Man True to His Principles: John Joachim Zubly and Calvinism*, 43 J. CHURCH & STATE 297-317 (Spring 2001).

*Louisiana's Covenant Marriage Law: A First Step Toward a More Robust Pluralism in Marriage and Divorce Law?*, 47:3 EMORY L.J. 929-1001 (Summer 1998).

*Mission, Evangelism, and Proselytism in Christianity: Mainline Conceptions as Reflected in Church Documents*, 12:1 EMORY INT'L L. REV. 563-650 (1998).

## OTHER WORKS

*Foreword: Marriage, Religion, and the Role of the Civil State*, 5 UNIV. OF ST. THOMAS L. J. 544-547 (2008).

“*Torcaso v. Watkins*, 367 U.S. 488 (1961).” Entry in THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES, 3 vols., ed. Paul Finkelman (New York: Routledge, 2006).

“*McDaniel v. Paty*, 435 U.S. 887 (1978).” Entry in THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES, 3 vols., ed. Paul Finkelman (New York: Routledge, 2006).

“How Do You Read the Law?” Book Review, THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE (April 2002) (reviewing CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES ON LEGAL THOUGHT, Michael W. McConnell, Robert F. Cochran, Jr., & Angela C. Carmella, eds., New Haven: Yale UP 2001).

*The Origins of Religious Liberty in Georgia in Colonial and Early National America*, Candler School of Theology, M.Div. Honors Thesis (Spring 2000), 153 ms. pp.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Director, Project on Multi-Tiered Marriage. Directing project on the possibilities of restructuring the jurisdictional boundaries of American marriage and divorce law. The project includes convening two conferences (Pepperdine, Feb. 2007; St. Thomas, Nov. 2007) and will result in a major anthology to be published by Cambridge University Press in 2010.

\* Project has also resulted in a collection of law review articles focused upon issues of marriage and family, published at 5 UNIV. OF ST. THOMAS L. J. 544-615 (2008).

\* Project participants include Brian Bix, Margaret Brinig, Michael Broyde, Dan Cere, Elliot Dorff, Ann Laquer Estin, Mohammad Fadel, Rick Garnett, Werner Menski, Linda McClain, Joel Nichols, Steven Nock, Stephen Presser, Charles Reid, Ayelet Shachar, Katherine Spaht, Johan van der Vyver, Robin Wilson, and John Witte.

\* Funding provided by Emory University’s Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Pepperdine University School of Law, Pepperdine University, and the University of St. Thomas School of Law (MN).

*Like the Europeans...: The Impending Internationalization of the First Amendment*, (forthcoming).

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE**

Admitted to practice: State Bar of Texas (inactive) and District of Columbia Bar

Member, American Bar Association

AALS Section on Law and Religion

Program Committee (2006-07, 2009-10)

Executive Committee (2005-06, 2008-09)

AALS Section on Family and Juvenile Law

Executive Committee (2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10)

Referee, *Journal of Law and Religion*

Reviewer, Aspen Publications

Member, Board of Directors, Viva Network (North America) (2006-present)

- Secretary (April 2007-present), Executive Committee (Nov. 2007-present)
- Executive Search Committee, 2008
- Involved in Strategic Planning for international organization in Oxford, UK (April 2008; September/October 2008)
- Leadership training for projects working with street children in Nairobi, Kenya (June 2009)
- Consultant for re-designing international governance model for Viva (ongoing, with meetings in Seattle (May 2009), London (June 2009), and Oxford (July 2009))

Consultant and Trainer, Made in the Streets (ministry for street children), Nairobi, Kenya (June-July 2009)

## PRESENTATIONS

*The Continuing Ambivalence of Evangelical Christians' Support for Human Rights.* 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference for the JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION, Hamline University (October 2008).

*Mobilizing the North American Church to Care for Children-At-Risk,* Viva's International Cutting Edge Conference, Wheaton College (Chicago, IL) (July 2008) (with Michael J. Hill).

*"Freedom of Religion or Belief" Comes to America: International Norms, The First Amendment, and Constitutional Interpretation.* Villanova Law School Faculty Workshop Series (April 2008).

*Together for Children: A Theology of Children, Human Rights, and Togetherness* (extended session). Annual Bible Lectureship, Abilene Christian Univ. (Sept. 2007) (with Doug Engberg).

*International Human Rights and China's 2005 Regulations on Religion.* Forum on Religious Liberty in China, Pepperdine Univ. (March 2007).

*Multi-Tiered Marriage.* "Hot Topics in Family and Juvenile Law," AALS Juvenile and Family Law Section Annual Meeting, AALS Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. (Jan. 2007).

Moderator, *Religion, Religious Pluralism, and the Rule of Law.* AALS Section on Law and Religion Annual Meeting, Meeting, AALS Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. (Jan. 2007).

*Perspectives: There Must Be Fifty Ways to Teach a Remedies Course.* AALS Workshop on Remedies: Justice and the Bottom Line, AALS Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. (Jan. 2007).

*The American 'Experiment' and Experience in Religious Liberty: Imagining the Future and Re-imagining the Past.* 2006 Pruitt Memorial Symposium and Lilly Fellows Program National Research Conference, Baylor Univ. (Nov. 2006).

- Socially Active Faith.* Panel discussant for Center for Faith and Learning discussion of *Faith, Hope, and Jobs: Welfare to Work in Los Angeles* (by Steven Monsma and J. Christopher Soper), Pepperdine Univ. (Oct. 2006).
- Multi-Tiered Marriage.* Pepperdine Law School Faculty Workshop Series (Sept. 2006).
- Church and State: Where Are We Headed?* Orange County Religion and the Law Symposium, Chapman Univ. School of Law (April 2006).
- Respondent, *The Role of Religion in Judicial Appointment and Selection.* Responding to presentation by Prof. Paul Horwitz at Pepperdine Law School (April 2006).
- Justice, Tradition, and Scripture.* Religiously-Affiliated Law Schools Conference, Baylor Law School (March 2006).
- Moderator, “*A Raft of Hope*”: *Three Conversations about Liberal Democracy, God and the Human Good.* Panel Discussion for the *Journal of Law and Religion* Conference, Hamline Univ. School of Law (Oct. 2005).
- Dual Lenses: Using Theology and International Human Rights Law to Assess China’s 2005 Regulations on Religion.* Christian Scholars Conference, Pepperdine Univ. (July 2005).
- The Challenge of Human Rights for Churches of Christ and Evangelicals* (2 sessions) Annual Bible Lectures, Pepperdine Univ. (May 2005) (with Mel E. Hailey).
- Theology and International Human Rights: Interpreting China’s New 2005 Regulations on Religion.* Forum on China’s New Religious Regulations, Fuller Theological Seminary (March 2005).
- Human Rights, Theology, and the Churches of Christ.* Lilly Fellows Conference on Christianity and Human Rights, Samford Univ., (Nov. 2004) (with Mel E. Hailey and David Dillman).
- Human Rights, Theology, and Missiology: Exploring Tensions and Conflicts.* University Faculty Conference, Pepperdine Univ. (Oct. 2004).
- Keynote Speaker, *Russian Law and Culture: Impact on Evangelism.* Abilene Christian University (May 1999).
- Presenter and Participant, Conference on “Marriage, Family, and the Professions,” University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (Sept. 1998).
- Presenter and Participant, Conference on “The Problem of Proselytism in Russia,” Emory University, Atlanta, GA (Oct. 1997). The proceedings are available in a special issue of the *Emory International Law Review* (12 EMORY INT’L L. REV. 1-738).

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### University of St. Thomas

Law School Colloquia Coordinator (2008-09, 2009-10)  
Law School Curriculum Committee (2007-08, 2008-09)  
Law School Technology Committee (2009-10)  
University Ad Hoc Committee on Assessment (2008-09)  
University Committee on Faculty Nominations and Elections (2008-09, 2009-10)  
Courses Taught:  
    Contracts (Spring 2008, both sections; Fall 2008; Fall 2009)  
    Family Law (Fall 2007; Spring 2009; Spring 2010)  
    International Human Rights (Fall 2007)  
    Religious Liberty (Spring 2010)  
    Remedies (Spring 2009)

### Pepperdine University

Faculty Advisor, *Pepperdine Law Review* (2005-06 & 2006-07)  
Faculty Advisor, J.D./M.Div. degree program (2004-05, 2005-06, & 2006-07)  
Law School Career Development Committee (2005-06, 2006-07)  
    Chair (2006-07)  
Law School Curriculum Committee (2003-04, 2004-05)  
Advisory Board Member, Institute for Law, Religion & Ethics (2003-07)  
Discipline Coordinator (for Law, Policy and Political Science), Christian Scholars  
    Conference (2005)  
Member, Committee to establish joint J.D./M.Div. degree program (2003-04)  
Faculty Advisor, International Justice Mission (2006 & 2006-07)  
Courses Taught:  
    Contracts I (Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Fall 2006)  
    Contracts II (Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Spring 2006, Spring 2007)  
    Law and Morality (Fall 2004)  
    Religion and the Constitution (Spring 2006, Spring 2007)  
    Remedies (Fall 2003, Spring 2005, Fall 2005)

## **PERSONAL**

Member, Westwood Community Church  
Teacher, Kindergarten & First Grade Class (2008-09)  
Adult Leader, Crossroads Student Ministry (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades) (2009-10)

Leader, Cub Scout Pack 497  
Cub Master (2008-present)  
Den Leader (Bear, 2007-08) (Webelos, 2008-present)

Youth Soccer Coach  
Eden Prairie Soccer Association (Fall 2007, Spring 2008)  
AYSO Region 42 (Fall 2005, Fall 2006)

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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