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EDUCATION

University of Florida

P.h D, 1984

Gainesville, Florida

Indiana University

J.D., 1979

Bloomington, Indiana

Depauw University

B.A., 1976

Greencastle, Indiana

ADMITTED TO THE BAR

U.S. Supreme Court

1998

Eleven of the Thirteen U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals

1998

Wisconsin

1988

Florida

1982

Indiana

1979

AMICUS BRIEFS IN U.S. SUPREME COURT CASES

Garcetti v. Ceballos, 547 U.S. 410 (2006)

Schaffer v. Weast, 546 U.S. 49 (2005)

Jackson v. Birmingham Board of Education, 544 U.S. 167 (2005)

American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky v. McCreary County, KY, 545 U.S. 844 (2005)

Elk Grove Unified School District v. Newdow, 542 U.S. 1 (2004) (also on oral argument team)

Locke v. Davey, 540 U.S. 712 (2004)

Gratz v. Bollinger, 539 U.S. 244 (2003) (coordinator for K-12 amicus brief)

Grutter v. Bollinger, 539 U.S. 306 (2003) (coordinator for K-12 amicus parties)

United States v. American Library Association, 539 U.S. 194 (2003)

Gonzaga University v. Doe, 536 U.S. 273 (2002)

Board of Education of Independent School District No. 92 of Pottawatomie County v. Earls, 536 U.S. 822 (2002) (also on oral argument team)

Zelman v. Simmons-Harris, 536 U.S. 639 (2002) (also on oral argument team)

Owasso Independent School Dist. No. I-011 v. Falvo, 534 U.S. 426 (2002) (also on oral argument team)

Good News Club v. Milford Central School, 533 U.S. 98 (2001) (also on oral argument team)

Mitchell v. Helms, 530 U.S. 1296 (2000) (also on oral argument team)

Davis v. Monroe County Bd. of Educ., 526 U.S. 629 (1999) (also on oral argument team)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Faculty. University of Wisconsin Madison

2015- Present

Dean. University of Wisconsin Madison

2005-2015

School of Education, University of Wisconsin - Madison. The School is composed of nine departments and enrolls nearly 3,700 undergraduate and graduate students each year. The School of Education is widely regarded as among the nation's best, with outstanding faculty, staff and students. In the 2013 U.S. News & World Report rankings, three are ranked #1: Curriculum & Instruction, Educational Psychology, and Rehabilitation Psychology; two departments are ranked #2: Counseling Psychology and Educational Leadership; and Educational Policy Studies is ranked #3. The Wisconsin Center for Educational Research, housed within the School of Education, is the oldest and largest academic educational research center in the nation.

Interim provost. University of Wisconsin Madison

1/2009- 7/2009

The Provost is the chief operating officer of the university and deputy of the chancellor in the overall academic leadership and administrative management of the university. While Interim Provost, Campus finalized its re-accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission, developed and adopted the current Strategic Framework, developed and adopted the Madison Initiative for Undergraduates, and implemented a campus-wide state budget cut.

Associate Executive Director and General Counsel.

1998 - 2005

National School Boards Association. Member of senior management team. Responsible for NSBA's legal advocacy program on behalf of the nation's public school boards including amicus curiae briefs and legal strategies in cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and lower courts. Responsible for NSBA's 3,000 member Council of School Attorneys. Responsible for corporate and association legal services. Counsel to the NSBA Board of Directors.

Dean. Miami University

1995 - 1998

School of Education & Allied Professions. Miami University. Responsible for the operations of this college (now the College of Education, Health and Society) with over 100 faculty and 2,300 undergraduate and graduate students. The college is a comprehensive program including teacher education, educational leadership, educational psychology, family studies, social work, physical education, health, and sports studies.

Attorney

1988 - 1998

Friedman Law Firm. Represented public school districts for general purposes. Statewide special education litigation and appeals. National practice in school finance appellate litigation representing plaintiff school district coalitions in four different state Supreme Courts.

Faculty. University of Wisconsin- Madison

1986 - 1995

Associate Dean. University of Wisconsin- Madison

1994- 1995

School of Education.

Chair. University of Wisconsin- Madison

1993 - 1994

Department of Educational Administration (now Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis).

Professor. University of Wisconsin- Madison

1993 - 1994

Department of Educational Administration.

Recipient of 1994 Emil H. Steiger Award for Excellence in Teaching

Co-Director. Wisconsin Center for Education Policy.

1990 - 1993

Assistant Professor. University of Wisconsin- Madison

1990 - 1993

Department of Educational Administration.

Attorney. Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

1988 - 1995

1993-1995 **State Hearing Officer.** Wisconsin Teacher Certification and Licensure. Primary responsibilities included holding hearings and writing decisions on teacher license revocation.

1988-1995 **State Reviewing Officer.** Wisconsin Special Education Office. Primary responsibilities included hearing appeals and writing decisions on special education cases.

Interim General Counsel. Wisconsin DPI

1990 - 1991

Served as general counsel for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and later served as special counsel to Herber Grover, State Superintendent, for litigation of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program (private school voucher) in trial in the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Faculty. University of North Dakota.

1982 - 1986

Assistant Dean. University of North Dakota.

1986

Center for Teaching and Learning. Responsible for the graduate programs.

Assistant Professor. University of North Dakota.

1982 - 1986

Educational Administration.

Research Associate & Instructor. University of Florida.

1981 - 1982

Research Associate. Institute for Educational Finance.

Instructor. School of Law. Teaching legal research and writing.

Judicial Clerk. Fourth District, Indiana Court of Appeals.

1979 - 1981

Primarily responsibilities included the drafting of the case opinions for Judge Miller.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

President (2014 - 15) Board of Directors & Executive Committee (2008 - 20015)

Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/committees/joint/brc-sf/>

Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (2000)

Member of the Inaugural Commission on Standards

Harvard Institute for Educational Management, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Participant 2013

Horace Mann League

President 2011

International Alliance for Leading Education Institutes (2006 - 2015)

Inaugural member of an international cooperative for Schools of Education: University of Toronto; University of Melbourne; University of São Paulo; Beijing Normal University; National Institute of Education, Singapore; University of Cape Town; Seoul National University; University of London; University of Wisconsin

School Finance Network (2009 - 2014)

Facilitator. Collaborative group of twelve Wisconsin organizations, including WEAC, WASB, AWSA dedicated to improving the state's financial commitment to public education

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Educator Effectiveness Steering Committee (2012 - 2014)

Wisconsin Technology Initiative (2010 - 2014)

<http://www.wisconsintechologyinitiative.org>

Advisory Group

Grant Selection Team

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Underwood, J., & Webb, L. (2006). *School Law for Teachers*. Columbus, OH: Prentice Hall.

Underwood, J. (2005, 2003). *No Child Left Behind Resource Documents*. Alexandria, VA: National School Boards Association.

Underwood, J. K., D.J, W.C. (1996) *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: A Legal Primer*.

Underwood, J., & Mead, J. (1995). *Legal aspects of special education and pupil services*. Needham Heights, MA: Allyn & Bacon.

Camp, W., Underwood, J., Connelly, M., & Lane, K. (Eds.). (1993). *The principal's legal handbook*. Topeka, KS: National Organization on Legal Problems of Education.

Underwood, J.K. (1989) In Joan M. Lakebrink (Ed.), *Legal protections for at risk children* (pp. 380). Springfield, IL: Charles C. Thomas, Publisher.

Underwood, J.K. (1991) *Choice: Wisconsin Style. Education Issues*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Center for Educational Research.

Underwood, J., & Versteegen, D. (Eds.). (1989). *The impact of litigation and legislation on public school finance*. New York, NY: Harper & Row Publishing Co.

Camp, W., Underwood, J., & Connelly, M. (Eds.). (1989). *Principals' handbook: Current issues in school law*. Topeka, KS: National Organization on Legal Problems of Education.

Monk, D., & Underwood, J. (Eds.). (1988). *Microlevel school finance: Issues and implications for policy*. Cambridge, MA: Ballinger Publishing Company.

Underwood, J.K. (1986). *Legal Liabilities of Administrators*. *Principals of School Business Management*. Reston, VA.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Underwood, J. (2004). Foreword in Hanks, J. *School Violence: From Discipline to Due Process*. Chicago, IL: American Bar Association Publishing.

Underwood, J. (2004). The Unfulfilled Promise of *Brown v. Board of Education*. In Council of School Attorneys, *School Law In Review*. Alexandria, VA: National School Boards Association.

Underwood, J. (2003). Supreme Court Update. In Council of School Attorneys, *School Law In Review*. Alexandria, VA: National School Boards Association.

Underwood, J. (2003). The Legal System. In Council of School Attorneys, *Understanding & Limiting School Board Member Liability*. Alexandria, VA: National School Boards Association.

Underwood, J. (2002). Supreme Court Update. In Council of School Attorneys, *School Law In Review*. Alexandria, VA: National School Boards Association.

Underwood, J. (2001). Choice, The American Common School, and Democracy. In R. Soder, J. Goodlad & T. McMannon (Ed.), *Developing Democratic Character in the Young*. San Francisco, CA.

SELECTED ARTICLES

Underwood, Julie. (2019, March) "Under the Law: The Legal Balancing Act over Public School Curriculum." *Phi Delta Kappan*, 100(6), 74–75.

Underwood, Julie. (2019, February) "Under the Law: Segregation and Secession." *Phi Delta Kappan*, 100(5), 74–75.

Underwood, Julie. (2018/2019, December/January) "Under the Law: Every Vote Counts – and One Vote Can Make an Historic Difference." *Phi Delta Kappan*, 100(4), 66–67.

Underwood, Julie. (2018, November) "Under the Law: Defining the Least Restrictive Environment." *Phi Delta Kappan*, 100(3), 66–67.

Underwood, Julie. (2018, October) "Under the Law: Litigating for Resources for High-Needs Students." *Phi Delta Kappan*, 100(2), 66–67.

Underwood, Julie. (2018, September) "Under the Law: Looking Back on the 2017-18 Supreme Court Term." *Phi Delta Kappan*, 100(1), 42–43.

Underwood, Julie. (2018, May) "Under the Law: What Janus Means for Teachers Unions." *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99(8), 76–77.

Underwood, Julie. (2018, April) "Under the Law: The State of Teacher Tenure." *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99(7), 76–77.

Underwood, Julie. (2018, March) "Under the Law: School Uniforms, Dress Codes, and Free Expression: What's the Balance?" *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99(6), 74–75.

Underwood, Julie. (2018, April) "Under the Law: The State of Teacher Tenure." *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99(7), 76–77.

Underwood, Julie. (2018, March) "Under the Law: School Uniforms, Dress Codes, and Free Expression: What's the Balance?" *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99(6), 74–75.

Underwood, Julie. (2018, February) "Under the Law: Education as an American right" *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99(5), 76–77.

Underwood, Julie. (2017/2018, December/January) "Under the Law: School Districts control teachers classroom" *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99(4), 76–77.

Underwood, Julie. (2017, November) "Under the Law: When federal and state laws differ: The case of private schools and the IDEA" *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99(3), 76–77.

Underwood, Julie. (2017, October) "Under the Law: The privacy of a student's backpack" *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99(2), 76–77.

Underwood, Julie. (2017, September) "An interesting year of cases in the U.S. Supreme Court" *Phi Delta Kappan*, 99(1), 44–45.

Underwood, Julie. (2017, May) "Under the Law: You say records, and I say data" *Phi Delta Kappan*, 98(8), 74–75.

Underwood, Julie. (2017, April) "Under the Law: The next Scalia?" *Phi Delta Kappan*, 98(7), 76–77.

Underwood, Julie. (2013, May) "School Boards Beware: Influential National Network Calls for Elimination of School Boards" *Wisconsin School News* (reprinted in other state school board journals)

Underwood, Julie. (2013, April/May) "Legal Talk: The Role of Religion in Graduation Ceremonies" *Educational Horizons*, 91(4), 30.

Underwood, Julie. (2013, February) "Legal Talk: Contracts, Unions, and Strikes" *Educational Horizons*, 91(3), 30.

Underwood, Julie. (2012, April) "Legal Talk: Ensuring High-Quality Teachers" *Educational Horizons*, 90(4), 28.

Mead, Julie F., & Underwood, Julie. (2012, March) "A smart ALEC threatens public education" *Phi Delta Kappan*, 91(3), 51-55.

Underwood, Julie. (2012, February) "Legal Talk: Parents and the Schools" *Educational Horizons*, 90(2), 28.

Underwood, Julie. (2011, December) "Your life v. Your job: Can Personal Choices Get you Fired?" *Educational Horizons*, 90(1), 16-20.

Underwood, Julie. (2011, December) "Legal Talk: Social Network" *Educational Horizons*, 90(2), 28.

Underwood, Julie. (2011, October) "Legal Talk: The Supreme Court and Schools" *Educational Horizons*, 90(1), 20.

Underwood, Julie. (2011, August) "Starving Public Schools." *The Nation*, 293(5&6).

Underwood, Julie. (2011, April) "Legal Talk: Who controls public schools? What Rules Affect You?" *Educational Horizons*, 89(2), 28.

Underwood, Julie. (2011, February) "Legal Talk: When Should Teachers Say Something?" *Educational Horizons*, 89(2), 28.

Underwood, Julie. (2008). "School Money Trials." *Journal of Law & Education*, 37(4), 609-612.

Underwood, J. & Collen, A. (2005). Taking Adequacy to the Courts: A look at current trends in school finance legislation. *Leadership Insider*.

Underwood, Julie (2004) Legal Protections Gay Students Must Receive. *The Education Digest*, 70(4).

Underwood, Julie. (2003). Off-Campus Behavior: Are Your Hands Tied? *Principals' Leadership*, 4 (1)

Smith, S., Myers, J.L., & Underwood, J. (2003). "Blowing In the Wind". *American School Board Journal*, (18).

Underwood, Julie. (2002, August/September). "Supreme Court News: Final Opinions Issued." *Inquiry & Analysis*.

Underwood, J. & Stainback, J. (2002, July). "Private Funding of School Construction." *Inquiry & Analysis*.

Underwood, Julie. (2002, May). "Boy Scouts Equal Access." *Inquiry & Analysis*.

Underwood, J. (2001, October). "Facilities Use after Good News v. Milford." *Inquiry & Analysis*.

Underwood, J. (2001, May). "Graduation Issues." *Inquiry & Analysis*.

Mead, J., & Underwood, J. (2001). "Lemon Distilled With Four Votes for Vouchers: An Examination of Mitchell v. Helms and its Implications." *Education Law Reporter*, 149 (3).

Russo, C., Underwood, J., & Cambron-McCabe, N. (2000). "The Top Ten Education Law Cases: The Supreme Court's Impact on Schooling." *International Journal of Educational Reform*, 9 (1).

Underwood, Julie (1999) "Vouchers-A Legal Draw. A Response to Benjamin Dowling-Sendor." *American School Board Journal*, 186(2).

Underwood, Julie. (1997) "Four Implications of IDEA's Reauthorization." *School Administrator*, 54(10).

Underwood, Julie. (1996) "Changing Establishment of Religion Analysis Within and Outside the Context of Education." *Howard Law Journal*, 21(1).

Underwood, Julie. (1995). "School finance adequacy as Vertical Equity." *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, 28 (3).

Underwood, J., & Meredith, B. (1995). "Irreconcilable Differences: Defining the rising conflict between regular and special education." *Journal of Law and Education*. 24 (2).

Underwood, Julie. (1994). "School finance litigation: Legal theories, judicial activism, and social neglect." *Journal of Education Finance*, 20 (2)

Underwood, J., & Sparkman, W. E. (1991). "School finance litigation: A new wave of reform." *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, 14 (2).

SELECTED CAMPUS LEADERSHIP ROLES

BioDeans Council, 2005 to 2015

Chancellor's Leadership Council 2005 to present

Emergency Operations Committee, 2007 to present

Wisconsin Center for Education Products and Services

Ex officio Board member, 2010 to present

Women's Leadership Symposium and Series Co-coordinator, 2010 to present

Women's Philanthropy Council,

Campus Liaison, 2009 to present

Administrative Excellence Project Design Team, 2011

Hiring Team 2012 Steering Committee,

2013 Budget Allocation Model Committee, 2012, 2013

Search Committee, Chancellor, 2013

Search Committee, Co-chair, Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, 2013

Wisconsin Science Festival, Co-Chair, 2011, 2012, 2013

Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery

Building Design Team, 2006-2008

Town Center Advisory Council, 2008-2013

Search Committee, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities, 2012

Year of Innovation, Co-Chair, 2012

Search Committee, Co-chair, Admissions Director, 2010

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

<https://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2017/07/20/537958123/betsy-devos-latest-speech-draws-protests-even-before-she-speaks>

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/school-concerns-spur-passions-in-wisconsin-governors-race>

<https://wiseye.org/2018/12/19/blue-ribbon-commission-on-school-funding-informational-hearing/>
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<https://wiseye.org/2018/08/01/wisconsin-public-education-network-4th-annual-summit-part-2-4/>

<https://wiseye.org/2018/06/04/blue-ribbon-commission-on-school-funding-public-hearing-4/>

<https://wiseye.org/2018/06/04/news-conference-wisconsin-public-education-network-partners-call-for-action/>

<https://wiseye.org/2018/05/21/blue-ribbon-commission-on-school-funding-public-hearing-3/>

<https://wiseye.org/2018/05/07/blue-ribbon-commission-on-school-funding-public-hearing-2/>

<https://wiseye.org/2018/04/23/blue-ribbon-commission-on-school-funding-public-hearing/>

<https://wiseye.org/2018/04/09/blue-ribbon-commission-public-hearing/>

<https://wiseeye.org/2018/03/26/blue-ribbon-commission-on-school-funding/><https://wiseeye.org/2018/02/02/blue-ribbon-commission-on-school-funding-part-1-2/>

<https://wiseeye.org/2018/02/02/blue-ribbon-commission-on-school-funding-part-2-2/>

<https://wiseeye.org/2017/12/14/blue-ribbon-commission-on-school-funding-part-1/>

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<https://www.uwhealth.org/transplant/2018-transplant-and-organ-donation-calendar-bill-mckenzie-and-julie-underwood/51491>

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<https://www.education.wisc.edu/soe/news-events/news/2018/11/30/uw-madison-s-underwood-speaks-with-pbs--newshour--about-rural-school-closures>

<https://www.pbs.org/video/university-place-wisconsins-education-challenges-ep-568/>

ALEC EXPOSED: Ask the Experts <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4Zm8G2hoOM>