

## PETER A. BELL

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Degrees: J.D. Stanford, 1970  
B.A. Wesleyan University, 1967

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

#### **1978-present**

Professor of Law - Tenured, Syracuse University College of Law  
Teaching torts, contracts (both five-credit classes with 60-80-  
student enrollments); and a public health law cross-disciplinary  
seminar. Have taught health law, international trade law, family  
law, criminal law, toxic torts law, an advanced torts course, a  
seminar on law's evolution, a federal litigation seminar, public  
interest law clinic and evidence. Co-creator and four-year  
Administrator for first-year Law Firm course.

Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2004-10. Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on  
Curricular Development, 2007-10. Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Legal  
Writing, 2002-03. Society of American Law Teachers' Syracuse  
University representative, 2007-16.

**On Sabbatical Leave** 2017-18 academic year. Visiting Scholar,  
University of Limerick (Ireland) School of Law, Summer-Fall 2017.

#### **1995-96**

Distinguished Professor of Law, Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana,  
Salatiga, Indonesia  
Taught Corporate Civil Liability, Environmental Law, Legal  
Philosophy and Professional Ethics.

#### **1987-88**

Fulbright Professor of Law, Wuhan University, People's Republic of China  
Taught torts, criminal law, environmental law and an informal  
American Law Seminar throughout the academic year.

#### **1976-1978**

Attorney, Greater Upstate Law Project, Rochester, N.Y.  
With this statewide legal services center, I specialized in  
housing issues, but worked on a wide variety of cases.  
Represented individuals and state and national classes of clients  
in federal and state courts. Represented clients in  
administrative and legislative forums.

#### **1975-1976**

Consultant, Legal Service Corporations, Washington, D.C.  
On returning from a year's travels, I worked with a small group  
who were responsible for implementing Congressional legislation

creating the Legal Services Corporation. Worked considerably on the structure for evaluating grantee legal services programs.

**1972-1974**

Associate, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, Washington, D.C.

Rotated through the communications, antitrust and litigation departments of this then 100-lawyer firm. Worked on both trial and appellate litigation for major corporate clients. Shared responsibility for governing firm's pro bono publico activities.

**1970-1971**

Law Clerk, Honorable Joseph S. Lord, III, United State District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

Drafted approximately one-third of the opinions issued by the judge that year. Regularly attended court proceedings with the judge to observe and discuss trial strategies and conduct.

**Summers** While in law school and college, I worked for various employers in the summer. I worked in the General Counsel's Office in the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and for a medium-sized law firm in Syracuse, NY, while in law school. I worked several summers as a newspaper reporter and one summer as an in-house newsletter editor while in college.

**EDUCATION:**

J.D., Stanford Law School, 1970. Member, Board of Editors, Stanford Law Review. Published article, "Extrajudicial Activity of Supreme Court Justices," 22 Stan. L. Rev. 587 (1970), which was reprinted in condensed form in the Monthly Digest of Legal Articles. Chaired the Legal Aid Society's Public Defender-District Attorney Program. Cumulative grade point average placed me in the top 20 in my class.

B.A., Wesleyan University, 1967, magna cum laude. Elected Phi Beta Kappa following my junior year. Received a scholarship and graduate fellowship for excellence in public affairs. Served as a vice-president of the senior class, sports editor of the university newspaper and resident advisor in a freshman dormitory. Worked with the mentally ill in a nearby state mental hospital during my junior year. Spent one year at an English boarding school on an exchange program before college.

**SCHOLARSHIP:**

**Book**

Accidental Justice: The Dilemmas of Tort Law, with Jeffrey O'Connell (Yale Univ. Press 1997)

Nominated for Littleton-Griswold Prize in American Law and Society

**Articles**

Co-author, "Recent Developments in Medicine and Law," 39 Tort & Insurance L.J. 597 (2004)

``Cautionary Notes for the Patients' Bill of Rights,`` (unpublished manuscript), 2002.

"Children's Lives, Indonesians' Lives, and Generic Liability," 72 Chi-Kent Law Rev. 21 (1996) (Symposium on Generic Products Liability)

"Strict Scrutiny of Scientific Evidence: A Bad Idea Whose Time Has Come," 6 BNA Toxics L. Rptr. 1014 and 1047 (1992)

"Analyzing Tort: The Flawed Promise of Neocontract," 74 Minn. L. Rev. 1177 (1990).

"Legislative Intrusions Into the Common Law of Medical Malpractice: Thoughts About the Deterrent Effect of Tort Liability," 35 Syr. L. Rev. 939 (1984).

"The Bell Tolls: Toward Full Tort Recovery for Psychic Injury," 36 U. Fla. L. Rev. 333 (1984).

"Reply to a Generous Critic," 36 U. Fla. L. Rev. 437 (1984).

"Receiving Stolen Property," Encyclopedia of Criminal Law and Justice (Free Press, 1983).

``Extrajudicial Activity of Supreme Court Justices,`` 22 Stan. L. Rev. 587 (1970).

### **Teaching Materials**

Materials on Public Health Law & Policy (unpublished 2017) (800-page compilation of materials for a seminar combining upper-class law students and graduate Mater's in Public Health students)

Supplemental Materials and Cases on Torts (unpublished 2016) (350-page revised supplemental text for Torts course).

Supplemental Materials and Cases on Contracts (unpublished 2016) (75-page supplemental text, including problems, for Contracts course).

Supplemental Materials on Health Law, Legislation and Policy (unpublished, last in 2015) (300-page revised supplemental text for Legislation & Policy: Health Law course).

Toxic Torts: Cases and Materials (unpublished) (800-page text for new course, revised 1994).

Materials on Law and Lawyering (unpublished 1987, revised 1990) (350-page text for seminar).

Cases and Materials on Advanced Torts (unpublished, 1983) (600-page text for new course).

Cases and Materials on Federal Litigation (unpublished, 1982) (700-page text for federal litigation seminar).

## Significant Presentations

Panelist, "Mandatory Vaccination and the Public Health," SUNY Upstate Health Center, Spring 2014.

Creator of AALS' panel, chaired by Hon. Guido Calabresi, on what tort and other systems mean when they say that whatever they are doing compensates a person or persons, AALS Annual Meeting, Jan. 2006

Presentation, "The Carnegie and Best Practices Reports: Where Do Law Schools Go From Here?" to the Regional Clinical Conference, Syracuse University, December 2007.

Panelist, "Science and the Law," for summer course for Science Educators, June 2015 (and ten previous summers).

One of three principal panelists, Forum on "Tort Reform," sponsored by American Constitution Society and the Federalist Society, Syracuse University, October 2004.

Presenter/actor (with others), "Classroom Incivilities, Part II," for the Section on Teaching Methods panel at the AALS Annual Conference, January, 2004.

Panelist, Class on the Legal System and Mass Environmental Torts, SUNY Environmental Sciences and Forestry, November 2004 (and four previous Springs).

Guest speaker on Science, Pseudoscience and Law, in the Department of Science Teaching, Syracuse University, June 2004 (and one previous summer).

"Legal Guidelines for Ethical Decisionmaking," Presentation to Seminar of the New York Consortium on Hospital Ethics, November 2001.

"Therapist Liability for the Misdeeds of Dangerous Patients," presentation to the Forensic Fellows Program, Upstate Medical Center, Spring 2001, 2000.

"Non-Tariff Barriers To International Trade: Peril and Opportunity for Indonesia," one of two principal papers for the Non-Tariff Barriers Panel at the National Seminar on Implications of Asian-Pacific Free Trade for Economic Law, Semarang, Indonesia, May 3-4, 1996.

"Experiential Learning in Legal Education," Address to the Conference of Central Java Private Universities, Law and Political Science Division, Magelang, Indonesia, Dec. 1995.

"The Meaning of Tort Law for Participants," presented at Annual Conference of the Law and Society Association, Phoenix, AZ, July 1994.

"Somewhere A Place for Me in the World of Tort Law," presented at the Annual Conference of the Law and Society Association, Philadelphia, PA, June 1992 (also chaired panel).

"Junk Science and the Law," presented at the international conference of the Law and Society Association, the International Sociological Association and the European equivalent, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 1991.

"Joint Exploration of "Legal Revolutionary" Space" -- paper presented to a panel at the American Political Science Association's annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, September 1989.

Moderator, Symposium on "Law in China after the Tiananmen Massacre", held at Syracuse Law School, April 13, 1990.

### **Studies**

Legal consultant to study entitled "Judicial Management of Jury Awards for Noneconomic and Punitive Damages," conducted by the National Maternal and Child Health Resource Center, at the University of Iowa, and funded by the State Justice Institute, circa 1984-86.

### **Scholarly Assessment**

Have served regularly as a reviewer of articles submitted in my fields to the Law and Society Review. Have averaged one review per year since 2014.

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Member, SUNY Upstate Health Center's Ethics Committee, 2011 to present.

Chair, Executive Committee, Section on Torts and Compensation Systems of the Association of American Law Schools, 2005-06. Executive Committee member 2002-07.

Small Group leader, National Conference on New Ideas in Legal Education, Association of American Law Schools, Minneapolis, MN, 1995.

Organized and led nationwide two-day Conference on Legal Education, China and America, in Wuhan, P.R.C., in April 1988.

Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Central New York Civil Liberties Union.

Active participant 1982-1990 in the Eastern Group of the Center for Law and Human Values. This group, comprised predominantly of law professors from the eastern United States, met 3-4 weekends annually to work on issues central to law teaching.

Member, the Society of American Law Teachers, the American Society of Law Medicine and Ethics, and the Law and Society Association.

Law Professor Member, American Association for Justice.

Member of the California and District of Columbia Bars./