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## EDUCATION

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- 1990-1994 University of Arizona, B.A. *magna cum laude*,  
Double Major in English & Philosophy
- 1994-1997 University of Chicago, J.D., *with honors*  
Communications Editor, *University of Chicago Legal Forum*
- 2001-2002 Holy Apostles College & Seminary, non-degree
- 2004-2006 Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, S.T.B./M.Div., *magna cum laude*  
Degree sought in preparation of Holy Orders
- 2006-2009 Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, S.T.L., *magna cum laude*  
Thesis: *The Divine Processions: Knowing, Loving, and the Interrelationality of Being in St. Thomas Aquinas*
- 2012 - 2015 Pontificia Studiorum Universitas a Sancto Thoma Aquinate in Urbe, J.C.L., *summa cum laude*  
Thesis: *The Power of Orders and the Power of Jurisdiction: A Theological and Juridical Examination*
- 2015 – 2017 Pontificia Studiorum Universitas a Sancto Thoma Aquinate in Urbe, J.C.D., *summa cum laude*  
Thesis: *Priories Are People, Too: The Juridic Personality of Religious Houses and Priories of the Order of Preachers of the Province of St. Joseph in Canon Law and the Civil Law of the United States of America*

## EXPERIENCE

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- 1997 Illinois Bar, admitted to practice. Currently on inactive status.
- 1997-2000 Sidley & Austin, Chicago, IL  
Worked as an attorney in the Corporate Group of a large, international law firm, largely handling mergers and acquisitions, contracts, and other business law issues.
- Summer 2004 Immigration Services, Catholic Charities of New York  
Pro bono work providing legal research and review with attorneys in Immigrant legal services.
- 2002-present Order of Preachers, Province of St. Joseph  
Date of Ordination: May 23, 2008
- 2008 – 2011 Parochial Vicar, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Zanesville, Ohio.
- 2010-present Vice Chairman (since 2019), Board of Directors, Legal Services Corporation.  
Nominated by President Barack Obama, upon the recommendation Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, and confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

- Chairman, Delivery of Legal Services Committee  
 Co-Chairman, Disaster Recover Task Force  
 Co-Chairman, Rural Legal Services Task Force  
 Member, Finance Committee  
 Member, Advancement Committee  
 Member, Communications Subcommittee
- 2014-2018 Editor (*Caporedattore*), *Angelicum* journal, the academic journal of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome
- 2015-present Missionary of Mercy, appointed by His Holiness, Pope Francis
- 2017 Canonical advisor, Prior Provincial, Order of Preachers, Province of Ireland
- 2017-2021 Chairman of Pastoral Studies and Assistant Professor of Canon Law, St. Patrick Seminary and University, Menlo Park, CA  
 Formation Advisor and Spiritual Director  
 Chair, Seminary COVID Committee (2020)
- 2021-present Adjunct Professor of Canon Law, Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC
- 2017-present Canonical Judge (*ad hoc*), Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Archdiocese of Detroit, Diocese of Venice (Florida)  
*Censor Liborum*, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Archdiocese of San Francisco  
 Tribunal Judge, Archdiocese for the Military Services (USA)  
 Legal Consultant, Diocese of Oakland  
 Assessor, Diocese of Rochester, NY  
 Assessor, Salesians of St. John Bosco  
 Private Canonical Consulting

## PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

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- 2011 Op-Ed with John Levi: “Levi & Pietrzyk: All Americans deserve equal access to justice” published in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, May 20, 2011.  
[https://www.richmond.com/news/levi-pietrzyk-all-americans-deserve-equal-access-to-justice/article\\_d279e7a9-6295-594b-b29c-21aded0ed53b.html](https://www.richmond.com/news/levi-pietrzyk-all-americans-deserve-equal-access-to-justice/article_d279e7a9-6295-594b-b29c-21aded0ed53b.html)
- 2016 Book Review: Daniel, William, *The Art of Good Governance: A Guide to the Administrative Procedure for Just Decision-Making in the Catholic Church* published in *Angelicum* 93:2 (2016).
- 2017 Op-Ed: “Calls to Defund the LSC Are Based on Outdated Information”, *Daily Caller* published at  
<https://dailycaller.com/2017/03/31/calls-to-defund-the-lsc-are-based-on-outdated-information/>

- 2019 Article: “California bill targets Catholic priests first, but rights of all religions are at risk” published in *USA Today* April 28, 2019.  
(<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/voices/2019/04/28/california-religious-freedom-catholic-sex-abuse-column/3574921002/>)
- 2019 Article: “Communion and Ecclesial Governance” published on *First Things* website June 28, 2019.  
(<https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2019/06/communion-and-ecclesial-governance>)
- 2019 Article: “Ignoring Church law on Communion is sheer cruelty” published on *Catholic Herald* website, November 7, 2019.  
(<https://catholicherald.co.uk/ignoring-church-law-on-communion-is-sheer-cruelty/>)
- 2020 Pamphlet: *Instruction on the Determination of Baptism*, prepared at the request of the Archbishop of San Francisco and issued for the Archdiocese on March 19, 2021.
- 2021 Article: “Canon Law and Seminary Formation” in *Canon Law Society of America: Proceedings of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention* 82 (2021) pp. 308-396.
- 2021 Commentary: “A Response to Bishop McElroy on Reception of Communion” published on *National Catholic Register* website May 13, 2021  
(<https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/a-response-to-bishop-mcelroy-on-reception-of-communion>)
- 2022 Book Review: David, Edward A. *A Christian Approach to Corporate Religious Liberty* in *New Blackfriars* 103 (Jan 2022) p. 156.
- 2022 Contributions (forthcoming): “Ecclesiastical Laws and Customs (cc. 1-28)” and “Juridic Acts (cc. 124-128)” in the revised CLSA *Commentary on the Code of Canon Law*.

## LANGUAGES

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English – Native fluency  
 Italian – Read and speak with proficiency  
 Latin – Read with basic competence