

## **SONIA BYCHKOV GREEN**

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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

#### The John Marshall Law School

**Currently: Associate Professor of Law**, August 2009-present.

**Previously: Assistant Professor of Law**, Aug. 2005-July 2009; **Adjunct Professor of Law**, Aug. 2001-July 2005.

Courses taught: Conflicts of Law; Lawyering Skills I; Lawyering Skills II; Public International Law; Seminar on Assisted Reproductive Technologies and the Law (developed this course); Jurisdiction and Remedies (in the SCALES program; developed this course); Legal Writing (in the SCALES program; co-developed this course); Introduction to Legal Analysis (for M.S./Information Technology; co-taught). \*Will also teach Civil Procedure I in Spring 2010.

Awards: Professor of the Year, small section, Fall 2009.

Committee Work: Executive (Secretary); Comprehensive Curriculum Review; Lawyering Skills Sub-Committee on the Curriculum (Chair); Academic Affairs; Student Affairs; Student Honors; Adjunct Faculty; Writing Resource Director Search (Chair); Academic Affairs; Self Study; Adopt-a-School (preparing programs for Swift School).

Other activities: Faculty Advisor, International Law Students Association; Coach, Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team; Grader and Coach, Niagara Moot Court Team; frequent judge at the Technology and Privacy Law competition; Faculty Advisor, THE JOHN MARSHALL JOURNAL OF COMPUTER & INFORMATION LAW; frequent judge of moot court practices.

**Associate Director, Lawyering Skills Program**, June 2002-August 2007

**Interim Associate Director, Lawyering Skills Program**, August 2001-June 2002

Responsibilities: Hiring, training and supervision of adjunct faculty in a program with sixty active adjunct faculty members, and approximately thirty adjunct faculty members teaching Lawyering Skills courses every semester; revising the Lawyering Skills curriculum; creating syllabi for advanced legal writing courses including specialty drafting courses and an appellate advocacy course; drafting assignments and performance tests; mentoring new faculty.

#### Chicago-Kent College of Law

**Assistant Professor of Legal Research and Writing**, August 1988 – July 2001

**Visiting Assistant Professor of Law**, August 1995 - July 1998

Courses taught: Legal Research and Writing; International Law; Conflicts of Law; International Human Rights (Seminar); Introduction to the American Legal System (foreign LL.M. students).

Honors: Nominated by students for Faculty Member of the Year, 1997.

Committee Work: Academic Empowerment; Self-Study on LL.M. education

Other activities: International Moot Court Faculty Advisor; Interim Admissions Director for the LL.M. program in International Law; supervised independent research projects; developed immigration/asylum law projects for students in conjunction with the Midwest Immigrant Rights Center; coordinated a group of faculty to visit and review each other's courses; frequent interviewer of applicants for Visiting Professor positions.

#### Loyola University of Chicago School of Law

**Adjunct Instructor of Legal Writing**, August 1994 - May 1995

Taught legal writing and research to twelve-person first year class. Prepared materials and syllabus, advised students.

## EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

**Juris Doctor**, June 1993

Activities: International Law Society (President); Model United Nations (Under Secretary General).  
Research Assistant to Professor Cass Sunstein and in the Center for the Study of Constitutionalism in Eastern Europe: Analyzed and wrote about new Eastern European constitutions.

Hague Academy of International Law, The Netherlands

**Certificate of Attendance**, August 1991

Received Ford Foundation Scholarship to attend summer session on Public International Law.

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

**Master of Arts with Honors in International Relations**, June 1990

Honors Masters Thesis: *Sliianie: Language Policy and Politics Under Khrushchev*.

Activities: International Relations Student Organization (Chairperson).

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

**Bachelor of Arts with University and Divisional Honors in Political Science**, June 1990

Honors: University of Chicago Dean's List, 1986-87 and 1988-89; Truman Scholarship Nominee.

Honors Bachelors Thesis: *The Soviet Nationality Question: Components and Consequences of Multiethnicity*.

Activities: CHICAGO REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (Founder and Co-Editor of journal; wrote and edited articles), Model United Nations Team and Conference.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Practice:

Bates, Meckler, Bulger & Tilson (now, Meckler, Bulger & Tilson)

**Associate:** Researched and drafted legal memoranda and trial briefs on excess layer insurance and reinsurance. Attended and defended depositions. Appeared in federal and state courts. Evaluated exposure of insurance companies in complex environmental litigation. April - July 1995.

McCullough, Campbell & Lane

**Associate:** Researched and drafted trial briefs, motions and legal memoranda for commercial litigation, products liability and personal injury defense. Appeared in court. Prepared comprehensive survey of medical malpractice laws. Monitored and evaluated claims on behalf of insurers. Represented pro-bono applicants in proceedings before the INS. Summer 1992; August 1993 - April 1995.

Consulting:

Lovells, LLP

**Writing Consultant:** Part time, over two summers, created and taught seminars for CLE credit for the attorneys; reviewed briefs and memoranda and taught attorneys how to improve their writing. June 2007 – June 2009.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

**Admitted to the Bar**, 1993; Illinois and U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

## PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles:

*Currency of Love: Customary International Law and the Battle for Same-Sex Marriage in the United States* (March 1, 2010), <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1562234>, forthcoming, \_\_ U. PA. J. LAW & SOC. CHANGE \_\_ (Fall, 2010).

This article has been listed in the top ten of a number of SSRN topics/journals: LSN: Anti-Discrimination Law (Topic); LSN: Comparative & International Law (Topic); LSN: Other Issues in International Law (Topic); LSN: Comparative Law & Analysis (Topic); LSN: Comparative Law (Topic); LSN: Family Law (Family) (Topic); LSN: Family Law (Sexuality) (Topic); LSN: International Human Rights (Topic); LSN: Marriage (Topic); LSN: Treaties & Other Sources of International Law (Topic); Reproductive Justice, Law & Policy eJournal; Sexuality & the Law eJournal and Women, Gender & the Law eJournal.

*Interstate Intercourse: How Modern Assisted Reproductive Technologies Challenge The Traditional Realm Of Conflicts Of Law*, 24 WIS. J.L. GENDER & SOC'Y 25 (2009).

This article is in the all-time top ten downloads in the SSRN journal Reproductive Justice, Law & Policy. This article has also been listed in the top ten of several topics/journals of SSRN: Sexuality and the Law eJournal; CS: Conflict Resolution/Prevention/Management (Topic); LSC: Procedure (Topic); LSN Science, Technology & Innovation Research Papers; Law & Society: Family Law, Relations & Dispute Resolution; SL: Conflicting Rights (Topic) and SL: Family Law (Topic).

*Sailing Against the Wind: How a Pre-Admission Program Can Prepare At-Risk Students for Success in the Journey Through Law School and Beyond* (Green, Kordesh and Spanbauer), 39 U. MEM. L. REV. 307 (2009).

*Language of Lullabies: The Russification and de-Russification of the Baltic States*, 19 MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 219 (1997).

Other Publications:

*A Montessori Journey: Lessons for the Legal Writing Classroom*, 13 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 82 (Winter 2005)

*And Now For Something Completely Different: Lessons Learned in Revising the Legal Writing Curriculum*, (Green and Kordesh) 16(2) THE SECOND DRAFT 6 (2002).

*Bilingualism in Immigrant Children: A Preliminary Essay*, 72 J. OF JEWISH COMMUNAL SERVICE 339 (1996) (Green and Bychkov).

## PRESENTATIONS

Presenter:

*Currency of Love: Customary International Law and the Legalization and Recognition of Same-Sex Marriage in the United States*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, May 30, 2010

*Currency of Love: Customary International Law and the Legalization and Recognition of Same-Sex Marriage in the United States*, The John Marshall Law School, Faculty Works in Progress, Chicago, Illinois, November 19, 2009

*An Inconvenient Obsession: Facebook in Law School*, Central Region Legal Writing Conference, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 10, 2009 (co-presenter with Professor Tracy McGaugh, Touro Law School)

## PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Presenter (continued):

*You've Got to Move It, Move It: Techniques for Motivating (and Moving) Kinesthetic Learners*, Summer 2009 Conference of the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington, June 24, 2009 (co-presenter with Professor Maureen Collins, John Marshall Law School)

*Drop and give me 15 ... minutes of argument: Channeling Tom Landry for (Moot Court) Coaching Success*, Lone Star Regional Legal Research and Writing Conference, Texas Tech, May 30, 2009 (co-presenter with Professor Mary Nagel, John Marshall Law School)

*Reality Bites or Does it?: Incorporating Learning Theory and Student Expectations into Problem Design for a First-Year Legal Writing Course*, Legal Writing Institute 2008 Biennial Conference, Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, Indiana, July 17, 2008

*Interstate Intercourse: How Modern Advances in Assisted Reproductive Technologies Challenge Traditional Conflicts of Law Methodologies*, The John Marshall Law School, Faculty Works in Progress (Chicago, Illinois, March 13, 2008)

*A Chance to Succeed: Teaching Legal Writing and Analysis to At-Risk Law Students in a Summer Assessment Program*, Legal Writing Institute 2006 Biennial Conference (Atlanta, Georgia, July 2006)

*Ready to Reason? Ready to Write? Teaching Logic and Eloquence to the Blogger Generation*, Association of Legal Writing Directors 2005 Biennial Conference: Teaching Lawyers of and for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, (Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, July 22, 2005)

*Introductory Comments on the Development of the on-line Idea Bank*, Legal Writing Institute, 2004 Biennial Conference (Seattle University, July 24, 2004)

Panelist:

*Forthcoming panelist on* (University of Dayton School of Law, Dec 3, 2010)

*Presentations on Law School Success for New Students* (The John Marshall Law School, Fall 2010, Fall 2009 and Spring 2009)

*Grading Papers and Handling Student Conferences*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop for Adjunct Professors and New Legal Writing Professors (The John Marshall Law School, December 4, 2009)

*Academic Writing and Publishing (for new faculty)* (The John Marshall Law School, Fall 2008)

*International Law After 9/11* (The John Marshall Law School, Fall 2002)

*Careers in International Law* (The John Marshall Law School, Fall 2001)

Commentator:

*National Security, Privacy, and Privilege: Border Searches of Digital Data*, CLE Conference On "Ethics And International Trade In The 21st Century (The John Marshall Law School Center for International Law, Chicago, IL, Nov 6, 2008.

**PRESENTATIONS (continued)****Moderator:**

*Comparative Teaching Approaches and Innovations*, Global Legal Skills Conference (The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, May 6, 2005).

*Strategies for Academic and Professional Success*, Global Legal Skills Conference (The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, May 6, 2005).

Legal Writing Institute (LWI) 2008 Biennial Conference: *Reality Bites or Does it?: Incorporating Learning Theory and Student Expectations into Problem Design for a First-Year Legal Writing Course* (Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, Indiana, July 17, 2008).

The John Marshall Law School: *Interstate Intercourse: How Modern Advances in Assisted Reproductive Technologies Challenge Traditional Conflicts of Law Methodologies* (Chicago, Illinois, March 13, 2008).

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Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) 2005 Biennial Conference: *Teaching Lawyers of and for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Ready to Reason? Ready to Write? Teaching Logic and Eloquence to the Blogger Generation*, (Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, July 22, 2005).

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICE****The International Lawyer**

Deputy Editor (Summer 2009, Volume 43, No. 2; Summer 2010).

**Legal Writing Institute:**

Currently on the Awards Committee. Served as Co-Chair of the Idea Bank Committee; served on the Website committee.

**Association of Legal Writing Directors (member from 2001-2008)**

Served as Chair of the Listserv Committee; Member and “linkmaster” of the Website committee.

**Other Service to the Legal Writing Community:**

Brief grader for Scribes, the American Society of Legal Writers.

Frequent participant on List Serv discussions.

Reviewer of books and articles, both formally and informally.

Mentor to new legal writing professors, both at John Marshall and at other schools.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

**Russian:** Native speaker (emigrated from Moscow, USSR in 1975); tutor and translator.

**Hebrew:** Oral and written proficiency; conducted tours of Chicago in Hebrew.

**Spanish:** Oral and written proficiency.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE****Immune Deficiency Foundation**

Key advocacy volunteer for the state of Illinois. The Immune Deficiency Foundation is a national organization supporting individuals with primary immunodeficiencies. I've traveled to Washington D.C. several times to meet with Congressional representatives to advocate for legislation, insurance coverage and awareness of issues that affect patients and families. I also serve as a peer contact for people newly diagnosed, and for parents whose children are newly diagnosed with immunodeficiencies.

**Resolve, Illinois Chapter**

Former board member and active volunteer in an organization dedicated to education, advocacy and support on issues of infertility. Former Director of Communication; former co-director and developer of Friends & Family program.

**District 90 Schools (Willard Elementary School and Roosevelt Middle School)**

Active member of school committees.

**PERSONAL**

Married to attorney Colby M. Green; mother of four sons: Harrison (11), Holden (7), Langford (7) & Davis (5). My interests focus on what I do every day: teaching, scholarship, working with students, and being a mom. My other interests include reading, writing song parodies, watching movies and TV shows, bike riding, teaching my kids, and competing happily in Scrabble™ and other board games.