

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

2011–present

**Pennsylvania State University, Greater Allegheny** (McKeesport, PA).

- Rank: Adjunct Instructor (under Academic Affairs).
- Course taught: *Introduction to Criminal Justice* (Fall 2011).

2000–2004

**Michigan State University** (East Lansing, Michigan).

- Rank: Visiting Assistant Professor.
- Appointments: Department of Writing, Rhetoric & American Cultures • Center for Integrative Studies Arts & Humanities • Religious Studies.
- Courses taught:
- IAH 211C: *Religious Myths of America* (2003–2004). Syllabus online: <http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/syllabi/b/buck/Buck-20040309.pdf>.
- ATL-150: *Evolution of American Thought: Poetry as Social Commentary* (2000–2004).
- ATL-135: *Writing: Public Life in America* (2000–2002) (Service Learning Writing Project). See MSU press release, “MSU Students Give Voice to Social Issues,” online at: <http://news.msu.edu/story/1432>.
- Chair’s Commendation: “One of his most significant strengths is his absolute commitment to high quality and challenging instruction and to learning that actively and regularly engages students. . . . He gives students the conceptual tools they need to do work at higher levels so that they can synthesize and integrate information or texts into a fuller understanding of their cultural meanings and applications. I have been in his classroom at least three or four times every year at his invitation and seen the kinds of high quality group reports and PowerPoint presentations (with visuals, audio, and video) his students produce.” — Douglas A. Noverr, Professor and Chair, Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures, Michigan State University.
- Student Evaluation: “From all the activities I enjoy, writing has always been among my most favorite ones. Whether it is English or Spanish, I know I can do it better than before, and I know most of this knowledge and improvement is thanks to Dr. Buck. Despite the fact that we are already in 2011, I still remember what I accomplished at my ATL-150 course: the teamwork, the readings, the research at the library, the presentations . . . and the motivation and guidance from our professor. “*Ana, I see that you have a promising future.*” Such phrase stayed in my mind since that first semester at MSU, since it was one of the motivations I carried with me in the latter years while undertaking the challenging and exciting life of the engineering undergraduate student. And today, here at my home country, I am writing a letter of recommendation for my professor. Today, back in Peru, I did not hesitate to do so since I am simply grateful.” — Ana Maria Almonte, Civil Engineer, B.Sc. (Michigan State University (2007); M.S. (University of Central Florida, 2009), September 7, 2011.
- Student Evaluation: “Professor Buck encouraged his students to become aware of their surroundings. . . . As an example, a class assignment was attendance at the *Race in 21st-Century America* conference that occurred April 4–6, 2001 at the Kellogg Center (MSU). I think that attendance at this conference changed the view of many individuals, including myself. . . . With Dr. Buck encouraging students to attend and recognizing the importance of race relations within the class atmosphere, as well as globally, students began to identify the impact on their own lives and communities beginning with Michigan State University.” — April L. Sutton, MSU student.
- Pedagogical Methods:

- Race Relations: Adopted supplementary course text: Richard W. Thomas, *Understanding Interracial Unity. A Study of US Race Relations*. Sage Series on Race and Ethnic Relations, Vol. 16. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 1996. At the end of each semester, the author was invited speak to my students on importance of doing their part to promote interracial unity.
- Argument Paradigm: For critical thinking, taught students the Toulmin model of argument, using Buck's CREATOR Paradigm: Claim (& Qualifier), Reasons, Evidence, Authority, Truths (Warrants), Objections, Refutation.
- Learning Software: Developed online software program, The Toulmin Wizard in collaboration with student programmer, enabling students to generate their own Toulmin arguments through a sequenced, online tutorial. Coded in PERL.
- Course Readers (with ISBN, permissions/royalties):
- *Visions of America: Poems and Lyrics on the Idea of America* (Evolution of American Thought: Poetry as Social Commentary: ). Edited by Christopher Buck. Ann Arbor: XanEdu, 2003. ISBN 1-59399-020-0.
- *Religious Myths of America*. Edited by Christopher Buck. Ann Arbor: XanEdu, 2003. ISBN 1-59399-022-7.
- Books Published (based on courses taught at MSU):
- Book based on MSU course, *Religious Myths of America* (2003–2004): Christopher Buck, *Religious Myths and Visions of America: How Minority Faiths Redefined America's World Role* (Westport, CT: Praeger, 2009). See <http://www.amazon.com/gp/reader/0313359598>.
- Book based on MSU course, *Writing: Public Life in America* (2001–2002): *Generation Y Speaks Out: A Policy Guide*. Edited by Christopher Buck, David Stowe & Shanetta Martin. Lansing: Michigan Nonprofit Association & Michigan's Children, 2002. Online at: [http://christopherbuck.com/Buck\\_PDFs/Buck\\_Gen\\_Y\\_2002.pdf](http://christopherbuck.com/Buck_PDFs/Buck_Gen_Y_2002.pdf). MSU students later presented copies of *Generation Y Speaks Out* to Michigan state legislators (Fall 2002).
- Photo (with students): <https://www.msu.edu/~yjsp/updates.htm>.

2000–2001

### Quincy University (Quincy, Illinois).

"A Catholic Franciscan University"

- Rank: Visiting Assistant Professor.
- Appointment: Department of Theology and Philosophy.
- Courses taught: *Myths and Rituals* (1999–2000) • *Theology Seminar: Theologies of America* (2000) • *Christology* (1999).
- Student Evaluation: "Dr. Buck has been one of the most versatile professors I have had the pleasure to learn from... As the year continued... , he sought to consistently challenge our development by assigning each student in the course a world religion and bringing us together to present, debate, and collaborate on their differences and similarities in both theory and practice. These interactions were instrumental in teaching me to understand and appreciate not only theology, but diversity as well, which has been a great asset in my work as a psychotherapist." — Nabeel T. Yehyaw, M.A., Doctoral Candidate in Clinical Psychology, University of Indianapolis.
- Pedagogical Methods:
- *Emperor Akbar Debates*: In world religions (Myths & Ritual) courses, played role of Emperor Akbar (in costume of royal turban and cape), the Mughal king in India who invited religious sages to his court, and staged debates on classic existential questions.

- *Great Religious Scholars*: Students would impersonate great religious scholars of history and present the perspectives of world religions on perennial as well as contemporary issues.
- *Court Jester*: Appointed a court jester to begin each session with religious jokes.
- *Dramatizing Parables*: Had students dramatize parables from world religions through in-class skits or homemade videos.

**Millikin University** (Decatur, Illinois).

- Rank: Assistant Professor.
- Appointment: Religion Department. See Millikin University Faculty List: <http://www.millikin.edu/staley/archives/history/Pages/faculty.aspx>.
- Courses taught: *African American Religions* (1999) • *Seminar in Religion: Paradise & Paradigm* (1999) • *Seminar in Western Religions* (1999) • *World Religions* (1997–1999) • *Critical Thinking, Reading & Writing* (1997–1999) • *World Religions in America* (1998) • *Seminar in Asian Religions* (1997) • *Visions of America's Spiritual Destiny* (1997).
- Pedagogical Methods:
- Typology of African American Religions: At request of minority students (after several racial incidents on campus), designed and taught course, *African American Spirituality and the Conscience of America*. Developed typology of African American religions, using three categories: (1) Indigenous (Santeria, Voodoo, Rastafarianism); (2) Independent (historic black churches such as NBC USA, Inc., AME and AMEZ, COGIC, as well as NOI [Nation of Islam]); (3) Integrated (Catholicism, traditional Islam, Bahā'ī Faith, etc.).
- Typology for Study of World Religions: Developed “DREAMS Paradigm” for world religions courses. DREAMS is a mnemonic acronym for the Doctrinal, Ritual, Ethical, Artistic, Mystical, and Social dimensions of religion. Mnemonic acronyms developed for sub-categories in each dimension of religion as well.
- Provost's Evaluation: “Dr. Buck was one of the chief proponents of the holistic elements of the University's curriculum. He regularly focused institutional attention on issues of mission and vision. Just this past week, he brought together a group of community and institutional leaders to establish an agreement that will enhance community service by Millikin students. . . . People like Chris belong in the academy. They ennoble our profession.” — Mauri A. Ditzler, Acting Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs.
- Dept. Chair's Evaluation: “Dr. Buck really has received no recognition, except from me and his students, for having created a new course, ‘African-American Spirituality.’ It remains to be seen whether or not this course will be taken up by Dr. Buck's successor. But I can say that this, along with his many informal contacts among minority students here at Millikin, has gained for Dr. Buck the respect and admiration of many of our African-American students.” — Dr. Ed Yonan, Chair, Religion Department.
- Service-Learning Project: Launched Millikin University's largest service-learning project (Jan. 1998). On 12 May 1999, Millikin's president signed a formal Community Partner Agreement with the Lutheran School Association's superintendent in a public ceremony that generated positive publicity on local television and newspaper.

1993 – 1996

**Carleton University** (Ottawa, Canada):

- Rank: Sessional Lecturer.
- Appointment: Department of Religion.

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- Course taught: *Introduction to Islam: Revelation, Tradition, Principle* (1993–1996)
- Pedagogical Method: Taught modern Islam through a typology of seven responses to modernity (Radical Islamism, Traditionalism, Neo-Traditionalism, Modernism, Secularism, Postmodernism, and post-Islamism). Asked students to interpret current events in the Muslim world in light of one or more of these seven Islamic responses to modernity.

## GRADUATE EDUCATION

**University of Toronto** (Toronto, Ontario, Canada).

- Degree: Doctor of Philosophy (conferred Nov. 12, 1996). GPA 3.9.
- Discipline: Academic Study of Religion (Phenomenology of Religion and the Comparative Method).
- Dissertation Published: *Paradise and Paradigm* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1999).
- Defense: June 1996. See <http://www.religion.utoronto.ca/people/phd-graduates>.
- Supervisor: Willard G. Oxtoby, PhD (1933–2003), founder, Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.
- External Examiner: Jonathan Z. Smith, Robert O. Anderson Distinguished Service Professor of the Humanities, University of Chicago.
- Examiner's Evaluation: "Of the nearly one hundred dissertations I have served as director or reader for, in the fields of history of religions and early Christianities, this is, without question, one of the two or three best." — Jonathan Z. Smith.
- Contribution to scholarship: "This is an extremely powerful contribution to an important part of comparative religions, and will establish its author as a major academic scholar... Both in its methodology and its scholarly treatments of Persian Christianity and Baha'i Faith, the book is insightful. It gives its subjects allure." — Robert Cummings Neville, author of *The Truth of Broken Symbols*.

**University of Calgary** (Calgary, Alberta, Canada).

- Degree: Master of Arts (conferred June 1991). GPA 3.73.
- Discipline: Academic Study of Religion.
- Thesis Published: *Symbol and Secret*. Los Angeles: Kalimāt Press, 1995. Reprinted 2004.
- Supervisor: Andrew Rippin, PhD (now University of Victoria; former Dean of the Faculty of Humanities).
- Contribution to scholarship: First academic monograph on a major Bahā'ī text published in a Western language.

## PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

2007–present

**Pribanic & Pribanic, LLC** (White Oak, Pennsylvania)

- Position: Associate Attorney.
- Profile: <http://www.pribanic.com/Attorneys/Christopher-Buck.shtml>
- Bar Admissions: Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (2007); U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (2007).

- Practice areas: Medical malpractice, wrongful death, crashworthiness, products liability, personal injury, briefs on any legal issue, as needed. Settled four cases for \$2.5 million in 2012.
- Representative Cases: See “Representative Legal Cases,” below (after “Academic Experience”).

## REPRESENTATIVE LEGAL CASES

### Representative Crashworthiness Case

#### ***Berry v. General Motors***

- Caption: *Berry et al. v. General Motors et al.* Case 2:07-cv-00258-TFM (W.D. Pa.).
- Overview: Automotive design defect case involved inadequate protection against side-impact crash, fatally injuring nine-year-old boy and a two-year-old girl.
- Animation of Crash Event: 1993 Geo Prizm and 2003 Honda Pilot: <http://www.centrew.com/pribaniclaw/video.mov>.
- Animation of Crash Event under Safer, Alternative Design: [http://www.centrew.com/pribaniclaw/Berry\\_Animation\\_9.avi](http://www.centrew.com/pribaniclaw/Berry_Animation_9.avi).
- Plaintiff’s Experts: (1) Byron Bloch (Auto Safety Expert); (2) Richard M. Ziernicki, Ph.D., P.E. (Accident Reconstructionist/Mechanical Engineering Expert); (3) Mariusz Ziejewski, Ph.D., Inz. (Injury Biomechanics Expert); (4) Kenneth C. McCrory, CPA, CFE (Forensic Economist).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum on August 8, 2008. Mediator praised 49-page mediation statement as “stellar.”

### Representative Products Liability Case

- Caption: *Willyoung v. Colorado Custom Hardware, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 1:08-cv-17-00017SJM (W.D. Pa.).
- Overview: Design defect/manufacturing defect case involving 2007 “Alien” cam (rock-climbing anchor to safeguard against accidental falls), manufactured in March 2007. Testing revealed the cam joints were improperly brazed (high thermal stresses by rapid cooling), leading to premature failure.
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum in 2010.
- Briefs Published:
  - “Zippo Analysis”: *Willyoung v. Colorado Custom Hardware, Inc. et al.*, 2009 U.S. Dist. Ct. Motions LEXIS 44038 (W.D. Pa. 2009). [First Legal Brief] Published online via Lexis.
  - “Zippo Analysis”: *Willyoung v. Colorado Custom Hardware, Inc. et al.*, 2009 U.S. Dist. Ct. Motions LEXIS 44039 (W.D. Pa. 2009). [Second Legal Brief.] Published online via Lexis.

### Representative Wrongful Death Cases

#### ***Black***

- Caption: *Barbara Robinson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jason E. Black, her brother, Plaintiff, v. Tina Sines Quairiere, Defendant.* Case No. 2008 – 00349 (Fayette County).
- Overview: Wrongful death action involving combined toxicity of alcohol, Oxycodone and Alprazolam from pills allegedly given by Plaintiff to Decedent, who later died in his sleep several hours later.
- Plaintiff’s Experts: (1) Cyril Wecht, M.D., J.D. (Toxicology Expert); (2) Donal F. Kirwan, SPHR (Forensic Economist).

- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum on November 5, 2012.

### ***Petricca***

- Caption: *Donald Petricca, Personal Representative of the Estate of Angelo A. Petricca, Jr., Plaintiff, v. Consolidation Coal Company, Defendant*. Case No. GD–08-009966 (Allegheny County).
- Overview: Wrongful death action arising out of fatal electrocution of Angelo A. Petricca, Jr., on February 18, 2008, on the Harmar 14 North abandoned mine site, owned by Consolidation Coal Company (“Consol”), when the boom of a truck-mounted crane was energized by the overhead 25,000-volt power line. Plaintiff argued that Consol exposed Petricca to a peculiar risk of harm by using (1) the wrong tool for the job (boom-truck crane); (2) the wrong subcontractor for the job (a machine shop); (3) the wrong safety plan for the job; and (4) the wrong supervisor for the job. Consol negligently exercised its retained control by failing ensure that the appropriate equipment, subcontractor, safety plan and supervisor were used—in violation of §§ 413, 414, 416 and 427 of the Restatement (Second) of Torts, exceptions to non-liability for independent contractors.
- Plaintiff’s Experts: (1) Ronald J. Panunto, PE, CFEI, CFC (Electrical Safety Expert); (2) Jon J. Pina, MS, CSP (Environmental Safety Expert); (3) John P. Wikswo, Ph.D., Vanderbilt University (Biophysics Pain Expert); (4) Donal F. Kirwan, SPHR (Forensic Economist).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum at mediation on March 19, 2012.

### ***Hornfeck***

- Caption: *Victoria Hornfeck, Personal Representative of the Estate of Joseph Matta, Sr., and Margaret Matta, his wife and heir, Plaintiffs v. White Oak Village Apts. et al., Defendants*. Case No. GD–08–009234 (Allegheny County).
- Overview: Wrongful death action involving a carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning event due to faulty heat exchanger, triggering dementia, medical decline and the eventual death of an 83-year-old victim, as a result of “delayed neuropsychiatric syndrome” (theory proposed by attorney and accepted by toxicology expert as accurate), also referred to as “delayed neuropsychiatric impairment.”
- Plaintiff’s Experts: (1) Richard J. Hallowell, Jr., PE, CFC (Forensic Engineering Expert); (2) Cyril Wecht, M.D., J.D. (Toxicology Expert).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum on May 10, 2011.

## **Representative Medical Malpractice Cases**

### ***McCullough***

- Caption: *Betty L. McCullough, Personal Representative and/or Guardian Ad Litem of the Estate of George R. McCullough, Plaintiff, v. The Ellwood City Hospital, Defendant*. Case No. 2009–30009 (Lawrence County).
- Overview: An “overwhelming post-splenectomy sepsis” case, involving (1) failure of physician to administer intravenous antibiotics; (2) failure of physician to admit Mr. McCullough; (3) failure of physician to perform diagnostic laboratory evaluation of Mr. McCullough, including the collection of specimens for culture; (4) failure of physician to review the past medical records, including reviewing the medical record of past infections and episodes of sepsis; (5) failure of physician to document and properly consider Mr. McCullough’s past medical history and risk factors of sepsis, including diabetes,

cirrhosis, previous infections and splenectomy; (6) failure of nurse to properly document Mr. McCullough's allergies; and (7) nurse's erroneous documentation of a history of gout.

- Plaintiff's Experts: (1) John Tafuri, M.D. (Emergency Medicine); (2) Donald Craven, M.D. (Infectious Diseases).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum on May 10, 2013.

### **Lepresti**

- Caption: *Derek J. Lepresti, Personal Representative of the Estate of Patricia J. Lepresti, Plaintiff, v. Prime Medical Group, P.C., Ambaram V. Chauhan, M.D., Albert Gallatin Home Care and Hospice Services, L.L.C., and Monongehela Valley Hospital, Inc., Defendants, v. Surinder K. Aneja, M.D., Additional Defendant.* Case No. 837 of 2009 (Fayette County).
- Overview: This wrongful death case is primarily about outpatient anticoagulation management gone awry. In brief, this case involves allegedly substandard Coumadin (crystalline warfarin sodium, USP) monitoring, resulting in Coumadin toxicity, followed by overly aggressive Coumadin reversal leading to the patient's death by way of a morphine overdose.
- Plaintiff's Experts: (1) Gerald W. Smetana, M.D. (General Medicine – Warfarin Monitoring Liability Expert); (2) Janet Colville, R.N., M.S.N., D.N.P (Nurse Expert – Nursing Liability); (3) Robert M. Stark, M.D., F.A.C.C. (Cardiology Expert – Liability & Causation); (4) Warren D. Widmann, M.D., F.A.C.S., (Post-Thoracic Surgery Care Expert – Liability & Causation).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum on February 27, 2013.

### **Gabriel**

- Caption: *Brian P. Gabriel, Personal Representative of the Estate of John Gabriel, Plaintiff, v. Associates in Gastroenterology of Pittsburgh, Inc. and George Arnold, M.D., Defendants.* Case No. GD-05-000202 (Allegheny County).
- Overview: Wrongful death of patient by gastroenterologist who failed to timely diagnose and treat the patient's rectal cancer, missed during a diagnostic colonoscopy performed due to occult blood in stool. Procedure performed without nursing assessment, physical exam, consent form, formal consultation, informed consent, digital rectal examination, retroflexion of the colonoscope, photo documentation of abnormalities, recovery room notes, discharge orders/instructions.
- Plaintiff's Experts: (1) Arthur D. Heller, MD, FACP (Gastroenterologist); (2) Joseph A. Scoma, MD, FACS (Colorectal Surgeon); (3) James J. Stark, MD, FACP (Oncologist).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum on November 16, 2011.

### **Colusci**

- Caption: *Nathan S. Colusci, an incapacitated person, by his guardians, Dennis Colusci and Linda L. Colusci, Co-Guardians, Plaintiffs, v. D. Kyle Kim, MD, a/k/a D. Kim, MD, Allegheny General Hospital, and West Penn Allegheny Health System, Defendants.* Case No. GD-07-020080 (Allegheny County).
- Overview: Case in which the patient presented to the Emergency Department with a reported CSF leak and abnormal temperature following a recent shunt revision. To rule out suspected meningitis in the differential diagnosis, the ER senior resident ordered a complete blood count (CBC), erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR) and C-reactive protein (CRP) test. Four physicians—the attending physician and his resident, the consultant neurosurgeon and his resident—each evaluated the patient prior to discharge, yet failed to follow up on these STAT tests. The patient returned that evening with fulminating meningitis, resulting in cortical blindness and neurological deficits.

- Plaintiff's Experts: (1) Gary J. Lustgarten, MD (Neurosurgeon); (2) John C. Schaefer, MD (Infectious Disease Expert); (3) Donna Micklow, RN, BSN, MPA, CRRN, CLCP, NHA (Life Care Planner); (4) Richard P. Bonfiglio, MD (Physiatrist); (5) Donal F. Kirwan, SPHR (Forensic Economist).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum on October 19, 2011.

### **Smith**

- Caption: *Treasia E. Smith, Individually, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Burton T. Smith, Sr., Plaintiff, v. Allegheny General Hospital, and West Penn Allegheny Health System, Defendants, v. Carl Minneci, R.N. and AMN Healthcare, Inc., Additional Defendants.* Case No. GD-08-027194 (Allegheny County).
- Overview: Wrongful death by patient neglect involving traveling nurse in ICU, who claimed he was ordered by charge nurse to circulate in another patient's room. Systemic failure in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Allegheny General Hospital alleged as basis for corporate negligence claim, above and beyond professional medical negligence by ICU nurses, technician and physicians.
- Plaintiff's Experts: (1) John R. Butterly, MD (Cardiologist); (2) Michelle Cannon, RN (Nurse Expert); (3) Donal F. Kirwan, SPHR (Forensic Economist).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum on September 14, 2011.

### **Scobbie**

- Caption: *Scott Scobbie and Kimberly Scobbie, Plaintiffs, v. UPMC Horizon, UPMC, University of Pittsburgh Physicians, and Murray Towle, M.D., Defendants.* Case No. 2008-4049 (Mercer County).
- Overview: Tragic case involving a patient who presented to the ER, time after time, with stabbing abdominal pain, severe loss of weight, and "fear of food" (sitophobia)—classic symptoms of chronic mesenteric ischemia (CMI), in which the patient's intestines are dying inside his body. Undiagnosed for months, this CMI developed into acute mesenteric ischemia (AMI), an event that is life-threatening. Failure to appropriately test, diagnose, refer, or treat patient for CMI.
- Plaintiff's Experts: (1) Martin A. Fogle, MD (Vascular Surgeon); (2) Fred Berkowitz, MD (General Surgeon); (3) B.A. McGettigan, RN, MS, CCM, CPUR, CRRN, CNLCP, ABDA, LNCC (Life Care Planner); (4) Donal Kirwan, SPHR (Forensic Economist).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum on July 12, 2011.

### **Nagy**

- *Mary Ann Stanchik, Personal Representative of the Estates of Michael A. Nagy and Mildred A. Nagy, Plaintiffs, v. UPMC-McKeesport, University of Pittsburgh Physicians and Allen R. Hodges, Personal Representative of the Estate and/or Guardian Ad Litem of the Estate of Amril G. Crichlow, MD, and/or Crichlow, Inc., Defendants.* Case No. GD-09-006961 (Allegheny County).
- Overview: The patient's right leg had to be amputated due to gangrene resulting from the poor circulation caused by the sequential compression devices. Communication failure between nursing staff and physicians, intern's insufficient fund of knowledge, and inexperienced trainee's failure of supervision led to a two-day delay in diagnosis of critical and acute limb ischemia, resulting in delay in surgical consultation and the loss of opportunity to perform a limb-saving operation rather than a major amputation.



- Plaintiff's Experts: (1) Paul Genecin, MD, FACP (Internist); (2) Martin A. Fogle, MD, FACS, MS, RPVI (Vascular/Endovascular Surgeon); (3) Michelle Cannon, BSN, RN, CRNI (Nurse Expert).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum on April 19, 2011.

### **Clark**

- Caption: *Darlene Clark et vir., Plaintiffs, v. Geisinger Health System et al., Defendants*. Case No. 2008–3950 (Centre County).
- Overview: During a hysterectomy, failure to directly observe or locate the ureter—by direct observation, simple palpation, or tracing the ureter from the pelvic brim—before placing the figure-of-eight suture, which led to ureter obstruction.
- Plaintiff's Experts: (1) Bruce A. Rosenzweig, M.D. (OB/GYN); (2) Deborah Schultz, RN, CLCP, CCM, CDMS (Life Care Planner); (3) Donal F. Kirwan, SPHR (Forensic Economist).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum in March 29, 2011.

### **Lockett**

- Caption: *Linda Lockett, individually and as personal representative of the Estate of Gilbert W. Lockett v. Clearfield Hospital, Clearfield Area Health Services et al.* Case No. 08–1691-CD (Clearfield County).
- Overview: Failure to diagnose emergent urosepsis, resulting in wrongful death of patient after discharge. Dead on arrival when brought back home by family.
- Plaintiff's Experts: (1) Joseph R. Yates, MD, FACEP (Emergency Care Expert); (2) John C. Schaefer, MD (Infectious Disease Expert); (3) Mehboob K. Chaudhry, MD (Critical Care/Sepsis Expert); (4) Joanne Mullin, RN, BSN, LNC (Nursing Negligence Expert).
- Settlement: Petition for settlement (for confidential sum) approved by The Hon. Fredric J. Ammerman, President Judge, on January 11, 2011.

### **Falla**

- Caption: *Estate of Myrna Falla et vir. v. Frick Hospital et al.* Case No. GD-07-024599 (Allegheny County, PA).
- Overview: Case involving “patient dumping” and “reverse patient dumping” in alleged violation of the federal EMTALA statute. Patient presented to the ED with open (compound) fracture of the left lower leg. Although triaged and worked up, her injury was not stabilized. Initial attempt to transfer complicated by inaccurate insurance information, resulting in refusal of other hospital to accept transfer, based on ability to pay. Delay of over six hours before definitive treatment ultimately resulted in two amputations, due to comorbidities.
- Plaintiff's Experts: (1) John Weltmer, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.S. (Orthopedist); (2) Richard Keith Bachman, MD, CPE, FACPE (Hospital Executive).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum on October 29, 2010.

### **Devinney**

- Caption: *Chad M. Devinney, et ux., Plaintiffs, v. Conemaugh Valley Memorial Hospital, et al.* Defendants. Case No. 2008–2591 (Cambria County, PA).

- Overview: In craniospinal radiation treatment planning for adult medulloblastoma, Defendant radiation oncologist failed to ascertain and individualize the depth of his patient's thecal sac and to set an appropriate 1–2 cm dosimetric margin to the caudalmost extent of the patient's thecal sac — a “geographic miss” placing the patient at higher risk of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) seeding, resulting in recurrent medulloblastoma tumors in the dose fall-off region, and in terminal leptomeningeal metastasis to the brain.
- Plaintiff's Experts: (1) Santosh Yajnik, M.D. (Radiation Oncology Expert); (2) Michelle Whiteman, M.D. (Neuroradiology Expert); (3) David L. Hopkins, ASA, MAAA (Forensic Economist); (4) Deborah Schultz, RN, CLCP, CCM, CDMS (Life Care Planner).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum on August 27, 2010.

### **Burns**

- Caption: *Burns v. J. Rice Oral Maxillofacial and Aesthetic Facial Surgery, P.C. et al.* Case No. 08-146-2008-CD (Jefferson County, PA).
- Overview: Plaintiff suffered severe facial bruising, erythema and petechie in a profound phototoxic adverse reaction to aminolevulinic acid photodynamic therapy (ALA-PDT), which, even after extensive corrective treatments, resulted in permanent facial hypopigmentation.
- Plaintiff's Expert: Jon D. Wagner, M.D., D.D.S. (Photodynamic Therapy Expert).
- Settlement: Case settled for confidential sum in February 2010.
- Letter of Appreciation:

July 12, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written on behalf of Dr. Christopher Buck, an attorney with the law firm of Pribanic & Pribanic, whom my husband and I had the privilege of working with during the years on 2008/09. Our litigation required an attorney with a deep research background and we found that Dr. Buck was the individual for the job.

Over the course of the two years our ongoing case benefited from Dr. Buck's efficient, effective, diligent, and determined methods of providing background knowledge and research relevant to our case. He consistently met time lines and took time to explain our legal issues in such a way that we understood the events of the complicated situation. It appeared that he was never too busy to respond to our questions.

Based upon his deep knowledge base, his dedication to his clients, and his outstanding ability to “get the job done,” we would highly recommend his expertise to anyone in need.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Burns

### **Crashworthiness Treatise**

- Treatise: Wrote 250-page treatise on Pennsylvania crashworthiness law: *Injury & Jury: Pennsylvania's Unique Crashworthiness Law* (unpublished). Positively evaluated by leading products liability scholar:
- Legal Scholar's Endorsement: “First, let me congratulate you on your enormous accomplishment in writing such a thorough, well written, insightful, and sensitive examination of the law of crashworthiness. It undoubtedly stands alone in

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## PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

- Client: Megan E. Farrell, Esq., Assistant United States Attorney, Western District of Pennsylvania.
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- Case 1: *Rogers, et al. v. United States of America, et al.*, Civil Action No. 08-149E, Erie. Expert report submitted. Summary judgment for Defendants (06/17/2011).
- Case 2: *Keith Ellis, Plaintiff v. United States of America, et al., Defendants*. Civil Action No. 08-160 Erie. Expert report submitted. Report cited, in part, in Magistrate’s Judge’s Report and Recommendation (06/17/2011), p. 26. Case settled, to forego cost of litigation.

## LEGAL EDUCATION

### Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Lansing, Michigan).

- Degree: Juris Doctor (conferred January 22, 2006).
- Attendance: Part-time 2002–2004 while teaching full-time at Michigan State University.
- Academic Honors: Dean’s List: Spring 2004 • Summer 2004 • Fall 2004.
- Certificates of Merit: Constitutional Law Seminar (Summer 2004) • Collective Bargaining (Summer 2004) • Federal Indian Law (Fall 2004).
- Scholarships: 25% Honors Scholarship: Winter 2004 • Summer 2005.
- Best Paper: “Frankly, I have been teaching at this law school for 20 years, and I have supervised countless papers, but this is definitely the best paper I have seen.” — Prof. Maurice Munroe (Constitutional Law), Cooley Law School.
- Best Presentation: “In the Indian law class, Dr. Buck basically taught the entire two-hour class, complete with the best PowerPoint presentation I have ever seen.” — Prof. Philip Prygoski (Constitutional Law), author, *Sum & Substance Quick Review on Constitutional Law*.
- Published Federal Indian Law Paper: Published research paper written for Federal Indian Law course: “Never Again”: Kevin Gover’s Apology for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 21 *Wicazo Sa Review* 97 (2006) (peer-reviewed academic journal).
- Published Directed Study Paper: Published research paper written for Independent Study course in Constitutional Law (Professor Maurice Munroe, supervisor) (\$1,000 honorarium when accepted for publication): “[The Constitutionality of Teaching Islam](#): The University of North Carolina Qur’an Controversy.” Essay VIII. *Observing the Observer: The State of Islamic Studies in American Universities*. Edited by Mumtaz Ahmad, Zahid H. Bukhari and Sulayman S. Nyang. Herndon, VA: International Institute of Islamic Thought, 2012. Pp. 137–177. Released July 1, 2012. (Discussing *Yacovelli v. Moeser*, 324 F. Supp. 2d 760 (M.D.N.C. 2004).) [Peer-reviewed publication #71.]

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- 1983 *The Lost Christianity of Peter*. Association for Bahá'í Studies Conference. Coquitlam, British Columbia.
- 1982 *Was Bahá'u'lláh Sháh Bahrám Varjávand Despite Zoroastrian Prophecies?* American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Pacific Northwest Region, Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.
- 1981 *The Mystery of the Sworded Warrior in Hindu Apocalypse: Was Kalki Visnuyasas Bahá'u'lláh?* American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Pacific Northwest Region, Annual Meeting. Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 1978 *Nazoraean/Ebionaeon Christianity and the Emergence of Historical Theology*. Third Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for the Studies on the Bahá'í Faith. Surrey, British Columbia.

## ATHLETICS

- 1972 Assistant Coach: Men's Cross-Country, Pacific Lutheran University.
- 1972 "Most Inspirational" Award, Men's Track & Field, Pacific Lutheran University.
- 1972 NAIA District #1 Champion: National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District #1 Two-Mile Race Walk Champion (Spring 1972).
- 1972 Nationally-ranked AAU "Junior" Athlete: AAU Junior National 15-km Race Walk Championships, Tigard, Oregon (Spring 1972). 5th place.
- 1971 Alternate, U.S. Olympic Training Camp : AAU Junior National 20-km Race Walk Championships, Tigard, Oregon (Spring 1971). 5th place. Alternate for U.S. Olympic Training Camp (which recruits the top three AAU "junior" athletes as part of its Olympic development training program. Finished 34th in national competition: Pan American Games Trials, San Francisco on Sunday, May 16, 1971. See James Kittlesby,
- 1971 Head Coach: Women's Track & Field, Pacific Lutheran University. [PLU's first.] See [Saga 1971](#) (PLU Yearbook), p. 154.
- 1971 to 1972: Athletic Letters, Men's Track & Field, Pacific Lutheran University. [Awarded two consecutive years.]
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