

# AARON RICHARD HARMON

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## EDUCATION

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### Green Building Certification Institute (Washington, DC)

- LEED® Accredited Professional, U.S. Green Building Council (February 2008)

### University of North Carolina School of Law (Chapel Hill, NC)

- Juris Doctor, *Order of the Coif* (May 2007)
- Editor in Chief, Volume 8, NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY
  - Staff Member, Volume 7, NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY
- Pro Bono Service Award, presented by the North Carolina Bar Association (April 2007)
- Research Assistant, Prof. Ruth Ann McKinney (Director, Writing & Learning Resources Center) (2005–2007)
- Research Assistant, Prof. Donald Hornstein (Environmental Law) (Fall 2005)
- Student Practitioner, New Orleans Hurricane Katrina Pro Bono Project (Spring 2006)
- UNC Pro Bono Program (175+ cumulative hours)
- Guardian Ad Litem, Orange County, North Carolina (2004–2007)
- Public Interest Peer Mentor (2005–2007)
- Legal Writing Tutor (2005–2007)
- Library Circulation Desk Assistant (2004–2007)

### Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, NC)

- Master of Arts in Communication (May 2000) G.P.A.: 3.94
- Graduate assistant debate coach, Wake Debate (1998–2000)
- Thesis Title: *Dialogue and Difference—Disability and Answerability in the Discourse of Assisted Suicide*
- Awards: Graduate Assistant Fellowship (full tuition and stipend)

### Willamette University (Salem, OR)

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Rhetoric and Media Studies (May 1995)
- Awards: Debate Talent Award, Alumni Honors Scholarship, Erickson Family Scholarship

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Qatar University College of Law Clinical Assistant Professor

Doha, Qatar  
08/2014—present

- Courses: Advocacy Skills; Legal Research and Writing I; Legal Research and Writing II; Moot Court I; Moot Court II; Negotiation and Mediation; Legal Research; Negotiating and Drafting Commercial Contracts.
- Member, Qatar University Center for Energy and Sustainability Law (2014–present)
- Faculty Advisor, Qatar University Debate Club (2016–present)
- Faculty Advisor, Qatar University College of Law William C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Competition Team (2015–present)

- Faculty Advisor, Qatar University College of Law International Negotiation Competition Team (2014–present)
- Member, Qatar University College of Law Lawyering Skills Program (2014–present)
- Committee Participation: Community Service and Stakeholder Engagement (2016–present); Legal Events (2015–2016); Student Affairs (2014–2015)

**Wake Forest University  
Visiting Professor**

**Winston-Salem, NC  
01/2014—05/2014**

- Courses: Law & Rhetoric.

**UNC School of Law  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Law**

**Chapel Hill, NC  
07/2011—06/2014**

- Courses: Research, Reasoning, Writing, and Advocacy I & II.
- Member, UNC School of Law Writing and Learning Resource Center (2011–2014)
- Faculty Advisor, Holderness Moot Court ABA Negotiation Team (2012–2014).
- Faculty Advisor, Holderness Moot Court Environmental Negotiation Team (2012–2014).
- Faculty Advisor, North Carolina Journal of Law & Technology (2011–2014).
- Faculty Advisor, UNC Student Chapter, U.S. Green Building Council (2012–2014).

**Lewis & Clark Law School  
Visiting Professor, Legal Analysis & Writing**

**Portland, OR  
09/2010—09/2011**

- Courses: Legal Analysis & Writing; Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing (contract drafting section).

**Ball Janik LLP  
Associate Attorney, Real Estate Practice Group**

**Portland, OR  
10/2007—05/2009**

- Drafted real estate contracts, including: purchase and sale agreements, commercial and residential leases, financing documents, development agreements, easement agreements, deeds, escrow instruction letters, license and indemnity agreements, corporate governance documents, promissory notes, loan agreements, deeds of trust, local counsel opinion letters, condominium documents, tenant notices, and rights of first refusal.
- Experienced with entity formation, reporting, compliance, and business licensing.
- Organized and executed real estate closings, business/asset sales, and stock purchases.
- Particularly experienced with high performance buildings, green leasing, and counseling small businesses on sustainability issues.

**Sol Pops, LLC  
Founder**

**Portland, OR  
10/2007—10/2012**

- Founder of gourmet and wellness popsicle company that uses organic and/or local ingredients, incorporates alternative sweeteners, and distributes through Portland-area farmers markets, Whole Foods, and New Seasons Markets.
- Utilized Natural Step Framework and other sustainability rubrics to infuse sustainability principles into daily business operations.

**Ball Janik LLP  
Summer Associate**

**Portland, OR  
Summer 2006**

**Maupin Taylor, P.A.**  
Summer Associate

**Raleigh, NC**  
Summer 2006

**North Carolina Court of Appeals, Judge James A. Wynn, Jr.**  
Summer Clerk

**Raleigh, NC**  
Summer 2005

- Authored draft opinion extending statutory attorneys' fee provisions to pro bono representation, *Patronelli v. Patronelli*, 175 N.C. App. 320 (2006), 360 N.C. 628 (2006), substantially adopted in Judge Wynn's dissent and later debated before the North Carolina Supreme Court.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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- Aaron Harmon and John Truby, *Green Building in Qatar: Law and Policy Recommendations* (forthcoming 2019)
- Aaron Harmon and John Truby, "Report on Qatar Climate Change Policy" in Climate Change Litigation (forthcoming 2019)
- Aaron Harmon and Conrad Sturm, Legal Writing in the Middle East (forthcoming 2019)
- Aaron Harmon, Information Literacy and Legal Research: Everything You Need to Know to Start Answering Legal Questions (forthcoming 2019)
- "Sol Pops and the 'S.O.L. Principles' That Guide Our Business" in The Portland Bottom Line: Practices for Your Small Business from America's Hotbed of Sustainability (Peter Korchnak ed., Goodbookery 2010)
- "The Ethics of Legal Process Outsourcing—Is the Practice of Law a 'Noble Profession,' or is it Just Another Business?" 13 U. of Fl. J. Tech. L. & Pol'y 41 (June 2008)
- "The Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2005: Just What the Doctor Ordered for Cleaning Up Methfields—or Sugar Pill Placebo?," 7 N.C. J.L. & Tech. 421 (Spring 2006)
- "Child Testimony via Two-Way Closed Circuit Television: A New Perspective on Maryland v. Craig in United States v. Turning Bear and United States v. Bordeaux," 7 N.C. J.L. & Tech. 157 (Fall 2005)
- "Emerging Opportunities in Alternative Energy Sources," Environmental Law News, Ball Janik LLP (Fall 2006)
- Editor, Climate Change Report, Jeanne Roy and Dick Roy (Earth Leadership Center, 2009)
- Editorial Assistant (1999–2000), The Call of Conscience: Heidegger and Levinas, Rhetoric and the Euthanasia Debate, Michael J. Hyde (University of South Carolina Press, 2001)

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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- "Audio-Recording: Techniques for Annotating Student Writing, Oral Argument Feedback, Effective Conferencing, and Beyond," Global Legal Skills Conference 13; University of Melbourne Law School; Melbourne, Australia (December 12, 2018) (1.5 hours).
- "Negotiation and Mediation in the Middle East: Honor Culture as a Middle Ground Between Face and Dignity Cultures," Master Class – International Negotiation Competition; University of Oslo; Oslo, Norway (June 27, 2017) (1 hour).
- "Negotiation and Mediation in the Middle East: The Honor Culture Archetype," Global Legal Skills Conference 12; Facultad Libre de Derecho de Monterrey; Monterrey, Mexico (July 27, 2017) (1.5 hours).

- “Drafting and Negotiating Commercial Contracts,” Qatar University Continuing Education Office, (April 16, 2017 – April 25, 2017) (24 hours; 16 students).
- “Negotiation and Mediation in the Middle East: Tips for Effective Communication with Arab Stakeholders,” Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Doha, Qatar (November 28, 2016) (1.5 hours).
- “Negotiation and Mediation in the Middle East: Tips for Effective Communication with Arab Stakeholders,” International Legal Practice and Legal Education Conference; University of Lucerne; Lucerne, Switzerland (July 5, 2016) (2 hours).
- “Tell Me, Tell Me, Tell Me: Using ‘Plug and Play’ Formulas to Promote Critical Thinking and Writing in Second Language Learners,” Global Legal Skills Conference 11; University of Verona; Verona, Italy (May 25, 2016) (1.5 hours).
- “Drafting and Negotiating Commercial Contracts (Advanced Level),” Qatar University Continuing Education Office, (February 21, 2016 – February 25, 2016) (15 hours).
- “Sustainability, the Law, and Building Regulation in Qatar (Green Building),” Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Doha, Qatar (January 25, 2016).
- “Drafting and Negotiating Commercial Contracts (Intermediate Level),” Qatar University Continuing Education Office, (November 8, 2015 – November 12, 2015) (15 hours).
- “Introduction to Drafting and Negotiating Commercial Contracts,” Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Doha, Qatar. (November 17, 2015).
- “Green Building and Risk Management,” Qatar Green Building Conference, Qatar Green Building Council, Doha, Qatar. (April 28, 2015).
- “Egypt National Legal Writing Competition Training (Law Professors),” American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA-ROLI), Cairo, Egypt. (February 20, 2015, 8 hours).
- “Egypt National Legal Writing Competition Training (Law Students),” American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA-ROLI), Cairo. (February 21, 2015, 8 hours).
- “Grace Under Pressure: Mindfulness Meditation, Yoga, and Other Peak Performance Strategies,” (January 2014, July 2014)
- “Preparing for the Communication and Grammar Section of the Certified Paralegal Exam,” North Carolina Bar Association Paralegal Division (February 2013, March 2014)
- “Grace Under Pressure: Stress Management and Peak Performance Strategies for Busy Professionals,” UNC Festival of Legal Learning (February 2014)
- “Transactional Drafting: Practical Considerations,” UNC Community Development Law Clinic Presents (October 2011, October 2012, October 2013)
- Faculty Comment and Rebuttal, “Free Market Environmentalism,” presented by the UNC Federalist Society (October 2013)
- “Grace Under Pressure: Mindfulness Meditation, Yoga, and Other Peak Performance Strategies for Law Students,” (November 2012, April 2013, October 2013)
- “Negotiation Competition: Practical Considerations,” Holderness Moot Court Skills Training (September 2012, September 2013)
- “Outlining and Exam Preparation,” LEAP Wednesday Workshops (July 2011, September 2011, September 2013)
- “Note Taking and Rule Synthesis,” LEAP Wednesday Workshops (July 2011, September 2011, September 2013)
- “Salary Negotiation Strategies for Women,” UNC Women in Law Symposium (April 2013)
- “Small-Scale (Paragraph-Level) Organization,” UNC Festival of Legal Learning (Feb. 2013)
- Panelist, “Legal Process Outsourcing,” The Future of Law Symposium, Saskatchewan School of Law (November 2012)

- “Logic and Fallacies for Lawyers: A Pragmatic Approach,” Festival of Legal Learning (February 2012)
- “Spotlight on Green Leasing Issues,” Ball Janik Lunch & Learn (December 2008)
- “The Law of Sustainable Building: Legal Issues and Risk Management,” Ball Janik Lunch & Learn (November 2008)
- “LEED® Certification and the Oregon Business Energy Tax Credit,” Real Estate & Land Use Seminar for Real Estate Professionals, presented by Ball Janik LLP (October 2008)
- “Non-Resident Withholding Tax in Oregon: Issues for Real Estate Professionals,” Ticor Title Seminar Series (presented twice during March 2008)
- Symposium/CLE Organizer & Moderator, *Ghost in the Machine: Emerging Issues in Electronic Discovery for Legal Practitioners*, presented by North Carolina Journal of Law & Technology (Fall 2006)
- “Patriot Act Disclosures in Purchase and Sale Agreements,” Ball Janik Lunch & Learn (June 2006)

## **PRESS COVERAGE**

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- *Quoted in* “QU-LAWC Students Participate in International Negotiation Contest,” The Peninsula (Nov 16, 2017)
- *Quoted in* “QU Team Shines at Negotiation Competition in Norway” Qatar Tribune (Nov 16, 2017)
- *Quoted in* “QU-LAWC Students Honoured at International Arbitration Contest,” Qatar Tribune (March 25, 2017)
- *Quoted in* “Group of QU Law Students Win Best Claimant Memorandum Award,” Marhaba (March 14, 2017)
- *Quoted in* “QU-LAWC Students Bag Best Claimant Memorandum Award,” The Peninsula (March 12, 2017)
- *Quoted in* “QU LAW C students win the award for Best Claimant Memorandum,” Qatar is Booming (March 12, 2017)
- *Quoted in* “Law Students Win Award in Arbitration Competition,” Qatar Hub (April 12, 2016)
- *Quoted in* “Law Students Win Award in Arbitration Competition,” Gulf Times (April 1, 2016)
- *Quoted in* “Qatar Law Students Win Best Respondent Memorandum Award,” The Peninsula (March 30, 2016)
- *Quoted in* “QU College of Law Students Win Award at Middle East Pre-Moot Competition,” Qatar Tribune (March 29, 2016)
- *Quoted in* “Qatar LAW C Student Team Awarded for Best Respondent Memorandum at Middle East Premoot Competition,” Qatar is Booming (March 29, 2016)
- *Featured in* “LEED Attorney Aims to Walk His Talk,” by Sam Bennett, Daily Journal of Commerce, (October 16, 2008)
- *Quoted in* “Becoming Legally Green,” by Melanie Lasoff Lev, ABA Journal (October 2008)
- *Quoted in* “Lawyers Wonder: Could Outsourcing Offshore Turn Practice of Law into a Product?,” by Guy Loranger, NC Lawyers Weekly (July 21, 2008)
- *Quoted in* “New Bern to New Delhi: Globalization Hits Legal Profession,” by Guy Loranger, NC Lawyers Weekly (July 21, 2008)
- *Quoted in* “Suit Brought by Bethesda Law Firm Questions Overseas Outsourcing,” by Caryn

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

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- Legal Research and Writing 2 (Fall 2018) (Qatar University)
  - 2 sections, 25 students each (female)
- Legal Research and Writing 2 (Spring 2018) (Qatar University)
  - 1 section, 9 students (male)
- Moot Court II (Spring 2018) (Qatar University)
  - 1 section, 6 students (female)
- Legal Research and Writing 1 (Fall 2017) (Qatar University)
  - 1 section, 17 students (female)
- Moot Court I (Fall 2017) (Qatar University)
  - 1 section, 10 students (female)
- Legal Research and Writing 2 (Spring 2017) (Qatar University)
  - 1 section, 23 students (female)
- Moot Court II (Spring 2017) (Qatar University)
  - 1 section, 4 students (female)
- Legal Research and Writing 1 (Fall 2016) (Qatar University)
  - 1 section, 16 students (female)
- Moot Court I (Fall 2016) (Qatar University)
  - 1 section, 9 students (female)
- Negotiating and Drafting Commercial Contracts (Advanced Level) (Continuing Education Office; 15 hours) (Spring 2016) (Qatar University)
  - 1 section, 14 students (male and female)
- Legal Research and Writing 1 (Research) (two weeks; Spring 2016) (Qatar University)
  - 4 sections; 67 students total (male and female)
- Moot Court II (Spring 2016) (Qatar University)
  - 2 sections, 2 and 4 students each (male and female)
- Negotiating and Drafting Commercial Contracts (Intermediate Level) (Continuing Education Office; 15 hours) (Fall 2015) (Qatar University)
  - 1 section, 10 students (male and female)
- Moot Court I (Fall 2015) (Qatar University)
  - 2 sections, 4 and 5 students each (male and female)
- Legal Research and Writing 1 (Fall 2015) (Qatar University)
  - 1 section, 26 students (male)
- Legal Research and Writing 1 (Spring 2015) (Qatar University)
  - 2 sections, 17 & 19 students each (male and female)
- Advocacy Skills (Fall 2014) (Qatar University)
  - 2 sections, 15 & 11 students each (male and female)
- Legal Research and Writing 1 (Fall 2014) (Qatar University)
  - 1 section, 15 students (male)
- Law and Rhetoric (Spring 2014) (Wake Forest University)
  - 1 section, 22 students
- Research, Reasoning, Writing and Advocacy II (Spring 2014) (University of North Carolina)
  - 2 sections, 16 & 17 students each
- Research, Reasoning, Writing and Advocacy I (Fall 2013) (University of North Carolina)

- 2 sections, 20 & 21 students each
- Research, Reasoning, Writing and Advocacy II (Spring 2013) (University of North Carolina)
  - 2 sections, 15 & 14 students each
- Research, Reasoning, Writing and Advocacy I (Fall 2012) (University of North Carolina)
  - 2 sections, 15 students each
- Research, Reasoning, Writing and Advocacy II (Spring 2012) (University of North Carolina)
  - 2 sections, 20 students each
- Research, Reasoning, Writing and Advocacy I (Fall 2011) (University of North Carolina)
  - 2 sections, 21 students each
- Advanced Legal Analysis and Writing (Contract Drafting) (Spring 2011) (Lewis & Clark)
  - 1 section, 17 students
- Legal Analysis and Writing II (Spring 2011) (Lewis & Clark)
  - 2 sections, 21 students each
- Legal Analysis and Writing I (Fall 2010) (Lewis & Clark)
  - 2 sections, 21 students each

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- Member, State Bar of Oregon (2007–present)
- Board of Advisors, NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY (2007–present)
- Member, International Negotiation Competition Executive Committee, Middle East Region Representative (2016–present)
  
- Member, Engagement & Outreach Committee (2017–present)
- Member, Community Service & Stakeholders Engagement Committee (2016–2017)
- Member, Legal Events Committee, Qatar University College of Law (2015–2016)
- Member, Student Affairs Committee, Qatar University College of Law (2014–2015)
- Member, Qatar University Center for Energy and Sustainability Law (2014–present)
- Deputy Editor, “Year in Review,” American Bar Association Section on International Law (2014–present)
- Faculty Advisor, Qatar University College of Law Vis International Commercial Arbitration Competition Team (2014–present)
- Faculty Advisor, Qatar University College of Law International Negotiation Team (2014–present)
- Faculty Advisor, Qatar University Debate Club (2016–present)
- Member, Qatar University College of Law Lawyering Skills Program (2014–present)
  
- Faculty Advisor, Holderness Moot Court ABA Negotiation Team (2012–2014)
- Faculty Advisor, Holderness Moot Court Environmental Negotiation Team (2012–2014)
- Faculty Advisor, NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY (2011–2014)
- Member, UNC School of Law Writing and Learning Resource Center (2011–2014)
- Faculty Advisor, U.S. Green Building Council–UNC student chapter (2012–2014)
- Assistant Editor, Legal Writing Journal (published by the Legal Writing Institute) (2012–2014)
  
- Legislative Committee, OSB Real Estate & Land Use Section (2007–2008)
- Housing Development Committee, REACH Community Development, LLC (2008–2010)

- Fundraising Committee, Campaign for Equal Justice (2008–2009)
- Pro Bono Attorney & Member, Portland Community Land Trust (2007–2011)
- Pro Bono Attorney, Community Development Law Center (2008–2009)
- Pro Bono Attorney, Lewis & Clark Law School Small Business Legal Clinic (2009)
- Board Member, Hollywood Farmer’s Market (2009-2011)
- Member, Urban Land Institute (2007–2011)
- Member, Center for Earth Leadership (2008–2011)
- Member, Cascadia Region Green Building Council (2008–2011)

## **AWARDS**

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- Service Award, International Negotiation Competition (Lucerne, Switzerland) (July 9, 2016) (for exemplary service to the INC during the 2016 competition).
- Service Award, Qatar University College of Law (September 4, 2016) (for exemplary service to the department, college, university, community, and profession).

## **ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS**

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- Photography, Hiking, Jogging, Playing Music (Electric Bass, Violin, Harmonium, Drums), Mountain Biking, Camping, White Water Rafting, Meditation, Reiki, Yoga