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Biography

Professor Keith J. Hand brings more than 20 years of professional experience in private practice, government, and academia to his teaching and research at UC Hastings. Professor Hand's research focuses on legal reform in the Greater China, with particular attention to constitutional law, criminal justice, citizen efforts to use the law to promote legal and political change; and the role and development of China's procuratorate. In January 2015, he co-founded the UC Hastings East Asian Legal Studies Program with Senior Professor Setsuo Miyazawa.

Professor Hand holds a JD and an MAIS in China Studies from the University of Washington and a BA from Whitman College. As a law student, he served as editor-in-chief of the Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal. After graduating Order of the Coif in 2000, he joined the New York office of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, where his practice focused on mergers and acquisitions and private equity funds. He later served as senior counsel to the U.S. Congressional-Executive Commission on China. Immediately prior to joining the UC Hastings faculty in 2009, Professor Hand was Beijing director, senior fellow, and lecturer-in-law at Yale Law School's China Law Center and visiting scholar at Peking University Law School. During his tenure with the Center, Professor Hand worked with Chinese courts, government agencies and law schools to implement cooperative legal reform projects in the areas of criminal justice, judicial reform and property law.

Professor Hand has been cited as an expert on Chinese legal issues in a wide variety of media, including The New York Times, The Guardian, Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs, Deutsche Welle, Radio Free Asia, Reuters, The Christian Science Monitor, ChinaFile, and Time. In 2011, Professor Hand was named a National Committee on U.S.-China Relations Public Intellectuals Fellow. In 2014, he was presented with the UC Hastings Foundation Faculty Award for Scholarship.

A native of Seattle, Professor Hand enjoys the outdoors and rarely turns down an opportunity to travel through remote regions of Asia or ski, cycle, or hike at home.

Availability

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Author Appearance

Expertise

Legal Services, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Chinese Law, East Asian Legal Systems, Contract Law, Human Rights Law, Chinese Culture

Affiliations

National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, UC Hastings Asia Network, Heterodox Academy, New York Bar Association, Yale China Law Center: Former Beijing Director, United States Congressional-Executive Commission on China, Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison: Former Corporate Associate, Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal: Former Editor in Chief

Event Appearances

Understanding China's System for Addressing Legislative Conflicts: Capacity Challenges and the Search for Legislative Harmony

9th Annual Conference of the European Chinese Law Studies Association

Understanding China's System for Addressing Legislative Conflicts: Capacity Challenges and the Search for Legislative Harmony

Chinese University of Hong Kong

Elite Perspectives on the Rule of Law Panel

Invited Presentation, National Bureau of Asian Research: Contending Perspectives on the Rule of Law in China

Constitutional Review in China

National Committee on U.S.-China Relations Public Intellectual Program Conference

Dancing Handcuffed in a Minefield: China's Hidden Heroes in the Criminal Defense Bar

American Bar Association Annual Meeting

Comparative Perspectives on the Resolution of Legislative Conflicts

Invited Presentation

Resolving Constitutional Disputes in Contemporary China

Law & Society Association

Foreign Perspectives on the Filing and Review System for Legislation (In Chinese)

Graduate Seminar in Public Law

Resolving Constitutional Disputes in Contemporary China (In Chinese)

Invited Presentation, Constitutionalism Workshop at Chinese University of Politics and Law

Legal Dimensions of the U.S.-China Relationship

2011 China Town Hall

Constitutional Dispute Resolution in China

Hastings International and Comparative Law Society

Constitutional Disputes in China,” presented at a panel on “Rule of Law in China: Progress or Retreat?

Institute of East Asian Studies

Legal Dimensions of the U.S.-China Relationship

Hastings International and Comparative Law Society

China's Legal System at a Turning Point

UC Hastings Alumni Event at K&L Gates

Western Efforts to Influence Chinese Legal Reform

University of California, Berkeley Law School, Seminar on China and the International Community

Advancing Rule of Law in China

University of Political Science and Law J.D. Summer Program

Evolving Forms of Citizen Action in the People’s Republic of China

Yale University China Social Sciences Workshop

The Sun Zhigang Incident: Implications for Legal Reform and Citizen Action in China

Invited Presentation, Cornell University Law School

China’s Criminal Procedure Law Amendments: What Can We Expect?

US State Department Conference on Rule of Law Developments in China

Recent Wrongful Conviction Cases in China and Their Impact on Criminal Justice Reform

Invited Presentation, Yale Law School China Law Colloquium

Panelist: Human Rights and China Policy

US State Department Foreign Service Institute China Panel

Conflict Over Forced Evictions in China

Invited Presentation, Yale Law School Chinese Law Colloquium

Education

University of Washington

J.D. Law

University of Washington, Jackson School of International Studies

M.A.I.S. China Studies

Whitman College

B.A. History

Accomplishments

Visionary Service Award

Awarded by UC Hastings College of the Law Board of Directors.

Co-Founder of UC Hastings East Asian Legal Studies Program

With Professor Setsuo Miyazawa

Foundation Award for Scholarship

Awarded by the UC Hastings Foundation.

Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal Distinguished Alumnus Award

Awarded by the Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal

Public Intellectuals Fellow

Awarded by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations

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