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Research Interests:

Federal appellate court decision making, procedural rules of access to the legal system, judicial careers and acclimation effects, agenda change in the U.S. Courts of Appeals, attorneys and the judicial process, the role of gender in judicial decision making, and comparative judicial studies.

Teaching Interests:

American government, courts and the judicial process, constitutional law, civil liberties, women and the law, law and society, and introductory statistics.

Education:

- Ph.D. Political Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia (2004)
Major Field: American Politics (Judicial Politics and Public Law)
Minor Field: Methodology
- M.A. Political Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia (1998)
- B.A. Government; Law and Society, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces (1996)
Graduated with High Honors and Distinction in University Honors

Employment:

Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2004-present.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, Fall 2002.

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Politics*, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, Fall 2000-Summer 2002.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Government, University of Texas, Austin, 1999-2000.

Adjunct Instructor, Austin Community College, Austin, TX, Spring, 1999.

Research Specialist II, Office of Public Insurance Counsel, Austin, TX, 1998-1999.

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, 1996-1998.

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Kaheny, Erin B., John J. Szmer, and Tammy A. Sarver. 2011. "Women Lawyers before the Supreme Court of Canada." *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 44(1): 83-109.

Kaheny, Erin B., and Kimberly J. Rice. 2010. "Threshold Rules as Tools of Deference?: Circuit Judge Gatekeeping in Administrative Agency Cases." *Justice System Journal* 31(2): 201-24.

Kaheny, Erin B. 2010. "The Nature of Circuit Court Gatekeeping Decisions." *Law and Society Review* 44(1): 129-56.

Szmer, John J., Tammy A. Sarver, and Erin B. Kaheny. 2010. "Have We Come a Long Way Baby? Female Attorneys before the United States Supreme Court." *Politics and Gender* 6: 1-36.

Kaheny, Erin B., Susan B. Haire, and Sara C. Benesh. 2008. "Change over Tenure: Voting, Variance, and Decision Making on the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *American Journal of Political Science* 52(3): 490-503.

Sarver, Tammy A., Erin B. Kaheny, and John J. Szmer. 2008. "The Attorney Gender Gap in U.S. Supreme Court Litigation." *Judicature* 91(5): 238-50.

Songer, Donald R., Ashlyn Kuersten, and Erin B. Kaheny. 2000. "Why the Haves Don't Always Come Out Ahead: Repeat Players Meet Amici Curiae for the Disadvantaged." *Political Research Quarterly* 53(3): 537-56.

Kaheny, Erin B. 1999. "Agenda Change in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *Justice System Journal* 20(3): 275-98.

Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Kaheny, Erin B. Forthcoming. "Circuit Judges as Gatekeepers? An Investigation of Threshold Decisions in the U.S. Courts of Appeals." *The Journal of Appellate Practice and Process*.

Kaheny, Erin B., Sara C. Benesh, and Susan B. Haire. 2008. "Career Stage and Decision Making on the Seventh Circuit: A Comparative Analysis." *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* 32: 509-25.

Kaheny, Erin B. 2008. "Roe v. Wade." *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 2nd edition. 9 vols. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA.

Conference Papers:

"Majority Opinion Assignment in State Supreme Courts" (with John J. Szmer and Robert K. Christensen). Paper presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

"The Element of Time? An Examination of the Influence of Judge Gender, Career Stage, and Circuit Diversity on Circuit Judge Decision Making." Paper presented at the 2010 annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL.

"An Examination of the Career Behavior of U.S. Courts of Appeals Judges." Paper presented at the 2010 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA.

“The Impact of Attorney Gender on Decision Making in the United States Courts of Appeals” (with John J. Szmer, Tammy A. Sarver, and Mason Decamillis). Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“The Impact of Attorney Gender on Decision Making in the United States Courts of Appeals” (with John J. Szmer, Tammy A. Sarver, and Mason Decamillis). Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.

“Attorney and Justice Gender: Examining the Supreme Court of Canada” (with John J. Szmer and Tammy A. Sarver). Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV.

“Have We Come a Long Way Baby? Female Attorneys before the United States Supreme Court” (with John J. Szmer and Tammy A. Sarver). Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“A Hierarchical Examination of Judicial Power: The Rehnquist Court, the Circuit Courts, and Questions of Judicial Access.” Paper presented at the 2005 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

“Deciding to Reach the Merits: An Examination of Supreme Court and Circuit Court Judicial Power Cases.” Paper presented at the 2005 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“The Rehnquist Court and Questions of Judicial Power.” Paper presented at the 2005 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

“Circuit Court Gatekeeping: A Presidential Cohort Analysis.” Paper presented at the 2004 annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, TX.

“The Inconsistency of Judicial Amateurs: Ideological Voting on the U.S. Courts of Appeals” (with Sara C. Benesh and Susan B. Haire). Paper presented at the 2003 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.

“Understanding Circuit Court Access Behavior.” Paper presented at the 2003 annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, TX.

“The Influence of Senatorial Opposition on the Career Liberalism of Circuit Court Judges.” Paper presented at the 2002 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

“Deviation from the Circuit Median: Acclimation Effects on the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Paper presented at the 2001 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA.

“Judicial Elevation: A Cross-Court Analysis of District Court Judges Elevated to the U.S. Courts of Appeals” (with Donald R. Songer and Robert A. Carp). Paper presented at the 2001 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

“Circuit Court Gatekeeping: An Analysis of Access Decisions of the U.S. Courts of Appeals.” Paper presented at the 2000 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA.

“Reexamining When and Where the Haves Come Out Ahead: The Intersection of Political Disadvantage Theory and Party Capability Theory in State Supreme Courts” (with Ashlyn Kuersten and Donald R.

Songer). Paper presented at the 1998 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Agenda Change in the U.S. Courts of Appeals, 1925-1988.” Paper presented at the 1997 annual meeting of the South Carolina Political Science Association, Spartanburg, SC.

Academic Honors and Grants:

- UWM Graduate School Research Committee Award (2006)
- Governor John C. West Fellowship (2001)
- APSA Travel Grant (2001)
- Pi Sigma Alpha Howard Penniman Graduate Fellowship (1996)
- Golden Key, Phi Kappa Phi, and Alpha Chi National Honor Societies

Courses Taught:

American Government and Politics (undergraduate)
Constitutional Law (undergraduate, online and face-to-face)
Honors Law and Courts in American Society (undergraduate)
Law and Society (undergraduate, online and face-to-face)
Texas State and Local Politics (undergraduate)
Women and the Law (undergraduate, online and face-to face)
Judicial Politics and Behavior (graduate)

Departmental Service at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee:

Member, Undergraduate Committee, 2004-present

Member, Funds Committee, 2007-2009

Faculty Adviser, Pi Sigma Alpha, Epsilon XI chapter, 2011-present

Member, Ph.D. Preliminary Examination Committee (American politics): Fall 2005, Fall 2007, Fall 2008

Member, Political Science Search Committee (U.S. Congress position), Fall 2005

UWM Constitution Day presentation, September 14, 2005

Professional Service:

Editorial Board Member, *Law & Courts Newsletter* (2011-present)

Manuscript Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Law and Society Review*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Justice System Journal*

Panel Discussant: annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2010)

Panel Discussant: annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2007)

Panel Chair and Discussant: annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, TX (2004)