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Education

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, Ph.D., Political Science

Fields of Study: Public Administration, Public Policy, and Public Law. Dissertation titled "The Effect of Caseflow Management on Timeliness in Colorado District Courts." Graduate Assistant teaching: POLS 340 Political Analysis (two semesters)

St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas. J.D. with Distinction

Harlan Society (Top 10% of class); Order of the Barrister; St. Mary's Law Journal, Associate Editor, Fall, 1984; Teaching Assistant, legal research; Chili Team, President; Phi Delta Phi, Outstanding Third Year Student, 1984-1985

Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, B.A., Speech and Drama

Academic Positions

- Associate Instructional Professor, Director Master of Public Administration, (2021-2025), Director of Graduate Initiatives, (2025 – Present) Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston
- *Adjunct Professor* Sturm College of Law, University of Denver, Denver Colorado, Aug. 2008 to May 2010. Taught in the Master of Science in Legal Administration program: Statistics and Research Design, Court Communications and Media Relations.
- *Adjunct Professor* Colorado State University, Ft. Collins Colorado, Spring 2006 to Spring 2008. Courses taught: Empirical Political Analysis, Judicial Politics, Public Administration, and American Politics and Government.

Publications

Journal Articles:

1. Koelling, Peter, "Judging in Teams." The Court Administrator 17 (Spring 2025).
2. Koelling, Peter. "The Independence and Empowerment of International Criminal Tribunals." *St. Mary's Law Journal on Legal Malpractice & Ethics* 14 (2024): 101.
3. Koelling, Peter, and Pauline van Kersen-Thomas. "Auditing the Trial Record for Reliability and Integrity." *The Court Administrator* 10 (Summer 2021).
4. Koelling, Peter. "Responding to Judicial and Lawyer Misconduct: Analyzing a Survey of State Trial Court Judges." *St. Mary's Journal of Legal Malpractice & Ethics* 7 (2016): 63.

5. Koelling, Peter. "The Management of Courts and Cases." *Judges Journal* 53, no. 3 (Summer 2014).
6. Koelling, Peter. "Appellate Practice: The Next 50 Years." *Judges Journal* 53, no. 3 (Summer 2014).
7. Koelling, Peter. "An Interview with Clerk of the Supreme Court William K. Suter." *Judges Journal* 52, no. 4 (Fall 2013).
8. Koelling, Peter. "Waymaker, Judge Bill Dressel: An Insightful Educator." *Judges Journal* 52, no. 2 (Spring 2013).
9. Koelling, Peter. "Building a Multidisciplinary Constituency of Support." *Judges Journal* 51, no. 1 (Winter 2012): 22.
10. Koelling, Peter. "Waymaker, A Conversation with Mary C. McQueen, Jr." *Judges Journal* 50, no. 4 (Fall 2011): 4.
11. Koelling, Peter. "Waymaker, An Interview with Ernest C. Friesen, Jr." *Judges Journal* 49, no. 1 (Winter 2010): 4.
12. Koelling, Peter, and M. Shearn. "Castleberry v. Branscum: A Divided Texas Supreme Court Increases Shareholder Liability for Corporate Contractual Obligations." *St. Mary's Law Journal* 19 (1987): 245.

Books and Book Chapters:

1. Koelling, Peter, ed. *The Improvement of the Administration of Justice*. 8th ed. 2016.
2. Koelling, Peter. "An Assessment of Colorado Courts in the Interstate Placement of Children." In *The Specialized Practice of Juvenile and Family Law*, edited by Anne Kellogg, 163-170. Denver: National Association of Counsel for Children, 2008.
3. Koelling, Peter, John J. Specia, Jr., and Peter Sakai. *Countdown to Permanency, The Bexar County Model*. San Antonio: Bexar County, 2000.

Conference Papers:

1. Koelling, Peter. "Cross Training, the System Fundamentals." Paper presented at the Colorado Family Issues/Child Welfare Conference, June 6, 2007.
2. Koelling, Peter. "The Changing Role of Special Masters." Paper presented at the national conference of the American Society for Public Administration, April 5, 2005.

Reports and Evaluations:

1. Koelling, Peter. *Report to the Supreme Court of the Philippines*. February 2016.
2. Koelling, Peter. *Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children in Colorado*. June 2008.
3. Koelling, Peter. *National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) Model Courts Program in Colorado*. July 2007.

Relevant Work History

Chief, Court Management Services Section Special Tribunal for Lebanon, Dokter van der Stamstraat 1, 2265 BC Leidschendam, NL. Provide courtroom support for all proceedings, coordinate with chambers and participants, manage court calendar. Direct all judicial record keeping and court operations support. Manage, audit, and improve the electronic case management system. Oversee and coordinated relations with Lebanese Authorities. Manage translation requests. Draft policy and protocols.

Director, Chief Counsel American Bar Association Judicial Division, 321 North Clark, Chicago, Illinois, 60654, 800-285-2221, October 2009 to April 2017. Directed the operations of the Judicial Division and 14 other entities and multiple committees. Developed strategy, funding, policy, educational programs, research, lobbying and projects of the entities. Manage multiple judicial education forums for the Annual and Mid-year meetings. Oversee publication of *The Judges' Journal,* Judicial Division newsletter and Judicial Division website. Liaison to the National Judicial College Board of Trustees.

Chief Administrative Officer King County District Court, W-1034 King County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington, 98104, 206-205-9200, Feb. 2001 to May 2002. Supervised all court operations for 9 court facilities and 26 judges: Directed all operational and clerical functions of courts. Supervised 296 departmental and probation employees. Prepared and managed budget. Developed performance measures, policies and internal procedures. Managed case management and records management systems for both criminal and civil jurisdiction. Served as liaison with county council, other departments and as representative in intergovernmental affairs.

Civil District Courts Administrator Bexar County Courthouse, 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio Texas, 78205, 210-335-2300, Dec. 1994 to Jan. 2001. Directed all administrative duties of 13 Civil District Courts including caseflow, fiscal and personnel management and oversight of Juvenile Department. Developed and administered budgets. General Counsel for the Judges, Juvenile Board and Department. Assisted District Courts in county government oversight functions. Represented courts before county commissioners, legislature, school boards and other committees and organizations. Prosecuted contemnors. Designed, developed and administered the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), a school for expelled children.

Briefing Attorney (Law Clerk) Texas Supreme Court, 201 W. 14th, Room 104, Austin, TX Austin, Texas, 78701, 512- 463-1312 for Justice Ted Z. Robertson, Aug.1985 to Aug. 1986. Prepared recommendations on applications for writ of error and made presentations to the court. Assisted in the drafting and analysis of opinions.

University Service

- Committee Member, Accreditation Committee, Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston.
- Committee Member, Graduate Admissions and Scholarship Committee, Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston.
- Committee Member, MPA Transition Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, University of Houston.
- Committee Member, Graduate and Professional Studies Committee, University of Houston.

Professional Affiliations

- Greater Houston ASPA Board Member, 2021 to present, President 2025-2026
- American Bar Association, Lawyers Conference of the Judicial Division, Secretary 2024-2025, Chair-elect 2025 to Present**.**

Research Interests

- Judicial Independence and Accountability
- International Law and Human Rights
- Judicial Ethics and Professional Responsibility
- Court Management

Additional Information

Volunteer United States Peace Corps, 1111 20th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20526, 855-855-1961, Republic of Korea, July 1978 to July 1980. English Language instructor in a middle school and conducted seminars for teachers and government officials.