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Biography

Professor Keith J. Hand brings more than 25 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

Education/Learning, Legal Services

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

China's 2018 Constitutional Reforms: A New Era in Chinese Governance?
Association for Asian Scholars 2019 Annual Meeting

Balancing Crime Control and Privacy: A Comparative Constitutional Perspective on Technological Information Gathering in Criminal Investigations
Beihang University Law School Lecture Series

Strong Forms and Weak Forms of Judicial Review: Do Chinese Courts Review Legislation in Practice?
Beihang University Law School Visiting Lecture Series

Understanding China's System for Addressing Conflicts in Legislation: Capacity Challenges and Implications for Constitutional Review
PKU School of Transnational Law Faculty Colloquium

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

Conflict Over Forced Evictions in China
Invited Presentation, Yale Law School Chinese Law Colloquium

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

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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