

# Robert S. Kinney

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## EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University, College of Law, DeKalb, Illinois JD, <i>Juris Doctor Candidate</i>	Expected May 2027
University of Bristol, Bristol, England PhD in <i>Theology</i> , Department of Religion and Theology	November 2015
Moore Theological College, Sydney, Australia ThC, <i>Certificate in Theology</i>	May 2013
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois MS in <i>Journalism</i> , College of Media	May 2008
University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois BA (with honors) in <i>Fundamentals: Issues and Texts</i>	June 2004

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

Northern Illinois University, College of Law, DeKalb, Illinois <i>Graduate Assistant to the Dean of the Law School</i>	August 2025 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>special projects as assigned by the Dean (e.g., assisting in organizing an academic conference)</li><li>Teaching Assistant for undergraduate law class</li><li>support in the Office of Admissions or other Deans' offices as needed</li></ul>	
Cook County Circuit Court, Chicago, Illinois <i>Judicial Extern in Domestic Relations Division</i> (Hon. Bernadette Barrett, Hon. Mitchell B. Goldberg, Hon. Regina Mescall)	May 2025 – August 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>research, drafting opinions and orders</li><li>participated in non-competitive Mock Trial hosted by the Domestic Relations Division</li></ul>	
Charles Simeon Trust, Chicago, Illinois <i>Director of Ministries</i>	February 2005 – June 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>oversaw execution of vision, devised strategy, advised Board of Directors</li><li>supervised 30+ employees (hiring/firing, performance reviews, authorizing employee work, management)</li><li>managed relationships and annually traveled to work with international institutional partners (40+ countries)</li><li>teaching/lecturing at national and international workshops and through online educational platform</li><li>designed and implemented communications strategies (website development, print media, marketing)</li></ul>	
Christ Church (Church of England, Diocese in Europe), Vienna, Austria <i>Priest with License and Permission to Officiate</i>	February 2016 – June 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>officiated and preached at services, served on Church Council</li><li>oversaw or helped lead various ministries, including Youth and Education, Communications, Pastoral Care</li><li>provided educational mentoring for interns on behalf of the Diocese in Europe</li><li>founded Christ Church Quintet (jazz ensemble; short US tour in 2022)</li></ul>	

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## SELECTED LAW SCHOOL AWARDS AND HONORS

- Volume 46 of NIU Law Review*: Staff Editor in 2L (awarded highest write-on score in applicant pool).
- Dean's List*: Autumn 2024, Spring 2025.
- 2025 recipient of an *APPLE Outreach Assistantship* award for Judicial Externship in Cook County.
- Winner of *1L Closing Argument Competition* hosted by the NIU Trial Advocacy Society, awarded January 2025.
- Francis Mays Memorial Scholarship* for criminal law, Northern Illinois University, awarded October 2024.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- *Hellenistic Dimensions of the Gospel of Matthew: Background and Rhetoric* (*Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament II*), Mohr Siebeck (2016) [published doctoral dissertation].
  - “No Greater Love: A Christian Approach to Friendship & Race,” *Bulletin of Ecclesial Theology*, Vol. 9.1, 2022, 21-47.
  - “Worship and Preaching: Responding to the Word” (2018 *COBIME Conference* in Havana, Cuba).
  - “Teaching Philemon,” *Bible Study Magazine*, April 22, 2020.
  - “Revelation 16: Libations of God’s Wrath” in *Credo Magazine*, December 21, 2018.
  - “Hellenistic Influence in the Gospel of Matthew,” *1892 Club* at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, April 26, 2017 [invited paper].
  - “Homeric Resonances in the Gospel of Matthew” (31st *British New Testament Conference*, King’s College in London, England, 2012) [conference paper].
  - mitarbeiter to Clare K. Rothschild and Trevor W. Thompson for *Christian Body, Christian Self: Concepts of Early Christian Personhood* (*Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament*), Mohr Siebeck (2012).
  - “Matthew and Plato: A Greek Philosophical Context for the Sermon on the Mount” (2009 *SBL International Meeting*, Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy) [conference paper].
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## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Christian Legal Society (National) Law School Fellow 2025-2026
  - Christian Legal Society (NIU Chapter), President 2024 – Present
  - Board Member of the Charles Simeon Trust (South Africa) 2022 – 2024
  - Licensed in the *Church of England, Diocese in Europe* 2019 – 2024
  - Credentialing Team and Theology Workgroup member, *ACNA Diocese of the Rocky Mountains* 2019 – 2024
  - Archbishop of Canterbury’s Permission to Officiate in the *Church of England, Diocese in Europe* 2018 – 2024
  - Fellow of the *Center for Pastor Theologians* 2018 – 2024
  - Board Member of *Prédica Fiel* (Cuba) 2013 – 2024
  - Board Member of the Charles Simeon Trust (Canada) 2015 – 2022
  - Ordination as Priest in *Province de Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda* by Bishop Ken Ross May 31, 2016
  - Ordination as Deacon in *Province de Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda* by Bishop Laurent Mbanda February 11, 2014
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## CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Christian Legal Society (CLS) 2024 – Present
- Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) 2008 – Present
- Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) 2008 – Present
- North American Patristics Society (NAPS) 2008 – Present
- Society for Classical Studies (SCS) 2008 – Present