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EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center -- J.D. 1984

Honors: Summa cum laude
Rank: 3rd of 585
Editor, Georgetown Law Journal
Clinic: Briefed and argued B.D.S. v. Gillis,
477 A.2d 1121 (D.C. 1984)

Dickinson College - B.S. 1976

Honors: Magna cum laude
Phi Beta Kappa
Charles A. Dana Scholar

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 1993 to Present - Professor of Law

The University of Tennessee
College of Law
Knoxville, TN

Dean, 2008 - Present
Art Stolnitz Distinguished Professor, 2002 - Present
Elvin E. Overton Distinguished Professor, 2004 - Present

Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 2006 - 2008
Director of Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution, 2004 - 2006
Director of Clinical Programs, 1993 - 2006

Courses: Advocacy Clinic, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Trial Practice,
Professional Responsibility

June 1986 to June 1993 - Professor of Law

Arizona State University
College of Law
Tempe, Arizona

Director, Community Legal Services Clinical Program
Courses: Civil Procedure, Clinic, Trial Practice, Natural Resources Law

1984 to 1986 - Associate

Fennemore Craig
Phoenix, Arizona

1982 to 1983 - Law Fellow (Instructor in Legal Writing)

Georgetown University Law Center
Washington, D.C.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

1978 to 1981 - Director of Resource Management

Appalachian Trail Conference
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

1976 to 1978 - Geologist

South Dakota State Geological Survey
University of South Dakota
Vermillion, South Dakota

PUBLICATIONS

Articles:

“Remembering Bob Ritchie,” For the Defense: Special Issue (TACDL May 2007).

“Toward Equal Access to Justice: Rethinking the Role of Law Schools,” 2 Tenn. J. L. & Policy 66 (2005).

“The Crisis in Legal Aid: The Challenges and Some Solutions,” 39 Tenn. B. J. No. 1 (January 2003).

“Bridging-the-Gap: A Professional Practice Skills Program For New Lawyers,” with B. R. Green & P. Reeves, 35 Tenn. Bar J. 13 (April 1999).

“Deja Vu All Over Again: Reflections on Fifty Years of Clinical Education,”
64 Tenn. L. Rev. 939 (1997)

“Dedication for Charles Henderson Miller,” 64 Tenn. L. Rev. xi (1997)

“The Effect of Law Schools on Bench/Bar Relations,” Maricopa Lawyer, Vol. 9, No. 7
(July 1990)

“Presumed Frivolous: Application of Stringent Pleading Requirements in Civil Rights
Litigation,” 31 William & Mary L. Rev. 935 (1990).

“The Nomination of Robert Bork: Revisiting the Constitution,” 19 Ariz. St.
L. J. 467 (1987).

“Double Jeopardy,” 13th Annual Criminal Procedure Project, 72 Geo. L.J. 497 (1983)

Books:

Arizona Law of Negligence (with J. Lankford) Michie Co./Lexis Pub. (3d ed. 2004)

Other Educational Materials:

Quick Review: Civil Procedure, Sum and Substance (5th ed. West 2003)

Civil Procedure (Audio Tapes), Sum and Substance (West 1999)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

“Deposition Skills and Motion Advocacy,” South Carolina Protection and Advocacy,
Columbia, SC, April 2008

“Direct and Cross-Examination: Skills Training for Legal Services Lawyers,”
Manchester, TN, September 2007

"Taking and Using Depositions: Skills Training for Legal Services Lawyers," Tennessee
Access to Justice Conference, Montgomery Bell State Park, September 2006

“Testifying at Trial: Training for Expert Witnesses,” International Association of Arson
Investigators, Knoxville, August 2006 and August 2007

“Trial Skills Training: U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division Trial Section,”
Washington, DC, March 2007

“Teaching Trial Practice Skills,” National College of DUI. Defense, Denver, May 2006

"Evidence Presentation at Trial and Hearings: Skills Training for Legal Services Lawyers," Tennessee Access to Justice Conference, Montgomery Bell State Park, September 2005

"Revisiting/Revising Student Practice Rules," AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Diego, May 2004

Various National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) Training Programs (depositions, motion practice, experts, negotiation, fact investigation) for government agencies and law firms around the country, 1999-present

"Service of Process in Tennessee," Tennessee Professional Investigators Association, Gatlinburg, April 2004

"Deposition Training for Legal Services Lawyers," Tennessee Access to Justice Conference, Montgomery Bell State Park, October 2004

"Trial Practice Training for Legal Services Lawyers," Tennessee Access to Justice Conference, Montgomery Bell State Park, October 2003

"Deposition Training for Legal Services Lawyers," Tennessee Access to Justice Conference, Nashville, October 2002

Advocacy Teacher Training, U.S. Dept. of Justice/NITA, Columbia, S.C., July 2001

"Building a Better Lawyer," Harry Phillips American Inn of Court, Nashville, May 2001

"Pending Changes to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure," for Federal Bar Association for Eastern District of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 2000

"Ethical Dilemmas Relating to Client Confidentiality," for Tennessee Bar Association, Knoxville, Tennessee, November 1999

"Transitional Legal Education," for Tennessee Judicial Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, March 1999

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

2007 Bernstein-Ritchie Award For Extraordinary Service to UT Legal Clinic

2004 Thomas Jefferson Prize, University of Tennessee

2004 and 1996 Bass, Berry & Sims Award for Outstanding Service to the Bench and Bar

2003 B. Riney Green Award, Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services

2005 and 2000 Carden Service Award, University of Tennessee College of Law

1997 Harold Warner Outstanding Teacher Award, University of Tennessee College of Law

1989 Outstanding Faculty Award, Maricopa County Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, LexisNexis Law School Advisory Board, 2007-present

Member, Knoxville/Knox County Equal Justice Initiative, 2007- present

Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Clinical Education Committee, 2003-2006

AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education Planning Committee, 2004

Chair, Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services, 2001 - 2004

Member, Tennessee Bar Association Access to Justice Committee, 1994-Present

Chair, Tennessee Bar Association Legal Education and the Bar Committee (1998-2000; member 1996-98) (developed proposal for mandatory post-graduate transitional education program)

Reporter, Hamilton Burnett American Inn of Court, 2001-02

Board of Directors, Knoxville Legal Aid Society, 1994-1998

Policy Council Member, Knoxville Area Headstart, 1994-1998

Judge Pro Tem, Arizona Court of Appeals (1991)

Reporter, Ninth Circuit Local Rules Review Committee (1992-93)

Faculty Member, Arizona State Bar Professionalism Course (1992-93)

Board of Directors, Arizona Capital Representation Project (1989-93)

Bar Counsel, Arizona Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission (1988-90)

SELECTED LITIGATION

Harmer v. State, 2006 Tenn. Crim. App. LEXIS 464 (Tenn. Cr. App. 2006) (post-conviction matter handled at request of trial court).

Thompson v. Ashe, 250 F.3d 399 (6th Cir. 2001)(constitutional challenge to public housing authority's banning policy and procedure)

Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest v. Hassell, 919 P.2d 1381 (Ariz. App. 1991) (challenge to state legislation based on public trust doctrine)

Gluth v. Kangas, 773 F. Supp. 1309 (D.Ariz. 1988) aff'd 951 F.2d 1504 (9th Cir. 1991) (class action challenge regarding law library access in prison) [case evolved into Lewis v. Casey, 518 U.S. 343 (1996)]

Vaughan v. Ricketts, 859 F.2d 739 (9th Cir. 1988) (civil rights jury trial on remand)

Bruni v. Lewis, 847 F.2d 561 (9th Cir. 1988) (federal habeas)

Orr v. Ariz. Dept. of Econ. Sec., 761 P.2d 1085 (Ariz. App. 1988) (federal public housing and benefits)

James v. Phoenix General Hospital, 744 P.2d 689 (Ariz. App. 1986) (medical malpractice; state constitution)

Sullivan v. Metro Productions, Inc., 724 P.2d 1242 (Ariz. App. 1986) (securities litigation)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Tennessee Bar Association

Member, Knoxville Bar Association

