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EMPLOYMENT

University of Tennessee College of Law
College of Law Distinguished Professor 2012-present
Professor, 2011-12
Associate Professor, 1992-2011
Courses taught: Law and Literature, Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility,
and The Jury System.

Staff Attorney, Knoxville Legal Aid Society, 1986-87.
Emphasis in civil rights, housing, and consumer law.

Associate, McCord, Cockrill & Weaver, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1983-85.
General civil practice with emphasis in civil rights, commercial, and bankruptcy
law.

Law Clerk, Judge Edward A. Tamm, United States Court of Appeals for the District of
Columbia Circuit, 1982-83.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., English, University of Virginia, 1997
Dissertation: "The Construction of Female Subjectivity: Common Issues in
Eighteenth-Century English Law and the Novel."

M.A. in English, University of Virginia, 1989
President's Fellow; Stead Fellow.

J.D. With Highest Honors, University of Tennessee, 1982
Order of the Coif; Editor-in-Chief, *Tennessee Law Review*; voted Outstanding
Graduate of 1982 by faculty; John W. Green scholarship; two Chancellor's
Citations for Extraordinary Academic Achievement.

B.A. With Highest Honors, University of Tennessee, 1977
Phi Beta Kappa; College Scholars program; National Alumni Association
National Merit Scholar; Bernadotte E. Schmitt history scholarship.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE LIFE OF THE LAWYER (Thomson/West 2010) (with Carl A. Pierce and Alex B. Long)

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE LIFE OF THE LAWYER (2d ed. West Academic 2015) (with Carl A. Pierce, Alex B. Long, Paula Schaefer, and Cassandra Burke Robertson).

SOUND AND SENSE: A TEXT ON LAW AND LITERATURE (West 2003) (with Jerry J. Phillips).

Chapters

Ensnared by Custom: Mary Astell and the American Bar Association on Female Autonomy, in RHETORICAL TRADITIONS AND CONTEMPORARY LAW, Brian Larson and Beth Britt, eds. (Cambridge UP forthcoming 2025).

Law Review Articles

The Treachery of Perception: Evidence and Experience in Clarissa, 63 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI LAW REVIEW 165-93 (1994).

Hoodwink'd by Custom: The Exclusion of Women from Juries in Eighteenth-Century English Law and Literature, 4 WILLIAM AND MARY JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND THE LAW 1 (1997).

The Legacy of Byrd v. Hall: Gossiping About Summary Judgment in Tennessee, 69 TENN. L. REV. 175 (2001).

The Ethics of Blawging: A Genre Analysis, 41 LOY. U. CHI. L.J. 221 (2009).

Trick or Treat? Summary Judgment in Tennessee after Hannan v. Alltel Publishing Co., 77 TENN. L. REV. 305 (2010).

Atticus Finch: Christian or Civic Hero? A Response to Professor McMillian, 77 TENN. L. REV. 723 (2010).

Redefining Summary Judgment by Statute: The Legislative History of Tennessee Code Annotated Section 20-16-101, 8.1 TENN. J. LAW & POLICY 100 & 206 (2012) (with Matthew R. Lyon).

Contested Elections as Secret Weapon: Legislative Control over Judicial Decision-Making, 75 ALBANY L. REV. 2091 (2011/2012) (with Matthew R. Lyon).

Goodbye Significant Contacts: General Personal Jurisdiction after Daimler AG v. Bauman, 76 OHIO ST. L.J. 101 (2015) (with Michael H. Hoffheimer).

Harper Lee's First Novel: A Review of Go Set a Watchman, 83 TENN. L. REV. 353 (2015).

Four Reasons Why Readers Hate Go Set a Watchman (And One Reason Why I Don't), 47 CUMB. L. REV. 25 (2016-2017).

Comin' Through the Rye: A Requiem for the Tennessee Summary Judgment Standard, 83 TENN. L. REV. 1027 (2016) (with T. Mitchell Panter and Matthew R. Lyon).

Pleading Actual Malice in Defamation Actions After Twiqbal: A Circuit Survey, 17 NEVADA L.J. 709 (2017).

Hillbilly Atticus, 69 ALA. L. REV. 561 (2018).

The Not-So-Stealthy Revolution in Personal Jurisdiction: A Response to Michael H. Hoffheimer, 70 FLA. L. REV. FORUM (2018), available at <http://www.floridalawreview.com/issue/volume-70/>

The Myth of the Country Lawyer, 83 ALB. L. REV. 125 (2019-2020) (with Heather H. Bosau).

The Rulification of General Personal Jurisdiction and the Search for the Exceptional Case, 89 TENN. L. REV. 571 (2022).

A Step in Time: How a Trusted Advisor Handles Client Conflicts, THE PRACTICAL REAL ESTATE LAWYER (July 2022) (with Andrea Geraghty and Michelle Wooten).

The "Most Natural State" and General Personal Jurisdiction after Ford Motor Company vs. Montana Eighth Judicial District Court, __ HOUSTON L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2025).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Co-organizer and Moderator, *"Language Itself Is Poetry": Using Poetry in the Law School Classroom*, SEALS annual conference, Amelia Island, Florida, July 2025 (upcoming)

Participant, Civil Procedure Roundtable: *Twenty-First Century Procedure after Two Decades of the Roberts Court*, SEALS annual conference, Amelia Island, Florida, July 2025 (upcoming)

Invited Speaker, *Pay Me What You Owe Me*, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the East Tennessee Lawyers Association for Women, Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 2024.

Co-organizer and Presenter, *Half-Told Stories: Recovering the Stories Disguised by Law*, SEALS annual conference, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, July 2024.

Co-organizer and Moderator, *Law and Literature: Using Literature to Frame Contemporary Legal Debates*, SEALS annual conference, Boca Raton, Florida, July 2023.

Participant, Civil Procedure Workshop, Pedagogy and Assessments in Civil Procedure SEALS annual conference, Boca Raton, Florida, July 2023.

Speaker, *Personal Jurisdiction and the “Most Natural State,” Originalism and Historicism in Civil Procedure*, SEALS annual conference, Boca Raton, Florida, July 2023.

A Bridge Too Far: Ford Motor Company and the Future of Personal Jurisdiction over Corporations, National Business Law Scholars Conference, Knoxville, Tennessee, June 2023.

Co-organizer, Co-moderator, and Presenter, *Confronting New and Old Identities: A Discussion Group on Law and Literature*, SEALS annual conference, Sandestin, Florida, July 2022.

Invited Speaker, *The Ethics of Atticus Finch*, UTK Mic Nite, November 2019.

Invited Speaker, *Juries: Law and Practice*, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by Tennessee Attorney General’s Office, Nashville, Tenn., August 2019.

Organizer, *Edward Terry Sanford: History, Ethics, Legacy*, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the UT College of Law, and speaker, *Ethical Dilemmas: Past, Present, and Future*, UT College of Law, October 2018.

Invited Speaker, *Hillbilly Atticus*, Symposium sponsored by the *Alabama Law Review* on “The Legacy of Harper Lee,” Tuscaloosa, Alabama, March 2017.

Keynote Speaker, *Where Have All the Heroes Gone? Atticus Finch in Go Set a Watchman*, Law Day Program, Knoxville Bar Association, May 6, 2016.

Invited Speaker, *Comin’ through the Rye: Tennessee’s Adoption of the Federal Summary Judgment Standard*, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by Knoxville Bar Association, April 14, 2016 (with Prof. Matthew Lyon and Mitchell Panter, Esq.).

Invited Speaker, *Legal Ethics: From the Trenches to the Ivory Tower*, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Authority and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee, December 18, 2015.

Invited Speaker, *Summary Judgment in Tennessee*, Tennessee Judicial Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, October 2014.

Invited Speaker, *Judicial Selection in Tennessee*, Forum on Proposed Constitutional Amendments sponsored by Tennessee League of Women Voters, Oak Ridge Chapter and Women's Interfaith Dialogue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, October 2014.

Invited Speaker, *Pleading after Twombly/Iqbal*, Hamilton Burnett American Inns of Court. Knoxville, Tennessee, March 2014.

Invited Speaker, Continuing Legal Education program, *The Lost Art of Pleading*, Federal Bar Association of Northeastern Tennessee, Greeneville, Tennessee, November 2013.

Invited Speaker, *Judicial Selection in Tennessee*, Tennessee League of Women Voters, Oak Ridge chapter, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, October 2013.

Panelist, *Judicial Selection in Tennessee*, Hamilton Burnett American Inns of Court. Knoxville, Tennessee, September 2013.

Panelist, *What Should You Do? Judges and Attorneys: Impairment and Discipline*. Hamilton Burnett American Inns of Court. Knoxville, Tennessee, February 2013.

Invited Speaker, Continuing Legal Education program, *The Ethics of Atticus Finch*, sponsored by the Chattanooga Bar Association, October 2011.

Keynote Speaker, Law Day program, *The Ethics of Atticus Finch*, sponsored by Knoxville Bar Association, May 2011.

Invited Speaker, Continuing Legal Education program, *The Ethics of Atticus Finch*, sponsored by Nashville Bar Association, Nov. 2010.

Invited Speaker, Continuing Legal Education program, *The Ethics of Atticus Finch*, sponsored by Tennessee Municipal Attorneys Association, Gatlinburg, Tennessee, June 2010.

Presenter, *Transitions to the New South: Urban and Rural Values in To Kill a Mockingbird*, Southern Women Writers Conference, Berry College, Mt. Berry, Georgia, September 2009.

Presenter, *The "Old Bachelor" of Polk County*, Twelfth Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2009.

Invited Speaker, Clark Library Conference *Letters Before the Law 1640-1789: Knowing Women: Epistemology in Eighteenth-Century Law and the Novel*, UCLA Center

for 17th- and 18th-Century Studies and the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, October 2008.

Presenter, *The Ethics of Blawging*, Thirteenth Biennial Legal Writing Institute Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 2008.

Presenter, *High Noon in Maycomb, Alabama: Or, How Jimmy Carter Helped Me Understand Atticus Finch*, SEALS Annual Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, August 2007.

Invited Speaker, Continuing Legal Education program, *Tennessee Ethics Update*, sponsored by Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, Knoxville, Tennessee, October 2004.

Invited Speaker, Continuing Legal Education program, *Current Issues in the Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct*, sponsored by Greene County, Tennessee, Bar Association, April 2004.

Conference Organizer, *Who Wrote Shakespeare: An Evidentiary Puzzle*, interdisciplinary exploration of issues in law, history, and English related to Shakespeare authorship controversy, University of Tennessee, June 2004. (After the death of Prof. Jerry J. Phillips, who conceived the conference, I saw the conference through. The conference attracted notable speakers from across the country and Canada, both Stratfordians and non-Stratfordians from law, history, and English.)

Panel Organizer, *Leave No Woman Behind: Feminist Subversions in Law*, and Presenter, *The "Old Bachelor" of Polk County: Archival Legal Research as a Feminist Subversive Strategy*, at Interdisciplinary Conference, *Subversive Legacies: Learning from History/Constructing the Future*, University of Texas College of Law, Austin, Texas, November 2002.

Presenter, *Assessing the Personal Essay in Professional School Admissions: Implications for Undergraduate Advising*, Fifth National Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, Indiana University, June 2001.

Presenter, Faculty Forum, *The "Old Bachelor" of Polk County: Mythmaking in Legal and Literary Discourse in Antebellum East Tennessee*, University of Tennessee College of Law, July 2000.

Presenter, *Practicing Lawyers: Drafting Documents in the Civil Procedure Class*, Fourth National Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, Cornell University, June 1999.

Panel Organizer, *The World We Are Making: Cultural Criticism of Modern Legal Fiction*, at First Annual Conference of the Working Group on Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Georgetown Law Center, Washington, D.C., March 28, 1998.

Panel Organizer, *Literary Production of the Law*, and Paper, *Through the Looking-Glass: An Overview of Unique Aspects of the Legal Scholarly Industry*, at The University of Tulsa Twelfth Annual Comparative Literature Symposium, *The Sociomaterial Turn: Excavating Modernism*, Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 7, 1998.

Invited Speaker, Panel Discussion, *Report of the Tennessee Supreme Court Commission on Gender Fairness*, Tennessee Bar Association Mid-Winter Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, January 16, 1998.

Invited Speaker, Continuing Legal Education program, *Review and Update of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*, sponsored by the Federal Bar Association and the Federal Practice Section of the Chattanooga Bar Association, Chattanooga, Tennessee, January 13, 1998.

Invited Speaker, Panel Discussion on the Work of the Tennessee Supreme Court Gender Fairness Commission, Vanderbilt University School of Law, October 9, 1997.

Presenter, Faculty Forum, *Team-Teaching Law and Literature* (with Jerry J. Phillips), University of Tennessee College of Law, July 1997.

Presenter, *The Jurisdiction of Reason: Legal Metaphor in the "Sophia" Pamphlets*, presented at (1) Aphra Behn Society annual meeting, Athens, Georgia, October 1996, and (2) English Graduate Student Conference, *The Letter of the Law: Law, Literature, and Culture*, University of Southern California, March 1997 (paper read by panel chair, Susan Sage Heinzelman).

Invited Speaker, Continuing Legal Education program, *Like Snakes in Ireland? Ethics in Divorce Representation*, sponsored by Pro Bono Project, Knoxville Legal Aid Society, Knoxville, Tennessee, (1) June 1995 and (2) December 1995; and (3) Fourth Annual *Tennessee Law Review* Ethics Seminar, Knoxville, Tennessee, November 1996.

Invited Speaker, Symposium, *Humor Saves a Few Steps: Women, Humor, and the Practice of Law*, sponsored by Cornell Women's Law Symposium, Cornell Law School, April 1995; paper presented, *The Use of Humor Among Attorneys: Enforcing Division or Building Community?*

Presenter, Faculty Forum, *The Female Quixote as Female Juror*, University of Tennessee College of Law, June 1994.

Invited Speaker, Symposium on *Law, Literature, and the Humanities*, University of Cincinnati College of Law, April 1994, panel discussion published at 63 *University of Cincinnati Law Review* 387-402 (1994).

Presenter, *“The World Within” Meets “The World Without”: Epistemology in The Mysteries of Udolpho*, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual meeting, Charleston, South Carolina, March 1994.

Presenter, *The Eighteenth-Century Law of Evidence: Chief Baron Gilbert, John Locke, and Samuel Richardson's Clarissa*, American Society for Legal History annual meeting, Memphis, Tennessee, October 1993.

Presenter, *The Treachery of Perception: Evidence and Inference in Clarissa*, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, April 1993.

Invited Panel Co-Respondent, *Constructing and Deconstructing Jurisprudence: Unruly Narratives Meet the Rule of Law*, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, April 1993.

Invited Speaker, *The Casey Decision: Coherence or Compromise?* at (1) Tennesseans for Choice, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, October 1992, and (2) Oak Ridge, Tennessee, chapter of Hadassah, November 1992.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Columnist, *Schooled in Ethics*, DICTA: THE JOURNAL OF THE KNOXVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION (quarterly since 2010)

Member, Tennessee Coordinating Committee, National Association of Women Judges Informed Voters Project, 2013-14

East Tennessee Director at Large, Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women, 2012-14

Peer Reviewer, *Journal of East Tennessee History*, 2006-09

Member, Site Committee, 2002 biennial conference, Legal Writing Institute, University of Tennessee College of Law

Co-Chair, Implementation Committee, Tennessee Supreme Court Commissions on Gender and Racial and Ethnic Fairness, 1998-2000

Member, Tennessee Supreme Court Comm'n on Gender Fairness, 1994-1997
Chair, Gender-Neutral Language Committee
Member, Data Collection Committee

Member, Tennessee Bar Association Commission on Women and Minorities, 1993-1996

East Tennessee Lawyers Association for Women, charter member, 1983
Treasurer, 1986

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Thomas & Elizabeth Fox Faculty Excellence Award for Outstanding Service to the Bench & Bar, University of Tennessee College of Law
- 2023 Knoxville Bar Association, “Dicta” Award for Outstanding Writing for “Schooled in Ethics” column (shared with Alex Long and Paula Schaefer)
- 2011 Bass, Berry & Sims Award for Outstanding Service to the Bench and Bar University of Tennessee College of Law
- 2007 Tennessee Law Review Certificate of Recognition for Service as Editor in Chief, Published Author, and Faculty Advisor
- 2004 Carden Award for Outstanding Service to the Institution University of Tennessee College of Law
- 2000 Bass, Berry & Sims Award for Outstanding Service to the Bench and Bar University of Tennessee College of Law
- 1998 Marilyn V. Yarbrough Faculty Award for Writing Excellence for *Hoodwink'd by Custom: The Exclusion of Women from Juries in Eighteenth-Century English Law and Literature*, 4 WILLIAM AND MARY JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND THE LAW 1 (1997) University of Tennessee College of Law
- 1998 Professional Development Award for “The ‘Old Bachelor’ of Polk County: Mythmaking in Legal and Literary Discourse in Antebellum East Tennessee” University of Tennessee
- 1996 Harold C. Warner Outstanding Teacher Award University of Tennessee College of Law
- 1993 President's Award Knoxville Bar Association

BAR ADMISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Licensed: Tennessee
- Admitted: United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- Member: American Bar Association
Tennessee Bar Association
Knoxville Bar Association