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EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center -- J.D. 1984
Honors: Summa cum laude
Editor, Georgetown Law Journal

Dickinson College - B.S. 1976
Honors: Magna cum laude
Phi Beta Kappa
Charles A. Dana Scholar

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2022 – Present

Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Emeritus
The University of Tennessee
College of Law

July 1993 to July 2022

Professor of Law
The University of Tennessee
College of Law

Interim Dean, 2020 – 2022

Director, Institute for Professional Leadership, 2014-2020

Dean, 2008 – 2015

Art Stolnitz Distinguished Professor, 2002 - 2022
Elvin E. Overton Distinguished Professor, 2004 – 2022
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: Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Lawyers as Leaders, Lawyering and Professionalism, Criminal Externships, Leadership Practicum, Leading as Lawyers: Transpacific Perspectives

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

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
Vermillion, South Dakota

PUBLICATIONS

Articles:

“Of Wigs, Wickets, and Moonshine: Leadership Development Lessons from an International Collaboration,” 14 *Tenn. J. Law & Policy* 339 (2020)

“Leading the Way – UT Law Institute for Professional Leadership,” *Dicta* 12 (May 2019)

“Law Student Motivation, Satisfaction, and Well-Being: The Value of a Leadership and Professional Development Curriculum,” 58 *Santa Clara L. Rev.* 547 (2018).

“Training Leaders the Best Way We Can,” 83 *Tenn. L. Rev.* 771 (2016) (with George Lewis).

“Forward to Leading the Future: Symposium on Professional Leadership Education,” 83 Tenn. L. Rev. 709 (2016).

“Legal Education at Tennessee: Where We Are And Where We Are Going,” *Dicta* 16 (June 2015).

“Toward More Equal Access to Justice: The Tennessee Experience,” 10 Tenn. J. Law & Policy 163 (2015) (with B. Morgan).

“More Equal Access to Justice: The Unrealized Potential of Law Schools,” 82 Miss. L.J. Supra 181 (2013), (with B. Morgan) *available at* <http://mississippilawjournal.org/2013/02/more-equal-access-to-justice-the-unrealized-potential-of-law-schools/>.

“Semper Fidelis: A Tribute to Bob Lloyd,” 78 Tenn. L. Rev. 637 (2011).

“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:

DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL SKILLS: CRIMINAL LAW (with Joy Radice) (West 2017)

TENNESSEE CRIMINAL LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (with W. Oliver) (West 2012)

ARIZONA LAW OF NEGLIGENCE (with J. Lankford) (Lexis Nexis 3d ed.) (Supp. 2019)

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

“Mockingbirds and the Rest of Us,” Tennessee Bar Association (Three Part CLE Program), 2024

“Positive Psychology and Leadership,” Tennessee Bar Association, May 2023

“Where Do We Go From Here,” Increasing Our Impact: Leadership Roundtable, UT Law (April 2019)

“Leadership and Legacy,” Knoxville Bar Association Leadership Training, January 2019

“Thriving as a Lawyer,” Sevier County Court CLE, September 2018

“Law Student Motivation, Satisfaction, and Well-Being: The Value of a Leadership and Professional Development Curriculum,” Symposium on Advancing Leadership in the Legal Profession, Santa Clara University School of Law, March 2018

“TBA Leadership Academy,” Nashville, Nov. 2015 through 2022 (day-long leadership development program)

“A Brief Review of the History of Clinical Education,” Southeastern Clinical Conference, Baton Rouge, October 2017

“Hitting the Right Note with Your Leadership Program,” Continuing Legal Education Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, January 2017

“Leading the Future: Symposium on Professional Leadership Education,” UT Law (April 2016)

- “Leading By Helping Others,” Legal Aid of East Tennessee (April 2016)
- “American Legal Education: A Look Back and A Look Forward,” Shanghai University Law School, Shanghai, China, May 2013
- “Judicial Selection in Tennessee,” Kingsport Bar Association, May 2013
- “Access to Justice: The Unrealized Potential of Law Schools,” Access To Justice Symposium, University of Mississippi Law School, February 2013
- “Deposition Practice,” Crowell & Moring, Washington, DC, May 2012
- “Unique Challenges for Southeastern Clinical Programs: A Dean’s Perspective,” SE Clinical Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, August 2011
- “Training Lawyers for A Transaction Practice: The Role of Law Schools,” Houston Real Estate Lawyers' Council, Houston, TX, April 2011
- “Starting From the Beginning – Coordinating Law School Pro Bono,” Tennessee Supreme Court/Access to Justice Commission Pro Bono Summit, Nashville, TN, January 2011
- “Greater Access To Justice: Recent Initiatives and Rule Changes,” CLE UT College of Law, September 2010
- “Trial Preparation Start to Finish,” TN Equal Justice Conference, Paris Landing, TN, September 2010
- “Dealing Effectively With the Pro Se Litigant,” National Association of Hearing Officers, Nashville, TN, September 2010
- “Deposition Practice,” Crowell & Moring/National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Washington, DC, May 2010
- “Work of the Tennessee Access to Justice Commission,” TN Equal Justice Conference, Paris Landing, TN, September 2009
- “Trial Preparation Start to Finish,” TN Equal Justice Conference, Paris Landing, TN, September 2009
- “Clinical Scholarship at the Crossroads,” SE Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, FL, July 2009
- “Access to Justice: The Ethical Dimension,” CLE, Sevierville, TN, June 2009
- “Making and Meeting Objections: Skills Training for Legal Services Lawyers,” Manchester, TN, September 2008
- “Revamping the Law School Curriculum,” SE Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach,

FL, August 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, 1999-2012

"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

William M. Leech Jr. Public Service Award, Tennessee Bar Association, 2023

Don Paine Lawyer Legacy Achievement Award, Knoxville Bar Association, 2023

Lifetime Achievement Award, Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services, 2022

Macebearer, University of Tennessee, April 2018

Legal Aid of East Tennessee Pro Bono Hall of Fame, 2017

Harold Love Outstanding Community Service Award, Tennessee Higher Education Commission, 2016

UT Alumni Association Public Service Award, September 2015

Chancellor’s Medal, University of Tennessee, June 2015

Law and Liberty Award, Knoxville Bar Association, May 2015

Deborah L. Rhode Award, AALS Pro Bono and Public Service Section, January 2013

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

Chair, AALS Section on Leadership, 2020

Board Member, The Justice Initiative, Knoxville, TN, 2018-Present

Board Member, Think Tennessee, 2017-Present

Board of Trustees, Law School Admissions Council, 2017-2019

Tennessee Supreme Court Historical Society, 2017-Present

Member, ABA Standards Review Committee, 2016-2018

Member, TBA Evolving Legal Markets Committee, 2016-2019

Member, ABA Data Policy and Collection Committee, 2015- 2016

Member, AALS Membership Review Committee, 2015-2019

Board Member, Tennesseans for Fair and Impartial Courts, 2011-2014

Member, Knoxville Bar Association Board of Governors, 2012-2015

Member, Legal Affairs and Finance Committee, Law School Admissions Council,
2011-2015, 2016-17

Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2009-2015

Member *ex-officio*, American Law Institute, 2009-2015

Commissioner, Tennessee Supreme Court Access To Justice Commission, 2009-2016
Chair, 2014-2016, Vice Chair, 2102-2014

Member, LexisNexis Law School Advisory Board, 2007-2011

Member, Knoxville/Knox County Equal Justice Initiative, 2007-2010

Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Clinical Education Committee, 2003-
2006, and 2012-2014

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, 1994-2014

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)

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

Fellow, Knoxville Bar Foundation

Fellow, Tennessee Bar Foundation