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### **EMPLOYMENT**

1981 - present            VERMONT LAW SCHOOL

1987 - present	Professor of Law
1983 - 1986	Associate Professor of Law
1981 - 1983	Assistant Professor of Law
2005 - 2009	Vice Dean for Academic Affairs
1989 - 1994, 1997 - 2002	Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
2002 - 2005	Director of Academic Technology

Subjects Taught:        Taxation of Wealth Transfers (Estate and Gift Taxation), Estates (Wills and Trusts), Income Taxation, Tax Policy, Torts, Estate Planning, Business Taxation, Corporate Taxation

2009 - 2011            THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW  
Professor in the Tax LLM Program

2010 - present        ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS  
Consultant on the Membership Review Process

1985 - 1986            THE TUCK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
Adjunct Professor

1979 - 1981            HENSON & EFRON, P.A.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Associate

1978 - 1979            THE HONORABLE ROSALIE E. WAHL  
Minnesota Supreme Court  
Judicial Clerk

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **BOOKS**

FEDERAL TAXATION OF WEALTH TRANSFERS: CASES AND PROBLEMS (3d edition, Aspen Publishers 2012) (forthcoming)

TEACHER'S MANUAL: FEDERAL TAXATION OF WEALTH TRANSFERS (3d edition, Aspen Publishers 2012) (forthcoming)

FEDERAL ESTATE AND GIFT TAXATION: QUICK REVIEW (Thomson West Publishing Co. 2010)

### **CHAPTERS**

Wealth Transfer Taxation: Tax Planning, in Jesse Dukeminier, Robert Sitkoff, and James Lindgren, WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATES (8th edition, Aspen Publishers 2009)

Teacher's Manual: Wealth Transfer Taxation: Tax Planning for Jesse Dukeminier, Robert Sitkoff, and James Lindgren, WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATES (8th edition, Aspen Publishers 2010)

### **LAW REVIEW ARTICLES**

Taxing Once, Taxing Twice, Taxing Joint Tenants (Again) at Death Isn't Nice, \_\_\_ U. Pitt. Tax Rev. \_\_\_ (2011) (forthcoming)

You Cannot Have Your Cake and Eat It Too: The Duty of Consistency and the Estate Tax Marital Deduction (work in progress)

Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow, But Does It Have to be So Complicated? Transmission of Property at Death in Vermont, 29 VT. L. REV. 895 (2005)

A Page of Logic is Worth a Volume of History: The Treatment of Retained Interests Under the Federal Estate and Gift Tax Statute, 8 VA. TAX REV. 639 (1989) (with W. Leslie Peat)

Simplifying the Internal Revenue Code Through Reallocation of Decisionmaking Responsibility, 6 AMER. J. TAX POLICY 257 (1987)

Interest Free Loans Are No Longer Free: Tax Consequences of Business Loans, 47 MONT. L. REV. 335 (1986)

Interest Free Loans Are No Longer Free: Tax Consequences of Gift Loans, 47 MONT. L. REV. 39 (1986)

Qualified Conservation Contributions: Analysis of Proposed Regulations, 3 VA. TAX REV. 323 (1984)

Does It Pay to Kill Your Mother? The Effect of a Criminal Acquittal in a Subsequent Civil Proceeding to Disqualify the Slayer, 16 CONN. L. REV. 29 (1983)

#### OTHER

*Interstate Guardianship Jurisdiction: A Solution to "Granny Snatching,"* 37 Vt. Bar. Ass. J. 24 (2011) (with Judge George Belcher)

*Changes to Vermont's Probate Law: Increasing the Surviving Spouse's Share and Other Measures,* 35 Vt. Bar Ass. J. 26 (2009) (with Jonathan D. Secrest)

*The Future of the Federal Estate Tax,* The Rutland Herald, February 15, 2001

*Puzzle Your Students,* 9 THE LAW TEACHER 1 (Fall 2001)

*Taxation of Promises to Pay and Evidence of Indebtedness Given in Return for Personal Services,* 17 N.H. Trial Bar News 9 (1995) with Dierdre-erin Alton

Editor, Important Developments During the Year:  
Individual Income Tax, 58 The Tax Law. 1135 (2005)  
Domestic Relations, 57 The Tax Law. 1031 (2004)  
Domestic Relations, 53 The Tax Law. 1045 (2004)

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Year in Review: Probate & Trusts: Ramifications of S.26  
September 25, 2009 at the Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee, Vermont

Changing Vermont's Spousal Share at the Vermont Bar Association annual meeting on  
September 26, 2008 at the Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee, Vermont

Strategic Change as Impacted by Bar Examiners  
ABA Academic Deans' Conference, June 13, 2008

The AALS Site Inspection Process: The Reporter's Perspective  
AALS Annual Meeting, January 2011  
AALS Annual Meeting, January 2010  
AALS Annual Meeting, January 2003  
AALS Annual Meeting, January 2002

The ABA Site Inspection Process, October 30, 2010  
The Role of the Association of American Law Schools  
Writing the Faculty Section of the Report

The Federal Estate Tax: An Update  
Vermont Bar Association Meeting in Killington, Vermont, September 29, 2006

The State of the Estate Tax  
N.H. Democratic Gathering in New London, August 31, 2006

ABA Academic Deans' Conference, June 2010  
Managing Decanal Transitions  
Knowing When to Quit  
Nudging Towards Learning Outcomes (Moderator)  
A Day in the Life . . . (Moderator)

Managing for Mission  
ABA Academic Deans' Conference, June 2006

Everything You Wanted to Know about Clickers in the Classroom  
with Professor Tracy Bach, Vermont Law School, March 29, 2005

Technology in the Classroom: What, How and Why  
Vermont Law School, August 16, 2004

Technology in Academia: The Electronic Teaching Station and Course Web Sites  
Vermont Law School, October 14, 2003

Technology in the Classroom: A Student Perspective  
Vermont Law School, September 25, 2003

Computers and the Internet in the Classroom  
Vermont Law School, September 18, 2003

Technology in the Classroom: Elmo, PowerPoint, and other Mysteries of the Electronic Teaching  
Station, Vermont Law School, August 13, 2003

Technology in Academia: The Electronic Teaching Station and Course Web Sites  
Vermont Law School, July 16, 2003

What Course Websites Can Do for You  
Vermont Law School, August 8, 2002

Due Process and the Probate Process

Meeting of the Vermont Probate Judges, November 2, 2000

The Basics of Federal Estate and Gift Taxation

Estate Planning Seminar for the Vermont Bar Association, May 1990

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

American Bar Association, 1978 - present

Tax Section

Real Property, Probate and Trust Section

Academic Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC)

elected fall 2009

American Bar Foundation Fellow, 2011 - present

American Law Institute, 2010 - present

Association of American Law Schools,

Consultant on the Membership Review Process, 2010 - present

Membership Review Committee, 2004 - 2006

Site Inspection Team Member, 1992 - 2010

American Bar Association

Law School Administration Committee, 2008 - 2010

Site Inspection Team Member, 1992-present

BARBRI, Lecturer 2006 - present

Vermont Wills and Trusts

Estate and Gift Tax

Income Tax

Commissioner, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 2001 - present

Drafting Committee, Uniform Premarital and Marital Agreements Act, 2010 - present

Committee on the Drafting Process, 2009 - present

Drafting Committee, Revisions to the Uniform Probate Code Intestacy Provisions,  
2006-2008

Drafting Committee, Revisions of the Uniform Guardianship and Protected  
Persons Act, 2005 - 2007

Member, Study Committee, Health Care Information Interoperability, 2005 - 2009

Distance Education Training Council

Reviewer of materials for accreditation process, 2002 - present  
Site Inspection Team Member, 2009-present

Tri-State Task Force on Bar Admissions, 1994 - 1998

Subcommittee Chair, 1995 - 1996

Vermont Bar Association, 1981 - present

Probate and Trust Section  
Tax Section

Vermont Common Concerns Committee, 2007 - 2009

Vermont Governor's Commission on Property Tax Reform, 1988

Vermont - New Hampshire Bar Admissions Committee, 2000 - 2003

Vermont Probate Rules Committee, Reporter, 1998 - 2005

Vermont State Commission on Tax Policy, 1986

Vermont Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Judicial Education, 1993 - 2001

Chair, Substantive Continuing Education Subcommittee, 1993 - 1994  
Judicial College Subcommittee, 1996 - 1998

Vermont Supreme Court Committee on Child Support Modification Training of Assistant Judges, 1991

Vermont Supreme Court Judicial Performance Review Committee, 1993 - 2004

Vermont Supreme Court Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board, 1990 - 2002

Chair, 1991 - 1994

**EDUCATION**

The University of Minnesota

J.D. magna cum laude, June 1978  
B.A. magna cum laude, December 1972

**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

State of Minnesota (inactive status)