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EMPLOYMENT

1981 - present VERMONT LAW SCHOOL

2017 – present Vice Dean for Faculty
1987 - present Professor of Law

2014 - 2017 Vice Dean for Administration and Student Affairs
2005 - 2009 Vice Dean for Academic Affairs
2002 - 2005 Director of Academic Technology
1997 - 2002 Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
1989 - 1994 Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
1983 - 1986 Associate Professor of Law
1981 - 1983 Assistant Professor of Law

Subjects Taught

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

2010 - 2017 THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS
Membership Review Consultant

Fall 2013 THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SCHOOL OF LAW
Visiting Professor

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

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 (4th edition, Wolters Kluwer Publishers 2016)

TEACHER'S MANUAL: FEDERAL TAXATION OF WEALTH TRANSFERS (4th edition, Wolters Kluwer Publishers 2016)

FEDERAL ESTATE AND GIFT TAXATION: QUICK REVIEW (2d edition, Thomson West Publishing Co. 2014)

FEDERAL ESTATE AND GIFT TAXATION: AN ANALYSIS AND CRITIQUE (3d ed. Thomson West Publishing Co. 2004)

CHAPTERS

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

Teacher's Manual: Wealth Transfer Taxation: Tax Planning for Jesse Dukeminier, Robert Sitkoff, and James Lindgren, WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATES (8th edition, Wolters Kluwer Publishers 2009)

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

What's in a Name? Would a Rose by Any Other Name *Really* Smell as Sweet? 63 J. Leg. Ed. 647 (2014)

Taxing Once, Taxing Twice, Taxing Joint Tenants (Again) at Death Isn't Nice, 9 U. Pitt. Tax Rev. 1 (2011)

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

Law as a Crossword Puzzle, reprinted in *Techniques for Teaching Law 2*, edited by Gerald F. Hess, Steven I. Friedland, Michael Hunger Schwartz, and Sophie Sparrow (Carolina Academic Press 2011)

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)

PRESENTATIONS AND TESTIMONY

Distance Education in Law Schools: Exploring Issues and Best Practices,
AALS Annual Meeting, January 2018

The AALS Site Inspection Workshop: Writing the Report
AALS Annual Meeting, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

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

The ABA Site Inspection Process

The Role of the Association of American Law Schools

Writing the Faculty Section of the Report

October 2015, September 2014, October 2013, October 2012, October 2011, October 2010

ABA Academic Deans' Conference, June 2010

Managing Decanal Transitions

Knowing When to Quit

Nudging Towards Learning Outcomes (Moderator)

A Day in the Life . . . (Moderator)

Guardianship over Adults: Establishing Jurisdiction & Resolving Jurisdictional Support

Lexis Online CLE, 2013

Strategic Change as Impacted by Bar Examiners

ABA Academic Deans' Conference, June 13, 2008

Managing for Mission

ABA Academic Deans' Conference, June 2006

Testimony before the Vermont House Judiciary Committee on H.23 (The Uniform Transfers to Minors Act) in January 2015

Testimony before the Vermont Senate Judiciary Committee on H.23 (The Uniform Transfers to Minors Act) in April 2015

Testimony before the Vermont House Ways and Means Committee on H.79 (The Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protected Persons Jurisdiction Act) in January 2011

Testimony before the Vermont House Ways and Means Committee on the Miscellaneous Tax Bill in February 2009

Testimony before the Vermont House Judiciary Committee on H.11 (Intestacy and Spousal Share) in January 2009

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

The Federal Estate Tax: An Update

Vermont Bar Association Meeting in Killington, Vermont, September 29, 2006

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

The State of the Estate Tax

N.H. Democratic Gathering in New London, August 31, 2006

Drinking the Kool Aid: Teaching with Clickers

Vermont Law School, April 24, 2012

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

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association, 1978 – present

Law School Administration Committee, 2008 - 2010

Site Inspection Team Member, 1992 - 2010

Tax Section, 1981-2013

Real Property, Probate and Trust Section, 2009-2013

Academic Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), 2009 - present

American Bar Foundation Fellow, 2011 - present

American Law Institute, 2010 – present

Association of American Law Schools,

Consultant on the Membership Review Process, 2010 - 2017

Membership Review Committee, 2004 - 2007

Site Inspection Team Member, 1992 – 2010, 2018 -

Commissioner, Uniform Law Commission, 2001 - present

Committee on Academic Partnerships, 2018-2020

Drafting Committee, Model Tribal Probate Code, 2013 - 2018

Conference Host Committee, 2014 - 2017

Drafting Committee, Uniform Premarital and Marital Agreements Act, 2010 - 2012

Committee on the Drafting Process, 2009 - 2011

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

Drafting Committee, 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, periodic since 2002

Site Inspection Team Member, 2009 – 2010, fall 2014

Lecturer, BARBRI, 2006 - 2015

Vermont Wills and Trusts; Income Tax

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)

AWARDS

Vermont Law School
2011-2012 Women's Law Group Phenomenal Woman Award to Faculty
2011-2012 Student Bar Association Faculty Service Award
2007-2008 Women's Law Group Phenomenal Woman Award to Faculty
1986-1987 Student Bar Association Teacher of the Year Award
1986-1987 Phi Delta Phi Teacher of the Year Award
1983-1984 Forum Award for Teaching Excellence
1981-1982 Student Bar Association Award for Contribution to the Law School Community

Association of Vermont Independent Colleges
Master Teacher Designation, 2003-2005 Master Teacher Designation