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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

Villanova University Law School: 1972 - present (Professor since 1976).
Associate, Davis & Cox (New York City): 1968-72.
Associate, MacCoy, Evans & Lewis (Philadelphia): 1965-68.
Law Clerk, Hon. Edmund Spaeth: 1964-65 (Phila. Common Pleas Court).

EDUCATION:

B.S., Temple University, 1958; LL.B., Univ. of Pennsylvania, 1961.

BOOKS:

PREMARITAL AND MARITAL CONTRACTS: A LAWYER'S GUIDETO
DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING ENFORCEABLE MARITAL AND
COHABITATION AGREEMENTS (Edward L. Winer and Lewis Becker, eds.,
American Bar Association, 1993).

CONTRIBUTION TO BOOKS:

Property Disposition in Agreements--Antenuptial, Postnuptial, and Separation, in
VALUATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MARITAL PROPERTY (Matthew Bender).
-1994: Revision of **Chapter 4**.
-1989: "Complete Revision" of **Chapter 4**.

Premarital Agreements: An Overview, in PREMARITAL AND MARITAL
CONTRACTS: A LAWYER'S GUIDE TO DRAFTING AND NEGOTIATING
ENFORCEABLE MARITAL AND COHABITATION AGREEMENTS (Edward L.
Winer and Lewis Becker, eds., American Bar Association, 1993). **Chapter 1**.

Determining Factors in Equitable Distribution of Marital Property, in VALUATION
AND DISTRIBUTION OF MARITAL PROPERTY (Matthew Bender 1991). **Revision**
of chapter 11.

Overview of Statutes Governing Property Disposition, in VALUATION AND
DISTRIBUTION OF MARITAL PROPERTY (Matthew Bender 1990). **Chapter 3**.

Separation and Antenuptial Agreements as They Relate to Alimony, Support and Counsel
Fees, in ALIMONY, CHILD SUPPORT AND COUNSEL FEES - AWARD,

MODIFICATION & ENFORCEMENT (Matthew Bender 1988). **Chapter 7.**

ARTICLES:

Ethical Responsibilities of a Lawyer for a Parent in Custody and Relocation Cases: Duties Respecting the Child and Other Conundrums, 15 J. Amer. Acad. Of Mat. Law 33 (1998).

Spousal and Child Support and the "Voluntary Reduction of Income" Doctrine, 29 Conn. L. Rev. 647 (1997).

(Reprinted: Course Materials, Fall 1998 Meeting, American Bar Association Section of Family Law.)

Ethical Concerns in Negotiating Family Law Agreements, 30 Fam. L. Q. 587 (1996).

(Reprinted: Twenty First Annual Institute, An Advanced Seminar and Update on Family Law in Florida (Florida Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1999); Settlement Negotiation: Honing the Family Lawyer's Powers of Persuasion (Pa. Bar Institute 1999).

Conduct of a Spouse That Dissipates Property Available For Equitable Property Distribution: A Suggested Analysis, 52 Ohio State L. J. 95 (1991).

(Reprinted: Compendium, 1992 Annual Meeting, American Bar Association Section of Family Law.)

ELECTRONIC JOURNALS:

Recognition of Domestic Partnerships by Governmental Entities and Private Employers, 1 National Journal of Sexual Orientation Law (1995)

(<http://www.sunsite.unc.edu/gaylaw/issue1/index.html>)

(also appears at a site maintained by Carnegie Mellon University:

http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs/user/scotts/bulgarians/njsol/dp_recog.txt)

(Reprinted from Course Materials, 1994 Spring Meeting, American Bar Association Family Law Section.)

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS:

What changes to the model rules will mean for family lawyers. 26 Family Advocate 8 (2003).

What Is Versus What Might Be: Imputing Income to Earning Potential, 23 Family Advocate 18 (2000).

Some Ethical Aspects of Representing a Client Who Is Either an Abused or an Abusing

Spouse, in Course Materials, 1997 Fall Meeting, American Bar Association Family Law Section.

[In conjunction with presentation as a panelist]

[Reprinted in FairShare, a monthly periodical aimed at practitioners, as follows:

18 FairShare No. 6, pp.5-7 (June, 1998).

18 FairShare No. 8, pp.11-12 (August, 1998).

18 FairShare No. 9, pp.9-10 (September, 1998).

19 FairShare No.4, pp.4-6 (April, 1999).

Subsequent Changes of Fortune and Modifiability..., in 1997 Annual Meeting Course Materials, American Bar Association Family Law Section.

[In conjunction with presentation as a panelist]

Voluntary Reduction of Income, in 1995 Annual Meeting Course Materials, American Bar Association Family Law Section.

[In conjunction with presentation as a panelist]

Ethical Issues in Conjunction with Negotiation and Drafting of Separation and Drafting of Separation and Prenuptial Agreements, in Course Materials, 1993 Fall Meeting, American Bar Association Family Law Section.

[In conjunction with presentation as a panelist]

The Elements of a Dissipation of Assets Claim, 13 FairShare No.2, pp.11-12 (February, 1993).

Primer on Differences Between Community Property and Noncommunity Property Jurisdictions, in 1991 Annual Meeting Compendium, American Bar Association Section of Family Law.

Pennsylvania Equitable Distribution.

[A five part series, appearing in the following issues of 8 Pennsylvania Law Journal Reporter:

April 22, 1985 (page 1, column 1).

April 29, 1985 (page 3, column 1).

May 6, 1985 (page 3, column 1).

May 13, 1985 (page 3, column 1).

May 20, 1985 (page 3, column 1).

Equitable Property Distribution Update, in Pennsylvania College of the Judiciary, Spring Education Program, March 1985.

[In conjunction with presentation as a panelist]

Alimony and Equitable Property Distribution Update, in Continuing Judicial Education Program of Pennsylvania, Domestic Relations Seminar, December, 1984.

[In conjunction with presentation as a panelist]

Introduction, in Recent Developments in Pennsylvania Family Law - A Symposium, 25 Villanova Law Review 615 (1980).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Moderator and panelist, The Role of the Lawyer in Relation to the Client, a

Teleconference presented by the ABA Family Law Section and the ABA Center for Continuing Legal Education, March 28, 2007.

Moderator and panelist, The Role of the Lawyer in Relation to the Client: Boss, Humble Servant, or Dr. Phil, A.B.A. Family Law Section Fall Meeting 2006, Ethics Committee program (Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 27, 2006).

Panelist, Ethical Issues in Domestic Violence Cases, A.B.A. Family Law Section Spring Meeting 2004, Ethics Committee program (San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 1, 2004).

Panelist, Professional Ethics in the Digital Age (Villanova Law Alumni Association, April 17, 2004, Villanova PA).

Moderator, Presenting and Preparing a Family Law Case for Trial: Ethical Issues, a Teleconference presented by the ABA Family Law Section and the ABA Center for Continuing Legal Education, December 9, 2003. The Teleconference, which ran for 90 minutes, was a telephone-in operation and was not restricted to Family Law Section members or to ABA members. Lawyers who paid a fee could then electronically access the materials and then on the day of the conference could call in and be connected. In addition to serving as moderator I also prepared the materials for the teleconference.

Panelist: Ethics Jeopardy, Montgomery County Bar Association Family Law Section (Norristown, Pennsylvania, September 3, 2003).

Program producer (non-panelist): New Family Relationships: A Reality in Search of the Law, A.B.A. Annual Meeting, Presidential Showcase Program (San Francisco, California, August 8, 2003).

Program producer (non-panelist): Ethics Update, A.B.A. Family Law Section Spring Meeting 2003, Ethics Committee program (Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, Nevada, May 3, 2003).

Panelist, Ethical Issues Facing Domestic Violence Lawyers, Domestic Violence Civil Law Institute, Colorado Springs, Colorado, April 4, 2003. My panel was part of a three day Domestic Violence Civil Law Institute, "Raising the Standard of Practice: Justice in Civil Courts for Domestic Violence Victims," sponsored by the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence.

Program producer (non-panelist): Hot Button Visitation Issues, A.B.A. Family Law Section Fall Meeting 2002, Custody Committee program (Orlando, Florida November 22, 2002).

Program producer (non-panelist): Ethics Jeopardy, A.B.A. Family Law Section Fall Meeting 2002, Ethics Committee program (Orlando, Florida November 23, 2002).

Program producer (non-panelist): Electronic Evidence 2002, A.B.A. Family Law Section Fall Meeting 2002, Plenary program (Orlando, Florida November 23, 2002).

Panelist, Custody Litigation: Standing, Relocation, Evaluations, Experts, Villanova Law School Alumni Association CLE program (Villanova PA June 4, 2002).

Program producer and moderator, Custody and Visitation in the Light of September 11th and its Aftermath, A.B.A. Family Law Section Spring Meeting 2002, Custody Committee program (Providence Rhode Island, April 20, 2002).

Program producer and panelist, Child Support Issues, Doris Jonas Freed American Inn of Court (Family Law Inn of Court, Montgomery and Chester

counties, Pennsylvania; November 27, 2001).

Panelist, Hot Tips From the Experts, A.B.A. Family Law Section plenary program, Annual Meeting 2001 (Chicago, Illinois, August 5, 2001).

Program Producer and Moderator, Ethical Obligations and the Obnoxious Client, A.B.A. Family Law Section Spring Meeting 2001, Ethics Committee program (Kansas City, Kansas, April 21, 2001).

Program producer and panelist, Best Interests of the Child: The Changing Specifics Behind the Standard, A.B.A. Family Law Section Spring Meeting 2001, Custody Committee program (Kansas City, Kansas, April 19, 2001).

Panelist, The High Conflict Custody Case: Abduction, Alienation, and Abuse Allegations, A.B.A. Family Law Section plenary program, Fall Meeting 2000 (Tampa, Florida, October 20, 2000).

Program producer and moderator, Parent v. Non-Parent in Sole Custody and Visitation: Troxel and Beyond, A.B.A. Family Law Section Fall Meeting 2000, Custody Committee program (Tampa, Florida, October 20, 2000).

Panelist, The Civil Union: Separate But Equal?, A.B.A. Family Law Section Fall Meeting 2000 (Tampa, Florida, October 19, 2000).

Panelist, Splitsville Redux: Recognizing and Litigating Issues Peculiar to the Second Divorce, A.B.A. Family Law Section plenary program, Spring Meeting 2000 (New Orleans, Louisiana, April 8, 2000).

Panelist, Second Wave Alimony Statutes, A.B.A. Family Law Section Fall Meeting 1999, Alimony Committee program (San Diego, California, October 16, 1999).

Panelist, Ethics 2000, A.B.A. Family Law Section plenary program, Fall Meeting 1999 (San Diego, California, October 16, 1999).

Panelist (Ethics issues), Settlement Negotiations: Honing the Family Lawyer's Powers of Persuasion, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (Philadelphia, May 26, 1999; Pittsburgh, June 9, 1999).

Panelist, Ethics and Professionalism, Twenty First Annual Institute: An Advanced Seminar and Update on Family Law in Florida (Florida Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Tampa, Florida, May 8, 1999) (plenary program).

Program planner, moderator and panelist, Ethics and the Internet, A.B.A. Family Law Section Spring Meeting 1999, Ethics Committee program (Miami, Florida, April 24, 1999).

Panelist, Show Me The Money, A.B.A. Family Law Section plenary program, Fall Meeting 1998 (Portland, Oregon, October 22, 1998).

Panelist, The Future of Family Law, Family Law Council Town Meeting program, A.B.A. Family Law Section Fall Meeting 1998 (Portland, Oregon, October 23, 1998).

Panelist, Ethical Issues in the Representation of an Abused or an Abusing Spouse, Montgomery County Bar Association Family Law Section (Norristown, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1998).

Panelist, Drafting for Dollars: Critical Clauses in Separation Agreements, A.B.A. Family Law Section Spring Meeting 1998, Alimony Committee program (Cambridge,

- Massachusetts, May 1, 1998).
- Program Co-chair and panelist, Ethical Issues in the Representation of an Abused or an Abusing Spouse, Doris Jonas Freed American Inn of Court (Family Law Inn of Court, Montgomery and Chester counties (Pennsylvania), January 6, 1998).
- Speaker, Voluntary Income Reduction, Sixth Annual Seminar of the Utah Fellows of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (Salt Lake City, Utah, December 5, 1997) (plenary program).
- Panelist (Ethics Issues), in Emotional Warfare: Dealing With Abuse and Divorce, A.B.A. Family Law Section plenary program, Fall Meeting 1997 (Phoenix, Arizona, November 13, 1997).
- Panelist, The Perils of Poverty: Age, Alimony, and Adjustment, A.B.A. 1997 Annual Meeting, Family Law Section program (San Francisco, California, August 1, 1997).
- Panelist, Cutting Edge Family Law Issues, Pre-Congress Institute, Second World Congress on Family Law and the Rights of Children and Youth (San Francisco, California, June 3, 1997).
- Program Co-chair and panelist, Ethical Issues, Doris Jonas Freed American Inn of Court (Family Law Inn of Court, Montgomery and Chester counties (Pennsylvania)), January 28, 1997.
- Panelist, Problems of Child Support, North American Conference of the International Society of Family Law (Quebec City, Quebec, June 14, 1996).
- Panelist, Alimony Issues of the 90's, A.B.A. 1995 Annual Meeting, Family Law Section program (Chicago, Illinois, August 6, 1995).
- Program chair and panelist, Ethics of Negotiation/Drafting Separation Agreements, A.B.A. Family Law Section 1995 Spring Meeting, Marital Property Committee program (Washington, D.C., April 6, 1995).
- Program Co-chair and panelist, Ethical Issues, Doris Jonas Freed American Inn of Court (Family Law Inn of Court, Montgomery and Chester counties (Pennsylvania)), March 6, 1995.
- Panelist, Who Pays? Who Decides? Health Care and the Single Parent, A.B.A. Family Law Section 1994 Spring Meeting, Cohabitation Committee program (Charleston, South Carolina, April 14, 1994).
- Moderator and panelist, Ethical Issues in Conjunction with Negotiation and Drafting of Separation and Drafting of Separation and Prenuptial Agreements, A.B.A. Family Law Section 1993 Fall Meeting, Marital Property Committee program (Rancho Mirage, California, November 20, 1993).
- Panelist, Equitable Distribution, Pennsylvania College of the Judiciary, Spring Education Program (Philadelphia, March 1985).
- Panelist, Domestic Relations Seminar, Continuing Judicial Education Program of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, December, 1984).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Bar Association Family Law Section:

At Large Member, Family Law Section Council (2001-06).

[Note: Council is the governing body of the Section]
Family Law Section Liaison to the Section Officers Conference/Center for Professional Responsibility Standing Committee on Ethics and Professionalism (2003-).
Family Law Section Liaison to the ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism (2005-)
Co-Chair, Continuing Legal Education Committee (2002-03).
[Note: the Continuing Legal Education Committee has the responsibility for planning and producing all of the programs at the Section's Fall and Spring Meetings, and at the Section's Meeting during the Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association.]
Long Range Planning Committee:
Member (2004-05).
Vice Chair (2005-06).
Chair (2006-007).
Ethics, Professionalism, and Grievance Committee:
Chair (2002-2004; 2005-06)
Co-Chair (1997-02).
Award for "outstanding leadership" as Co-Chair (July 8, 2000).
Co-Vice Chair (2004-5).
Diversity Committee (2005-07).
Custody Committee:
Chair (2001-2).
Co-Chair (1999-2001).
Member, Drafting Committee, "Standards of Practice Regarding Lawyers Who Represent Children in Custody and Visitation Cases" (2000-03).
Member, Ad Hoc Committee on ListServ Guidelines (April-August 2002)
Member, Alimony, Ethics, Child Support, Alternative Families, and Marital Property committees (various times since 1990).

Doris Jonas Freed American Inn of Court (Family Law Inn of Court).

Master of the Bench, 1994-2004
CLE Chair, 2000-2004
Member, Executive Committee, 1996-2004
Programming Chair or Co-Chair, 1996-00.

Member, Representation of the Family Advisory Committee, University of Pennsylvania Law School Center on Professionalism (1995-96).

VILLANOVA LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Committees:

Chair, Academic Committee, 1998-2003.
Member, Faculty Compensation Committee, 2000-2003.
Chair, Curriculum Committee, 1996-97.

Member, Rank and Tenure Committee, 1997-2000.

Subjects currently taught:

Family Law;

Legal Profession;

Seminar: The Legal Profession and the Regulation of Lawyers;

Sales.

Subjects previously taught:

Federal Securities Regulation;

Consumer Transactions.

Course Materials Prepared: Cases and Materials on Sales (unpublished).