

ROGER M. GROVES

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITION

- **August 15, 2011 – Present: Professor of Law** – Florida Coastal School of Law, 8787 Baypine Road, Jacksonville, Florida, 32256
- **May 2008 – August 14, 2011: Associate Professor** – Florida Coastal School of Law, 8787 Baypine Road, Jacksonville, Florida, 32256
- **June 1, 2007- April 2008 - Assistant Professor** – Florida Coastal School of Law, 8787 Baypine Rd, Jacksonville, Florida 32256
- **July 1, 2005 – May 31, 2007: Visiting Associate Professor** - Lewis & Clark Law School, 10015 SW Terwilliger Boulevard, Portland, Oregon, 97219-7799

ACADEMIC COURSE SUBJECT MATTER

- Business Associations
- Federal Taxation (pre- Florida Coastal)
- State and Local Taxation (pre-Florida Coastal)
- International Business Transactions
- Environmental – Green Cities
- Zoning and Land Use
- Business of Sports (Amateur and Professional)
- Movie Law (Law and Popular Culture)
- Global Initiatives and Economic Development of the Caribbean (ACLI-Stetson Law School Program in Cayman Islands)

PUBLICATIONS

- *The Implications of a Jeopardy! Computer named Watson: Beating Corporate Boards of Directors at Fiduciary Duties?*, Creighton Law Review (forthcoming during 2011-2012).
- *A Radical Route to Funding Urban Revitalization: Profitable Philanthropy through Limited Liability Companies and a Market-Based Return on Investments*"; Journal of Law, Economics & Policy – Peer Reviewed @ George Mason University Law School; 7 J.L. Econ. & Pol'y 393, 2011.
- *New Age Athletes as Social Entrepreneurs; Proposing A Philanthropic Paradigm Shift And Creative Use of Limited Liability Company Joint Ventures*, Wake Forest

Journal of Business and Economics; 11 Wake Forest J. Bus. & Intell. Prop. L. 213, 2011.

- *Facebook 2 Blackberry and Database Trading Systems: Morphing Social Networking to Business Growth In A Global Recession* West Virginia Law Review, 112 West Virginia L. Rev. 153 (2009-2010).
- *The De-Gentrification of New Markets Tax Credits*, 8 Florida Tax Review 2, 2008 – Peer Reviewed, University of Florida Law School.
- *More Private Equity, Less Government Subsidy, and More Tax Efficiency in Urban Revitalization*; Florida State Business Law Review, 8 Fla State Business Review 93, 2009.
- *Time to Step Up, Modeling the African American Ethninvestor for Self Help Entrepreneurship in Urban America*; 13 Mich. J. Race & L. 99, 2007.
- *A Future Application of Open Sourced Software in International Business Transactions*, 15 J. Internet L. 19, 2011. (Aspen Publishers).
- Lexis Practice Insights for attorneys, including “*Settling The Taxation of Unincorporated Entities*”, “*Property Tax Relief for Disabled Persons and Related Entities*”, “*Countervailing Considerations Prior to Seeking Benefits of Historic Site Designation*”, “*Deductibility Issues For Lessees in Tangible Personal Property Lease Transactions*”, “*Tax Benefit Considerations For The Owner Occupant Tax Credit*”, “*Tax Savings Opportunities For Telecommunications Companies*”, “*Qualification Hurdles and Cost Benefit Issues for Employers Seeking Tax Credits*”, “*Strategic Issues in Claiming a Homestead Deduction*”, “*Drafting and Use Considerations in Gaining Tax Abatements for High Technology Companies*” (2006 - 2007).
- *Innocence in the Red Zone*; Book published by Amazon regarding client college football coach and plight of coaches, professionally and legally in major college football (2006).
- Chapter in book by hospital administrator organization, (Medical Group Management Association) on federal and state tax issues for hospitals, including exemptions and unrelated business income taxes.
- Articles for the premier association of property tax assessors, (International Assessors Association) on the valuation of contaminated property and judicial decision making for property tax purposes.
- Articles for the Michigan minority business trade association on corporate intellectual property protection and limited liability companies.

EMPLOYMENT: PRE-ACADEMY

October 1, 2002-June 30, 2005: Law Offices of Roger M. Groves -1717 K St, NW, Ste 600, Washington DC 20036

- Provide primary counsel to municipal corporations on property tax, sales and use taxes, abatements, including litigation and local board negotiations.
- Establish articles, bylaws, and draft/negotiate agreements for municipal corporations; Draft and negotiate real property corporate transactions, including buy/sell and asset purchases; Draft intellectual property agreements, including

trademarks, copyright, and patent rights protection; with related strategic advice to managers for governmental transportation corporation, multi-million dollar professional services contracts with third party vendors, intergovernmental agreements, and primary counsel and draftsman of intellectual property agreements and revenue producing agreements and litigation avoidance techniques.

- Provide principal counsel and legal opinions to governmental entities which secured new multi-million dollar state and federal grant funding and tax exemption/unrelated business income tax issues.
- Generate procurement guidelines and monitor compliance with federal contracting requirements on all third party contracts; create form templates for all contracts.
- Draft, negotiate and manage hospital contracts for a manufacturer and distributor of sterile operating room equipment to over 600 hospitals and 125 surgery centers with largest US Group Purchasing Organizations of sterile hospital products.
- Draft, negotiate and manage all other company contracts, including: historic Joint Venture Agreement with largest independent hospital distributor in Florida; Memorandums of Understanding, Settlement and Release Agreements, Nondisclosure and Confidentiality Agreements, and various Investor Agreements and related Promissory Notes.
- Manage compliance issues, including systematic review of Articles, By Laws, and Certifications.
- Devise and implement corporate strategic alliances, tax and employment strategies to reduce cost of production and enhance revenue growth as a percentage of gross receipts.
- Provide general corporate and tax services to businesses, including sales tax, use tax, property tax, and federal income tax liability reductions, strategic multistate planning to minimize tax consequences.

July, 1998 - September 30, 2002: Of Counsel, Lewis & Munday PC. Detroit Office, (1998-2001) and Washington DC office (2001-2002)

- Provide counsel to governmental entities on use of urban rehabilitation acts, public purposes in urban renewal; including presentations to City Council.
- Billing and supervising attorney, managing, drafting and negotiating major contracts and general contract templates (\$100,000 to \$3 million) for the owner of the Detroit rail system (People Mover), including all insurance clauses, risk management consultation, regulatory issues, intellectual property contracts, litigation and Settlement Agreements with third parties, consultants, and income generating ventures.
- Draft and negotiate real property settlements, tax resolutions, and license agreements corporate and governmental agencies, including hospitals with third party vendors, software usage with provision for royalties, copyright and trademark protection.

- Eminent Domain litigation counsel for governmental entities including analysis of going concern valuation analysis and property value of commercial properties in excess of \$1,000,000 in dispute.
- Interface with in-house counsel of corporate clients for tax disputes related Settlement Agreements with in-house counsel.

Dec. 1990 – June 1998: Equity Partner, Howard & Howard PC, Lansing and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

- Property, sales and use tax consultation and litigation for multi-state corporate and municipal clients.
- Litigator on select team as exclusive counsel for major bank to negotiate, settle or litigate disputes between bank and its customers or third parties over checks and banking transactions under the Uniform Commercial Code.
- Manage files within Case Management System (i.e. Rolling Projects List) for high volume bank cases, including Settlement Agreements, Promissory Notes, with status and tracking reports.

Nov. 1978 – Dec. 1990: Judge, Michigan Tax Tribunal, Lansing, Michigan.

- Presided over and issue published opinions in major property, sales, use, business tax and exemption cases.
- Supervised motion practice and law clerks.
- Devised case management templates for motions and cases.

EDUCATION

1975-1978: Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan

- Juris Doctor – (Licensed: Michigan and District of Columbia).
 - Selected from national search for Federal Communication Commission research and briefs for communications law internship with Washington DC public interest firm.

1970–1974: Michigan State University, East Lansing Michigan.

- B.A., Telecommunications.
 - Intern with CBS, NBC, and ABC Television networks from national essay contest.

COMMUNITY AND LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

- Founder and Director of The Center for Sports and Social Entrepreneurship, <http://www.center4players.org>
- Appointment to Multicultural Committee (2011-2012 academic year).

- Appointment to Faculty Advisory Committee (liaison between the owners of the law school and the faculty) 2010.
- Faculty Recruitment Committees (termed “Appointments Committee”), 2008 and 2009.
- Faculty Advisor to Black Law Student Association, Southeast Region Chapter of the Year (2008-2009 forward).
- Member of local bar association (D W Perkins)
- Member: Michigan Bar Association, District of Columbia Bar Association, and Florida Bar Association – Academic Only.
- Active Faculty Member of the American Caribbean Law Initiative
- West Virginia Law School symposium panelist on digital entrepreneurship, specifically, modeling Facebook for international business transactions through Countertrade and Multilateral Clearing Services

References Supplied Upon Request.