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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, VA

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2002 (Top 5%)

Awards: Order of the Coif, 2002; Calhoun Bond University Service Award, 2002; Omicron Delta Kappa, 2002; J. Hardin and Heather Marion Honor Scholarship, 1999-2002.

Activities: Senior Articles Editor, *Washington and Lee Law Review*; Member, University Presidential Search Committee.

Cambridge University (Pembroke College), Cambridge, UK

M.Phil., Classics, July 1999

Awards: Classics Faculty External M.Phil. Studentship

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

A.B., *magna cum laude*, Classics, 1998

Awards: Phi Beta Kappa; S.D. Atkins Thesis Prize, 1998; J. Penrose Harland Prize, 1997; Stanley J. Seeger Fellowship, 1996; Charles A. Steele Prize, 1996.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Law

University of Akron School of Law, Akron, OH. 2005 – .

Subjects taught: Torts I & II; The Judicial Role, Conduct & Ethics; Professional Responsibility.

Awards: University of Akron School of Law Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship (Junior Faculty) (2007).

Associate

Arnold & Porter LLP, Washington, D.C.. Specializing in pharmaceutical products liability litigation. 2003–2005.

Judicial Clerk

The Honorable Stephanie K. Seymour, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Tulsa, OK. 2002–2003.

PUBLICATIONS

The Brief Demise of Remittitur, 42 LOY. L. A. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2008 as part of Remedies Discussion Forum).

Impartiality: Balancing Personal and Professional Integrity in Judicial Decisionmaking in PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND PERSONAL INTEGRITY (forthcoming from Cambridge Scholars Publishing).

In Pursuit of Actual Justice, 59 ALA. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming Fall 2007).

Whose Consciousness? Which Litigators? (Review of THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE LITIGATOR), 9 LEGAL ETHICS 243 (2006) (co-authored with William S.D. Cravens).

Judges as Trustees: A Duty to Account and an Opportunity for Virtue, 62 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 1637 (2005).

Involved Appellate Judging, 88 MARQ. L. REV. 251 (2004).

Note, *Usage and Meaning of Clinical Significance in Drug-Related Litigation*, 59 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 553 (2002).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Article

"Judging Discretion" (looking at the bounds of discretion as a matter of defining the ethics of the judicial role, particularly focusing on the importance of reason-giving, viewed through the lens of reasonableness review in post-*Rita* sentencing decisions).

Article

"Mere Process, Hyper Process, & the Ethics of Judging Mass Litigation" (looking at division of ethical responsibilities, balancing of ethical concerns with efficiency concerns, and other special concerns for judicial process in context of mass litigation).

Article

"Ethics of Equitable Discretion" (looking at ethical questions presented to judges in the exercise of equitable discretion in the context of injunctions).

PRESENTATIONS

Stephanie K. Seymour Lecture, University of Tulsa College of Law: "Judging Discretion." To be delivered October 2007.

Remedies Discussion Forum presentation, Emory University School of Law: "The Brief Demise of Remittitur." Atlanta, GA. May 2007.

Workshop Presentation, Washington & Lee University School of Law: "In Pursuit of Actual Justice." Lexington, VA. January 2007.

Workshop Presentation, Central States Law Schools Conference: "Dynamic Forces in Judicial Ethics." Louisville, KY. October 2006.

CLE Presentation, Akron Bar Association: "The New Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct & the Elder Law Practice." Akron, OH. November 2006.

International Legal Ethics Conference, University of Auckland: "Legal Ethics: Professional Ethics and Personal Integrity" (presented paper "Impartiality: Balancing Personal and Professional Integrity in Judicial Decisionmaking"). Auckland, NZ. June 2006

Washington & Lee Legal Ethics Institute (presented professional ethics problems and participated in discussion with undergraduate legal ethics students). Lexington, VA. March 2005; March 2006; March 2007.

Frances Lewis Law Center Symposium, Washington & Lee University School of Law: "Have We Ceased to Be a Common Law Country?" (presented paper "Judges as Trustees: A Duty to Account and an Opportunity for Virtue"). Lexington, VA. March 2005.

SELECTED SCHOOL OF LAW ACTIVITIES

Appointments Committee

Faculty Research & Development Committee

Outreach to Admitted Students

Orientation Week Teaching ("How to Brief a Case")

Assistance with Moot Court program

Assistance with moot arguments for alumni going before Ohio Supreme Court

Delegate to AALS Annual Meeting

BAR ADMISSIONS

Oklahoma (2002)

District of Columbia (2004)