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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 (full scholarship and stipend).

### **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**

### **Interim Co-Dean (2016 – present)**

### **Associate Professor of Law (2008 - present), Assistant Professor of Law (2005-2008)**

University of Akron School of Law, Akron, OH.

### **C. Blake McDowell, Jr. Professor (2016 – present)**

### **Assistant Dean for Global Engagement (2015 – 2016)**

### **Director of Faculty Research (2015 – 2016)**

Subjects taught: Torts (Previously Torts I & II from 2005-2013); Professional Responsibility; Remedies; The Judicial Role: Conduct & Ethics. Global Issues in Tort Law to be added Summer 2016

Awards: Faculty Award for Outstanding Scholarship (Junior Faculty) 2007 & 2008; Finalist for Professor of the Year (2010, 2014); Outstanding Faculty Publication Award (2011 & 2014).

Research Leave: University of Akron Faculty Improvement Program Leave (Full-Year Research Sabbatical 2013-2014).

### **Sabbatical Visitor**

Cambridge University (Ridley Hall). Easter Term, 2014.

### **Visiting Scholar**

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. Fall 2013.

Subject: Theology & the Judicial Role

### **Visiting Associate Professor of Law**

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA. Fall 2008.

Subjects taught: Professional Responsibility; Torts

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**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**

*Regulating Judges in the United States: Concerns for Public Confidence* in REGULATING JUDGES: BEYOND INDEPENDENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Richard Devlin & Adam Dodek eds.) (Edward Elgar Pub. forthcoming 2016)

“Love’s Congruence”: A Theological Account of Wisdom for Judges, 51 TULSA L. REV. 609 (2016).

*In Good Conscience: Expressions of Judicial Conscience in Federal Appellate Opinions*, 51 DUQUESNE L. REV. 95 (2013).

*Promoting Public Confidence in the Regulation of Judicial Conduct: A survey of recent developments and practices in four common law countries*, 42 MCGEORGE L. REV 177 (2010).

*Impartiality: Balancing Personal and Professional Integrity in Judicial Decisionmaking* in PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND PERSONAL INTEGRITY (Cambridge Scholars Publishing 2010).

*Judging Discretion: Contexts for Understanding the Role of Judgment*, 64 UNIV. OF MIAMI L. REV. 947 (2010).

*The Brief Demise of Remittitur*, 42 LOY. L. A. L. REV. 247 (2008).

*In Pursuit of Actual Justice*, 59 ALA. L. REV. 1 (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).  
*Reprinted in* JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY: A DEBATE (2008).

*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****Book**

The Judicial Role as Vocation: On Being a Faithful Christian and a Faithful Judge (manuscript in draft stage)

**Article**

*Active Justice: Restorative and Transformative Models for Everyday Judging* (presented at Toledo (January 2016); to be presented at Pepperdine Law School (March 2016))

**Article**

*Merit Mired?* (for presentation at International Legal Ethics Conference VII, Fordham Law School (July 2016))

**Article**

*The Enduring Importance of Public Confidence in the Regulation of Judicial Ethics: The Current Electoral Context in the U.S.* (for presentation at International Legal Ethics Conference VII, Fordham Law School (July 2016))

**Article**

*Writing Separately: Current Trends in Concurring Opinions from the Federal Appellate Courts* (in research stage)

**PRESENTATIONS**

Continuing Judicial Education Presentation, Oklahoma Judicial Conference: "Current Issues in the Regulation of Judicial Ethics." Oklahoma City, OK. (July 2016.)

International Legal Ethics Conference VII, Fordham Law School: "The Ethics & Regulation of Lawyers Worldwide: Comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspectives (presenting paper "The Enduring Importance of Public Confidence in the Regulation of Judicial Ethics: The Current Electoral Context in the U.S."). New York, NY. (July 2016.)

International Legal Ethics Conference VII, Fordham Law School: "The Ethics & Regulation of Lawyers Worldwide: Comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspectives" (presenting paper "Merit Mired? Reflections on Judicial Appointments in the U.S." New York, NY. (July 2016.)

Mock Law Class: "A Taste of Torts: Hot Coffee Cases." University of Akron. Akron, OH. June 2016; August & November 2015.

Presentation to Prospective Law Students: "Faith and Vocation for Law Students," John Carroll University (Pre-Law Society). Cleveland, OH. March 2016.

Academic Conference Paper Presentation: "Active Justice: Restorative and Transformative Models for Everyday Judging" for Conference on "Doing Justice Without Doing Harm" (Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion & Ethics). Pepperdine University School of Law. Malibu, CA. March 2016.

Continuing Legal Education Presentation: "Remaining Vital & Purposeful in the Challenging Field of Law"(Interview on Various Professional Conduct Themes). Akron, OH. February 2016.

Continuing Legal Education Presentation, Akron Law Winter Institute: "Supreme Court Cases: Last Year's Below the Fold, Next Year's Headlines." Naples, FL. February 2016.

Continuing Legal Education Presentation, Akron Law Winter Institute: "The Latest in Death & Destruction: A Products Liability Update" Naples, FL. February 2016.

Faculty Workshop Presentation, University of Toledo College of Law: "Active Justice: Restorative and Transformative Models for Everyday Judging." Toledo, OH. January 2016.

Faculty Workshop Presentation, "Incorporating Teaching Exam-Taking Techniques in 1L Class Context," University of Akron. Akron, OH. December 2015.

Continuing Judicial Education Presentation, Oklahoma Judicial Conference: "Current Issues in the Regulation of Judicial Ethics." Oklahoma City, OK. July 2015.

Academic Conference Paper Presentation: "Love's Congruence': Theological Wisdom for Judges." "Wisdom, Law & Lawyers" (Conference of Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion & Ethics). Pepperdine University School of Law. Malibu, CA. February 2015.

Faculty Workshop Presentation, West Virginia University School of Law: "Theological Wisdom for Judges." Morgantown, WV. February 2015.

Mock Law Class: Lawyers and Truth-Telling. University of Findlay. Findlay, OH. November 2014.

Continuing Judicial Education Presentation, Oklahoma Judicial Conference: "Current Issues in the Regulation of Judicial Ethics." Norman, OK. July 2014.

Continuing Judicial Education Presentation, Oklahoma Judicial Conference: "Current Issues in the Regulation of Judicial Ethics." Norman, OK. July 2013.

Continuing Legal Education Presentation: "Professionalism from the Client's Perspective." (with Prof. Carolyn Dessin). Akron, OH. May 2013.

Faculty Workshop Presentation, University of Akron School of Law: "Theology & The Judicial Role: A FIPL Taking Shape." Akron, OH. March 2013.

Continuing Legal Education Presentation, Akron Law Alumni City Visit: "Recent Highlights of Remedies Jurisprudence." Canton, OH. February 2013.

Continuing Legal Education Presentation, Akron Law Winter Institute: "Recent Highlights of Remedies Jurisprudence." Naples, FL. February 2013.

Continuing Legal Education Presentation, Akron Law Winter Institute: "Professionalism from the Client's Perspective." (with Prof. Carolyn Dessin). Naples, FL. February 2013.

Faculty Workshop Presentation, Duquesne Law School: "Agenda, Map, and Ball of String: Plotting the Way Forward for the Junior Scholar." Pittsburgh, PA. January, 2013.

Mock Law Class: Hot Coffee Cases. University of Akron. Akron, OH. January, 2013.

Continuing Judicial Education Presentation, Oklahoma Judicial Conference: "Current Issues in the Regulation of Judicial Ethics." Oklahoma City, OK. November 2012.

Continuing Legal Education Presentation, Akron Law: "Professionalism From the Client's Perspective" (with Prof. Carolyn Dessin). Akron, OH. August 2012.

Fifth International Legal Ethics Conference, University of Calgary School of Law: "Mere-Judging or Hyper-Judging: The Ethics of the Judicial Role in Mass Litigation." Banff, Canada. July 2012.

Washington & Lee Legal Ethics Institute (presented professional ethics problems and participated in discussion with undergraduate legal ethics students). Lexington, VA. Annually, March 2005-2008, 2010, 2012.

Continuing Legal Education Presentation, Akron Law Winter Institute: "Being 'Friend'-ly: Professionalism in the Use of Social Media." Naples, FL. February 2012.

Continuing Judicial Education Presentation, Oklahoma Judicial Conference: "Current Issues in the Regulation of Judicial Ethics." Tulsa, OK. November 2011.

Faculty Presentation, Northeast Ohio Faculty Colloquium: "In Good Conscience: The Use of Concurring and Dissenting Opinions as Platforms for Expressions of Judicial Conscience." Twinsburg, OH. April 2011.

Continuing Judicial Education Presentation, Oklahoma Judicial Conference: "Current Issues in the Regulation of Judicial Ethics." Tulsa, OK. November 2010.

Fourth International Legal Ethics Conference, Stanford Law School: "In Good Conscience: The Use of Appellate Opinions as a Platform for Expression of Personal Belief." Palo Alto, CA. July 2010.

Continuing Legal Education Presentation for Akron Law Alumni: "Judges as Models and Arbiters of Professionalism." Akron, OH. May 2010.

Symposium: "Judicial Ethics and Accountability: At Home and Abroad," University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law: "Promoting Public Confidence in Judicial Conduct Regulation: a survey of recent developments and practices in four common law countries." Sacramento, CA. April 2010.

Faculty Workshop Presentation, University of Akron School of Law: "Promoting Public Confidence in the Judiciary." Akron, OH. March 2010.

Ohio Appellate Judges Conference: "Involved Appellate Judging." Columbus, OH. February 2010.

Ohio Appellate Judges Conference: "Judging Discretion: Contexts for Understanding the Role of Judgment." Columbus, OH. February 2010.

Continuing Judicial Education Presentation, Oklahoma Judicial Conference: "Current Issues in the Regulation of Judicial Ethics." Oklahoma City, OK. November 2009.

Continuing Legal Education Presentation: "Professional Responsibility Update: Focus on Conflicts & Confidentiality." Cleveland, OH. October 2009.

Workshop Presentation, Saint Louis University School of Law: "Judging Judges: International Approaches to Promoting Public Confidence in the Judiciary." St. Louis, MO. October 2009.

Ohio Judicial Conference: "The New Ohio Judicial Code: What Judges Need to Know." (Panel presentation with Frank Quirk and Jane Moriarty.) Columbus, OH. September 2009.

Scholarship Roundtable for ABA Center for Professional Responsibility Annual Meeting: "Shifting Dynamics of Judicial Ethics in Mass Civil Litigation." Chicago, IL. May 2009.

Workshop Presentation, Capital University Law School: "Judging Discretion: Contexts for Understanding the Role of Judgment." Columbus, OH. February 2009.

Continuing Judicial Education Presentation, Oklahoma Judicial Conference: "Current Issues in the Regulation of Judicial Ethics." Oklahoma City, OK. November 2008.

Workshop Presentation, University of Maryland School of Law: "Judging Judges." Baltimore, MD. September 2008.

Third International Legal Ethics Conference, Griffith University: "Judging Judges: International Models for Regulation of the Judiciary." Gold Coast, Australia. July 2008.

Stephanie K. Seymour Lecture, University of Tulsa College of Law: "Judging Discretion." Tulsa, OK. 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, New Zealand. June 2006.

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 & UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES**

Admissions Committee

Faculty Appointments Committee (Chair, 2014-2016)

Advisory Committee to the Provost

Editorial Board for University of Akron Press Series "&Law"

Academic Leadership Forum

Faculty Research & Development Committee

Summer Grants Committee

Career Services & Judicial Clerkship Committee

Legal Research & Writing Task Force and Hiring Committee

Outreach to Admitted Students

Orientation Week Teaching

Assistance with Moot Court programs

Assistance with moot arguments for alumni going before Ohio Supreme Court

Delegate to AALS Annual Meeting

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## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Peer Reviewer for Legal Ethics  
External Peer Review of Scholarship for Tenure/Promotion  
Member, Akron Bar Association Committee on Membership  
Member, Stark County Bar Association Judiciary Committee (Task Force to Redraft Rules) (2015)  
Member, Fair Courts Litigation Task Force (associated with Brennan Center, NYU) (2011-2014)  
Member, Akron Bar Association Task Force on Civility in Judicial Campaigns  
Member, National Advisory Council, American Judicature Society (member of Amicus Brief Committee and Membership Committee)  
Fellow, Miller-Becker Center for Professional Responsibility, University of Akron School of Law  
Member, Advisory Group for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio  
Contributing Author on “Legal Ethics Forum” Blog (Summer 2008).  
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## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Oklahoma (2002)  
District of Columbia (2004)

## **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Parish Catechist (2010- ) (including lay preaching, lecturing in Christian foundations course, leadership of small group discussions in adult formation classes, and various other teaching roles), St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  
Leadership Development Overseer (2012- ), St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  
Chair, Vestry Nominating Committee (2012-2016), St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  
Junior Warden (2010-2012) and member of Vestry (2009-2012), St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  
Member, Stewardship Committee (2009- ); Newcomer Incorporation Committee (2011-2013); Missions & Outreach Committee (2007-2011), St. Paul’s Episcopal Church  
Member, Princeton Alumni Schools Committee (2006-present)  
Volunteer, Haven of Rest (2007-2011)  
Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity (2010)  
Volunteer, OPEN-M Free Clinic (2007-2009)