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## EDUCATION

**Juris Doctor**, *with distinction*, May 1996, Emory University

Order of the Coif, 1996.

Clark Boardman Callaghan Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Law School, 1996.

Editor-in-Chief, Emory International Law Review, 1995-96 (staff 1994-95).

Several American Jurisprudence Awards, 1993-96.

Semi-finalist, Oral Argument Competition, 1994.

Full academic scholarship, 1993-96.

**Master of Divinity**, May 1993, Yale University.

**Bachelor of Arts**, Philosophy, *cum laude*, May 1980, Southwestern University.

Harmon Dobson Scholar, 1976-1980.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE and TEACHING HONORS

**Associate Professor of Law**, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, 2008 - present.

Law Review: Note or Comment (2017)

Property Law I and II (2008 - present).

Estates & Trusts (2010-present).

U.S. Property Law Module for Dual J.D. Degree (2008-2015).

- **Professor of the Year**, as voted by the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law student body, 2011, 2012, 2015.
- **Nominee, Professor of the Year**, Detroit Mercy School of Law, 2013 and 2014.
- **Nominee**, What the Best Law Teachers Do, Michael Hunter Schwartz et al., [www.washburnlaw.edu/bestlawteachers](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/bestlawteachers) (Harvard University Press, 2013).
- **Outstanding Faculty Member**, University of Detroit Mercy Black Law Students Association, April 2010.

**Visiting Associate Professor of Law**

University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, 2006-2008.

Property Law I and II (2006-2008)

Estates & Trusts (2006-2008)

Elder Law (2006-2008)

Lawyering Skills (Fall 2007)

Humanity, Emotion, and the Law (mini-term 2007).

- University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Alumni Association **Outstanding Professor**, as elected by the graduating class of 2008, May 2008.
- **Tiera Farrow Faculty Award**, University of Missouri- Kansas City chapter of the Association of Women Law Students, 2008.

**Assistant Professor of Law**

Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, 2002-2006.

- Property Law I (2002 - 2003).
- Estate Planning (2003 - 2006).
- Trusts & Estates (2003 - 2006).
- Business Associations (Spring 2004).
- Elder Law (Spring 2005, Fall 2005).
- Legal History (Fall 2005).

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS****Books**

- **ESTATES & TRUSTS: A CONTEXT AND PRACTICE CASEBOOK** (under contract to be published by Carolina Academic Press, anticipated 2017).
- **ELDER LAW: READINGS, CASES, AND MATERIALS** (3d ed., Lexis-Nexis 2007). With A. Kimberley Dayton and Molly Wood
- **ELDER LAW: STATUTES AND REGULATIONS** (3d ed., Lexis-Nexis 2007). *With Dayton and Wood.*

**Book Chapters**

- *Simon Ockley*, in *Eighteenth-Century British Historians*, 336 **DICTIONARY OF LITERARY BIOGRAPHY** (E.J. Jenkins, ed., Gale Press 2007).
- *Survey of Minnesota Employment Libel Law*, in Libel Defense Resource Center, **LDRC 50-STATE SURVEY: EMPLOYMENT LIBEL AND PRIVACY LAW** 442-450 (1999-2001).
- *Survey of Minnesota Employment Privacy Law*, in Libel Defense Resource Center, **LDRC 50-STATE SURVEY: EMPLOYMENT LIBEL AND PRIVACY LAW** 451-460(1999-2001).

**Articles and Other Publications**

- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie: Increasing Assessments and Feedback in Law School Classes*, 95 U. Det. Mercy L. Rev. \_\_ (Forthcoming 2017) (with Karen McDonald Henning).
- *Keeping the Poor Out of Town*, AALS Teaching Methods 2015 Newsletter (October 2015), available at <https://goo.gl/eMFwzz>.
- *"Code Switching" in Comparative Legal Education*, 3 University of Detroit Mercy Law Review Online (Summer 2014).
- Book Review: *Financial Independence: Getting to Point X*, 40 **ESTATE PLANNING** 12 (December 2013).
- *Law on the Front Lines: Pushing the Boundaries of "Marriage,"* 26 **JOURNAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** 591 (2012).
- *Hubris*, 3 **ESTATE PLANNING & COMMUNITY PROPERTY LAW JOURNAL** 1 (2010).
- *Saving Us From Ourselves: Reforming the Fiduciary Duty of Loyalty*, review of Melanie B. Leslie, *The Wisdom of Crowds? Groupthink and Nonprofit Governance*, on **JOTWELL: TRUSTS & ESTATES**, available at [trustest.jotwell.com/saving-us-from-ourselves-reforming-the-fiduciary-duty-of-loyalty/](http://trustest.jotwell.com/saving-us-from-ourselves-reforming-the-fiduciary-duty-of-loyalty/) (March 30, 2010).
- *State Implementation of the Optional Provisions of the Deficit Reduction Act*, 9 **MARQUETTE ELDER'S ADVISOR** 63 (2007).

*Appendix: Availability of Child Care Options*, in *ESTATE, TAX, AND LIFE PLANNING FOR MINORS* (Carmina D'Aversa, ed., ABA Publishers 2006).

- *Medicaid, Elective Shares, and the Ghosts of Tenures Past*. 38 CREIGHTON LAW REVIEW 1111-1152 (2005).
- *Deference to Doctors in Dutch Euthanasia Law*. 10 EMORY INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW 255-295 (1996).

#### In Progress

*A Dual-Processing Theory of Adverse Possession*, exploring and expounding the role of physical proximity and duration in property law by application of neuro-psychology's dual-processing model of cognition to longstanding debates regarding the doctrine of adverse possession. Draft available upon request.

### **Presentations and Interviews**

- “A Dual Process Theory of Adverse Possession,” upcoming, 2017 Association of Law, Property, and Society Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 19, 2017.
- “‘If You Give A Mouse A Cookie’: Increasing Assessments and Individual Feedback in Law School Classes,” presented at The Impact of Formative Assessment: Emphasizing Outcome Measures in Legal Education, University of Detroit Mercy Law Review 2017 Symposium, Detroit, Michigan, March 3, 2017 (with Karen McDonald Henning).
- “‘If You Give A Mouse A Cookie’: How ‘Bar Exam-Ready’ Students Become ‘Practice-Ready’ Lawyers,” presented at INSTITUTE FOR LAW TEACHING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE ON REAL-WORLD READINESS, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kansas, June 9-11, 2016 (with Karen McDonald Henning).
- “Fundamental Rights or Activist Judges? A rhetorical comparison of *Obergefell v. Hodges* with *Brown v. Board of Education*,” presented at the OXFORD SYMPOSIUM ON HISTORY, HUMAN RIGHTS & LAW, Pembroke College, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom, August 10-12, 2015.
- “Innovations in Trusts and Estates,” panel discussion at SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Amelia Island, Florida, August 1, 2014.
- “Trusts and Estates Scholarship and Pedagogy,” panel discussion at SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Palm Beach, Florida, August 4, 2013.
- “Code-Switching in Comparative Legal Education,” presented at LAW & LEGAL EDUCATION IN THE AMERICAS: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, June 21, 2013.
- “When Bad Grades Happen to Good Students: Methods for Correcting Disparities Between Student Performance in Casebook and Legal Writing Courses,” presented to the Section on Teaching Methods at the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS annual meeting, San Francisco, California, January 4, 2011 (with Karen McDonald Henning).
- Sheila Pursglove, *Law prof recalls days as former newshound*, Oakland County Legal News, July 23, 2010.
- “Law on the Front Lines,” presented at LEGAL, SECULAR, AND RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES ON MARRIAGE EQUALITY/MARRIAGE PROTECTION/SAME-SEX MARRIAGE, St. John’s University School of Law, New York, New York, Nov. 12, 2010.
- “Warning: This Relationship Expires at Death,” presented at the Midwest Family Law

Conference, INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW-INDIANAPOLIS, June 13, 2008.  
 The Associated Press, *Maryland Law Student Creates Law School Musical*, Dec. 20, 2007.  
 “What States Have Enacted,” presented as part of MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL  
 ELDER’S ADVISOR Symposium: *Elder Care SNAFU? Long-Term Care After the Deficit  
 Reduction Act of 2005*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 29, 2007.

#### **OTHER LEGAL EMPLOYMENT**

- Associate, Faegre & Benson LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 2000-2002.
- Associate, Morrison & Foerster LLP, San Francisco, California, 1999-2000.
- Associate, Faegre & Benson LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1996-1999.

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- California Supreme Court, December 2000 (inactive).
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, January 1997 (inactive).
- Minnesota Supreme Court, October 1996 (inactive).

#### **PRIOR NON-LEGAL EMPLOYMENT**

- Copy Editor, New Haven Register, New Haven, Connecticut, 1990-1993.
- News Editor (Manager), San Angelo Standard-Times, San Angelo, Texas, 1987-1990.  
*Honorable Mention, Page One Layout, The Associated Press, 1988.*  
*Award for Excellence in Communications about Cancer, Texas Chapter of the  
 American Cancer Society, 1987-88.*
- Copy Editor, San Angelo Standard-Times, San Angelo, Texas, 1983-1987.  
*Honorable Mention, Page One Layout, The Associated Press, 1987.*
- Compositor, San Angelo Standard-Times, San Angelo, Texas, 1983.

#### **LAW SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

##### Law School Committees

Chair, Bar Exam Committee, 2015-present; member, Bar Exam Task Force, 2013-2015.  
 Chair, Law Review Committee, 2015-present.  
 Chair, McElroy Committee, 2015-present; member, 2008-2012, 2014-2015.  
 Budget Committee, 2013-present.  
 Chair, Admissions & Student Recruitment Committee, 2014-2015  
 Rank & Tenure Policy Revision Working Group, 2014-2015  
 Mission & Identity Committee, 2013-2014.  
 Pro Bono Subcommittee, 2010-2013.  
 Self-Study Report Drafting Committee, I.T., Fall 2010.  
 Voice for Justice Committee, 2008 - 2015.  
 Professional Development Committee, 2009 -2010.  
 AALS Alternate Representative, 2009-2012.

##### Teaching- and Student-Related Activities

Law Review faculty advisor, 2015 – present.  
 SBA Bar Exam Primer on Property Law, 2014.  
 Supervision of Law Review members’ Notes, 2006 – present.  
*(supervising an average of two student Notes each year).*  
 Essay Exam Writing Workshop for JD-LLB students, March 2010.  
 Faculty Coach, Lefkowitz Moot Court Team, 2014-2015.  
 Faculty Coach, Wagner Moot Court Team, 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Faculty Coach, McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Team, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

Law Review symposium faculty advisor, 2013-2014.

Faculty Advisor, Outlaws, 2009-present.

Mock Class, Admissions & Student Recruitment, multiple occasions as requested.

#### University Activities

HLC-NCA Subcommittee on Ethical & Responsible Conduct, 2014-2015.

Website Policy Taskforce, 2010 -2011.

Law School Banner Bearer, Celebrate Spirit Mass, September 23, 2010.

Mission Micro Grant Recipient, 2009.

Representative, Heartland Delta Faculty Conversations, Marquette University, February 2009.

Judge, Ethics Bowl, Fall 2008.

#### Service to the Profession

Judge, Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition, The National LGBT Bar Association, 2013-2015.

Presentation: "Your First Deposition," Best Practices CLE series, Nebraska State Bar Association, October 18, 2005.

Greater Omaha Area Council on Elder Abuse, July-September 2005.

Presentation: "Elimination of Bias on the Basis of Sexual Orientation," Minnesota State Bar Association, February 2002.

*Lawsuits and Reference Checking*, HPR Update, July 1997.

#### **RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Trustee, Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, 2017-2019.

Vestry, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Ferndale, Michigan, 2014-2017.

Warming Center volunteer team, 2014-2015.

Mock Class, Jesuit Law Day, Saint Thomas More Society, October 29, 2010.

Consultant, Kent Bellows Foundation, Kent Bellows Studio & Center for the Visual Arts, 2005 - 2008.

#### **OTHER HONORS**

Faegre & Benson Outstanding Pro Bono Contribution, 1997, 1998

Order of the Coif, 1996

Clark Boardman Callaghan Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Law School, Emory University, 1996

Editor-in-Chief, EMORY INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW, 1995-96 (staff 1994-95)

Several American Jurisprudence Awards, 1993-96

Semi-finalist, Oral Argument Competition, 1994

Full academic scholarship, Emory University School of Law, 1993-96