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J.D., January 1976, University of Virginia
M.A.T., 1960, Harvard University
B.A., 1959, Smith College

Virginia Law Review 1974-1976

Bar Membership: Virginia, since 1976
Illinois, since 1993

Visiting Fellow, Wolfson College, Cambridge University
April-June 2001.

Visiting Scholar, Wolfson College, Cambridge University,
January - June 1992.

Perkins-Bauer Professor, Northwestern University, School of Law, September - January 1987.

Employment History

Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois; 1978-81 Assistant Professor, 1981-83 Associate Professor. Teaching Trusts and Estates, Advanced Legal Writing and Drafting; Property, Family Law.

Director of Legal Writing, Northwestern University School of Law 1978-1999.

Law Clerk, Honorable James C. Turk, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, 1977-1978.

Associate, Robert M. Musselman and Associates, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1976-77.

Instructor, Center for Higher Education, University of Virginia, teaching Law and Higher Education, 1976-1978.

Instructor, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia, Visiting Instructor teaching Constitutional

Law, 1976.

Law Clerk, Albermarle Legal Aid Society, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1974.

Teacher, Coral Gables High School, Coral Gables, Florida, 1963-1965.

Teacher, Miami Springs Junior High School, Miami Springs, Florida, 1960-1963.

Publications

Family Law: Cases, Materials, and Problems, LexisNexis, with Swisher and Miller, 2011.

Bogert & Shapo Trusts & Trustees, vol. 3. Thomson/West.

Article, Assisted Reproduction and the Law: Disharmony on a Divisive Social Issue, 100 N.W. U. L. Rev. 465 (2006).

Writing for Law Practice, Foundation Press, with Fajans and Falk, 2d ed. 2010.

Article, Frozen Pre-Embryos and the Right to Change One's Mind, 12 Duke J. Comp. & Int'l L. 75 (2002).

Law School Without Fear, Foundation Press, with Marshall Shapo, 3d ed. 2009.

Writing and Analysis in the Law, Foundation Press, with Walter and Fajans 1989, 5th edition 2008.

Article, The Widow's Mite Gets Smaller: Deficiencies in Illinois Elective Share Law, 24 Southern Illinois Law Rev. 95 (1999).

Article, Artificial Insemination and Inheritance, 10 J. Du Page Cty. Bar Assoc. 19 (1998).

Article, Matters of Life and Death: Inheritance Consequences of Reproductive Technologies, 25 Hofstra L. Rev. 1091 (1997).

Law School Without Fear, Foundation Press, with Marshall Shapo, 1996.

Article, A Tale of Two Systems: Anglo-American Problems in the Modernization of Inheritance Legislation, 60 Tenn. L. Rev. 707 (1993).

Article, Implications of Cognitive Theory for Teaching Writing, Perspectives, April 1993.

Article, The Frontiers of Legal Writing: Challenges for Teaching Research, 78 Law Libr. J. 719 (1986).

Note, Recent Statutory Developments in the Definition of Forcible Rape, 61 Va. L. Rev. 1500

(1975).

Columnist for Perspectives, Teaching Legal Writing and Research, 1993-

Program Presentations

Midwest Family Law Consortium, Michigan State Law School, June 2011.

University of Wisconsin, Legal Education Reform after Carnegie, October 2010, Panel Chair

Summer Seminar, University of Coimbra Law School, Coimbra, Portugal, July 2008.

Southeast Association of Law Schools, Legal Issues in Assisted Reproduction, July 2007.

University of Kobe (Japan) Law School, June 2007.

University of Tokyo Law School, June 2007.

Conference on Teaching Contract Drafting, July 2005.

Workshop on assisted reproduction and legal issues at Facolta di Giurisprudenza, University of Pisa, May 2005.

Inaugural Workshop of Observatoride de Dret Privat European I Comparat, University of Girona, Spain, June 2005.

Association of American Law Schools, Legal Writing Section 2000.

National Meeting, The Legal Writing Institute, June 1998, July 1996.

Association of American Law Schools Writing Workshop, July 1993.

ABA Annual Meeting, "Wielding the Sharp Red Pencil," August 1990.

National Meeting, The Legal Writing Institute, Ann Arbor, MI, July 1990.

Regional Meeting, American Association of Law Libraries, October, 1989.

Five State Regional Legal Writing Meeting, July 1989.

Conference on College Composition and Communication Panel, March, 1988.

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research, Speech, January 1987.

Chicago Area Law Libraries, March 1986.

Institute for Teaching Legal Research and Writing, Mead Data Corporation, Speech, Plenary Session, July 1985.

Association of American Law Schools, National Workshop for Legal Writing, March 1985.

ABA Annual Meeting, Program "Clear Writing for Doctors and Lawyers," Speech, August 1984.

Scribes National Meeting, April 1983.

Professional Memberships

American Law Institute 1986-

Board of Directors, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 1997-2000.

Board of Directors, Legal Writing Institute, 1986-2002.

Advisory Committee, Educational Testing Service/Law School Admission Council Legal Writing Project 1991-1995; 2001- .

Chair, Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research, Association of American Law Schools, 1985-1987.

Chair-elect, Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research, Association of American Law Schools, 1983-1985; Secretary, 1982.

LSAT Writing Sample Project, Testing and Development Committee, Law School Admission Council, 1983-1986.

Chair, Legal Writing Committee, American Bar Association Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, 1987-1990;

Member 1983-1986.

Editorial Boards

Perspectives: Teaching Legal Writing and Research, 1992-

Scribes Journal 1991-1993

Journal of Legal Education, 1986-1990.

Honors/Awards

Burton Award for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Writing Education 2010.

Association of Legal Writing Directors, Award for Distinguished Achievements 2005.

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research
Section Award 2002.

University and Community Committees

Executive Readers' Council, Do the Write Thing 2009-

Non-Resident Trustee for Evanston Housing Cooperative 2000-

Dean's Advisory Committee on Community and Diversity, Law School, 1997-

Merit Selection Panel for United States Magistrate Judge, Northern District of Illinois, 1996-98;
2001.

Northwestern University Program Review Committee, Obstetrics and
Gynecology Department, 1989-1990.

Faculty Affairs Committee, Northwestern University, 1987-1992

Institutional Review Board, Northwestern University, 1982-1985.

Workshop Organizer and Program Committees

Legal Writing Institute, National Meeting, July 1996.

Midwest Regional Legal Writing Meeting, co-organizer, for July 1991.

ABA Annual Meeting. Half-day Workshop on Writing, Planning and Program Committee.

National Legal Writing Workshop, the Legal Writing Institute, Ann Arbor, Michigan, July 1990.

Five State Regional Legal Writing Meeting, Marquette Law School, co-organizer, July 1989.

AALS National Workshop on Legal Writing, Planning Committee, 1984.

Consultant

Private Consultant to law firms, government, and corporate lawyers.

University of Texas Law School, 1984.

Words Worth Associates, New York.

Reviewer

Little Brown and Company, Law Division, Boston, MA.

Wadsworth Publishers, Belmont, CA.

Oxford University Press, N.Y.

Foundation Press, N.Y.