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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Stetson University College of Law. Gulfport, Florida (2000-Present).

Faculty Positions Held:

- June 2018-June 2019: Served as Interim Dean
- May 2010-May 2014: Served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- August 2006: Promoted to Professor of Law
- August 2005: Awarded Tenure
- June 2004-August 2006: LeRoy Highbaugh, Sr. Chair in Faculty Research (rotating, two-year position selected through a competitive process)
- August 2003: Promoted to Associate Professor of Law

Courses taught at the College of Law (J.D. Program):

- Contracts I and II
- Commercial Transactions
- Commercial Transactions Seminar
- Dispute Resolution Board class
- Homeless Advocacy Externship
- Interdisciplinary Jurisprudence Honors Seminar
- International Business Transactions
- International Sales Law and Arbitration
- Law through the Lens of Poetry Seminar
- Payment Systems
- Property

Courses taught at the Stetson University Center at Celebration (Executive MBA Program):

- Contemporary Business Issues (Legal Concepts)
- Organizational Theory and Behavior (Negotiations).

Courses taught at Stetson University in DeLand (College of Arts and Sciences):

- The Law as Memory: Legality, Morality, and Poetry

- The Law as Reflected through Poetry

Committees chaired at the College of Law:

- Outcomes and Assessment (2019-Present).
- Curriculum Reform (2017-2018).
- Self-Study (2014-2016).
- Promotion, Tenure, and Sabbaticals (2007-2009).
- Curriculum (2005-2007, 2009-2010).
- Financial Aid (2004-2005).

Other significant responsibilities:

- Director, Dispute Resolution Board (2015-Present).
- Faculty Co-advisor for the Social Justice Advocacy Concentration (2016-Present).
- Member, Presidential Transition Resource Committee (2019-Present).
- Member, Presidential Search Committee (2007-2008, 2018-2019).
- Faculty Pro Bono Co-coordinator (2016-2018).
- Faculty Coordinator for the College of Law's Honors Program (2003-2010).
- Member, Provost Search Committee (2016-2017).
- Faculty Advisor to the *Stetson Law Review* (2000-2005).

Visitorship:

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Georgia School of Law (2002-2003).
Taught Contracts I and II, Evidence, and Interdisciplinary Jurisprudence.

Altman, Kritzer & Levick, P.C. Atlanta, Georgia.

- Associate, Litigation Group (May 1998-September 1999).
- Areas of practice: Intellectual property litigation, real estate litigation, commercial litigation and arbitration, and Section 1983 litigation.

Alston & Bird LLP. Atlanta, Georgia.

- Associate, Trial Practice and Medical Products and Services Practice Groups (August 1995-May 1998).
- Summer Associate (1994).
- Part-Time Employment, School Year (1994-1995).
- Areas of practice: Commercial litigation, products liability, medical malpractice defense litigation, psychiatric malpractice defense litigation, and medical products litigation.

- Participated in the development of the Products Liability Advisory, a semi-annual client-service publication.
- Seminar publications include co-authorship of "*Palsgraf on Prozac: Proximate Cause in the Emerging Context of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices*," presented at The Institute for Continuing Legal Education's 7th Annual Products Liability Institute (February 1998).

Troutman Sanders LLP. Atlanta, Georgia.

- Summer Associate (1993 and 1994).
- Part-Time Employment (School Year, 1993-1994).
- Areas of practice: Litigation, corporate law, labor law, administrative law, and real estate law.

EDUCATION

Yale Law School. New Haven, Connecticut. Master of Laws conferred May 2000.

Emory University School of Law. Atlanta, Georgia. Juris Doctor conferred *with distinction* May 1995. Class rank: 5 out of 227.

Selected Activities and Awards:

- Managing Editor, *Emory Law Journal* (1994-1995).
- Emory University School of Law Full-Tuition Merit Scholarship, three years.
- Order of the Coif.
- Dean's List (all semesters).
- American Jurisprudence Awards or Highest Grade: Contracts, Criminal Law, Employment Law, Insurance Law, Products Liability.

Rice University. Houston, Texas. Bachelor of Arts in Political Science conferred *cum laude* May 1992. Grade Point Average: 3.8/4.0.

Selected Activities and Awards:

- Phi Beta Kappa.
- President's Honor Roll (all semesters).
- Baker College Court Justice (1989-1992).
- Rice University National Merit Scholarship, three years.
- Class of 1929 Merit Scholarship, three years.
- Herbert and Helen Allen Merit Scholarship, three years.

The Westminster Schools. Atlanta, Georgia. Graduated *cum laude* May 1989.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

BOOKS

- *Better Angels of Our Nature* (manuscript)
- *The ABCs of the UCC: Related and Supplementary Consumer Law, Third Edition* (American Bar Association) (in progress) (with Candace Zierdt)
- *Essential UCC Concepts: A Survey of Commercial Transactions* (Thomson Reuters) (2018) (with Candace Zierdt and Juliet Moringiello).
- *The CISG for United States Business Lawyers* (American Bar Association) (2016) (with Candace Zierdt)
- *Global Issues in Commercial Law* (Thomson Reuters 2010) (with Claude Rohwer).
- *Uniform Commercial Code in a Nutshell*, 7th ed. and 8th ed. (Thomson West 2008 and Thomson Reuters 2012) (with Bradford Stone).
- *Commercial Transactions: A Survey of United States Law with International Perspective* (Thomson West 2006).
- *The Practice of Law School: Getting in and Making the Most of Your Legal Education* (ALM Publishing 2003) (with Christen Civileto Carey, Esq.)

ARTICLES

- *International Sale of Goods* (with Candace Zierdt), 74 Bus. Lawyer 1311 (2019).
- *International Sale of Goods* (with Candace Zierdt), 73 Bus. Lawyer 1243 (2018).
- *International Sale of Goods* (with Candace Zierdt), 72 Bus. Lawyer 1165 (2017).
- *Living with Banks: Lessons and Trends from the First Four Years*, 46 Stetson L. Rev. 391 (2016).
- *International Sale of Goods* (with Candace Zierdt), 71 Bus. Lawyer 1345 (2016).
- *United Nations Convention on the International Sale of Goods*, June 2015 Bus. Law Today (with Candace Zierdt).
- *International Sale of Goods* (with Candace Zierdt), 70 Bus. Lawyer 1269 (2015).

- *Promise Enforcement in Mortgage Lending: How U.S. Borrowers and Lenders Can See Themselves as Part of a Shared Goal.* 28 Rev. Banking & Fin. L. 507 (2009).
- *Do We Need a Right to Housing?* 9 Nev. L.J. 275 (2009).
- *Homeownership: American Dream or Illusion of Empowerment?* 60 S.C. L. Rev. 573 (2009).
- *Of Stockyards and Stock Exchanges: Proceeds Puzzles under Revised UCC Article 9,* 18 Bus. L. Today No. 1 (Sept/Oct. 2008).
- *The American Law Institute: Justice Cardozo's Ministry of Justice?* 32 S. Ill. L. Rev. 173 (2007).
- *Blaming the Mirror: The Restatements and the Common Law,* 40 Ind. L. Rev. 205 (2007).
- *Housing, Personhood, and Dignity,* 36 Stetson L. Rev. 1 (2006).
- *The Folly of Uniformity? Lessons from the Restatement Movement,* 33 Hofstra L. Rev. 423 (2004).
- *Promise Enforcement: Can the Lessons of Hundertwasser and Rousseau Save Affordable Housing in the United States?* 41 San Diego L. Rev. 643 (2004).
- *Promise Enforcement in Public Housing: Lessons from Rousseau and Hundertwasser,* 76 Tul. L. Rev. 1073 (2002).
- *The International Covenant: A Toothless Tiger?* 26 N.C.J. Int'l L & Com Reg. 1 (2000).
- Comment, *Interstate Gambling: Can States Stop the Run for the Border?* 44 Emory L.J. 1025 (1995).

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, ABA Webinar, “Business Law Basics – Basics of UCC Article 2 – Understanding Sales of Goods” (2017).
- Speaker, ABA Webinar, “In The Know - International Purchase and Sale of Goods - What Every Lawyer Needs to Know” (2016).
- Speaker, Moderator, and Symposium Organizer, “Effective Advocacy in a Territorial Jurisdiction: The Repudiation of the Restatements in the Virgin Islands and Emerging Issues of Political Status in the Territorial and Insular Jurisdictions of the United States,” Stetson University College of Law (2016).

- Speaker, “Trends in *Banks* Advocacy,” Virgin Islands Bar Association Annual Meeting, St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands (2015).
- Speaker, “CISG, LC, FOB, and the UCC: International Finance of Goods,” American Bar Association Business Law Section Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (2015).
- Speaker, “International Treaties: What You Don’t Know Can Hurt (or Help) You,” American Bar Association Business Law Section Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (2015).
- Speaker, American Bar Association Business Law Section Annual Meeting (September 2014).
- Speaker, “Federalism Issues in *Banks* Advocacy” and “Trends in *Banks* Advocacy,” Virgin Islands Bar Association Annual Meeting, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands (2014).
- Panelist, Working in the Public Interest Conference, the University of Georgia School of Law (2013).
- Moderator, Program Organizer, and Presenter, “Making the Case: Tips for Using (or Being) a UCC Expert Witness,” American Bar Association Business Law Section Uniform Commercial Code Committee, Business Law Section Meeting, Washington, DC (2013).
- Moderator, Program Organizer, and Presenter, “Two’s Company, Three’s a Crowd: Triangular Relationships in Commercial Transactions,” American Bar Association Business Law Section Uniform Commercial Code Committee. American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (2012).
- Moderator and Program Organizer, “Ethical Issues in Commercial Transactions,” American Bar Association Business Law Section Uniform Commercial Code Committee. Business Law Section Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada (2012). I also moderated when the program was presented as a webinar later in the year.
- Moderator and Program Organizer, “Stump the Chumps,” American Bar Association Business Law Section Uniform Commercial Code Committee, Business Law Section Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts (2011).
- Moderator and Program Organizer, “The Drawbacks of Clawbacks,” American Bar Association Business Law Section Uniform Commercial Code Committee. Business Law Section Meeting, Denver, Colorado (2010).

- Panelist, “Principles of the Law of Software Contracts: The ALI Passed It. Now What?,” The Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, Florida (August 7, 2009).
- Presenter, “Using External Law to Supplement (and Sometimes Supplant) the UCC: Some Guidelines on Applying Section 1-103(b),” American Bar Association Business Law Section Uniform Commercial Code Committee, General Scope and Provisions Subcommittee. American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois. (August 1, 2009).
- Panelist, “Stump the Chumps,” American Bar Association Business Law Section Uniform Commercial Code Committee. Business Law Section Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia. (2009).
- Panelist, “Notice throughout the Uniform Commercial Code,” American Bar Association Business Law Section Uniform Code Committee, Joint Meeting of General Scope and Provisions Subcommittee and Sale of Goods Subcommittee. Business Law Section Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia. (2009).
- Presenter, “Principles of the Law of Software Contracts,” St. Petersburg Bar Association. St. Petersburg, Florida (2009).
- Presenter, “Do We Need a Right to Housing?,” Cumberland School of Law. Birmingham, Alabama (2009).
- Moderator and Program Organizer, “Weird Collateral,” American Bar Association CLE Teleconference (2008).
- Panelist, Northeastern Association of Pre-Law Advisors Annual Meeting, Ithaca, New York (2008).
- Moderator and Program Organizer, “When Worlds Collide – When Operational Systems Meet the Law,” American Bar Association Business Law Section Uniform Commercial Code Committee. Annual Meeting, New York, New York (2008).
- Presenter, “Homeownership: American Dream or Illusion of Empowerment?” Symposium, “1.9 Kids and a Foreclosure: Subprime Mortgages, the Credit Crisis, and Restoring the American Dream,” South Carolina Law Review, University of South Carolina School of Law. Columbia, South Carolina (2008).
- Moderator and Program Organizer, “Good Faith throughout the Uniform Commercial Code,” American Bar Association Business Law Section Uniform Code Committee General Scope and Provisions Subcommittee. Business Law Section Meeting, Dallas, Texas (2008).

- Co-Moderator and Program Organizer, “Deals, Dents, and Deficiencies: What Lawyers Representing Consumers Need to Know about the UCC – and about Other Law,” American Bar Association Business Law Section Uniform Commercial Code Committee General Scope and Provisions Subcommittee. Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California (2007).
- Moderator, New Scholars Panel, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting. Palm Beach, Florida (2007).
- Presenter, “Do We Need a Right to Housing?,” Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis. Indianapolis, Indiana (2007).
- Panelist, “Did the First Restatements Pursue a Reform Agenda?,” American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting. Washington, District of Columbia. (2007).
- Moderator, New Scholars Panel, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting. Hilton Head, South Carolina. (2005).
- Presenter, “Blaming the Mirror: The Restatements and the Common Law,” Call for Papers, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, South Carolina (2005).
- Presenter, “The Practice of Law School,” Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors Annual Conference. Durham, North Carolina (2004).
- Lecturer in Property Law and Contract Law, Law Preview. Miami, Florida, Fort Worth, Texas, and Atlanta, Georgia (2004).
- Presenter, “Grace under Pressure,” National Conference of Law Reviews annual meeting. San Antonio, Texas (2004).
- Lecturer in Property Law, Law Preview. Miami, Florida (2002, 2003).
- Panelist, “The Benefits of Law Review after Graduation,” National Conference of Law Reviews annual meeting. Newport Beach, California (2002).
- Panelist, “The Benefits of Law Review after Graduation,” National Conference of Law Reviews annual meeting. Baltimore, Maryland (2001).
- Presenter, “Promise Enforcement in Public Housing: Lessons from Rousseau and Hundertwasser,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Young Scholars Workshop. Hilton Head, South Carolina (2001).

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

- Stetson University College of Law Dickerson-Brown Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship (2017).
- Stetson University College of Law Student Bar Association Academic Excellence Award for teaching in the part-time program (2005).
- Stetson University College of Law Golden Apple Achievement Award for teaching in the part-time program (2004).
- Stetson University Homer and Dolly Hand Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship (2004).
- Stetson University Excellence in Teaching Award (2002).
- Stetson University College of Law Student Bar Association Academic Excellence Award for teaching (2001).
- Stetson University College of Law Golden Apple Achievement Award for teaching (2001).

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers

- Elected to membership in 2013.
- Invited to serve a four-year term on the Board of Regents in 2015.
- Chair, Regents Nominating Committee (2017-2018).
- Observer, Uniform Law Commission Study Committee on the Uniform Commercial Code and Emerging Technologies

American Law Institute

- ALI representative to ULC Drafting Committee for Amendments to UCC Articles 1, 3, and 9 (2016-2018).
- Elected to membership in 2006.
- Members Consultative Group Member, Principles of the Law of Software Contracts, Restatement (Third) of the Law of Restitution and Unjust Enrichment, and Restatement (Third) of the United States Law of International Commercial Arbitration.

Gulfcoast Legal Services

- Member of the Board of Directors (2015-Present).
- President of the Board of Directors (2020-Present).

Thomas E. Penick Elder Law Inn of Court at Stetson University College of Law.

- Member (2014-present).

UCC Law Journal

- Editor in Chief (2017-2019).

Bruce Jacob Criminal Appellate Inn of Court

- Member and Executive Board Member (2010-2014).

Southeastern Association of Law Schools.

- Member of Call for Papers Committee (2008-2011)
- Mentor for New Scholar (2007, 2008)
- Member of New Scholars Committee (2005-2006).

McDaniel Glenn Community (Spring 2003).

- Along with Dr. Larry Keating of the Georgia Institute of Technology School of Urban Planning, worked with residents of the McDaniel Glenn public-housing community, representing them in negotiations with their landlord during the renovation of their community, to ensure that the residents had a voice during the renovation, as well as during the temporary relocation that the renovation project entailed.

Atlanta Legal Aid Society

- Co-Chair, Metropolitan Atlanta Associates Fundraising Campaigns (1998 and 1999).
- Atlanta Legal Aid Fellow (1997). While on loan from Alston & Bird, gave the Atlanta Legal Aid Society a four-month full-time commitment. Working as a full-time attorney in the Atlanta Legal Aid Society's litigation group, represented indigent clients as both plaintiffs and defendants in court proceedings relating to public and subsidized housing issues.

Truancy Intervention Project (1995-1999).

- Represented truants on a pro bono basis in proceedings before the Fulton County Juvenile Court.

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association, Business Law Section.

- Member (2000-Present).
- Presidential Appointment, Commission on Homelessness and Poverty (2019-Present)
- Member of Council (2018-Present)
- Membership Development Board Liaison (2020-Present)
- Content Committee (2018-Present)
- Content Strategy Committee (2018-Present)
- Representative to the Uniform Commercial Code Permanent Editorial Committee (2019-Present)
- Chair, Uniform Commercial Code Committee (2016-2018).

- Host Committee, Business Law Spring Meeting in Orlando (2017-2018).
- Vice Chair, Uniform Commercial Code Committee (2009-2015).
- Liaison from the Uniform Commercial Code Committee to the Diversity Committee (2011-2014).
- Chair, Uniform Commercial Code Committee's General Scope and Provisions Subcommittee (2007-2009).
- Co-author (with Stephen Sepinuck), quarterly Spotlight column (2007-2013, 2014-2015).
- Co-chair, Uniform Commercial Code Committee's General Scope and Provisions Subcommittee (2006-2007).

The Florida Bar.

- Associate Member since 2000.
- Chair, Florida Bar Public Interest Law Section Homelessness Committee (2007-2009).

State Bar of Georgia.

- Member since 1995.
- Out-of-state elected representative (2003-2004).
- Admitted to the United States Supreme Court, Georgia Supreme Court, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

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