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EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law, LL.M., 1989.

Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, J.D., *cum laude*, 1983.

Indiana Law Review – Note & Development Editor, 1982-83; Associate Editor, 1981-82.

Michigan State University, B.S., *with high honors*, 1973.

PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS UNDER THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE AND OTHER LAWS LexisNexis (6th ed., forthcoming 2010).

Editor, UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE FORMS WITH PRACTICE COMMENTS, MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS ANNOTATED, Thomson/West (vols 1 - 4, 3rd ed.) and Annual Pocket Parts.

Mothers as Suckers: Pity, Partnership and Divorce Discourse, 6 FAMILY MEDIATION QUARTERLY (Winter 2008), 7 FAMILY MEDIATION QUARTERLY (Spring 2008) (re-publications).

One More Time; Alimony, Intuition and the Remarriage-Termination Rule, 21 MINNESOTA FAMILY LAW JOURNAL 1512 (2007) (re-publication).

Mothers, Myths and the Law of Divorce: One More Feminist Case for Partnership, WILLIAM AND MARY JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND THE LAW (2006).

One More Time; Alimony, Intuition and the Remarriage-Termination Rule, 81 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 971 (Summer 2006).

Mothers as Suckers: Pity, Partnership and Divorce Discourse, 90 IOWA LAW REVIEW 1513 (2005).

Swords in the Hands of Babes: Rethinking Custody Interviews after Troxel, 2003 WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW 115.

Victims, Breeders, Joy and Math: First Thoughts on Compensatory Spousal Payments under The Principles, 8 DUKE JOURNAL OF GENDER LAW AND POLICY 137 (2001).

Bad News Should Travel Fast: Hot Checks, Tardy Banks and the Uniform Commercial Code's Rude Surprise, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY REVIEW OF LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE (2001).

Contracts in the Sixth Circuit, 1999 LAW REVIEW OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DETROIT COLLEGE OF LAW 235 (1999).

Reflections on Betty Crocker, Soccer Mom, and Divorce: A Message from Detergent Manufacturers, 1997 WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW 285.

Applications of a Contemporary Partnership Model for Divorce, 8 BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF PUBLIC LAW 107 (1993).

Divorce and the Displaced Homemaker: A Discourse on Playing with Dolls, Partnership Buyouts and Dissociation under No-Fault, 60 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW 67 (1993).

U.C.C. Section 9-504 Sales by Junior Secured Parties: Is a Senior Party Entitled to Notice and Proceeds? 52 UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH LAW REVIEW 563 (1991).

Junior Creditor Sales, 6 COMMERCIAL DAMAGES REPORTER 217 (1991).

Book Review, 14 LEGAL STUDIES FORUM 217 (1990) (reviewing D. Rhode, JUSTICE AND GENDER (1989)).

1990 SUPPLEMENT TO CASES ON COMMERCIAL LAW by E.A. Farnsworth & J. Honnold (4th ed. 1985) (with E.A. Farnsworth).

Nontraditional Publications

Five interactive computer lessons (published on the CALI (Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) website, and drafted as part of a CALI Fellowship):

Alimony

Modification of Alimony and Child Support

Property Distribution

Prenuptial Agreements

Multiple letters and columns appearing in newspapers, including THE NEW YORK TIMES

Works in Progress

ALIMONY AT THE CROSSROADS: THE LAW, THEORY AND FUTURE OF POST-DIVORCE INCOME-SHARING (book)

Co-Parenting Commitments and Divorce (article)

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Michigan State University College of Law
July 2007 to July 2009

Professor

Michigan State University College of Law
Fall 1989 to present
Courses: Family Law, Family Dissolution Law Reform Seminar, Commercial Law,
Secured Transactions, Contracts I & II

Professor – Studies Abroad

University of Lodz
Lodz, Poland
December 2009
Course: Family Law

MSU College of Law Study Abroad Program
Guadalajara, Mexico
Summer 2007
Course: Comparative Family Law

Visiting Professor

Wayne State University Law School
Detroit, Michigan
Fall 1999 - Spring 2000
Courses: Contracts I & II, Secured Transactions, Divorce Reform Seminar

University of Michigan Law School
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Winter 1998
Courses: Commercial Law, Contracts II

University of Denver Sturm College of Law
Denver, Colorado
1994-1995
Courses: Contracts I & II, Payment Systems, Family Law

Instructor

The Legal Institute of The National Judicial College
Reno, Nevada
1990 to 1993
(taught the Uniform Commercial Code to non-lawyer judges)

University of Tennessee College of Law – CLEO Summer Institute
Knoxville, Tennessee
Summer 1988

Florida State University College of Law
Tallahassee, Florida
1986 to 1988
Course: Legal Writing and Research

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Panelist, Law and Society – 2009 Annual Meeting
“Children, Divorce, and Clean-Break Economics: A Dual Partnership Perspective”
Denver, Colorado
May 2009

Panelist, International Society of Family Law – Thirteenth World Conference
“Reconceptualizing Income Sharing at Divorce; Children as Unfinished Partnership
Business”
Vienna, Austria
September 2008

Moderator, Indian Child Welfare Act at 30: Facing the Future
East Lansing, Michigan
March 2007

CALI Fellow (Computer Assisted Legal Instruction)
January 2006 to March 2007

Panelist, CALI Conference for Law School Computing
“Drafting Experiences of a Family Law Fellow”
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
June 2006

CALI Fellowship
Working Group Presentations
Gulfport, Florida (February 2006)
Memphis, Tennessee (April 2006)

Panelist, International Society of Family Law
Twelfth World Conference
“One More Time; Alimony, Intuition and the Remarriage-Termination Rule”
Salt Lake City, Utah
Summer 2005

Domestic Relations Mediation Training
Mediation, Training and Consultation Institute
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Summer 2005

Panelist, Conference on Law, Culture and the Humanities
“Silent Caretakers, Married Mothers and Frogs”

Austin, Texas
March 2005

Moderator, Child Advocacy Panel
Family Law Society, Michigan State University College of Law
March 2005

Co-Chair, Domestic Relations Committee of the Open Justice Commission
2000 - 2003

Speaker, National Organization for Women
Ann Arbor, Michigan
November 2000

Speaker, Equality in Divorce
Ann Arbor, Michigan
January 2000, February 2000

Panelist, Utah Appellate Court Workshop
St. George, Utah
“Alimony and The ALI Principles”
March 2000

Panelist, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois
“Partnership as a Model for Divorce Economics”
May 1999

Panelist, Current and Developing Issues Relating to Handling and Payment of Checks
“Regulation CC of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors”
Troy, Michigan
September 1998

Lecturer, Michigan Bar Review (formerly SMH) – Contracts
1992 to 1997

Speaker, American Bar Association
Appellate Judges Conference
“Current Topics in Divorce Law”
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
September 1995

Panelist, International Society of Family Law
North American Family Conference
“Divorce and the Displaced Homemaker”
June 1993

Speaker, National Judges Association

“Survey: The Uniform Commercial Code”
West Cliffe, Colorado
October 1991, May 1992

Panelist, American Bar Association Annual Meeting (UCC Subcommittee)
“Sales by Junior Secured Creditors”
August 1991

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk to the Honorable James B. Young, Indiana Court of Appeals
Indianapolis, Indiana
October 1984 to July 1986

CLINICAL PRACTICE

Attorney, Women's Legal Clinic
Indianapolis, Indiana
May to October 1984