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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2013 – Present Professor of Law Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University**
- Subjects taught: Business Organizations, Business Basics for Lawyers, Professional Responsibility, Property, and Torts.
 - Have also taught Accounting for Lawyers, Agency+Partnerships+LLCs, Business Planning, Contracts and Torts.
- 2006 - 2013 Dean & Professor of Law Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University**
- Oversaw refocusing of law school mission to emphasize student success and development. In cooperation with the faculty, instituted a number of curricular changes designed to improve practice readiness of graduates including: (a) the design and development of two skills-intensive practice centers, the Center of Excellence in Advocacy and the Transactional Law Practice Center, to provide students with increased opportunity to develop professional skills such as negotiation, drafting, and client counseling; (b) the creation of the Chase Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic, the law school's first entirely in-house live-client clinic, to provide skills training opportunities for students interesting in a transactional practice; (c) the creation of hybrid clinics with Children's Law Center and Ohio Justice & Policy Center to provide students with increased cost-effective opportunities to develop their professional identity and acquire practice skills; (d) the creation of the Chase Business Boot Camp, a summer program designed to teach law students business basics and to enable students to appreciate the role of the lawyer in business transactions as seen through the eyes of the client. Raised more than \$500,000 to support development of skills centers.
 - Oversaw the development of an enriched student success program to improve student retention, including the creation of "Writing Skills for Law Students" seminar, The seminar is a pre-matriculation program designed to improve the writing skills of entering students.
 - Developed the law school's first formal professionalism program consisting of a mandatory year-long first-year program commencing with a day of public service and the adoption by the faculty of a fifty-hour pro bono service graduation requirement for all students.
 - Launched innovative Law & Informatics Law Institute to provide law school with cutting edge signature program in the field of informatics. Partnered with NKU College of Informatics to provide programming aimed at individuals in the growing field of intellectual property transactions and security, Recruited nationally known faculty member to direct institute. Secured \$1,000,000 pledge to develop the Lunsford Academy offering a specialized curriculum to students seeking to enter or advance careers in field of law and informatics.
 - Continued to publish in field of federal securities law and to teach courses in the fields of Torts and Business Organizations.
- 2001-2006 Dean & Professor of Law, Washburn University School of Law**
- Implemented plan to reinvigorate academic program at the law school which had dropped into fourth tier in national rankings. Successfully introduced skills-center concept to the faculty, creating Centers for Excellency in Advocacy and

in Transactional Law. Adopted program to improve legal writing program with the goal of achieving national recognition for excellence in writing. Introduced co-taught NITA-based trial advocacy program. Law school regained third-tier ranking.

- Developed Centennial Celebration Program, a three-year event designed to celebrate the first century of the School of Law's operation and to increase annual giving and capital endowment. In first two years of celebration, raised more than \$5 million in endowment and doubled the number of Dean's Circle Members (\$1000+/yr donors.)
- Secured the law school's first \$1,000,000 contribution to fund Transactional Law Center. Continued to publish in field of federal securities law and teach courses in the fields of torts and business organizations law.

1999-2001

Professor of Law and Director, Entrepreneurial Law Center, Western State University College of Law

- Director of Entrepreneurial Law Center; charged with development of all Center programming.
- Chairperson, Faculty Diversity Committee.
- Member of Faculty Evaluation and Tenure Committee.
- Faculty Advisor, Western State University Law Review.
- Scholarship and teaching interests: Agency & Partnership, Contracts, Corporations and Torts.

1996-1999

President, Dean and Professor of Law, Western State University College of Law

- Oversaw consolidation of two for-profit California Bar Examiners-approved law schools, Western State University College of Law – Irvine and Western State University College of Law – Fullerton, into single unity in preparation for application for provisional accreditation by the American Bar Association (ABA) at a time when there were no for-profit law schools approved by the ABA. Arranged financing and oversaw construction of state-of-the art library and complete renovation of more than 50% of existing facilities, including construction of “smart” classrooms and office facilities for faculty and staff in preparation for making application. Reviewed existing faculty and selected faculty to staff new entity. Restructured faculty bylaws and curriculum to meet ABA standards. Filed application for provisional approval fourteen months after assuming presidency and secured ABA provisional approval on first application at 1998 Annual meeting of the ABA, making Western State University College of Law the second for-profit law school ever provisionally approved by the ABA.
- Launched Entrepreneurial Law Center to create programming to prepare graduates for business-oriented practice of law.
- Taught Agency & Partnership, Corporations, Torts, and Contract Drafting.

1990-1996

Associate Dean of Education and Professor of Law, University of the District of Columbia School of Law (Formerly District of Columbia School of Law.)

- Supervised faculty planning and curriculum development for faculty of twenty-five, including budget oversight and curriculum design and implementation.
- Implemented merger with and relocation to University.
- Managed delivery of academic program, including budget preparation.
- Taught courses in commercial curriculum, including Agency & Partnership, Contracts, Corporations, Products Liability, UCC I & II (Sales, Commercial Paper & Secured Transactions) and Torts.

1988-90:

Associate Professor of Law, Rutgers University-Camden School of Law. (Visiting Professor of Law 1988-89)

- Taught courses in commercial curriculum, including Business Planning, Corporations, Products Liability and Securities Regulation.

- Member, Admissions Committee.

1975-88: Professor of Law, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vt. (Associate Professor, 1977-82) (Assistant Professor, 1975-77)

- Taught courses in commercial and related fields, including Accounting for Lawyers, Agency & Partnership, Business Planning, Contracts, Corporations, Corporate Taxation, Products Liability, Property and Torts.
- Held positions on various faculty committees, including Chair of Curriculum Academic Standards and Admission Committees
- Lectured in fields of expertise to diverse groups, including entrepreneurs and members of the bar.
- Visiting Professor of Law – University of Baltimore School of Law 1987-88
- Visiting Professor of Law – George Mason University School of Law 1985-87.

1973-75: Associate, Kirkpatrick, Lockhart, Johnson & Hutchinson, Pittsburgh, PA.

- Primary and secondary responsibilities in general corporate practice, including financing, planning and securities regulation.
- Represented clients in contract negotiations, private placement of securities, and compliance with federal and state regulatory agencies.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- *D&O Liability Handbook* (West Group 1994-2016 Annual Editions) (with Mark Sargent).
- *Proxy Rules Handbook* (West Group 2001-2016 Annual Editions) (with Mark Sargent).

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES:

- To UBE or Not to UBE: Reconsidering the Uniform Bar Exam, 22 Professional Lawyer 43 (Vol. 2, 2014)
- Responding to “Educating Lawyers” – A Heretical Essay in Support of Abolishing Teaching Evaluations, 39 Toledo L. Rev. 311 (2008)
- *Smith v. Van Gorkom*: Managerial Liability and Exculpatory Clauses – A Proposal To Fill the Gap of the Missing Officer Protection, 45 Washburn L. J. 307 (2006)
- Curbing Misuse of Genetic Information in Light of the Enron Debacle: A Comment on Dean Partlett’s Proposal, 42 Washburn L. J. 535 (2003)
- Precision Teaching in Law School: An Essay in Support of Student Centered Teaching and Assessment, 34 U. Toledo L. Rev. 95 (2002)
- Corporate Governance Theory in the '90's, 44 Rutgers L. Rev. 533 (1992) (with Roger Dennis)
- Hostile Takeovers, Defensive Tactics, and the Market for Control in the Seventh Circuit, 65 Chi.-Kent L. Rev. 681 (1991) (with Roger Dennis)
- Consent, Exit, and the Contract Model of the Corporation - A Commentary on Maryland's New Director & Officer Liability Limiting and Indemnification Legislation, 18 U. Balt. L. Rev. 310 (1989)
- All That Glitters: A Critique of the Revised Virginia Stock Corporation Act, 12 J. Corp. Law 433 (1987)
- Taxing the Corporate Liquidation - A Proposal for Consistency, 8 J. Corp. Law 1 (1982)
- Toxic Torts: Is Strict Liability Really The "Fair and Just" Way to Compensate the Victims?, 16 Univ. Richmond L. Rev. 305 (1982)
- Tort Recovery of Acid Rain Damages in the United States - Observations on Plaintiff's Prima Facie Case, 18 J. Env't'l. Stud. 91 (1982)

- Windfalls, Wipeouts, and Nuisance Law: Strict Liability With or Without Restricted Damages, 19 Urban L. Ann. 3 (1980)
- Note: The Unconstitutional Burden of Article 15, 82 Yale L.J. 1481 (1973). (with Michael Conway)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (representative examples):

- Kentucky Business Entity Laws: The 2010 Amendments, 74 Bench & Bar 6 (Sept. 2010).
- Reforming Legal Education: Law Schools Called Upon to Help Students Develop Skills & Values, CBA Report (Sept. 2010).
- Restructuring Legal Education: The Vital Role of the Bench and Practicing Bar, 71 Bench & Bar 17 (2007)
- Serving All Kentuckians: Making Legal Education Available to Our Rural & Minority Communities (with James. M. Chen & Allan W. Vestal), 71 Bench & Bar 15 (2007)
- Director Liability Statutes Placed in Perspective, Nat.L.J. 23-24 (7/4/88) (with Mark Sargent)
- Domicile: New Virginia Law May Rival Delaware's 1 BNA's Corporate Counsel Weekly 24/8 (1986)
- *Business - Professional Partnership Purchase Agreements* (1984 Revision Editor)
- *Stock Purchase Agreements and the Close Corporation* (1984 Revision Editor)
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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- Chair, Legal Educators Committee, ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division
- Member, American Bar Association Business Law Section Business Law Education Committee (Co-Chair 2010-2013)
- Member, American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Professionalism (2011-2014 Chair 2011)
- Member, ABA Business Section, Partnerships, LLCs and Unincorporated Entities Committee
- Member, AALS Part-Time Education Committee (Chair 2011)
- Kentucky Bar Association's Task Force on Building Blocks in Leadership Diversity
- Member, Kentucky Bar Association Access to Justice Commission
- Member, Ohio State Bar Association Task Force on Legal Education

EDUCATION:

- J.D. Yale University, 1973
- A.B. Bucknell University, *cum laude* (Economics), 1970