

RESUME

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EDUCATION

J.D with Honors, University of Texas at Austin, 1969.

Honors: Project Editor, *Texas Law Review*; Award for Best Article in Area of Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks; Administrative Law Project Award; Order of the Coif.

B.S. (Psychology), Fordham University, 1966.

Honors: Dean's List; President, Psychology Club.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Dean, College of Law, Florida State University, 2000-present (first appointed in 1991, see below).

Responsibilities: Managing a law school of 750 students from 181 colleges and universities, 34 states and 16 countries; responsible for all aspects of external affairs, including alumni relations, fundraising and interactions with the legislature; oversight of admissions, academic affairs, faculty (approximately 45), staff (approximately 60), and a budget of approximately \$19 million.

Special Recognition: In July 2011, I was named one of the Nine Transformative Deans of the Last Decade by *The Leiter Report*.

Accomplishments of the law school (spanning my 20 years as Dean and Interim Dean):

- In 2012, the law school completed and moved into a 50,000 square foot addition funded by the legislature.
- Within nine months of graduation, 90.7% of the 2011 graduates were employed, with an additional 3% pursuing further studies.
- The law school's annual alumni giving rate has increased by more than 400%, to over 27% (hitting 10th best in the nation, 3rd among publics, according to American Bar Association data).
- The law school's annual student giving rate has increased from zero to 88% (in 2012).

- The law school's first 24 professorships were raised and the law school's endowment increased by 600%.
- For eight out of the past thirteen administrations of the Florida Bar Examination, our graduates had either the highest or the second highest bar passage rate among Florida's eleven accredited law schools.
- The law school has been rising in *U.S. News & World Report* and other rankings (up 17 ranks in *U.S. News & World Report* in seven years to break into the Top 50 for the first time in 2011).
- The law school's environmental law program is now the 8th strongest in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.
- The 2010 *Leiter Study* rated the law school's faculty the nation's 23rd best in terms of per-capita scholarly impact.
- *Hispanic Business* magazine rated us among the nation's Ten Best Law Schools for Hispanic Students for each of the past seven years.
- Summer for Undergraduates, a program to interest and to prepare undergraduate students in and for law school, especially students from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession, was created, expanded and permanently endowed.
- A superb faculty, with a strong interdisciplinary orientation, has been producing cutting-edge scholarship and interacting extensively with the legal profession and with other academic disciplines.
- The faculty consistently ranks among the nation's top 35 in terms of manuscript downloads on the Social Science Research Network.
- The faculty has established Certificate Programs in Business Law, Environmental Law and International Law as well as an LL.M. Program for Foreign Lawyers and an LL.M. in Environmental Law.
- A sophisticated Business Program has been added, including multiple courses in finance, economics and empirical methods and two trade simulation courses offered in collaboration with the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade.

Alumni Centennial Professor, since 2005

(Our alumni surprised me with a \$1 million chair that I am to occupy for as long as I remain at Florida State and which is to carry my name after I leave Florida State.)

Interim Dean, College of Law, Florida State University, 1998 - 2000

(I had resigned as dean, effective July, 1997; however, my successor resigned after only eight months in office and I returned as Interim Dean in March, 1998.)

Dean, College of Law, Florida State University, 1991 - 1997

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Law, Florida State University, 1984–1985
(accepted as a one-year appointment)

Responsibilities: Responsible for academic affairs of the faculty, including course assignments, scheduling, faculty appointments

Professor, College of Law, Florida State University, 1978 - present

Honors: Recipient, Professor of the Year (by the students), 1979, Runner-Up, 1989

Associate Professor, College of Law, Florida State University, 1976 - 1978

Associate Professor, College of Law, Cleveland State University, 1974 - 1976

Assistant Professor, School of Law, University of South Carolina, 1971 - 1974

Bigelow Teaching Fellow and Instructor, University of Chicago Law School, 1970 - 1971

Associate, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, N.Y., N.Y., 1969-70

Summer Associate, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, N.Y., N.Y., 1968

Visiting and Shorter-Term Appointments

Of Counsel: Ruden McClosky Smith Schuster & Russell, P.A. (Fall, 1997)
(during a semester-long sabbatical after my first six years as Dean)

Visiting Professor: University of North Carolina School of Law (Summer, 1991)

Stanford Law School (Fall, 1981)

University of New Mexico School of Law (Fall, 1979)

University of Texas School of Law (Summer, 1978)

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Chapters:

THE REVISED UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT (West 2011) (with Robert W. Hillman and Allan W. Vestal) (successor to 1999-2010 editions).

Ch. 13, *Pitfalls in Partnership Law Reform: Some U.S. Experience*, THE GOVERNANCE OF CLOSE CORPORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES, Joseph A. McCahery, Theo Raaijmakers and Erik P.M. Vermeulen, Eds. (Oxford Univ. Press 2004).

GENERAL AND LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS UNDER THE REVISED UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT (West 1996) (Cal.Supp. 1997) (with Robert W. Hillman and Allan W. Vestal).

Chapter 5, *Special Allocations and Capital Accounts*, SYMPOSIA ON FEDERAL TAXATION (Research Institute of America, 1981).

REAL ESTATE: TAXATION AND BANKRUPTCY (West 1979) (with Martin Cowan and Gerald Smith).

Periodicals:

Partners without Partners: The Legal Status of Single Person Partnerships, XVII FORDHAM J. CORP. & FIN. L. 451 (2012) (with Robert W. Hillman).

Fundraising Tips for Deans with Intermediate Development Programs, 39 TOLEDO L. REV. 393 (2008) (symposium).

The Common Quest for Professionalism, 78-3 FLA. B. J. 18 (2004).

Academic Freedom and the Obligation to Earn It, 32 J. LAW & EDUC. 445 (2003).

Pitfalls in Partnership Law Reform: Some United States Experience, 27 J. CORPORATION L. 1031 (2001) (symposium).

Thoughts on Academic Freedom: Urofsky and Beyond, 33 U. TOLEDO L. REV. 257 (2001) (symposium).

Synthetic Leases: Structured Finance, Financial Accounting and Tax Ownership, 25 J. CORPORATION L. 445 (2000).

Law School Engagement in Professionalism and Improved Bar Relations, 72-7 FLA. B. J. 40 (1998).

Cadwalader, RUPA and Fiduciary Duty, 54 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 877 (1997).

The Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism and the Crises of Legal Education, 71-5 FLA. BAR J. 64 (1997).

Foreword to Freedom of Contract and Fiduciary Duty: Organizing the Internal Relations of the Unincorporated Firm, 54 WASH. & LEE L.REV. 389 (1997).

The Crises of Legal Education: A Wake-Up Call for Faculty, 47 J. LEGAL ED. 92 (1997).

RUPA and Fiduciary Duty: The Texture of Relationship, 58 J. LAW & CONTEMP. PROBS. 81 (Spring 1995).

A Dean's Letter to New Law Faculty About Scholarship, 44 J. LEGAL ED. 440 (1994).

The Revised Uniform Partnership Act: The Reporters' Overview, 49 BUS. LAW. 1 (1993) (with Larson).

The Fine Art of Chess, FSU LAW (Fall 1993)(short story).

Three Policy Decisions Animate Revision of Uniform Partnership Act, 46 BUS. LAW. 427 (1991).

The Revised Uniform Partnership Act Midstream: Major Policy Decisions, 21 U. TOL. L. REV. 825 (1990).

A Perspective to Reconsider Partnership Law, 16 FLA. ST. L. REV. 1 (1988).

New Limited Liability for Florida Limited Partners, 16 STETSON L. REV. 113 (1986).

The Existence of State and Tax Partnerships: A Primer, 11 FLA. ST. L. REV. 1 (1983) (excerpted in P. GOLDSTEIN, REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS 765-79 (Rev. 2d ed. 1988)).

Partnership Allocations and Capital Accounts Analysis, 42 OHIO ST. L. J. 467 (1981) (reprinted in 32-5 MO. DIG. OF TAX ART. 16 (1982) and in 1 BUS. L. REV. ANN. 279 (1982)).

Property Rights in the American Model: Ownership in Theory and Practice, 14 FLA. ST. YUGOSLAV PROC. & REP. 50 (1980).

Transfers of Partnership Interests and Optional Adjustments to Basis, 10 N. MEX. L. REV. 51 (1980).

Optional Adjustments to Basis of Partnership Property on Transfer of Partnership Interests, 1979 WM. & MARY 25TH TAX CONF. 9 (reprinted in two parts in 31-3 MO. DIG. OF TAX ART. 10 (1980) and 31-4 MO. DIG. OF TAX ART. 11 (1981)).

Realty Shelters: Nonrecourse Financing, Tax Reform and Profit Purpose, 32 SW. L. J. 711 (1978) (reprinted in 29-10 MO. DIG. OF TAX ART. 1 (1979) and by TRIAL; excerpted in G. KORNGOLD AND P. GOLDSTEIN, REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS 659-663 (5th ed. 2009) (and predecessor editions) and in G. NELSON AND D. WHITMAN, REAL ESTATE TRANSFER, FINANCE

AND DEVELOPMENT 1051-53 (2d ed. 1981).

Pratt and Deductions for Payments to Partners, 12 R. PROP. PROB. & TRUST J. 811 (1978) (reprinted in two parts in 29-7 MO. DIG. OF TAX ART. 8 (1979) and 29-8 MO. DIG. OF TAX ART. 25 (1979)).

Partnership Allocations and Tax Reform, 5 FLA. ST. L. REV. 1 (1977) (reprinted in 28-4 MO. DIG. OF TAX ART. 1 (1978)).

Partnership Allocations, 1976 WM. & MARY 22ND TAX CONF. 29.

Realty Shelter Partnerships in a Nutshell, 8 IND. L. REV. 899 (1975) (reprinted in two parts in 26-9 MO. DIG. OF TAX ART. 11 (1976) and 26-10 MO. DIG. OF TAX ART. 28 (1976)).

Year-end Sales of Losses in Real Estate Partnerships, 1974 U. ILL. L. F. 533 (reprinted in 25-10 MO. DIG. OF TAX ART. 1 (1975)).

Passing Depreciation to Investor-Partners, 25 S.C.L. REV. 215 (1973).

Book Review, 24 S.C.L. REV. 149 (1972).

Note, 46 TEX. L. REV. 379 (1968).

CLASSROOM TEACHING

Agency & Partnership, Business Associations, Federal Income Taxation, Injunctions, Land Use Planning, Law and Groups, Legal Method, Partnership Taxation, Professional Responsibility Seminar, Property, Real Estate Finance, Slavery and Human Servitudes, Taxation of Realty Transactions.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Albuquerque Certified Commercial Investment Members
American Bar Association Business Law Section
American Bar Association Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
American Bar Association Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
American Corporate Counsel Association
Association of American Law Schools Section on Institutional Advancement
Association of American Law Schools Workshop for New Deans
Austin Commercial Real Estate Society
Bar Association of Greater Cleveland
Capital University Graduate Program in Taxation
CNBC
Council for Advancement and Support of Education
Escambia/Santa Rosa County Bar Association

Florida A & M University
Florida Bar Business Law Section
Florida Bar Tax Section
Florida Bar Young Lawyers' Division
Florida Conference of District Court of Appeal Judges
Florida Government Bar Association
Houston County (Alabama) Bar Association
Institute for Academic Leadership
Louisiana State University School of Law
Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers
New Mexico Tax Institute
New York University School of Law
Palm Beach Tax Institute
Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade
South Carolina Bar Association
Southeastern Association of American Law Schools
Southern Methodist University School of Law
Stanford Law School
Tallahassee Estate Planning Council
The Florida Bar
Tilburg University Center for Company Law
Twelfth Judicial Circuit (Florida) Bench/Bar Conference
University of Toledo Colloquium on Corporate Law and Social Policy
Washington and Lee University School of Law
West Publishing Company
William & Mary Tax Conference

SELECTED LEGAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Commissioner, since 2011, Uniform Law Commission (gubernatorial appointment).

Appeals Judge, since 2011, Gulf Coast Claims Facility (to address claims against BP arising from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill).

Member, since 1996, Florida Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism.

Various service, American Bar Association Section of Legal Education, including: member, numerous accreditation site inspection teams (through 2012); member, Standards Review Committee 2004-05 (Accreditation Standards).

Various service, Association of American Law Schools, including: Site Inspection Reporter, 2006, 2010; Committee on Sections and Annual Meeting, 2009-10; Membership Review Committee, 2001-03.

Reporter (principal drafter), 1987-94, Uniform Partnership Act (1994), National Conference of

Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Member, since 1980, American Law Institute.

Admitted to Practice: Supreme Court of the United States; United States District Courts for the Northern District of Ohio and The District of South Carolina; United States Tax Court; South Carolina.

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

National lecturer and panelist on fundraising for deans of all disciplines and for development officers.

Member, various Florida State University Council of Deans committees; Chair of the Branding Committee 2005-11; Chair of Fundraising Policy Committee, 2003-05. Chair of the Search Advisory Committee for Vice President for Advancement, 2010.

Member, 2000-03, Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark Law School Board of Visitors. Brigham Young University External Program Reviewer of the Law School, 2005.

Trainer of deans and department chairs on matters such as academic freedom and annual evaluations, Institute for Academic Leadership.

Member, Florida State University President's Special Committee on Early Retirement.

Guest lecturer, various universities, colleges, schools and departments.

SELECTED COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATIONAL SERVICE

Lecturer on business law and taxation to lawyers, accountants and academics in various states; advisor to various domestic and international law reform groups; advisor and participator, fundraising activities of various philanthropic groups (Rotary, Florida Bar Foundation, Public Defenders Association, Tallahassee Bar Association, etc.); Faith Presbyterian Church; Reader, Leon County elementary schools; Alligator Point Property Owners Association; Speaker at various Inns of Court and Rotary Clubs; and Moderator, debates and panels for the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education, the Federalist Society, the James Madison Institute, Washington and Lee University.

HOBBIES

Boating, Fishing, Reading, Exercise.

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