

## 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.

Responsibilities: Managing a law school of 750 students from 199 colleges and universities, 36 states and 10 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 \$16 million.

Accomplishments of the law school (spanning 17 years as Dean and Interim Dean):

- The law school has been rising in *U.S. News & World Report* and other rankings (up 15 ranks in *U.S. News & World Report* in the last six years)
- The law school's environmental law program is now the 11<sup>th</sup> strongest in the nation, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.
- The law school's first 24 professorships were raised and the law school's endowment increased by 600%.
- The law school's annual alumni giving rate has increased by more than 400% (now 11th best in the nation, 3d among publics, according to American Bar Association data)

- The law school's annual student giving rate has increased from zero to 71%
- The 2008 graduates have a 98% placement rate nine months after graduation
- For five out of the past eight administrations of the Florida Bar Examination, our graduates had the highest bar passage among Florida's ten accredited law schools
- *Hispanic Business* magazine rates us the nation's 3d best law school for Hispanic Students
- 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 Environmental Law and in International Law, an LL.M. Program for Foreign Lawyers and an LL.M. in Environmental Law
- A strong program has been added in Law, Business and Economics
- The legislature has appropriated monies to plan for a law school addition of 50,000 square feet

Alumni Centennial Professor, since 2005

(Our alumni surprised me with a \$1 million chair in my honor 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

### **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 2009) (with Robert W. Hillman and Allan W. Vestal) (successor to 1998-2008 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:**

*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. NELSON AND D. WHITMAN, REAL ESTATE TRANSFER, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT 1051-53 (2d ed. 1981); in P. GOLDSTEIN, REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS 575-79 (2d ed. 1988); in P. GOLDSTEIN AND G. KORNGOLD, REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS 606-10 (3d ed. 1997)) and in G. KORNGOLD AND P. GOLDSTEIN, REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS 607-611 (4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2002).

*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

Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers  
New Mexico Tax Institute  
New York University School of Law  
Palm Beach Tax Institute  
Panama City Inn of Court  
South Carolina Bar Association  
Southeastern Association of American Law Schools  
Southern Methodist University School of Law  
St. Andrews Bay Inn of Court  
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**

Member, 2004-05, (Accreditation) Standards Review Committee, American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar.

Reporter (principal drafter), 1987-94, Uniform Partnership Act (1994), National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

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

Member, 1998-99, Drafting Committee to Revise the Florida Limited Liability Company Act (a joint committee of The Florida Bar Business Law, Real Property and Tax Sections).

Member, numerous American Bar Association accreditation site inspection teams.

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 development officers.

Member, 2001-03, Membership Review (Association Membership Review) Committee, Association of American Law Schools. Site Inspection Reporter, 2006.

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.

Member, various Florida State University Council of Deans committees; Chair of the Branding Committee since 2005; Chair of Fundraising Policy Committee, 2003-05.

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

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

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

### **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.); Member, Faith Presbyterian Church; Reader, Leon County elementary schools; Alligator Point Property Owners Association; Speaker at Rotary Clubs; and Debate Moderator, James Madison Institute

### **HOBBIES**

Boating, Fishing, Reading, Exercise.

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