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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY, Cleveland, OH

Associate Professor of Law with Tenure, Aug. 2015 to Present

Director of Master of Legal Studies Program, July 2019 to Present

Interim Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Feb. 2016 to Aug. 2017

Assistant Professor of Law, Aug. 2010 to Aug. 2015

Courses:

- Tax I
- Tax Procedure, Penalties & Crimes
- Wealth Transfer Tax
- Estates & Trusts

Awards & Grants:

- Dean's Teacher, 2022-23 / 2023-24
- SBA Professor of the Year Award, Mar. 2012 & Apr. 2017
- Bilateral Grant, Public Research Agency, Republic of Slovenia, Feb. 2017 & Oct. 2018
- [Featured Researcher](#), CSU Office of Research, Feb. 2017
- Golden Apple Award, CSU Alumni Association, Sept. 2015

Law Assignments:

- Bar & Student Success, Chair
- Budget Committee, Member
- Faculty Appointments Committee – Doctrinal, Member

University Assignments:

- Faculty Senator
- Graduate Council
- University Curriculum Committee, Member

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, Durham, NC

Adjunct Professor of Law, 2021 to 2022

Courses:

- Decedents' Estates I: Intestate Succession & Wills
- Decedents' Estates II: Trusts & Future Interests

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Washington, DC

Adjunct Professor of Law, 2009 to 2010

Courses:

- Tax Penalties & Tax Crimes

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

UNITED STATES TAX COURT, Washington, DC
Attorney-Adviser to Judge David Gustafson, Aug. 2008 to July 2010

EXPERIENCE

THACHER PROFFITT & WOOD LLP, New York, NY
ERISA Associate, Sept. 2006 to Aug. 2008

BAKER & HOSTETLER LLP, Cleveland, OH
Summer Associate, Summer 2005

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SUE MYRICK, Washington, DC
Intern, Summer 2004

EDUCATION

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, OH
Public Leadership Academy, July 2021

- *Bipartisan leadership program for rising elected officials*

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
LL.M. in Taxation, May 2009

- *NYU Review of Law & Social Change*, Executive Editor

COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL, New York, NY
Certificate in Business Excellence, Mar. 2009

- Executive Education

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Durham, NC
J.D., *cum laude*, May 2006

- Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Taxation & Estate Planning
- *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law & Public Policy*, Senior Note Editor & Inaugural Executive Board Member
- *Law & Contemporary Problems*, Staff Editor

BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE, Belmont, NC
B.A., *summa cum laude*, May 2003
Accounting major; Mythology minor

- Co-Valedictorian
- President's List
- Departmental Award for Accounting
- Delta Epsilon Sigma (National Scholastic Honor Society)
- J. P. Smith Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP

The Definition of Wealth (Work-In-Progress).

Officers Under the Appointments Clause, 11 **PITT. TAX REV.** 201 (2014),
cited by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Lucia v. SEC*, 138 S. Ct. 2044, 2065
(2018) (Sotomayer, J., dissenting).

The New Flat Tax: A Modest Proposal for a Constitutionally Apportioned Wealth Tax,
41 **HASTINGS CONST. L.Q.** 483 (2014), cited by fmr. acting Solicitor General of the
United States Walter Dellinger in Dawn Johnsen & Walter Dellinger, *The
Constitutionality of a National Wealth Tax*, 93 **IND. L.J.** 111, 132 n.107 (2018).

Reckless Means Reckless: Understanding the EITC Ban, 142 **TAX NOTES** 847 (2014).

Abolish the Inflation Tax on the Poor & Middle Class, 29 **QUINNIPIAC L. REV.** 925
(2011).

*Equal Access to Public Education: An Examination of the State Constitutional &
Statutory Rights of Nonpublic Students to Participate in Public School Programs on a
Part-Time Basis in North Carolina & Across the Nation*, 13 **TEX. J. ON C.L. & C.R.** 1
(2007).

PUBLIC SERVICE

LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

County Commissioner, 2021 to Present

Officer Assignments:

- President, 2024
- Vice President, 2022

CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Councilman-at-Large, 2014 to 2019

Officer Assignments:

- Vice President, 2016 to 2019

WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trustee, 2012 to 2013

Officer Assignments:

- Vice President, 2013
- Secretary, 2012