

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School, S.J.D. 1979; LL.M. 1978.

University of Michigan Law School, J.D. 1971.

Cornell University, B.A. 1968, Government.

EMPLOYMENT

1991-1993: Associate Dean, University of Louisville School of Law.

1979-present: Professor, University of Louisville School of Law.

1984: Acting Assistant University Provost, University of Louisville.

1976-1979: Associate Professor of Law, University of Louisville School of Law.

1973-1976: Assistant Professor of Law, University of Louisville School of Law.

1971-1973: Full-time private practice of law, in association with Frank E. Haddad, Jr. and Robert Haddad.

1971-present: Admitted to practice in federal and state courts in Kentucky.

SERVICE

Law School

Committees

Curriculum Committee, 1990-1994, 1996-2005.

Chair, Economic Welfare Committee, 1985-1991.

Chair, Computer Committee, 1988-1991.

Probation and Reinstatement Committee, 1983-1991, 1994-present, Chair, 1995-2005.

Self-Study Committee, 1989, 1996.

Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee, 1987-1988; member, 1981, 1983, 1998.

Librarian Search Committee, 1988.

Chair, Admissions Committee, 1982-1984; member, 1978-1979.

Strategic Planning Committee, 1989.

Ad Hoc Committee to Draft Self-Study, 1989, 1983.
Dean Search Committee, 1981-82.
Decanal Review Committee, 1981.

Student Activities

Advisor, ABA Client Counseling Competition, 1996-present.
Advisor, Brandeis Society, 1993-present.
Advisor, Brandeis Law Journal, 1981-2007.
Advisor, Student Legal Research Group, 1979-1986.

University

Committees

Kentucky Education Reform Act Task Force for University of Louisville, 1992-93.
Faculty Senate, 1981-84, 1985-86.
Faculty Senate Plans and Policies Committee, 1981-84.

Special Assignments

University Mentoring Program, 1997-1999.

Profession and Community

Committees

Kentucky Criminal Justice Council, 1998-2003.
Project Advisory Committee, American Judicature Society, 1994-95.
Program Chair for CLE Programs, 1992-present.
Reporter, Civil Justice Reform Act Steering Committee for Western District of Kentucky, 1992-1995.
Editorial Board, Kentucky Jury Verdict Reporter, 1987-1990.
Louisville Bar Association Board of Directors, 1987.
Kentucky Bar Association Unified Federal Rules Committee, 1986-1987.
CLE Committee of Louisville Bar Association and University of Louisville, 1986; 1991-2001.
Reporter, Speedy Trial Act Planning Group for Western District of Kentucky, 1976-82.

Special Assignments

Volunteer Teacher, Advanced Placement, United States Government and Politics, duPont Manual Magnet High School, 2001-present.
Hearing Officer, Commonwealth Attorney's Diversion Program, 1981-88.
AALS and ABA Inspection Team, Golden Gate University School of Law, 1985.
AALS and ABA Inspection Team, Florida State University Law School, 1979.

TEACHING

Subjects Taught

Civil Procedure, 1987-present.
Selected Problems in Civil Procedure, 1984-1990, 1993-present.
Professional Responsibility, 1980-1996.
Criminal Procedure II, 1975-1990, 1994-present.
Criminal Law, 1975-1983.
Criminal Procedure I, 1975-1980, 1995-present.
Antitrust, 1974-1987.
Constitutional Law, 1974-1980.
Conflict of Laws, 1973.
Administrative Law, 1973.

RESEARCH OR CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Books and Monographs.

Civil Procedure - Cases, Problems, Exercises (with Cross & Deason) (West Group 2006).

Problems in Criminal Procedure, (4th ed.) (with late Joseph Grano) West Group 2004.

Principles of Criminal Procedure, Concise Hornbook Series 2d ed. (with Weaver, Burkoff & Hancock) West Group 2007.

Criminal Procedure - Cases, Problems and Exercises, 3d ed. (with Weaver, et al.) (West Group 2007).

Commentary to proposed Kentucky Penal Code revision (2003).

Criminal Law - Cases, Problems and Exercises 2d ed. (West Group 2006) (with Weaver et al.).

A Century in Celebration: The United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky 1901-2001 (2001).

Judicial Conduct and Ethics (3d ed. 2000) (2001 supplement) (with James Alfini).

Kentucky Practice, *Substantive Criminal Law*, 2d ed. Volume 10 (West Group 2000)

Kentucky Practice, *Criminal Practice and Procedure*, 4th ed. Volumes 8 and 9 (West Group 2005).

Kentucky Practice, *Civil Procedure Forms*, 2d ed. Volumes 11 and 12 (West 2006).

Judicial Disqualification Under Canon 3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct (2d ed.)
(American Judicature Society 1992).

Criminal Detainers (Ballinger Books 1979).

Basic Bankruptcy: Alternatives, Proceedings & Discharges (University of Michigan
ICLE 1971) (ed.).

Articles

"The Judge's Relative is Affiliated with Counsel of Record: The Ethical Dilemma" 32
Hofstra L. Rev. 1181 (2004).

"Understanding Judicial Ethics," *Courier-Journal* Op-Ed page, April 26, 2004.

"Understanding Mistrials," *Courier-Journal* Op-Ed page, November 23, 2000.

"The Judicial Ethics of Ex Parte and Other Communications," 37 Houston L.Rev. 1343
(2000).

"Appearance of Impropriety: Deciding When a Judge's Impartiality 'Might Reasonably Be
Questioned'", 14 Geo. J. Legal Ethics 55 (2000).

"The Judge's Ethical Duty to Report Misconduct by Other Judges and Lawyers and Its
Effect on Judicial Independence," 25 Hofstra L.Rev. 751 (1997).

"Canon 2 of the Code of Judicial Conduct," 79 Marq. L. Rev. 949 (1996).

"The Interstate Agreement on Detainers: Narrowing Its Availability and Application," 21
N.Eng.J.Cr.& Civ.Conf. 1 (1995).

"The Good News and Bad..." *Courier-Journal* Op-Ed page, July 14, 1994.

"Specifying Grounds for Judicial Disqualification in Federal Courts," 72 Neb. L. Rev.
1046 (1993).

"Deciding Recusal Motions: Who Judges the Judges?" 28 Valp. L. Rev. 543 (1994).

"Clarifying 'Fair Play and Substantial Justice': How the Courts Apply the Supreme Court
Standard for Personal Jurisdiction," 18 Hast.Con.L.Q. 441 (1991).

"Witness Waiver of the Fifth Amendment Privilege," 41 Okla.L.Rev. 235 (1988).

"Judicial Conflicts of Interest," Kentucky Jury Verdict Reporter (1988).

- "Equal Protection and Administrative Convenience," 52 Tenn.L.Rev. 1 (1984).
- "Criminal Procedure," 1983 Det.C.L.Rev. 373.
- "Criminal Procedure," 1982 Det. C.L.Rev. 385.
- "Extradition in America: Of Uniform Acts and Governmental Discretion," 33 Baylor L.Rev. 793 (1981).
- "Entrapment and Due Process in the Federal Courts," 8 Am.J.Crim.L. 139 (1980) (with L. Lindeman).
- "Detainers and Detainer Strategies," Prisoners' Rights Sourcebook Volume II (I. Robbins, ed. 1980).
- "Law School Deans: A Self-Portrait," 29 J. Legal Ed. 6 (1977) (with G. Moss).
- "Compulsory Retirement, the Constitution and the Murgia Case," 42 Mo.L.Rev. 25 (1977).
- "Kentucky's Future Need for Attorneys," 63 Ky.L.J. 323 (1975).
- "State Taxation of Exports: The Stream of Constitutionality," 54 N.C.L.Rev. 59 (1975).

PRESENTATIONS

- Testimony at public hearing of American Bar Association Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct, 2004.
- "Disqualification," 19th National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics, Chicago, 2004.
- "The Judge's Relative is Affiliated with Counsel of Record: The Ethical Dilemma," National Conference on Judicial Ethics, Hempstead, New York, 2003
- "What You Thought You'd Learned and What's New," UL/LBACLE, 2002
- "Disqualification," 18th National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics, Chicago, 2002.
- "Ethics, Ethics and More Ethics," UL/LBACLE, 2001.
- "Judicial Disqualification," Kansas Trial Judges Association, Wichita, 2001.
- "Disqualification," 17th National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics, Chicago, 2000.

“Kentucky’s New Code of Judicial Conduct,” UL/LBACLE 1999.

“Kentucky Penal Code Issues,” Kentucky Criminal Justice Council, 1999.

“Ethics Issues for School Board Attorneys,” Kentucky Association of School Board Attorneys, 1999.

Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Institute, 1998.

“Nuts and Bolts of Divorce,” UL/LBACLE, 1998.

“Attorneys Duties of Confidentiality,” Credit Financial Development Division, 1998.

“Police Interrogation,” Floyd Central High School, 1997.

"How the Judicial System Works," Club 60, 1997.

"Contemporary Problems in Professional Responsibility," Back to Law School Program for Town/Gown Week, October, 1997.

"Ethical Issues for Paralegals and Attorneys Who Employ Them," UL/LBACLE, December, 1996.

"Personal Jurisdiction and Cyberspace," UL/LBACLE, November, 1996.

"Judicial Misconduct - The Appearance of Impropriety," Back to Law School Program for Town/Gown Week, October, 1996.

"Recent Developments in Legal Ethics," Back to Law School Program for Town/Gown Week, October, 1995.

"Ethical Issues for Attorneys Who Practice Criminal Cases," Kentucky Academy of Justice, June 1995.

"Paralegal Ethics," UL/LBACLE, 1995 (also moderator and organizer of seminar).

"Criminal Law Update," UL/LBACLE, 1994 (also moderator and organizer of seminar).

"Recent Developments in Conflict of Interest," Back to Law School Program for Town/Gown Week, 1994.

"Amendments to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure," UL/LBACLE, 1994 (also moderator and organizer of seminar).

"Conflicts of Interest for Judges," UL/LBACLE, 1993.

"Judicial Disqualification," Federal Bar Association, 1991.

Moderator and Organizer, "Ethical Issues for the Family Practitioner," Petrilli Seminar, 1992.

Moderator and Organizer, "Ethical Issues in Criminal Law," UL/LBACLE, 1992.

"Ethical Issues in Environmental Litigation," Louisville Bar Association, 1990.

"Ethics Issues for the Securities Lawyer," University of Kentucky CLE, 1990.

"Judicial Disqualification," Eastern Judicial Forum, American Judicature Society, Leesburg, Virginia, 1989.

"Judicial Ethics," Indiana Judicial Conference, 1989.

"Judicial Disqualification," Western Forum, American Judicature Society, Denver, Colorado, 1989.

"Judicial Disqualification," Midwest Judicial Forum, American Judicature Society, Chicago, Illinois, 1988.

"Judicial Disqualification," Florida Conference of Circuit Judges, 1988.

"Judicial Disqualification," Florida Conference of Appellate Judges, 1988.

"Depositions for the New Litigator," Louisville Bar Association/ University of Louisville Continuing Legal Education Seminar, 1988.

"Judicial Disqualification under Canon 3C of the Code of Judicial Conduct Organizations, Chicago, Illinois, 1986.

"Recent Developments in Legal Ethics," Louisville Bar Association CLE Seminar, 1984.

"Ethical Issues for the ERISA Attorney," University of Louisville CLE Seminar, 1984.

"Ethical Considerations for Corporate Counsel," Continuing Legal Education Committee, Kentucky Bar Association, Corporate House Counsel Section, 1983.

"Prosecutor's Ethics," Kentucky Prosecutors Conference, 1982.

"Detainers," National Association of Extradition Officials, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1981.

"Ethics for Prosecutors," Kentucky Prosecutors Training Seminar, 1981.

"Criminal Detainers," Eighth Annual Kentucky Public Defender Training Seminar, 1980.

HONORS

University of Louisville Distinguished Service Award, 2006.

University of Louisville Distinguished Scholarship Award, 2005.

University of Louisville Trustees' Award, 2003.

University of Louisville Distinguished Teacher Award, 2002.

University of Louisville Law Alumni Association Distinguished Teaching Award, 2002,
1992.

Red Apple Teaching Award, University of Louisville Alumni Association, 2001.

Frost Brown Todd Professorship, 2005-present.

Frost Brown Todd Teaching Fellow, 1999-2005.

James A. Merritt Teaching Fellow, 1996-98.

Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs Teaching Fellow, 1994-95.

Honorary Member, Brandeis Society, University of Louisville, 1991.

Fellow, Center for Judicial Conduct Organizations, American Judicature Society, 1985-
86.