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EMPLOYMENT

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, 2005 - present

Professor of the Practice of Law 2015 – present Associate Professor of the Practice of Law, 2013 – 2015 Assistant Professor of the Practice of Law, 2008 – 2013 Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, 2005 – 2008 Adjunct Professor of Law, Spring 2005

Courses offered include Contracts, Intellectual Property and the Arts Clinic, Law of Cyberspace, Art Law, Community and Economic Development Clinic. Clinic has represented more than 130 clients with a wide variety of intellectual property, business, contracts, corporate, nonprofit, and litigation matters.

DODSON, PARKER, BEHM & CAPPARELLA, P.C., 2003 - present

Of Counsel, July 2005 – present Attorney, 2003-2005

Represent clients in communications and telecommunications, intellectual property, internet, technology, municipal, and administrative law; civil and appellate litigation; business transactions, corporate law, and contracts.

EDUCATION NETWORKS OF AMERICA, INC., General Counsel, 2000 – 2003

Handled and supervised legal matters for internet education and content delivery company.

BLUESTAR COMMUNICATIONS, INC., Associate General Counsel, Jan. 2000 – Sept. 2000

Managed telecommunications regulatory matters for digital subscriber line telecommunications company. Handled litigation, arbitrations before state public utilities commissions, interconnection agreement negotiations, contracts, employment matters, and internet legal issues.

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, Attorney, 1998 – 2000

Represented competitive telecommunications companies in proceedings before state public utilities commissions. Obtained certificates of public convenience and necessity for multiple telecommunications clients. Represented clients in mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance matters.

MINTZ, LEVIN, COHN, FERRIS, GLOVSKY & POPEO, Attorney, 1995 – 1998

Represented telecommunications, cable, wireless, cable programmer and internet clients. Litigated before the Federal Communications Commission and state public utilities commissions. Represented clients in interconnection agreement negotiations. Represented biotechnology client in international arbitration and federal court litigation. Drafted *amicus curiae* brief for U.S. Supreme Court.

WILMER, CUTLER & PICKERING, Attorney, 1993 – 1995

Represented clients in antitrust, products liability, and telecommunications litigation; advised on corporate and business matters and transactions.

THE HONORABLE KAREN LECRAFT HENDERSON, UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, D.C. CIRCUIT, Law Clerk, 1992 – 1993

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

J.D., Cum Laude, 1992
Executive Editor, Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy
President, Harvard Law School Forum

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

B.A., Summa Cum Laude, 1989

Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Scholarship (highest academic scholarship)

Nora C. Chaffin Scholarship (for service to the University community)

Phi Beta Kappa (junior year)

Alexander Heard Award (outstanding senior Political Science major)

Henry Lee Swint Award (best research paper undergraduate History major)

Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership honor society)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture Series (Co-Chairman)

PUBLICATIONS

Grappling with Grokster, 5 NASHVILLE BAR J., Aug. 2005, at 10

Electronic Discovery: What You Don't Know May Hurt You, 4 NASHVILLE BAR J., Aug. 2004, at 6

Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 4 Nashville Bar J., July 2004, at 12

Jaffee v. Redmond: Towards Recognition of a Federal Counselor-Battered Woman Privilege, 30 CREIGHTON LAW REVIEW 319 (1997) (co-authored)

Competition in Local Telephone Service in the United States: The Beginning of the End of the MFJ?, GLOBAL TELECOMS BUSINESS (June/July 1995) (co-authored)

Recent Development, Equal Protection and Affirmative Action in Broadcast Licensing: *Metro Broadcasting, Inc. v. Federal Communications Commission*, 110 S. Ct. 2997 (1990), 14 HARV. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 259 (1991)

PRESENTATIONS, PANELS & CONFERENCES

Planning Committee, 14th Annual Transactional Clinician Conference, Kansas City, Missouri (Apr. 2015)

Warning, the Following Material May Be Explicit: Addressing the Efficacy of § 2(a) of the Lanham Act, American University Law Review Volume 63 Federal Circuit Symposium (Apr. 2014)

Intellectual Property Issues for Start-Ups, Nashville Business Incubation Center, Nashville, Tennessee (July 2013)

Intellectual Property Basics, Sports Law Class, David Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee (Apr. 2010)

Intellectual Property Basics for New Businesses, Nashville Business Incubation Center, Nashville, Tennessee (Oct. 2009)

Technology to Promote Access to Justice in Tennessee, Tennessee Access to Justice Commission, Nashville, Tennessee (Oct. 2009)

Ethical Considerations in Intellectual Property and Small Business Clinics – the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office Student Clinical Pilot Program, 8th Annual Transactional Law Clinic Conference (co-hosted by The George Washington University Law School and American University Washington College of Law), Washington, D.C. (Apr. 2009)

Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission, Cultural Executives Network, Nashville, Tennessee (Sept. 2007)

A Few Legal Issues Facing Graphic Designers, O'More College of Design, Franklin, Tennessee (Nov. 2005)

SELECTED CASES

In re Marsha Fox, 702 F.3d 633 (Fed. Cir. 2012): briefed (with clinic students) and argued case concerning whether a trademark with vulgar and non-vulgar meanings may be registered by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

Doe v. SexSearch.com, 551 F.3d 412 (6th Cir. 2008): drafted amici curiae brief (with clinic students) arguing that section 230(c) of the Communications Decency Act broadly protects website operators from liability for disseminating content created by third parties.

American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee v. Darnell, 915 S.W.3d 612 (Tenn. 2006): drafted amicus curiae brief arguing that posting of proposed constitutional amendment on the state legislature's website did not constitute "publication" under Article XI, Section 3 of the Tennessee Constitution.

LAW SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Faculty Clerkship Advisor (2006 – present)

Ad Hoc Judicial Clerkship Committee, Chair (2015 – present)

Faculty Advisor, Vanderbilt Art and Cultural Property Law Association (2007 – present)

Jewish Studies Rabbinics Search Committee (appointed by the Deans of the College of Arts & Sciences and the Law School) (2008 – 2009)

University Committee on Conduct, Honor, and Integrity (appointed by Chancellor and Provost) (2006)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, BOARDS, ACTIVITIES, AND AWARDS

Member of the Tennessee Bar (1999 – present)

Member of the District of Columbia Bar (1993 – present) (inactive)

Member of the Georgia Bar (1992 – present) (inactive)

Member of the Bars of the U.S. Supreme Court, Federal Circuit, Sixth Circuit, and numerous federal courts

Member of the American, Tennessee, and Nashville Bar Associations

Board of Directors, American Judicature Society (2013 – 2014)

Board of Directors, Nashville Cultural Arts Project (2013 – present)

Board of Directors, Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville (2009 – 2012; ex officio, 2012 – present)

Member, Tennessee Access to Justice Commission's Education Committee

Board of Directors and Secretary, Tennessee Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (2006 – 2009)

Board of Trustees, The Temple – Congregation Ohabai Sholom (2005 – 2008)
President and Legal Advisor, Harvard Club of Middle Tennessee, Inc. (2005 – 2007)
Editorial Committee, Nashville Bar Journal (2004-2006)
Listed on Tennessee Bar Association Pro Bono Honor Roll (2010 – 2013)
Recipient, "Contributor of the Year Award," Nashville Bar Journal (2005)