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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA
Professor of Law, August 2020–Present
Associate Professor of Law, August 2017–August 2020

Valparaiso University Law School, Valparaiso, IN
Assistant Professor of Law, August 2015–August 2017

Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL
Bruce R. Jacob Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, July 2013–July 2015

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

The Honorable Jay S. Bybee, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Las Vegas, NV
Law Clerk, August 2009–August 2010

LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

Death in a Pandemic: Funeral Practices and Industry Disruption, 70 UCLA L. REV. (forthcoming 2022).

Electronic Wills and Digital Assets: Reassessing Formality in the Digital Age, 71 BAYLOR L. REV. 547 (2019).

Minors and Digital Asset Succession, 104 IOWA L. REV. 1699 (2019).

Property Interests in Digital Assets: The Rise of Digital Feudalism, 38 CARDOZO L. REV. 1099 (2017).

Death and Privacy in the Digital Age, 94 N.C. L. REV. 927 (2016).

Inherit the Cloud: The Role of Private Contracts in Distributing or Deleting Digital Assets at Death, 83 FORDHAM L. REV. 799 (2014).

Substantive Due Process in Exile: The Supreme Court's Original Interpretation of the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, 13 WYO. L. REV. 151 (2013).

Death by a Thousand Cuts or Hard Bargaining?: How the Supreme Court's Indecision in Wilkie v. Robbins Improperly Eviscerates the Bivens Action, 23 *BYU J. PUB. L.* 119 (2008).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Digital Asset Planning for Minors, 33 *PROBATE & PROP.* n.1, 44 (Jan/Feb 2019).

Estate Planning for your Digital Assets, *THE CONVERSATION*, Feb. 7, 2018.

EDUCATION

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
J.D., summa cum laude, April 2009

- Class Rank: 1 of 150
- Editor-in-Chief, *Brigham Young University Law Review*
- Order of the Coif
- Recipient of the John S. Welch Award for Outstanding Legal Writing

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
B.S., magna cum laude and University Honors, April 2006

- Valedictorian of the School of Social Work
- Honors Thesis: *Debating Reform: An Analysis of Various Proposals for Social Security Reform*
- Academic full-tuition scholarship

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Trusts and Estates in Society, AALS Trusts and Estates Section, virtual panel (January 2022).

Minors and Digital Asset Succession, AALS New Perspectives in Trusts and Estates, Washington, D.C. (January 2020).

Digital Assets and Digital Wills, Faculty Exchange, University of Kansas Law School, KS (April 2019).

Reassessing What Will Formality Means in the Digital Age, Chicagoland Junior Scholars Works in Progress Conference, II (October 2018).

Redefining Minors' Property Interests in Digital Assets, Visiting Scholars Exchange, Marquette University Law School, WI (February 2018).

Property Interests in Digital Assets, AALS Property Section Junior Scholars Session, NY (January 2016).

The Rise of Digital Feudalism, CSLSA Scholarship Conference, University of Toledo College of Law, OH (October 2015).

Privacy after Death, Eleventh Circuit Legal Scholarship Forum, Stetson University College of Law, FL (December 2014).

Inherit the Cloud, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL (August 2014).

Digital Assets and Private Contracts, Eleventh Circuit Legal Scholarship Forum, Stetson University College of Law, FL (November 2013).

CLE PRESENTATIONS

The Future of Estate Planning Documents, Iowa Academy of Trusts and Estates, Des Moines, IA (November 2022).

Ethics in Trusts and Estates, Probate Seminar, University of Iowa College of Law and the Iowa State Bar Association, Des Moines, IA (September 2022).

The Tiny House Movement: The Advantages, Challenges, and Future of Tiny Houses in Iowa, Real Estate Transactions Seminar, Drake Law School Continuing Legal Education Program, Des Moines, IA (April 2022).

Wills & Trusts Update, General Practice Review, Drake Law School Continuing Legal Education, Des Moines, IA (December 2021).

Ethics for Practitioners in a Digital World, Iowa Academy of Trusts and Estates, Des Moines, IA (November 2021).

Wills & Trusts Update, General Practice Review, Iowa State Bar, Des Moines, IA (December 2020).

Protecting Digital Assets After Death, Drake Law School Continuing Legal Education Program, Des Moines, IA (September 2019).

Estate Planning to Protect Your Online Life After Death, Financial Planning Association of Minnesota, MN (July 2019).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Covington & Burling LLP, Washington, DC
Associate, October 2010–May 2013

Summer Associate, May 2008–August 2008

- Member of the Mass Tort Litigation and Consumer Litigation Groups

- Member of trial team representing BP in civil litigation arising from Deepwater Horizon incident
- Researched issues arising from a company's extortion payments, including mass tort claims under the Alien Tort Statute
- Drafted tort justice reform on behalf of multinational companies
- Volunteered at the D.C. Bar Landlord Tenant Resource Center to assist self-represented individuals understand, prepare, and present cases in court

DibbsBarker, Sydney, Australia

Legal Extern, July 2007–August 2007

- Researched commercial legal issues involving corporate leadership liability, Sydney Harbor developments, and property disputes

Justice Jill Parrish, Utah Supreme Court, Salt Lake City, UT

Judicial Intern, May 2007–June 2007

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Interviewed on variety of radio programs including Iowa Public Radio, River to River, and Talk of Iowa.

Interviewed for articles in the Atlantic, El Pais, and IPR News.

COURSES TAUGHT

Wills and Trusts: 2013–Present

Property: 2013–Present

Federal Income Tax: 2017–Present

Family Law: 2016

Employment Law: 2016

Damages and Equity: 2016

Administrative Law: 2014

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia (2010, active)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2010, active)

California (2009, active)

Iowa (2018, honorary membership)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Chair of the Association of American Law Schools Trusts and Estates Section (2022–2023)

Executive Member of the Association of American Law Schools Trusts and Estates Section (2018–Present)

Executive Member of the Association of American Law Schools Real Property Section
(2015–Present)

Member of Iowa State Bar Title Standards Committee (2019–Present)

Member of Iowa State Bar Association Probate, Trust & Estate Planning Section Council
(2021–Present)