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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW – July 2008 to Present

Executive Director of Experiential Education (2013-2021)

Clinical Professor – Awarded Tenure 2012 (2012-Present)

Assoc. Clinical Professor (2008-2012)

Courses taught:

- Community Law Clinic* (Fall and Spring since 2008)
- Evidence* (Fall since 2011)
- Poverty Law* (Spring since 2010)
- Veterans Legal Clinic* (Fall and Spring 2013-2018)
- Microtrade Development Clinic* (in Nicaragua, Spring 2010-2019)
- Business Law Concepts* (Spring 2014-2015)
- Carolina & Global Externship* (Spring/Summer 2013-2019)
- Nonprofit Organizations* (Fall 2008 – 2014)

Administrative: As Executive Director of Experiential Education, I was charged with helping maximize the quality, quantity, and impact of Wake Law's clinical and experiential education programs. I worked to expand clinical and field placement opportunities for Wake Law students, develop a broad and committed culture for public engagement, and create an infrastructure for student practice in all of its forms.

Developed and supervised three clinics (Community Law Clinic, Veterans Law Clinic, Microtrade Development Clinic) and two field placements (Carolina Externship and Global Externship).

Created and supervised a practice incubator (The Piedmont Law Center) for recent graduates launching solo or small firm practice (2009-2017), which I began in response to the Great Recession.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Director (2009 – 2014)

Founding Director: <http://ipe.wfu.edu>.

2001-2008 CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Omaha, NE

Assoc. Professor (2008)

Clinical Professor (2001-2007)

Director, Community Economic Development Clinic (Founder) (2001-2008)

Courses taught: *Community Economic Development Clinic*
 Non-profit Corporations
 Philosophy of Law

Grants awarded: USDA RCBG (\$450,000)
 US Dept of Commerce (\$300,000)
 Kellogg Foundation (\$300,000)
Recognition: U.S. Dept of Commerce, Excellence in Economic
 Development – one of three nationally (2007)

2003-2005 NEBRASKA LEGAL AID SOCIETY, Omaha, NE

**Director of Community Economic Development Program, Attorney
(Joint position with Creighton University)**

Represented community-based development organizations in rural communities and in Tribal Lands on issues related to housing and business development.

EDUCATION

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, Cleveland, OH

J.D. 1994 *cum laude*

Scholarship recipient each of three years.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, Annapolis, MD

B.A. 1988 *honors*

Student Body President – 1987-1988

AWARDS

Black Law Student Association, Leadership Award, Wake Forest University School of Law,
2016

Judge Branch Excellence in Teaching Law Award, Wake Forest University School of Law
2012

North Carolina Pro Bono Service Award, Legal Aid of North Carolina, 2010

U.S. Dept of Commerce, Recognition for Excellence in Community Development, 2007

Sierra Club, Pro Bono Service Award, 2005

Equal Justice Fellow, Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest, Omaha, NE, 2001-2003

Biskind Fellowship, Legal Aid Society, Cleveland, Ohio 1994

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio 1994; U.S. District Court, District of Ohio 1994; Nebraska 1998; U. S. District Court, District of Nebraska 1998; U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit 2005; North Carolina 2008, U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina 2009; U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit 2019; New Mexico (submission pending).

WRITING

Articles:

Few Paths After a Long Journey: The Need for a U.S. Juvenile Immigration Court, 1 Laws 12 (2023)

Cooperative Ownership of LIHTC Affordable Housing Post Year 15, 31 ABA Journal of Affordable Housing & Community Development Law 117 (2022)

The Role of Experiential Learning on a Law Student's Sense of Professional Identity, 51 Wake L. Rev 1 (2016).

Community Economic Development in Rural America: Strategies for Community-based Collaborative Development, 20 ABA Journal of Affordable Housing & Community Development Law 9 (2012).

Creativity and Feasibility: Applying the IDEO Innovation Process to Current Societal Challenge, International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business, Vol. 13, N 1, page 32 (April 2011).

Books:

Poverty Law and Advocacy in America, Carolina Academic Press (2021) – a casebook on poverty law that integrates social science research with advocacy.

Transactional and Small Business Clinics Handbook, Carolina Academic Press (2019) – a text for law and graduate business students on legal and business challenges facing entrepreneurs.

COMMITTEES and SERVICE

Law School Service:

Experiential Education Committee;

Curriculum Committee;

Chair - Strategic Planning Committee 2019-2021

University Service:

Led the development of a new Masters in Public Administration degree program, to be offered through the School of Professional Studies. Proposal was approved by the Board of Trustees in October 2023.

Co-developed and led the *Certificate in Faith Based Leadership*, a certificate program offered by the School of Divinity, 2015-2019

Developed and led the *Business Essentials for Nonprofit Leaders*, a certificate program offered by the School of Business in Charlotte, 2012-2018

Faculty Senator and Chair of Resource Committee, 2022 – present;

Public Engagement Committee, 2009-present;

Nicaragua Working Group, 2009-2019;

Translational Science Institute Stakeholder Advisory Committee, Baptist Medical Center, Wake Forest University, 2009 - 2012

Professional Service:

North Carolina Bar Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2009 to 2022.

Member, North Carolina Bar Association, Business Law Institute, 2012 to present.

Member, North Carolina Biotech Center Advisory Committee on Ag-Biotech, 2010 to 2016

Board Member, Arbor Acres, 2014 to 2018

Board Member, Cobblestone Farmers Market, 2011 to 2016

Board Member, Sierra Club, 2004-2009. Served on CAFO and agriculture committees.

Advisory Board Member, Avenue Fellows Foundation, Omaha, NE 2005-2010

Founder and Board Member, Great Plains Environmental Law Center, Omaha, NE 2003-2008

Member, Archdiocese of Cleveland, Committee for Social Justice, Cleveland, OH 1992-1998

Member, Environmental Protection Agency, Brownfields Rule Writing Committee,
1994-1996

Community Service:

Law Office of Steven M. Virgil, PLLC, Omaha, NE 2001-2008 and Winston Salem, NC – 2009-present. A pro bono practice representing low-income individuals facing housing loss, children in immigration and asylum proceedings, and cooperatives.

Community Engagement:

I regularly present to community groups in North Carolina on topics related to business development, entrepreneurship, and the nonprofit sector.