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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2010 – Present

DIRECTOR, SMALL ENTREPRENEUR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SEED) LEGAL CLINIC

SUPERVISION of law students and work directly as a legal advisor with start-up businesses

COLLABORATION as part of the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem with the following organizations:

Ohio Small Business Development Centers, the Urban League, SCORE, the Akron Global Business Accelerator, the Austin BioInnovation Institute, Jumpstart, the University of Akron Research Foundation, Summit County Developmental Disabilities' Microenterprise Program, Center for Nonprofit Excellence-BVU, Kent State University Entrepreneurial Program and others

DEVELOPMENT of nonprofit foundation funding and external support for an Entrepreneurial Law Fellowship and the Entrepreneur in Residence

INSTRUCTION teaching courses at the University of Akron School of Law and College of Business including:

Contracts, Legal Landmines for Entrepreneurs, Professional Responsibility, Evidence, Employment Law, Labor Law, Negotiations and Labor Arbitration

2008 – 2010

VISITING PROFESSOR, University of Cincinnati College of Law

2007 – 2008

VISITING PROFESSOR, Rutgers School of Law, Newark, NJ
Professor of the Year

1994 – 2007

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, University of Akron School of Law
Quine Outstanding Adjunct Professor

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1981 – 2007

ATTORNEY & PARTNER, Roetzel & Andress, law firm with over 200 attorneys, primary practice in Ohio and Florida

REPRESENTATION of major corporations (including clients First Energy, Metro Regional Transit Authority, Akron General Medical Center, Akron-Canton Subcontractors Association and Babcock & Wilcox) and small businesses in a variety of employment and commercial law matters

Extensive experience in contract negotiations and dispute mediation

Litigation and trial advocacy in both Federal and State Courts

2008 - Present

ARBITRATOR with the American Arbitration Association

1979 – 1981

LAW CLERK, Justice Paul Brown, Ohio Supreme Court

PUBLICATIONS

"Shift Happens," SMALL BUSINESS CLEVELAND, October, 2012

"The Changing Landscape for Legal Malpractice Claims in Ohio," OHIO LAWYER MAGAZINE 11 Sept/Oct (2009)

"A New Methodology for Testing Permissible Communications in the Workplace," MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW 1023 (2008)

"Fair Coverage in Internal Union Periodicals," Volume 4, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS LAW JOURNAL 204, University of California at Berkeley (1980)

"Multiple Criminal Representation Examined," 40 OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL 251 (1979)

AWARDS AND HONORS

The Best Lawyers in America, 2005 – 2009

"Ohio Super Lawyer," Law & Politics & Cincinnati Magazine, 2004-2010

"America's Leading Business Lawyers," Chambers & Partners

Invited Board Member, Ohio State Bar Association, Specialty Certification – Labor & Employment

Invited Board Member, Ohio Management Lawyers Association

EDUCATION

1979

J.D., HONORS – The Ohio State University College of Law,
Ohio State Law Journal Staff

1976

B.A., POLITICAL SCIENCE – The University of Akron

COMMUNITY SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

MEMBER – City of Stow, Charter Review Commission & Civil Service Commission (Chair)

BOARD MEMBER – Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

BOARD MEMBER – Akron Urban League

VARIOUS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS – Akron Bar Association

PRESIDENT & BOARD MEMBER – Evant Nonprofit Corporation

BOARD MEMBER – Community Support Services

BOARD MEMBER – Trustees and Finance Committees, Stow United Methodist Church

BOARD MEMBER AND TREASURER – Stow Library Foundation

CURRENT POSITIONS

LIAISON FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON LAW SCHOOL – Akron Bar Association Board of Trustees

BOARD MEMBER—PROJECT LEARN

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER – Summit Developmental Disabilities' Microenterprise

BOARD MEMBER – Advisory Board to the Partnership for the Minority Business Accelerator

COMMITTEE MEMBER – Various committees at the University of Akron School Of Law

REFERENCES

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