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Date of Birth: September 13, 1943

Education: Harvard College, A.B. 1964
University of Chicago, J.D., 1967;
University of Chicago, M.A. (education) 1968.

Professional Employment:

Northwestern University School of Law
Professor, 1979 - present
Associate Professor, 1976-79
Visiting Assistant Professor, 1975-76

Staff attorney-clinical fellow, Mandel Legal
Clinic, University of Chicago Law School, 1971-75

Attorney, Appeals and Review Division of
Corporation Counsel of City of Chicago, 1970-71

Attorney, Legislative Services Branch of National
Institute of Mental Health, 1968-70.

Courses taught: legal clinic, education law, civil procedure, trial practice, pre-trial practice, civil rights litigation, negotiations, practicum in judicial clerking and in domestic violence litigation.

Law School and University administrative duties and committees: Chair, Northwestern University General Faculty Committee (2007-08); Member, Northwestern University General Faculty Committee (1999-2002; 2005-2009); Chair, Faculty Senate Committee to revise the Faculty Handbook, 2011 and 2000; past chair of Law School Curriculum Committee; Faculty advisor to Law School moot court programs (1978-present), Elected Member of Law School Faculty Advisory Committee (2003-05);

Member of the Illinois Bar; also admitted to practice before the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and the

United States Supreme Court.

Professional Association Positions:

Chair, Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, Chicago Council of Lawyers, (1998-2007).

Member, Accreditation Committee of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association (1994-1996).

Chair, Skills Training Committee of the ABA Section of Legal Education (1989-1993).

Member, Bar Admissions Committee of the ABA Section of Legal Education (1992-1998).

Member, Committee on Professional Development of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) (1988-1991).

Chair, AALS Section on Teaching Methods (1993); Teaching Methods Section Executive Committee (1991-1994)

Member, Executive Committee of the Section on Clinical Legal Education of the AALS (term 1988-1991).

Co-chair of the Committee on the Future of the In-House Clinic of the Section on Clinical Legal Education of the AALS, 1986-1988.

Member of three AALS workshop planning committees.

Publications:

“The Case Against Collaborative Learning in the First Year Legal Research, Writing and Analysis Course,” Perspectives, Vol. 13, Issue 3 (2005)(approximately 18 pages).

“A Legal Services-Law School Clinic Collaborative Program For The Representation Of Clients And the Education Of Law Students,” Management Information Exchange Journal, Vol. XIV, No. 1, Spring, 2000. (47-50). solicited

“The Governmental Maintenance of the Privileges of Legal Academia: A Case Study in Classic Rent-Seeking and A Challenge to our Democratic Values,” 15 St. John’s J. Legal Commentary 269 (2001).

"Why and How the Practicing Bar Must Rescue American Legal Education from the

Misguided Priorities of American Legal Academia," 64 Tenn. L. R. 1135 (1997).

"The Regulation of Legal Education and the Potential for Implementing the MacCrate Report's Recommendations for Curricular Reform," 1 Clinical L. R. 1201 (1994).

"The Case Against Legal Scholarship, Or If the Profession Must Publish, Must the Profession Perish?" 39 J. Legal Educ. 343 (1989).

"Suing to Make Schools Effective, or How to Make a Bad Situation Worse: A Response to Ratner," 63 Texas L.R.889 (1985).

Book review of Corporal Punishment in American Education: Readings in History, Practice and Alternatives, reviewed in 88 American Journal of Education 529 (1980).

"Balancing Costs in Constitutional Construction: The Burger Court's Expansive New Approach," 17 American Criminal L.R. 160 (1979).

"A Common Law Remedy for the Educational Harms Caused by Incompetent or Careless Teaching," 73 Northwestern Univ. Law Rev., 641 (1978).

Book review of The Courts and Education: The Seventy-Seventh Yearbook of the National Society for the Study of Education, Part I, reviewed in 87 School Review 82 (1978).

"State Regulation of Nonpublic Schools: The Legal Framework," in D. Erickson (ed.), Public Controls for Nonpublic Schools (U. Chicago, 1969).

Presentations:

Speaker, Central States Law Schools Association Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. October, 1999 on "The Governmental Maintenance of the Privileges of Legal Academia: a Case Study in Classic Rent-seeking and a Challenge to our Democratic Ideology."

Speaker, Symposium on clinical education and the legal profession, University of Tennessee College of Law, October, 1997.

Discussion leader at faculty retreat at Ohio State University School of Law, April, 1992, on innovations in law teaching.

Faculty colloquium at Washington and Lee University, September, 1991 on experimental, normative legal scholarship.

Presentations at ABA training programs for site inspection team leaders and law school administrators on the inspection of law schools' professional skills programs, 1989, 1991

and 1995.

Presentations at Midwest Clinical Teachers Conferences on the future of clinical scholarship (1991), curriculum reform and the MacCrate Task Force Report (1993) and the risks and rewards of cause litigation (2009).

Presentation at Executive Committee Program during the AALS annual meeting in 1989 on "The Case Against Legal Scholarship."

Some Significant Legal Clinic Cases:

Carey v. Phipus, 435 U.S. 247 (1978)(wrote brief and argued)

Scott v. Illinois, 440 U.S. 367 (1979)(wrote brief and argued)

Finley v. Murray, 456 US 604 (1982)(wrote brief and argued)

Hughes v. Rowe, 449 U.S. 5 (1980)(decided on basis of my petition for certiorari)

Corey H. v. Board of Ed. Of City of Chicago, 995 F.Supp. 900 (N.D. Ill. 1998).

Donnell C. v. Illinois State Board of Education, 829 F. Supp. 1016 (N.D. Ill. 1993)

In re Pagano, 154 Ill.2d 174 (1992)

Suppressed v. Suppressed, 206 Ill. App.3d 918 (1st Dist. 1990)

Consultations and Inspections:

Consultant on clinical programs and/or clinical faculty promotion at Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis (1994); Yale Law School (1992); University of Pittsburgh School of Law (1988), Vanderbilt School of Law (1999) and University of Michigan School of Law (2000).

Member of 19 ABA and/or AALS law school site inspection teams since 1988, most recently Columbia Law School (Oct. 2010).

Awards

William Pincus Award by the Clinical Section of the American Association of Law Schools in January, 2008 for law teacher who has "demonstrated excellence in service, scholarship, program design and implementation and other activities beneficial to clinical education or to the advancement of justice."

Distinguished public service Award by the Public Interest Law Initiative, (PILI), December, 1997