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CURRENT POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Law, LIBERTY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Lynchburg, Virginia

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY COLLEGE OF LAW, Lexington, Kentucky
Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude, 5th in Class, 2001

- Member, Kentucky Law Journal and Order of the Coif
- Recipient of Ashland, Inc. Legal Scholarship; McReynolds Club Best Oral Argument Award; CALI Award for Excellence in Bankruptcy, Law and Economics, State and Local Taxation, and International Taxation; and numerous Kentucky Law Journal awards.
- Served as research assistant to (1) Professor Rutheford B. Campbell, Jr., on his articles *The Impact of Modern Finance Theory in Acquisition Cases*, 53 SYRACUSE L. REV. 1 (2003), reproduced in part in 45 CORPORATE PRACTICE COMMENTATOR 605 (Robert Thompson, ed.) and *The Overwhelming Case for Elimination of the Integration Doctrine Under the Securities Acts of 1933*, 89 KY. L.J. 289 (2001) and (2) Professor Richard A. Westin on a portion of his book INTERNATIONAL TAXATION OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE (Kluwer 2000).

LIBERTY BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Lynchburg, Virginia
Postgraduate Studies, 2009-2010

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, Richmond, Kentucky
Bachelors of Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude, Accounting, 1998

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Positions

Associate Professor of Law, LIBERTY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Lynchburg, Virginia,
January 2007 – Present

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law, LIBERTY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Lynchburg, Virginia, January 2006 – December 2006

Assistant Professor of Business, LIBERTY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, Lynchburg, Virginia, July 2005 – December 2006

Law School Courses Taught (*Teaching or Soon to be Taught*)

Lawyering Skills IV (Business Planning Portion), Spring 2006 and 2007
Lawyering Skills III (Business Planning Portion), Fall 2009 (2 Sections) and *Fall 2010 (2 Sections)*
Secured Transactions, Fall 2006 and 2007
Bankruptcy, Fall 2006
Business Associations, Spring 2007 and 2008, Fall 2009 (2 Sections), and *Fall 2010 (2 Sections)*
Payment Systems, Spring 2007
Business Planning, Spring 2008, 2009, 2010 *and 2011*
Taxation of Individuals, Fall 2008
Securities Regulation, Fall 2008
Mergers & Acquisitions, Spring 2009
Legal History, Spring 2010

Business School Courses Taught

Business Law, Undergraduate
Advanced Business Law for Accountants, Graduate
Tax Research and Jurisprudence, Graduate
Legal Issues in Business, Graduate
Accounting for Decision Makers, Graduate

Committee Assignments

Curriculum, 2007 – Present
Judicial Clerkship, 2007
Admissions, 2007 – Present
Student-Faculty Relations, 2007 – Present (Chair, 2008 – Present)

Other Responsibilities

Secretary, Law Faculty, 2007 – Present
Self-Study, 2007 – Present
Member, Liberty University Graduate Library Committee, 2007 – 2008
Member, Group Working on Joint Degrees, Primary Contact for School of Business Joint Degrees, 2007 – Present
Member, Group Working on Paralegal Program, 2008 – Present

Final Round Judge, Negotiation Tournament, Spring 2008
Guest Lecturer on Law and Economics for Foundations of Law Class, Spring 2008
Speaker, Law School Convocation, Spring 2008
Speaker on Contracts, TeenPact, Summer 2009
Speaker on Contracts, Business Law, and Becoming an Attorney, TeenPact, Summer 2010

RESEARCH, WRITING AND SCHOLARSHIP

Published Law Review and Related Legal Articles

LLCs as the New King of the Hill: An Empirical Study of the Number of New LLCs, Corporations, and LPs Formed in the United States Between 2004-2007 and How LLCs Were Taxed For Tax Years 2002-2006, 15 FORDHAM J. CORP. & FIN. L. 459 (2010).

Reports on empirical research from the states and the District of Columbia on the number of new LLCs, corporations, and limited partnerships formed clearly demonstrating that the LLC is the dominant choice among for new business entities in America. Also reports on empirical research on how LLCs are being taxed.

***Stoneridge v. Scientific-Atlanta: Do Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 Require a Misstatement or Omission?*, 26 QUINNIAC L. REV. 839 (2008).** Discusses authority prior to the *Stoneridge* opinion in favor of answering the question in the affirmative and the *Stoneridge* opinion itself.

***Note, "Bright Line," "Substantial Participation," or Something Else: Who is a Primary Violator Under Rule 10b-5?*, 89 KY. L.J. 201 (2001).** Supports the "Bright Line" test and posits the reasonable investor standard for determining whether a secondary actor made a misstatement or omission.

- Awarded the Colvin P. Rouse Kentucky Law Journal Award for Best Note.

***Protecting the Great Riches of Your Client's Good Name: Kentucky Tradename Infringement Law*, 65 KENTUCKY BENCH & BAR 25 (November 2001).** Discussing the importance and elements of a tradename infringement cause of action in Kentucky.

- Awarded first place in the Kentucky Bar Association Student Writing Competition.

Scholarly Presentations

Religiously-Affiliated Law Schools Conference 2010, at Brigham Young Law School, Provo, Utah. ***"Seeking Filthy Lucre: The Historic Christian Teaching on the Goodness of Commercial Activity as the Overarching Purpose of the UCC."***

Published Law Review and Related Legal Articles

***"Is Money Evil?"*, EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN 8 (April/May 2010).** Argues that money is basically a good gift from God despite the fact that it is often used for evil.

***Health Care Reform: A Legal Perspective*, 33 HERITAGE HERALD 1 (May 2010).** Argues that the most disturbing part of the recent health care reform act is its threat to religious liberty due to the increased size of and dependence upon the civil government.

LEGAL PRACTICE

Solo Practitioner (2002 – 2005)

RODNEY D. CHRISMAN, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Richmond, Berea, and Irvine, Kentucky

- Represented primarily businesses and business owners in various areas of law including business organization, finance, operation, and dissolution; business and tax planning; business and tax disputes; commercial and real estate transactions; and mergers and acquisitions.

Associate Attorney (2001 – 2002)

STOLL, KEENON & PARK, LLP

Lexington, Kentucky

- Worked primarily in the Corporate and Bankruptcy departments representing businesses and business owners in various areas of law including corporate reorganization and restructuring; business and tax planning; securities regulation and offerings; mergers and acquisitions; and business and commercial litigation.

PAST EMPLOYMENT

Controller (1997 – 1998)

BLUEGRASS WIRE HARNESS, INC.

Richmond/Berea, Kentucky

- Designed new accounting system which included switching to a new accounting software package; designed a spreadsheet file for preparation of a complete set of financial statements; and engaged in budgeting and forecasting. Gained extensive experience in all aspects of accounting for a small business including bookkeeping, accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, cash management, and tax planning.

Staff Accountant (1996 – 1997)

SMALL, JONES & RITCHIE, PSC

Richmond, Kentucky

- Worked on audits, bookkeeping, tax returns, and maintained the firm's computer systems.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND LICENSES

American Bar Association, 2006 – Present

Federalist Society of Law and Public Policy, 2005 – Present

State Bar of Kentucky (Licensed to Practice), 2001 – Present

Admitted to Practice Before the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, United States Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and all the Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

PERSONAL DATA

Ordained as a Minister of the Gospel, 2002

Married (Heather) with six children (Sierra, Alexis, Victoria, Elijah, Samuel, and Abraham)

Members at and Attending Heritage Baptist Church and the shepherd of Marriage Builders

Adult Bible Fellowship Class

Serving on the Deacon Board of Heritage Baptist Church since August 2009

Teaches Wednesday night electives at Heritage Baptist Church including The Truth Project®, a worldview video seminar produced by Focus on the Family®, Malachi Series, and Marriage small-group study

Helping with Amendments to Heritage Baptist Church's Bylaws, Constitution, and Articles of Incorporation

Presented at Heritage Baptist Church's Ministry Training Workshop on the current state of American culture and reaching Millennials and Generation X'ers with the Gospel