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**Education**

***Yale Law School***, New Haven Connecticut, Juris Doctor, 1989

***University of Memphis***, Memphis, Tennessee, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, 1986,

*Summa cum laude* with Honors

**Academic Employment**

***University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law***, Memphis, Tennessee

Bredesen Professor of Law 2024

Associate Professor (with tenure) 2017-present

Director of Faculty Development 2018-2020

Assistant Professor 2010-2017

Visiting Assistant Professor 2000-2001 and 2008-2010

Adjunct Professor 1999-2000 and 2002-2008

*Courses Taught*: Contracts I; Contracts II; Family Law; Commercial Law: Secured Transactions; Sports Law Seminar; Trust Law; Estate Planning and Transfer Taxation; Decedents’ Estates; Business Organizations (including Agency & Partnership); NonProfit Organizations; Advanced Family Law Seminar: Reproductive Rights

***University of Memphis***, Memphis, Tennessee

Faculty Athletics Representative to NCAA 2015-present

***University of Mississippi School of Law***, Oxford, Mississippi

Visiting Adjunct Professor Spring 2022

**Scholarship and Presentations**

***Law Review Articles***:

*The Day the Fight Song Died: The Alston Concurrence that Became the Playbook,*

The University of Memphis Law Review, Symposium Edition: (How Much) Should We Pay Them? The Shifting Legal Landscape of Collegiate Competition (Summer 2023)

*Specialty: How Pets Unleashed a New Classification of Property,*

Gonzaga Law Review, Volume 58.2 (2022/2023)

*Preserving Procreative Potential with a SmART Prenuptial Agreement,*

FIU Law Review, Volume 15.2 (Spring 2021)

*The Long Arm’s Inappropriate Embrace*

St. John’s Law Review, Volume 91.1 (Spring 2017)

*The Birth of a Parent: Defining Parentage for Lenders of Genetic Material*

Nebraska Law Review, Volume 92.4 (June 2014)

***Book Chapter:***

Khabbaz v. Comm’r Soc. Sec. Admin., 930 A.2d 1180 (N.H.2007), included as Chapter 11 in

Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Trusts and Estates Opinions (Deborah S. Gordon et al. eds., 2020)

***Other Publications:***

*Judicial Review Prevails Over Judicial Activism in Dobbs*, Memphis Lawyer Magazine by The Memphis Bar Association, Volume 39, Issue 3 (Fall 2022)

Guest Column, Opinion*: A Local Professor on Why She Supports the Overturning of Roe v. Wade*, The Daily Memphian, June 25, 2022, available at dailymemphian.com/section/opinionguest-columnists/article/29497/memphis-opinion-law-professor-

***Presentations***:

Presenter, *Beyond Dartmouth: Student-Athletes as Employees and the Future of Collective Bargaining on Campus,* Memphis Bar Association Young Lawyers’ Division, Memphis Tennessee, March 28, 2024

Presenter, *A Conversation about NIL: The Modern Age of Sports,* Sports and Entertainment Law Society, University of Memphis School of Law, March 18, 2024

Moderator, *Law and Policy Update on Collegiate Athletics,* FARA (Faculty Athletics Representatives Association) Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 16, 2023

Presenter, *The Shifting Legal Landscape of Collegiate Competition: NIL Wrap-Up*

(with William W. Berry III, Montague Professor of Law University of Mississippi School of Law), The University of Memphis Law Review 2023 Symposium, Memphis, Tennessee, February 24, 2023

Presenter, *ART and Reproductive Rights After Dobbs*, General Body Meeting of the Association for Woman Attorneys, Law School Chapter, University of Memphis School of Law, September 27, 2022

Moderator, *Updates on the Transformation Committee,* FARA (Faculty Athletics Representatives Association) Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 4, 2022

Presenter, *Looking Ahead: How Will NIL Affect Student-Athlete Academic Performance?*, LEAD1 Virtual Forum, July 19, 2021

Presenter, *Planning Before Marriage for Birth After Death (or Divorce) Is Less Complicated Than It Sounds,* Estate Planning Council of Middle Tennessee, March 1, 2021

Presenter, *Baby Steps in Surrogacy Law,* Memphis Bar Association 2019 Bench Bar Conference, Destin, Florida

Presenter, *Sacrificing Students on the Altar of Athletics: Lessons from O’Bannon v. NCAA,* St. Mary’s University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas, as part of the South Central Association of Law Schools’ Scholar Exchange, January 30, 2017

Presenter, *Legal Threats to Amateurism in College Sports*, Memphis Bar Association, 2016 Bench Bar Conference, Destin, Florida September 1-4, 2016

Presenter, *The Long Arm’s Inappropriate Embrace*, Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as part of the South Central Association of Law Schools’ Scholar Exchange, February 19, 2016

Presenter, *The Birth of a Parent: Defining Parentage for Lenders of Genetic Material*, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, Greece, 11th Annual International Conference on Law, July 14-17, 2014, Athens, Greece

Discussant, *Designing an Estate Planning Class*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2014 Annual Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, August 1-7, 2014

Presenter and Co-author, *Intersection of Divorce and Bankruptcy*, 26th Annual Memphis Bar Association Bankruptcy Section Seminar, Memphis, Tennessee, October 26, 2012

Presenter, *New Scholars Workshop*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2012 Annual Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, July 29-August 4, 2012

Discussant, *Things We Like, and Dislike, About Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code-Organization, Substance, Style; Mysteries, Puzzles and Problems*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2012 Annual Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, July 29-August 4, 2012

Presenter, *Minimizing Client Estate Taxes With Plans That Work*, National Business Institute, Memphis, Tennessee, October 2008

Presenter and Co-author, *Fundamental Principles of Will Drafting*, Drafting Effective Wills and Trusts*,* National Business Institute, Memphis, Tennessee, November 2006

Presenter and Co-author, *The Probate Process From Start to Finish in Tennessee*, National Business Institute, Memphis, Tennessee, 2005

Presenter and Co-author, *The Nuts and Bolts of Will Drafting*, Tennessee Estate Planning and Drafting Fundamentals, National Business Institute, Memphis, Tennessee, 2004

Presenter and Co-author, *Understanding Basic Probate Tax Procedures*, Estate Planning and Probate for the Paralegal/Legal Assistant in Tennessee, Institute for Paralegal Education, Memphis, Tennessee, 2002

***Podcasts:***

Memphis Law Show Cause - Episode 17: Game Over or Changing the Game? Employment Status and Name, Image, & Likeness (NIL), May 16, 2024

Memphis Law Show Cause - Episode 1: Name, Image, & Likeness (NIL), October 6, 2021

**Legal Employment**

***Black, McLaren, Jones, Ryland & Griffee, P.C.,*** Memphis, Tennessee

Of Counsel 1997-2000, 2010-present

Associate 2001-2010

***Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP***, New York, New York

Associate 1989-1994

Summer Associate 1988

***The Honorable Edward R. Becker***

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Summer Judicial Clerk 1987

***Burch, Porter & Johnson, PLLC***, Memphis, Tennessee

Summer Law Clerk 1987

**Bar Admissions**

State of Tennessee (1996)

State of New York (1990)

**Law School Service**

Faculty Senate, 2022-2024

Director of Faculty Development, 2018-2020

***Law School Committee Service***

• Ad Hoc Bar Exam Task Force

2015 (chair)

2015-2016

• Ad Hoc Externship Committee

2010-2011

• Curriculum Committee

2011-2012

2012-2013

2013-2014

• Dean’s Advisory Committee

2012-2013 (elected)

2014-2015 (elected)

2016-2017 (elected)

2017-2018 (elected)

2019-2020 (elected)

2021-2022 (elected)

2023-2024 (elected)

• Diversity Committee (selecting Access and Diversity Scholar)

2010-2011

• Faculty Recruitment Committee

2010-2011

2011-2012

2012-2013

2014-2015

2018-2019

• Honors and Awards Committee

2012-2013 (elected)

2013-2014 (elected)

2014-2015 (elected)

2015-2016 (elected)

2016-2017 (elected)

2017-2018 (elected)

2018-2019 (elected)

• Humphreys Selection Committee

2017-2018

2018-2019 (Chair)

2019-2020 (Chair)

• Promotion & Tenure Committee

2020-2021 (Ramsey-Mason)

2021-2022 (Mentor, Hillman)

2023-2024 (Gipson)

2024-2025 (Mentor, Kerley)

• Teaching Assignments Committee

2012-2013 (elected)

2014-2015 (elected)

2018-2019 (elected)

***Law School Programs***

• Faculty Advisor, University of Memphis Law Review Symposium (February 2023)

• Weigh-In Wednesday Bar Preparation (Summer 2021- Summer 2024)

• Orientation Small-Group Instructor: Critical Reading, Case-Briefing, and Post-Class Reflection Sessions (August 2017)

• Guest Speaker, Sports & Entertainment Law Society, “The Law of College Athletics” (September 11, 2017)

• Guest Speaker, Federal Bar Association and Sports & Entertainment Law Society, “Bracketing Amateurism: Will the Madness March On?” (April 4, 2017)

• Moderator, Tennessee Bar Prep Workshop (April 2015)

• Faculty Scholarship Presentation, sponsored by the Law Review and SBA (September 30, 2014)

• Moderator, BLSA Domestic Abuse Panel (October 6, 2014)

• Faculty Panel, Open House for Admitted Students Reception (April 13, 2013)

• Guest Speaker, Public Action Law Society, Alternative Spring Break (March 2011)

***Other Law School Service***

• *Donor to SBA Auction*, 2009-present

• *Faculty Advisor, Sports and Entertainment Law Society*

• *Faculty Advisor, Memphis Law* + 1

• *Independent Research Student’s Advisor*

◦ Jake A. Kasser, 2013, *Differentiating Enterprise Goodwill from Personal Goodwill in Divorce*

• *Honor Council Appellate Panel*, 2013-2014 (selected by the Dean)

• *Judged:*

◦ National Moot Court, January 17, 2024

◦ ABA National Advocacy Team, 2023

◦ Freshman Moot Court, April 10, 2023

◦ ABA Law School Student Tax Challenge, January 2022

◦ ABA Moot Court Team, February 24, 2021

◦ National Moot Court, November 4, 2020

◦ National Moot Court, November 14, 2019

◦ ABA Moot Court, February 20 and March 25, 2019

◦ ABA Law School Student Tax Challenge, January 2019

◦ ABA Moot Court Travel Team, February 2018

◦ National ABA Tax Competition, 2018

◦ Advanced Moot Court, October 18, 2017

◦ Mock Trial Competition, February 21, 2017

◦ Freshman Moot Court, March 27, 2017

◦ Advanced Moot Court, October 21, 2016

◦ Freshman Moot Court, April 5, 2016

◦ Moot Court Travel Team, February 5, 2016

◦ Moot Court Travel Team, November 6, 2015

◦ Advanced Moot Court, October 30, 2015

◦ ABA Moot Court, February 21, 2014

◦ Moot Court Travel Team, February 14, 2013

◦ Duberstein Moot Court Dress Rehearsal with the Honorable David Kennedy, March 6, 2012

◦ Moot Court Travel Team, February 8, 2012

◦ Advanced Moot Court, November 7, 2012

• *Judicial Externship Advisor*

◦ Faculty Supervisor of six Judicial Externships in Federal District Court, 2011

◦ Faculty Supervisor for one Judicial Externship in State Appellate Court, 2011

◦ Faculty Supervisor for Bankruptcy Externship, 2011

• *Law Review Note Advisor*

◦ Blue Acree, 2023 *Companion Animal Abuse: If Something Does Not Change, You Could Be Next*

◦ Jan Hancock, 2023 *Removing Economic Duress from the NFL’s Franchise Tag*

◦ Alexis C. Hivner, 2022 *Clock-Out or Time-Out: Alston’s Game-Changin Impact on Student-Athletes’ Employment Status and How the NLRB has Fumbled Moving Forward*

◦ April Huntoon, 2021 *What the Doctor Ordered: Reforming Medical Malpractice Statutes to Provide Victims of Physician-Sexual Assault with Adequate Civil Remedies*

◦ Matthew Davidoff, 2021 *Not So Fast: The Supreme Court Whiffed on Amateurism*

◦ Kaley Angus, 2020 *Rolling Back RFRA*

◦ Isabella Goza, 2020 *Reproductive Rights: Calculating Damages for Negligence Associated with Assisted Reproductive Technology*

◦ Dairanetta S. Spain, 2019, *Access Denied: Banning the Monetization of Student-Athlete Biometric Data in College Sports by the NCAA and Third Parties*

◦ Kristen Downey, 2016, *Parental Liabilities and Rights of Sperm Donors in Tennessee*

◦ Hunter Yoches, 2016, *Abortion in Tennessee: A Fetal Two-Step in Dixie*

◦ Brittany Roberts, 2015, *The Natural Parent Presumption in Tennessee: Giving Weight to the Best Interests of the Child to Better Protect Children in Crisis*

◦ Faith Nicole Sanford, 2015, *Assessing the Tennessee Acknowledgement of Paternity Forms for Unwed Parents*

◦ Joshua Bradley, 2014, *Land for the People: Ensuring the Public Interest in Dedicated Land*

◦ Rachel Cade, 2014, *Transgender Marriage in Tennessee: The Exception to Prove the Rule*

◦ Max Klein, 2013, *GALs Gone Wild? Advocating for a New Role of Guardian Ad Litem in Tennessee Child Custody Cases*

◦ Lindsey Gill, 2012, *Double the Parent, Double the Fun: Second Parent Adoptions in Tennessee*

◦ Natalie Malone, 2012, *GPS Monitoring of Domestic Violence Offenders in Tennessee: Generating Problems Surreptitiously*

**University Service**

• Member of President’s Council, 2022-Present

• NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative to NCAA, 2015-present (appointed by the University President)

• Search Committee, Senior Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, University of Memphis, 2023-2024 (appointed by the University President)

• Faculty Senate, 2022-2024 and Chair of Faculty Policies Subcommittee 2023-2024

• Search Committee, Assistant AD Compliance, 2023 (appointed by Director of Athletics)

• NIL Working Group, 2021-2022

• Memphis Athletics Jersey Retirement Committee, 2022

• UMADE (University of Memphis Athletics for Diversity and Equality) Action Group, 2020-2022

• Chair, Faculty Athletic Advisory Committee, 2015-2022 (appointed by the University President)

• Delegate, 2016 NCAA Convention, San Antonio, Texas, January 14-16, 2016

• Member, Faculty Athletic Advisory Committee, 2014-2015 (appointed by the University President)

• Chair, Student Athletic Welfare Subcommittee, 2014-2015 (appointed by the Faculty Athletic Representative)

• Panelist, University of Memphis Professional Sports Panel, 2011-2014

• Law Faculty Representative on Steering Committee for Law School 50th Anniversary Celebration, October 27, 2012

**Service to the American athletic conference**

• President 1A FAR (national organization of Faculty Athletics Representatives for Division I FBS Institutions), 2024-present

• Vice President 1A FAR, 2022-2024

• AD Finance Committee, 2023-present

• Board Member 1A FAR (representing The American Athletic Conference) 2020-present

• Planned and moderated programming at FARA (Faculty Athletics Representatives Association) Annual Meetings, 2022-2024

• Track & Field/ Cross Country Oversight Committee, 2023-2024

• Academic Consortium Expansion Subcommittee, 2024

• Chair, The American Athletic Conference FAR Group, 2021-2023

• Conference Transformation Committee, 2022 (appointed by Commissioner Mike Aresco as the only FAR on the Committee)

• American Athletic Conference Academic Symposium hosted by The University of Memphis, April 7-9, 2022

• Chair, Intra-Conference Transfer Waiver Committee, 2020-2021

• Liaison to Student-Athletic Advisory Committee, 2018-2020

• Academic Consortium Grant Subcommittee, 2016-2023

• Planning Subcommittee for Academic Symposium 2016-present

**Selected Community Service**

• Faculty Liaison, Law Alumni Association, University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys

School of Law, 2023-Present

• Estate Planning Workshop, Christ City Church, Memphis 2023

• Research Oversight Committee, Biorepository and Genomics Initiative, Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital Memphis, 2015-2020

• Nursery Team Volunteer, Second Presbyterian Church, 2000-2020

• Faculty Liaison, Memphis Area Legal Services Capital Campaign, 2013

• Board Member, Parent-Teacher Association, Evangelical Christian School, 2010-2011

• Professional Speaker Series, Evangelical Christian School, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021-2023

• Member, Tennessee Bar Association Collaborative Law Subcommittee, 2011-2012

• Top 100 Fund Raiser, Race for the Cure, Susan B. Komen Foundation, 2010

• Team Member and Race Participant (Survivor), Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure, 2010-2014

**Honors**

• 2024 Susan Te Paske “See Me” Award Nominee, University of Memphis

• 2023 MLK Faculty Service Award, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

• 2021 Farris Bobango Faculty Scholarship Award for Outstanding Faculty Scholarship, Cecil C.

Humphreys School of Law

• 2020-2021 The National Football Foundation (NFF) & Fidelity Investments Faculty Salutes Recipient (one of 12 nationwide)

• 2020 The Patricia H. and Dan S. Murrell Ethics and Professionalism Teaching Award, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

• 2015 Student Bar Association Boss Crump Distinguished Contributor, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

• 2015 Outstanding Alumna, University of Memphis Alumni Association Arts & Sciences Chapter

• 2015 Professor of the Year, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

• 2010 Professor of the Year, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

• 2010 University of Memphis Service Award