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**EXPERIENCE:**

**Shepard Broad College of Law, Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL**  
**Professor of Law with Tenure (2008-present)**  
**Associate Professor of Law (2006-2008)**  
**Asst. Professor of Law/Visiting Asst. Prof. (2001-2006); Instructor (1998-2001)**

Current Courses Taught:

*Contracts, UCC: Sales, UCC: Sales and Sales Financing, UCC: Secured Transactions*

Past Courses Include:

*Law Office Management Workshop, Introduction to the 4th Amendment,  
Lawyering Skills and Values I and II*

ABA Service:

Selected as site inspector for law school accreditation team (2016-17; 2015-16)

Law School Service:

*Current Service:*

Chair: Curriculum Committee (2014-present)

Self-Study Committee (2014-present)

*Past Service (2001-2013):*

Chair: Committee on Promotion, Retention and Tenure

Chair: Appointments Committee

Chair, Curriculum Mapping Committee

Ad Hoc Committee on Legal Profession and Legal Education

Professionalism Committee

Faculty Development Committee

Bar Gift Award Committee

E-mail Task Force Committee

Interface Committee

Student Affairs Committee

University-wide President's Faculty Research and Development Grant Reviewer

Co-Director of Public Service Fellowship Grant Project

**Director, Public Interest Law/Director Pro Bono Students America (1996-2001)**

Created and managed law school's information center for public interest law. Created Pro Bono Honor Program and new community projects. Brought school to national ranking of #9 in *National Jurist* report of Public Interest programs. Managed Southeast region of national program matching law students with pro bono positions nationwide. Aided regional law schools in structuring individual pro bono programs.

**Berg & Wheeler, P.A., Attorney/ Contract Attorney, Brandon, FL (1993- 2001)**

Maintained caseload of clients in family law, civil litigation, real property, estate planning and administration and probate, including litigation, and assisted on appeals. Handled all aspects of cases, including client intake, pleadings, discovery, document drafting, research, depositions, motions, trial briefs and court appearances. Wrote appellate briefs, resulting in PCA decisions for all appellee clients. Brought electronic research medium to firm.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:**

Florida Bar, admitted 1993

United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, admitted 1994

United States Circuit Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, admitted 2003

United States Supreme Court, admitted 2001

**BAR SERVICE:**

**>Florida Bar:**

**Current Service:**

*Chair: Legal Education Special Committee*, Florida Bar executive committee to study interrelationship between bar exam, legal education and the practice of law. (2016)

*Chair: Vision 2016*, Florida Bar's Commission to Study the Legal Profession (2013-2016)

Lead Legal Education group as part of a three-year comprehensive study looking at the future of the legal profession by the Bar.

**Previous Service:**

*Hawkins Commission on Attorney Discipline, Academic Consultant/Reporter* (2011-2012)

-Drafted report and consulted on content for Bar President's Commission to study attorney discipline statewide.

*Judicial Independence Committee* (2005-2011); **Chair** (2010-2011); **Vice-Chair** (2006-2007; 2008-2009); **Chair, Education Subcommittee** (2006-2007, 2009)

-Planned symposium on Judicial Independence and Elections

-Co-authored "Guide for Florida Voters" to educate public about Judicial Elections and Merit Retention

-Assisting in developing "Benchmarks" program for teaching adult civics education

-Supervised creation of yearly special compendiums for committee and bar website for educational purposes on the crisis in the judiciary

*Florida Law Related Education Committee* (2011-2013); *Committee on Professionalism* (2006-2007); *Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee* (2004-2005); *Advertising Task Force* (2004-2005)

**>National Bar Service:**

***Our Courts America Working Group (2012-2015)***

-Member of the board of national partnership of court advocates that aims to educate the public about the important role that the court system across the country.

***American Judicature Society (2010-2015)***

-Produced information regarding Independence of Judiciary for national distribution

**AWARDS**

Professor of the Year, Nova Southeastern Shepard Broad College of Law (2015, 2014, 2007)

Nova Southeastern University Student Life Achievement Award Nominee (Law) (2015)

Tufts University "Citizen Lawyer Award" 2010

Tufts Lawyers Association National Service Award 2006

**EDUCATION:**

**Boston College Law School, Newton, MA**

*Juris Doctor, cum laude, May, 1993*

**Tufts University, Medford, MA**

*B.A., Political Science, May, 1990*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Tufts University, Medford, MA

-Tufts University Alumni Council (Elected for 10 year term 2011)

-Chair, Continuing Education Committee (2013-2015)

-Tufts Lawyers Association

- Board of Directors (2002-2013)

- Organization President (2008-2010); Vice President (2004-2007)

- Law Day on the Hill Event Chair, (2003-2005); Speaker (2002-2008, 2016)

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

**Books:**

***REFORMING LEGAL EDUCATION: LAW SCHOOLS AT THE CROSSROADS***

*(Debra Moss Curtis & David M. Moss eds. 2012).*

**Law Review Publications:**

*The Impact of the Bar Exam on Law School Curriculum and Experiential Learning*

(Work in progress) (2016)

*No Shots, No School, No Kidding: Professionalism Problems as Public Health Crisis*

(Pending Publication) (2016)

*The Codification of Professionalism: Can you Sanction Lawyers into Being Nice?*

40 J. LEGAL PROF 49 (2015) (Selected for Electronic Reprint Florida Bar Center for Professionalism)

*Beg Borrow or Steal: Ten Lessons Legal Education Can Learn from Other Disciplines*  
42 USF L. REV. 349 (2014).

*Attorney Discipline Nationwide: A Comparative Analysis of Process and Statistics*,  
35 J. LEGAL PROF. 209 (2011).

*Curriculum Mapping: Bringing Evidence-Based Frameworks to Legal Education*,  
34 NOVA L. REV. 473 (2010).

*Teaching Law Office Management: Why Law Students Need to Know the Business of Being a  
Lawyer*, 71 ALB. L. REV. 201 (2008).

*In a Case, on a Screen, Do They Remember What They've Seen? Critical Electronic Reading in  
the Law School Classroom, (co-authored)* 30 HAMLINE L. REV. 247 (2007).

*Teach the Children Well: Incorporating Cultural Literacy Into the Law School Learning  
Experience*, 37 CUMB. L. REV. 177 (2006–2007).

*Domestic Violence and the Lawyer as Good Samaritan: What Responsibility to Become  
Involved? Essay*, 6 WHITTIER J. CHILD. & FAM. ADVOC. 3 (2006).

*Everything I Needed to Know about Law Professors' Ethics I Learned as a Kindergarten  
Teacher: Examining Ethics in the Classroom*, 2006 BYU J. LAW & EDUC. 455 (2006).

*You've Got Rhythm: Curriculum Planning and Teaching in the Legal Writing Classroom*,  
21 TOURO L. REV. 465 (2005).

*Licensing and Discipline of Fiscal Professionals in Florida: Attorneys, Accountants and Real  
Estate Professionals*, 29 NOVA L. REV. 339 (2005).

*In a Case, In a Book, They Will Not Take a Second Look! Critical Reading in the Legal Writing  
Classroom, (co-authored)*, 41 WILLAMETTE L. REV. 293 (2005).

*A Public View of Attorney Discipline in Florida: Statistics, Commentary, and Analysis of  
Disciplinary Actions against Licensed Attorneys in the State of Florida From 1988–2002, (co-  
authored)*, 28 NOVA L. REV. 669 (2004).

### **Other Legal Publications:**

*Bar Charts Series Commercial Outlines:*

Bankruptcy; Contracts; Legal Research; Legal Terminology A-Z; Professional Responsibility;  
Sales; Secured Transactions: Revised Article 9; Wills and Trusts (2010-present)

*Judicial Independence* 85 FLA. BAR J. 64 (June 2011).

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

*Continuing on the Course for Success in the Legal Environment*, Florida Bar Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL (June 2016)

*Vision 2016 Recommendations*, Florida Bar Board of Governors, Palm Beach, FL (May 2016)  
*The Bar Exam Impact on Legal Education*, Florida Bar Board of Governors, New Orleans, LA (March 2016)

*The Future of the Legal Profession*, (co-presented) U.S. Law Firm Group, Amelia Island, FL (February 2016)

*Using the MBTI for Better Communication with Parties and Attorneys*, National Conference of County Court Judges, Orlando, FL (July 2015)

*Setting the Course for Success in the Legal Environment*, Florida Bar Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, FL (June 2015)

*Critical Electronic Reading, Health Professions Division*, (co-presented) Nova Southeastern University (December 2013)

*Boot Camp*, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, NY (Multiple times yearly 2011-2015)

*Benchmarks: Teaching Adult Civics*, (co-presented) Florida Bar Mid-Year Meeting, Annual Meeting, Broward Bench and Bar (2010-2013)

*Law School as a Consumer Product: Beat 'em or Join 'em?* SEALS Conference, Palm Beach, Florida, (July 2010)

*Critical Electronic Reading in Law School*, Institute for Law School Teaching Conference, (co-presented) Suffolk Law School, (June 2007)

*The Importance of Education in Judicial Independence*, Voluntary Bar Leaders Conference of the Florida Bar, (July 2006)

*Teaching Cultural Literacy in the Law Classroom*, SEALS Conference, (July 2006)

*The Ethics of Teaching, Inspiring Students and Facilitating Learning* Institute for Law Teaching Conference, Chicago-Kent Law School, (June 2006)

*Keynote Speaker: Separation of Powers and Judicial Independence*, Tufts University, (March 2006)

*The Attorney Discipline Process: Is it Working and Does it Shape Public Opinion of Lawyers?* SEALS Conference, (July 2004)