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I. ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- A. MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, 1996-Present
Professor of Law, 2019-Present
Associate Dean for Enrollment and Inclusion, 2020-Present
Associate Dean for Enrollment, 2014-2020
Associate Professor of Law with Tenure, 2003-2019
Assistant Professor of Law, 1996-2003

Classes Taught: Federal Income Taxation, Federal Taxation of Estates, Gifts and Trusts, Real Estate Finance and Development, Property, Real Estate Conveyances and Tax Policy Seminar, Estate Planning Workshop

Finalist for the Ghiardi Teaching Award in 2014 and 2016

- B. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF LAW, 1994-1996
Assistant Professor of Law

Classes Taught: Taxation I (Individual Taxation), Taxation II (Estate and Gift Taxation, Wills and Estates and Property

II. EDUCATION

Master of Laws in Taxation, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC (1992)

Juris Doctor Degree, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL (1988)
DePaul Law Review – Article and Note Editor
American Jurisprudence Award – Criminal Law

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (1983)

III. SCHOLARSHIP – ARTICLES AND BOOKS

- A. Post-Tenure Publications

Kurtz, Hovenkamp, Brown, Odinet, and Lindsey, CASES AND MATERIALS ON AMERICAN PROPERTY LAW (West 8th ed. 2025)

Lindsey, Campfield, Dickinson, and Turnier, TAXATION OF ESTATES, GIFTS AND TRUSTS (West 26th ed. 2023) (sole writer of the 26th ed.)

Lindsey, REAL ESTATE FINANCE IN A NUTSHELL (8th ed. West) (June 2022)

Lindsey, GILBERT LAW SUMMARY ON ESTATE AND GIFT TAXATION (West 17th ed. 2022)

Encouraging Savings under the Earned Income Tax Credit: A Nudge in the Right Direction, 44 U. MICH. J.L. REFORM 83-122 (Fall 2010). Selected as one of the 10 most noteworthy employee benefits articles published in 2011. See Kathryn Kennedy, *2011 Law Review Articles on Employee Benefits Issues*, 134 TAXES 1456 (2012)

Tax Planning for Retirement, 88 MARQ. ELDER'S ADVISOR 31-59 (2006)

Symposium, *The Vulnerability of Using Tax Incentives in Wisconsin*, 88 MARQ. L. REV. 107-128 (2004)

B. In Progress

Lindsey, Campfield, Dickinson, and Turnier, TAXATION OF ESTATES, GIFTS AND TRUSTS (West 27th ed. 2023) (forthcoming spring 2027) (sole writer)

C. Post-Tenure Editorial Positions

Co-Editor, IRA SHAFIROFF, PROPERTY LAW: FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND MORAL CONCERNS (August 2013). As a member of the Editorial Board, I made substantive edits on four chapters – Chapter Three (Simultaneous Ownership: Cotenancies), Chapter Eight (Recording Statutes), Chapter Nine (Security Interest in Real Property Transactions) and Chapter 12 (Servitudes: Real Covenants and Equitable Servitudes).

Associate Editor of Special Issue, Symposium, Wisconsin Tax Policy, 88 MARQ. L. REV. (2004). As the Associate Editor, I worked closely with Professor Michael McChrystal, Editor of Special Issue, and had the primary responsibility of editing several articles.

D. Pre-Tenure Publications

The Charitable Contribution Deduction: A Historical Review and a Look to the Future, 81 NEB. L. REV. 1056-1096 (2003)

The Widening Gap under the Internal Revenue Code: The Need for Renewed Progressivity, 5 FLA. TAX REV. 1-47 (2001) (peer reviewed)

The Burden of Being Poor: Increased Tax Liability? The Taxation of Self-Help Programs, 9 KAN. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 225-266 (1999)

Book Review, *The Essence of Property Law*, 22 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 977-995 (1999) (reviewing RABIN AND KWALL, FUNDAMENTALS OF MODERN PROPERTY LAW, 3rd Edition (1992)).

E. Other Scholarly Activities

I have reviewed and commented on several manuscripts of law review articles for several colleagues in the areas of tax and real estate law.

IV. SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

A. Post-Tenure

Lead Commenter, Junior Faculty Works-In-Progress Conference, Marquette University Law School, September 5, 2025

Panelist, The “Enrollment Driven Dean” – How Enrollment Drives Budget, Reputation, Accreditation, and Bar Passage, Associate Deans of Color Retreat, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, July 27, 2019

Panelist, What Competitive Looks Like: Insiders on What Law Schools Are Really Looking for in Competitive Admission Candidates, National HBCU Pre-Law Summit, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA, September 14, 2018

Panelist, Revenue Generation & Management – Continuing to Manage the New Normal, Associate Deans of Color Retreat, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, August 5, 2018

Panelist, What Law Schools are Really Looking For: What it Means to be a Truly Competitive Admissions Candidate that Law Schools Want to Admit, National Black and Hispanic Pre-Law Conference and Law Fair, New York University School of Law, November 11, 2017

Panelist, Polishing the Diamond in the Rough – Admissions/Academic Success/Bar Passage, Associate Deans of Color Retreat, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, July 27, 2017

Wisconsin Tax Policy Colloquium: “The Vulnerability of Using Tax Incentives in Wisconsin,” April 16, 2004

B. Pre-Tenure

Faculty Colloquium: “The Charitable Contribution Deduction: A Historical Review and a Look to the Future,” Marquette University Law School, April 12, 2001

The Internal Revenue Code and Social Policy: Issues Affecting the Family”, DePaul University College of Law, Alumni Tax Conference, April 21, 1999

V. **POSTS ON THE MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL BLOG**

International Conflict Resolution Trip to Israel: Perspectives from a Property Law Professor, April 10, 2017

People Who have Shaped the Teaching Careers of our Faculty – Part 3: Lessons Learned from Professor Jim Colliton, May 9, 2012

The IRS’s Hollow Victory in *Crane v. Commissioner*, 331 U.S. 1 (1947), November 1, 2010

In Defense of to Kill a Mockingbird, January 29, 2009

Priorities for the Next President: Tax Policy, October 26, 2008

VI. **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

A. Post-Tenure

Stephanie Minasian-Konieczny, Expert Guide on Tax Breaks for Homeowners, This Old House. Published online on February 27, 2025. Quoted in the article.

Quinn Clark, A Wauwatosa homeowner got an unsolicited cash offer to buy their home. Here’s why it’s likely too good to be true, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, October 24, 2023. Quoted in the article.

Chris Mueller, Fact check: Student Loan Forgiveness Won’t be Taxed by Federal Government, Though States May, USA Today, September 9, 2022. Quoted in the article.

Milwaukee Magazine, Anna Lardinois, Women who Made Milwaukee: Mabel Watson Raimy, The Determined Achiever” (October 28, 2019). Quoted in the article.

TMJ-4 News Live, On-camera interview with reporter Shaun Gallagher to discuss legal issue related to landlord/tenant law. Aired on April 16, 2019.

Chris Mueller, What would happen if you refused to file a tax return (Hint: It would be bad)? Appleton Post-Crescent, February 12, 2019. Quoted in the article.

Cary Spivak, Dram Rental turns into House of Horror for Woman Conned by Bogus Landlord, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, September 25, 2017. Quoted in the article.

John S. Kiernan, 2015's Best & Worst States to be a Taxpayer, WalletHub.com (one of the leading outlets covering the personal finance industry), April 9, 2015. Comments included in the "Ask the Experts" section.

Susan, Heavey, 401(k) Plans Leaks and Breaches, Reuters News, January 29, 2013. Quoted in article entitled "Rethinking savings plans as struggling Americans raid 401(k)s," issued on February 5, 2013

B. Pre-Tenure

Jane Pribek, At Issue: The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, "Professor skeptical of Act's 'middle class relief,'" WISCONSIN OPINIONS, December 24, 1997

VII. SERVICE

A. Post-Tenure

1. Marquette University Committee Service

Enrollment Projection Committee, Member (2018-Present)
University Committee on Equity and Inclusion, Member (2020-2025)
Diversity Advisory Committee (Chair, Strategy/Implementation Subcommittee) (2006-2009)

2. Marquette University Law School Committee Service

Diversity Committee, Chair (2022-Present)
Admissions Committee, Member (2014-Present)
Faculty Appointments Committee, Member (2003, 2006, 2016-2018, 2021-Present)
Judicial Committee, Member (2019-2020)
National Sports Law Institute, Advisory Board Member (2017-Present)
Marquette Sports Law Review Advisory Board Member (2017-Present)
Judicial Committee, Chair (2011-2014)
Curriculum Committee, Member (2013-2014)
Academic Programs Committee, Member (2012-2013)
Ad Hoc Part Time Program Committee, Member (2013)

Diversity Committee, Member (2011-2012)
Admissions Committee, Chair (2005-2011)
Public Service Committee, Member (2005-2006)
Public Service Committee, Co-Chair (2004-2005)
Ad Hoc Pro Bono Coordinator Search Committee (2007)

3. Additional Law School Service

Estate Planning Society, Faculty Advisor (2015-Present)
Law Review Comment Competition, Faculty Evaluator (2005-06, 2013-Present)
Marquette Benefits & Social Welfare Law Review Comment Competition, Faculty Evaluator (2016-2017, 2020)
Master of Ceremony, Law School Hooding Ceremony (May 19, 2018)
Debate on “How Money Walks” (February 5, 2014)
WWJDD: What Would a Juris Doctor Do?, Panelist, Marquette University Law School (October 30, 2013)
Graduation Speaker, Midyear Class of 2012 (December 16, 2012)
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Site Coordinator at Marquette Law School Site (2005-2012)
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Instructor (2003, 2005-2012)
Black Law Students’ Association, Faculty Advisor (2003-2006)

4. Service to the Profession

Chair, National Conference of Bar Examiners, Real Property Drafting Committee (2026-Present); Member (2006-2026); Guest Member, Real Property Drafting Committee (2005-2006)
Merit Selection Panel for the Reappointment of Magistrate Judge Nancy Joseph (Spring 2026)
Institute for Well-Being in Law, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Member (August 2021-September 2023)
Institute for Well-Being in Law, Law School Programming Committee Member (February 2023-September 2023)
Merit Selection Panel for the reappointment of Magistrate Judge William Duffin (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)
Merit Selection Panel for the reappointment of Magistrate Judge James R. Sickel (Summer 2020)
U.S. Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel (October 2019-February 2020)
Merit Selection Panel for the Reappointment of Magistrate Judge Nancy Joseph (Spring 2018)
Merit Selection Panel for the reappointment of Magistrate Judge James R. Sickel (Spring 2016)
U.S. Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel (October 2014-March 2015)

State Bar of Wisconsin Diversity Task Force Member (July 2013-June 2014)

Speed Mentoring Panelist, National Convention of the National Black Law Students, Milwaukee, WI (March 13, 2014)

U.S. Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel (June 2013-November 2013)

Planning Committee Member of the Midwestern Legal Scholarship Conference of Color hosted by Marquette University Law School from April 12-15, 2012

Merit Selection Panel Reappointment of Magistrate Judge James R. Sickel (Fall 2012)

Merit Selection Panel for the reappointment of Magistrate Judge William E. Callahan, Jr. (Fall 2010-Spring 2011)

U.S. Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel (2010)

5. Community Service

Academic and Career Planning *Bay View High School Talks* (April 19, 2018)

Panelist, Financial Literacy, Milwaukee Urban League Young Professionals, February 18, 2016

Career Day Speaker, Marshall/Morse Middle School (April 4, 2014)

Advisory Board Member, Law, Education and Public Service at Washington High School (2005-2006)

B. Pre-Tenure

1. Marquette University Law School

Admissions Committee, Member (2000-2001, 2002-2003)

Ad Hoc Investigative Committee (2003)

Academic Regulations Committee (1996-1997, 2002)

Budget Advisory Committee (1999-2001)

Minority Clerkship Committee (1998-1999, 2001-2003)

Judicial Committee (1997-2000)

Judicial Clerkship Committee (1996-1999)

Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee (1997-1998)

Ad Hoc Career Planning Search Committee (1997-1998)

Ad Hoc Investigative Committee (1997)

Ad Hoc Law Library Director Search Committee (1996-1997)

Ad Hoc Visiting Professor Search Committee (1996-1997)

2. Additional Law School Service

Black Law Students' Association, Faculty Advisor (2001-2003)

Open House Program for Admitted Students, Panelist (April 3, 1998)

Law Review Comment Competition, Faculty Evaluator (1997-2000)

Law Review faculty evaluator of tax articles submitted for publication (1999 – 2001)

Career Workshop on Judicial Clerkships, Panelist (Fall 1996)

3. Marquette University Committee Service

Subcommittee on Elections, Committee on Faculty (1998-2000)

4. District of Columbia School of Law

Law Review, Faculty Advisor (1995-1996)

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Faculty Advisor (1994-1996)

Faculty Affairs Committee (1994-1996)

Faculty Recruitment Committee (1995-1996)

5. Community Service

Careers in Law and Justice Project, Steering Committee Member. The project met five consecutive Saturdays during the fall and represents a collaborative effort between Marquette University Law School, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Criminal Justice Department and Calvary Baptist Church designed to introduce minority youths to careers in law and justice (1997, 2001-2003)

Careers in Law and Justice Project, Co-Chairperson (1998-2000)

Career Week at Thirty-Eighth Street School, Speaker (Spring 2002 & 2003)

VIII. ADDITIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

A. Armco Inc. (Parsippany, NJ), Tax Attorney, 1992-1994

B. United States Tax Court (Washington, DC), Clerk to the Honorable Joel Gerber, 1990-1992

C. Internal Revenue Service (Washington, DC), Trial Attorney (Tax), Office of the Chief Counsel, Tax Litigation, 1988-1990

IX. ADMISSIONS OF PRACTICE

Illinois Bar

District of Columbia Bar (inactive)

United States Tax Court

X. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association, Member of Tax Section

District of Columbia Bar Association, Member of Estates, Trusts and Probate
Law and Taxation Sections
Illinois State Bar Association