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**Professional Profile: Extensive experience in teaching law and in the practice and administration of the law including legislation, general practice and as an ALJ.**

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

### **COLLEGE INSTRUCTION:**

**\* Visiting Assistant (now Senior Teaching 2016) Professor** *Skidmore College 1996-Present*  
Instruct undergraduates in Business Law I and Business Law II and in an ethics course entitled Business, Ethics and Society as well as in a first year seminar entitled Law, Religion and Society which focuses on first amendment religion issues; supervise independent studies and advise students; serve as pre-law advisor and on various campus and department committees. I also have served for many years as a member of the college's Sexual Misconduct Hearing Board and I am well-informed about related Title 9 issues.

**\* Adjunct Professor**, *College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY 1995-1996*

### **NEW YORK STATE OFFICES:**

**\* Administrative Law Judge**, *New York State Ethics Commission, Albany, NY 1992- 2013*

Conducted hearings relative to the ethics law in New York on a *per diem* basis

**\* Attorney**, *New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Legislative Counsel Albany, NY 1981-1982*

**\* Assistant Attorney General**, *New York State Department of Law, Bureau of Claims And Litigation, Albany, NY 1977-1979*

### **COURT SYSTEM:**

**\* Law Clerk**, Unified Court System, *Washington County, NY 1997-2000 (part-time)*

**\* Assistant Deputy Counsel**, *Unified Court System, Albany, NY 1982-1991*

Drafted bills and memoranda; attended committee meetings; wrote rules. Served as counsel to the Chief Judge's Committee on Women in the Courts and as Chief Administrator's Representative to the Probation commission and to the Governor's Commission on Domestic Violence. Conducted numerous training sessions and served on hiring panels.

Additional Employment:

Of counsel, Wrigley Law Firm, Cambridge, NY 2012-Present  
Partner, general practice firm of Wrigley and Kopec, Cambridge, NY 1991-1996  
Attorney, Ayco Corporation, Albany, NY 1981  
Tax Preparer, Price Waterhouse, Paris, France 1980  
Reginald Heber Fellow, Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Albany, NY 1976-1977

Education:

Juris Doctor, Albany Law School, Albany, NY 1976  
Bachelor of Arts, English/Political Science, *cum laude*, Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin 1973

Professional Affiliations:

Capital District Women's Bar Association

Served in various leadership capacities including: vice president, committee chair and board member;

Founding member of the NYS Women's Bar Association

Phi Beta Kappa

Member, from election in 1973 to the present

President of the Skidmore chapter, 2009-10

**COURSES TAUGHT AT SKIDMORE COLLEGE**

- **MB 333** Business Law- introduces many essential area of law, i.e. criminal, constitutional, torts and then focuses on contract law, agency and business associations, i.e. partnerships, LLCs and corporations.
- **MB 334** Business Law II which includes the UCC (sales contracts and negotiable instruments), employment and real property law and several regulatory fields, i.e. environmental, international, intellectual property.
- **MB 355** Business, Ethics and Society ,an ethics course where we discuss the philosophical underpinnings of ethical analysis -utilitarianism, Kant, Ross, Rawls, Plato- in the context of the current business climate, i.e. what makes for a just economic system, duties to the environment, issues relating to gender and race in hiring. Every semester students present to their peers on ethical issues each is interested in. Recent topics include socially aligned advertising, ethical issues related to refugees, and whether it is ethical that Division I athletes are not paid a salary.
- **AN FYE course, Law, Religion and Society** where first year students discuss the role of religion in society from its inclusion in the bill of rights to: Supreme Court cases relating to prayer at public school graduations (and football games!) and town board meetings; “under god” in the pledge; intelligent design; Hobby Lobby; and, the duty of county clerks to issue marriage certificates to same sex couples.
- **Law and Ethics in the Uber Economy**, a special topics course covering all the juicy issues arising in our new “gig” economy; offered for the first time in 2015.

**Service at Skidmore College**

Taught in the Science Literacy Program in each of the three years it was offered, with a different course each year; served as co-chair of the program along with Josh Ness in fall’13;

- Taught in the inaugural year of the FYE (2005) and then beginning in 2007 every year through 2020; served as a member of the committee that assessed the FYE in 2013-14; back in the day (2007) served on the FYE Writing Evaluation committee;
- Served as a summer advisor for many years (probably 10 or more);
- Served as Pre-Law advisor for 17 years and faculty advisor for the pre-law club;
- Member of CEEP 2010- 2113; member of CEEP sub-committee on revising the Dean's Card;
- Member(faculty representative) of Campus Wide Safety Committee 2006-2012;
- Member of the Integrity Board 2002-2005;
- Member of FAB 2009; reappointed 2016 and 2019; Chair of FAB in 2020
- Member of Sexual Assault Hearing Board 2010-2020; chair of many hearings;
- Sabbatical replacement member of IPPC, fall'13; member of IPPC Student Affairs sub-committee where I worked on the smoke free campus initiative;
- Lectured in the Mature Adults Lecture series for at least 6 years;
- Served as the *de facto* director of the defunct Law and Society program for the 2 years it took to die a natural death and co-taught the intro course for 1 (maybe 2?) semesters;
- Advised departmental and FYE advisees each year;
- Member of the MB sub-committee on the writing in the major requirement, the MB restructuring subcommittee, the sub-committee to review our long form evaluations and, just recently, the MB writing assessment sub- committee;
- Served on the CEPP sub-committee on MALS Spring'14-Fall'14;
- Speaker on Business Ethics for Alumni Affairs at a Skidmore Business Network event in Boston, Fall'13;
- Speaker on a campaign financing panel for the government department organized by the student group Democracy Matters;
- Taught a Civil Liberties course for the government department when the assigned instructor became ill in the first week of the semester;
- Member of Phi Beta Kappa 2002-present; served on the Members in Course committee several times, one term as Vice-President (2009) of the Skidmore Chapter and one term as President (2010);
- Member of the hiring committee for the pre-professional/graduate school advisor in the Career Development Office;

#### Evidence of professional growth

For all of the time I have been employed full-time at Skidmore (until 2013 when the Commission was reconfigured to eliminate the need for an ALJ) I served as an Administrative Law Judge for the NYS Ethics Commission where I adjudicated allegations of violations of the NYS ethics rules. I also do some consulting legal work through the Wrigley Law firm.

I was a founding, and I am a continuing, member of the NYS Women's Bar Association and I was a co-presenter on a panel at the annual statewide WBA convention in the spring of '15.

I have attended various conferences and used on-line legal education tools to meet the NYS requirement for bi-annual continuing legal education.

