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Born: May 16, 1951

Married: three children

LEGAL EDUCATION: Harvard Law School, J.D., 1976, *cum laude*
Board of Student Advisors (student moot court board and legal writing course assistant);
Trial Advocacy Semester (legal aid placement)

COLLEGE EDUCATION: Macalester College, B.A., 1973, *summa cum laude*
Phi Beta Kappa; National Merit Scholar;
Student Body Vice-President

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Timothy J. Heinsz Professor of Law,
University of Missouri

TEACHING: Civil Procedure; Complex Litigation; Judicial Externship Seminar;
Professional Responsibility; Pretrial Litigation

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION: Spurgeon Smithson Award (Missouri Bar Foundation)
(for “outstanding service toward increase . . . of justice”) (2012)

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching (University of Tennessee, 1993)

Harold C. Warner Outstanding Teacher Award (University of Tennessee College of Law, 1989, 1994)

Student Bar Association Outstanding Faculty Member (University of Tennessee College of Law, 1989)

W. W. Davis Faculty Development Stipend (University of Tennessee College of Law, 1990)

Fellow, American, Georgia, Missouri, and Tenn. Bar Foundations

Phillip Corboy Scholarship, National Institute for Trial Advocacy Teacher Training Program (1987)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: National Conference of Bar Examiners, Drafting Committee,
Multistate Bar Examination (Civil Procedure) (2012 - present)

Law School Admission Council, Trustee (2013 – present)

American Inns of Court, Trustee (2012 - 2016)

Law School Admission Council, Membership Working Group
(2011 - 2012)

Law School Admission Council, Audit Committee
(2011 - 2012)

Law School Admission Council, Investment Committee (2013 –
present; Chair, 2017 - present)

Association of American Law Schools – Executive Committee
(2008 - 2011)

Association of American Law Schools - Membership Review
Committee (2012; 2004 – 2006; Chair, 2012; 2005 - 2006))

Association of American Law Schools –
Nominating Committee (2013 – 2014; Chair, 2013)

Association of American Law Schools, Audit and Investment
Committee (2010 – 2012; Chair, 2010 - 2011)

Association of American Law Schools - New Teachers Workshop
(program committee, 2004 – 2005; Chair, 2004; small group
discussion leader, 2003 - 2005)

Association of American Law Schools, Conference on New Ideas
for Experienced Teachers (program committee and small group
discussion leader), Calgary, Canada (2001)

Association of American Law Schools, Executive Committee,
Section for the Law School Dean (1997)

Association of American Law Schools, Executive Committee,
Civil Procedure Section (1994)

ABA Task Force on the Accreditation Process (2011 - 2012; Vice
Chair, 2012)

ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar,
Annual Deans' Workshop (1998 – 2000; Co-Chair, 2010)

ABA Special Committee on Transparency in the Accreditation
Process (2007 - 2008)

ABA Search Committee for Consultant on Legal Education to the American Bar Association (2005)

ABA New Deans Seminar (faculty, 1999 – 2002; Chair, 2001)

ABA Site Inspections (service on 12 site teams (8 as chair); LL.M. site visit; Special Fact-Finder for Provisional Application; and 8 foreign summer program inspections – 1996 - 2017)

Advisory Committee, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning (2000 - 2002; 2005 - present)

American Inns of Court, New Inn Development Committee (2010 - present)

Elwood Thomas American Inn of Court: Columbia-Jefferson City, Missouri (2006 – present; President, 2015-16; 2016-17)

Augustus Bootle American Inn of Court
Macon, Georgia (2000 - 2002)

Hamilton Burnett American Inn of Court, Knoxville, Tennessee (1988 – 1995; Secretary-Treasurer, 1988 – 1990; Executive Board Member, 1988 – 1994; President, 1992 - 1993)

The Missouri Bar, Task Force on Professionalism (member, 2009)

Trustee, Macalester College (2006 - present)

Federal Advisory Committee, U. S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (2005 - 2009)

American Law Institute, Elected Member (1993 - present)

Community Service Task Force, Member
Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism
Georgia Supreme Court (1996 - 2002)

Tn. Supreme Ct. Commission on Dispute Resolution (1992 - 1994)

Consultant, Advisory Commission to the Tennessee Supreme Court on Civil Procedure (1994 - 1995)

Reporter, Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group (E. D. Tenn.) (1991 - 1995)

Vice-Chair, Federal Court/Knoxville Bar Association
Joint Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution (1994 - 1995)

Panel of Arbitrators, Am. Arb. Ass'n (1993 - 1995)

Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy,
Midwest Regional, Chicago, Ill. (1987 - 1990)

Co-Coach and Adviser, University of Tennessee
National Trial Team (1987 - 1989; 1987 regional
champion and national semi-finalist)

Special Attorney, U. S. Marshals Service (1986)

Special Attorney, U. S. Dept. of Justice (1985)

Faculty, United States Department of Justice Legal
Education Institute, San Francisco (June 1985)

BOOKS:

Civil Procedure: Representing Clients in Civil Litigation
(Foundation Press, 2016)

Pretrial Litigation: Law, Policy and Practice (West Pub. Co., 5th
ed. 2011)

Pretrial Litigation in a Nutshell (West Pub. Co., 6th ed. 2016)

ARTICLES:

Dessem & Stein, "The True Value of a Law Degree, or, Why Did
Thurgood Marshall Go to Law School?" 65 *Hastings L. J. Voir
Dire* 11 (2013)

"Stepping Aside as Dean," 44 *U. Tol. L. Rev.* 324 (2013)
(*Leadership in Legal Education Symposium XII*)

"Forward: Jim Devine's 'Show Me Spirit'," 77 *Mo. L. Rev.* 1
(2012)

"Symposium Foreword: Sandra Day O'Connor, Earl F. Nelson,
and State Judicial Selection and Retention," 74 *Mo. L. Rev.* 473
(2009)

"Maybe Deaning is Not for You," 39 *U. Tol. L. Rev.* 261 (2008)
(*Leadership in Legal Education Symposium VIII*)

“Knowing Which Deanship is the Right One,” 31 *Seattle U. L. Rev.* 783 (2008)

“The ABA/AALS Sabbatical Site Inspection: Strangers in a Strange Land,” 37 *Tol. L. Rev.* 37 (2005) (*Leadership in Legal Education Symposium VI*)

“The Fourteenth Rule,” 72 *Tenn. L. Rev.* 803 (2005)

“Tim,” 36 *U. Tol. L. Rev.* 43 (2004) (*Leadership in Legal Education Symposium V*).

“Ten Things a Dean Can Do with Students,” 35 *U. Tol. L. Rev.* 45 (2003) (*Leadership in Legal Education Symposium IV*)

“Unsolicited Advice to Law School Dean Search Committees,” 34 *U. Tol. L. Rev.* 55 (2002) (*Leadership in Legal Education Symposium III*)

“U.S. News U.: or, The Fighting Volunteer Hurricanes,”
52 *J. Legal Ed.* 468 (2002)

“A Government of Laws and also of Men: Judge William K. Thomas,” 62 *Ohio St. L. J.* 1327 (2001)

“Top Ten Reasons to be a Law School Dean,” 33 *U. Tol. L. Rev.* 19 (2001) (*Leadership in Legal Education Symposium II*)

“A Form Letter from the Dean,” 50 *J. Legal Ed.* 457 (2000)

“Seven Principles for Good Practice in Legal Education,”
49 *J. Legal Ed.* 367, 430 (1999)

“A Form Letter to the Dean,” 47 *J. Legal Ed.* 118 (1997)

“We Do This Every Day,” 2 *Ga. Bar J.* 56 (1997)

“All We Really Need to Know about Teaching We Learned in Kindergarten,” 62 *Tenn. L. Rev.* 1073 (1995)

“The Role of the Federal Magistrate Judge in Civil Justice Reform,” 67 *St. John's L. Rev.* 799 (1994)

“Judicial Reporting Under the Civil Justice Reform Act,”
54 *U. Pitt. L. Rev.* 687 (1993)

"A Different Kind of Law School Class," *Tenn. B. J.*, Nov./Dec. 1992, at 32

"Why Do You Think They Call it 'Practice?'," *Tenn. B. J.*, March/April 1991, at 13

"The Ten Commandments of Pretrial Litigation," *Prac. Law.*, July 1988, at 84

"Personal Jurisdiction After *Asahi*: The Other (International) Shoe Drops," 55 *Tenn. L. Rev.* 41 (1987)

"Congressional Standing to Sue: Whose Vote Is This, Anyway?," 62 *Notre Dame L. Rev.* 1 (1986)

"Sex Discrimination in Coaching," 3 *Harv. Women's L. J.* 97 (1980)

"*Board of Curators of the University of Missouri v. Horowitz: Academic v. Judicial Expertise*," 39 *Ohio St. L. J.* 476 (1978)

"Student Due Process Rights in Academic Dismissals," 5 *J. Law & Ed.* 277 (1976)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS: "Changes and Update in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure," U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri (2015)

Lathrop & Gage State of Litigation Conference (St. Louis 2015)

Lathrop & Gage State of Litigation Conference (Kansas City 2014)

"Ten Suggestions to Library Directors and Deans," Workshop for Deans and Law Librarians, AALS Annual Meeting (2010)

"The Progression of Legal Education" (panelist), Bd. of Student Advisors, 100th Anniv. Celebration, Harvard Law School (2010)

Moderator, "Judicial Selection 2.0," Missouri Bar Annual Meeting Plenary Session, Columbia, Missouri (2010)

"Building Human Capacity in Africa," NASULGC, Comm. On Int'l Programs, Summer Program, Portsmouth, N.H. (2008)

"Transfer Students" (panelist), Law School Admission Council, Annual Meeting, Tucson, Arizona (2007)

“Knowing Which Deanship is the Right One,”
SALT/Seattle University Workshop on Promoting Diversity in
Deanships (2007)

“Sensitive Subjects and Other Unexpected Issues,”
ABA Workshop for Site Team Chairs, Chicago, Ill. (2007, 2010)

Testimony on Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan,
Judiciary Committee, Missouri State Senate (2007); Special
Committee on General Laws, Missouri House of Representatives
(2009; 2007)

“The View from the Membership Review Committee,”
AALS Annual Meeting (2012; 2008; 2007; 2006)

“Encouraging Colleagues to Implement New Teaching Ideas,”
AALS Conference on New Ideas for Law School Teachers,
Vancouver, Canada (2006)

“During the Visit,” ABA Site Visit Workshop, Chicago, Illinois
(2012; 2010; 2008; 2007; 2006; 2005; 2003)

Panel Presentations, Southeastern Association of American Law
Schools, Annual Meetings (2004 - 2017)

“Judicial Independence,” Annual Conference, Legal Services of
Southern Missouri, Branson, Missouri (2005)

“Civil Justice Reform Retrospective,” Sixth Circuit Judicial
Conference (E.D. Tenn.), Louisville, Ky. (2004)

“Back to the Future: Changing our Thinking about the Legal
Profession,” National Association for Law Placement, St. Louis,
Missouri (2003)

“Faculty,” ABA Site Visit Workshop, Indianapolis, Indiana (2000)

“Seven Principles of Good Practice for Legal Education,” AALS
Teaching Methods Section, New Orleans, Louisiana (1999)

“Seven Principles for Good Practice in Legal Education,”
Institute for Law School Teaching, Spokane, Washington (1998)

“Law School Rankings,” Middle Georgia Trial Lawyers,
Macon, Georgia (1998)

"Dealing with Generation X" (panelist), Law School Deans' Workshop, ABA Midyear Meeting, San Antonio, Texas (1997)

"Federal Discovery Changes," Tennessee Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, Trial Practice Seminar (1994)

"The Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990," Tennessee Bar Association Federal Practice Seminar (1993)

"Civil Justice Reform," Knoxville Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar (1993)

"Alternative Dispute Resolution in Tennessee," Mediation Association of Knoxville (1993)

"The Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990," Knoxville and Chattanooga Bench/Bar Workshops (1993)

"Professionalism and Legal Education," Barristers Advocates Society, Knoxville, Tennessee (1993)

"Depositions and Other Discovery," Knoxville Bar Association Pretrial Practice Seminar (1992)

"The Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990" (panelist), Law & Society Ass'n, Philadelphia, Pa. (1992)

"Court-Annexed ADR" (panelist), 1992 Conference on ADR in Tennessee, Nashville (1992)

"Rule 11 of the Federal and Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure," Knoxville and Chattanooga (1991)

"Legal Professionalism and Civility" (panelist), Annual Meeting, American Inns of Court Foundation, Salt Lake City, Utah (1989)

"Defending Against Motions for Summary Judgment in Employment Litigation," National Org. of Lawyers for Education Associations, New Orleans, La. (1989)

"The Use and Abuse of Expert Witnesses," Tennessee Bar Association Business Litigation Seminar (1988)

"Buffalo Creek" (presenter and negotiation demonstrator) AALS Civil Procedure Conference, Charlottesville, Va. (1988)

"Sexual Activity as a Basis for School Employee Discipline," Nat'l Org. of Lawyers for Ed. Ass'ns, Kiawah Island, S.C. (1987)

"Is There a Constitutional Right to Privacy?" (moderator)
Knoxville – Knox County Con'l Bicentennial Commission (1987)

"The Reliance Upon State Constitutional Law in Criminal Cases,"
Un. Tenn. College of Law Constitutional Law Symposium (1987)

PRIOR
EMPLOYMENT:

Dean and Professor,
University of Missouri School of Law (2002 – 2012)

Professor and Dean,
Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University (1995 - 2002)

Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,
University of Tennessee College of Law
(Associate Professor: 1985-1992; Professor:
1992-1995; Associate Dean: 1993-1995)

Trial Attorney and Senior Trial Counsel, U. S. Dept. of Justice,
representing Executive Branch in constitutional and statutory
actions (1980-85)

Outstanding Performance Ratings: 1981 - 1984

Representative cases: *Fitzgerald v. Hampton*, 545 F. Supp.
53 (D.D.C. 1982) (Pentagon whistle-blower's suit against
Air Force); *Idaho v. Freeman*, 529 F. Supp. 1107 (D.Id.
1981) (challenge to extension of Equal Rights Amendment
ratification period)

Assistant General Counsel, National Education Ass'n, representing
teachers in civil rights, constitutional, and labor matters (1978-80)

Representative cases: *Lindsey v. University of Georgia*, 607
F.2d 672 (5th Cir. 1979) (dismissal of professor for first
amendment exercise); *Burkey v. Marshall County Board of
Education*, 513 F. Supp. 1085 (N.D.W.V. 1981) (gender
discrimination against school athletic coach)

Law Clerk, Judge William K. Thomas (N.D. Ohio) (1976-78)

Law Clerk, Dorsey & Whitney, Minneapolis, Mn. (Summer 1975)

Research Assistant, Professor Abram Chayes (Summer 1974)