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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:

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

PROFESSIONAL
RECOGNITION:

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:

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

Audit Committee, Law School Admission Council (2011)

Chair, Audit and Investment Committee, AALS (2010 - 2011)

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

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

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

Association of American Law Schools - Membership Review Committee (2004 - 2006 (chair, 2005 - 2006))

Trustee, Macalester College (2006 - present)

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

Federal Advisory Committee

U. S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (2005 - present)

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

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

ABA New Deans Seminar (faculty, 1999 - 2002 (chair, 2001))

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

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

ABA Site Inspections (service on 10 site teams (6 as chair); LL.M. site visit; and 7 foreign summer program inspections - 1996-2010)

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

Member (elected), American Law Institute (1993 - present)

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

Member, Tennessee Supreme Court 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)

American Inns of Court, New Inn Development Committee
(2010 - 2011)

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

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

Elwood Thomas American Inn of Court
Columbia-Jefferson City, Missouri (2006 - present)

Chair, Academic Program Review, College of Social
Work, University of Tennessee (1993)

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

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

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

Pretrial Litigation in a Nutshell (West Pub. Co., 4th ed. 2008)

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

Panel, "The Progression of Legal Education," 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)

“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
(2007; 2009)

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

“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
(2003; 2005; 2006; 2007; 2008; 2010)

Panel Presentations, Southeastern Association of American Law
Schools, Annual Meeting (2004 - 2011)

“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,"
National Org. of Lawyers for Education Associations, Kiawah
Island, S. C. (1987)

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

"The Reliance Upon State Constitutional Law in Criminal Cases,"
University of Tennessee College of Law Constitutional Law
Symposium (1987)

PRIOR
EMPLOYMENT:

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)