PROFESSOR OF LAW: The University of Alabama School of Law (1994-present)


HONORS PROFESSOR: The University of Alabama Honors College (2014-present)

Alabama’s Characteristics: Seminar exploring state’s history, public policy, culture and reform efforts.

SCHOLARSHIP: Literary Portrayal of Injustice Embedded in the Law

Memoir: PRETTY HAIR: A PROFESSOR’S ENLIGHTENMENT ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL (unpublished manuscript, approximately 95,000 words in 18 chapters; targeting publication in 2016).

SCHOLARSHIP: Tax Policy and Judeo-Christian Ethics


The article and book above received extensive press coverage in newspapers all over the country (e.g., front page story, Wall Street Journal), interviews on ABC and NBC national news programs and National Public Radio, international press coverage (the London Times) and made the New York Times 2003 list of best ideas. It was the subject of a 2004 United Methodist Church national resolution, and in 2004 received awards from the Faith and Politics Institute (presented by Congressman John Lewis) and Sojourner’s Call to Renewal.


Book chapter: They’re a moral obligation, in TEN EXCELLENT REASONS NOT TO HATE TAXES 22-30 (2007).


The article and book above was the subject of a feature article in the business section of the *New York Times*. See David Cay Johnston, **Professor Cites Bible in Faulting Tax Policies**, N.Y. Times, Dec. 25, 2007, at C3.

Article for symposium that included Arne Duncan, **A Moral Perspective on the Role of Education in Sustaining the Middle Class**, 24 Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy 309-325 (2010).


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Article, **Ethics Reform in Alabama** 61 Alabama Law Review 807-826 (2010).

**SCHOLARSHIP: Business Organizations and Business Tax**


Article (with Strong), *Allocations Attributable to Partner Nonrecourse Liabilities: Issues Revealed by LLCs and LLPs*, 51 ALABAMA LAW REVIEW 603-672 (2000).


OP-ED EDITORIALS AND ESSAYS PUBLISHED OUTSIDE ALABAMA

“Revelation Road: A Professor Hits the Campaign Trail”, in REFLECTIONS MAGAZINE, YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL (Fall 2012).

“Prayer for fair tax policy”, in PRAYERS FOR A NEW SOCIAL AWAKENING (May, 2008).


“Biblical Perspectives on Taxation and the Poor”, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER (November 7, 2004).


OP-ED EDITORIALS AND ESSAYS PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS ACROSS ALABAMA

“Entry on Constitutional Reform”, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ALABAMA (August, 2010).

“The Alabama Supreme Court affects the lives of all Alabamians” (March 22, 2009).
“Yertle offers lessons to Alabama” (December 7, 2008).
“Entry on Knight v. Alabama”, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ALABAMA (February, 2008).
“Resegregation and Tax Policy” (September 30, 2007).
“The entry way into Alito’s judicial soul” (February 18, 2007).
“Alabama is a Long Way From Being Truly Pro-life” (April 23, 2006).
“A Spiritual Quandary” (November 13, 2005).
“New Hope for the Old Problem of Poverty” (January 30, 2005).
“Lid Bill Shackles Alabama’s Minorities” (May 16, 2004).
“Voting Yes on September 9th is the Only Right Thing to Do” (August 3, 2003).
“Only Real Tax Reform Can Save Our Children” (March 2, 2003).
“Constitutional Reform Essential For Real Progress” (November 10, 2002).
“Christians Have a Moral Duty to Back Tax Reform” (September 1, 2002) (re-printed by the Samford University Press under the title of The Least of These: Tax Reform and the Commands of Faith).

MEDIA COVERAGE - Tax Policy and Judeo-Christian Ethics

Hundreds of newspaper articles, editorials and syndicated columns all over the country including:


Numerous magazine stories including:

Numerous television and radio including:


PRESENTATIONS - Tax Policy and Judeo-Christian Ethics

Since 2002, hundreds of public speaking engagements in 28 different states and in 30 of Alabama’s 67 counties in forums ranging from faith-based leadership organizations (including, South Carolina Christian Action, Iowa Ecumenical Council of Churches, Wisconsin Lutheran Synod, New Jersey Council of Churches, California Council of Churches, Texas Baptist Life Commission, Nebraska Catholic Archdiocese, Central Dallas Ministries), political organizations and advocacy groups (including, Georgia Association of Educators, Good Schools Pennsylvania, Arkansas Advocates for Children, National Association of Legislative and Political Specialists, Paul J. Hartman State and Local Tax Forum, Tennessee State Tax Commission, Tax Justice Summit) to endowed lectureships at academic institutions including:

J.J. Millican Ethics Symposium, Oklahoma Christian University (February 6, 2009)
Distinguished Whiteside Lecture, Emory University (October 10, 2006)
Star and Stan Bloom Lecture, University of Alabama (April 3, 2006)
Markoe-DePorres Social Justice Lecture, Creighton University (February 3, 2005)
Swig Lecture, University of San Francisco (September 14, 2004)
Jim MacDonald Lecture, University of Virginia (February 12, 2004)
Seasontooogood Fellow on Law & Ethics, University of Cincinnati College of Law (February 24, 2003)

PRESENTATIONS - LLCs, Partnerships and Corporations

Since 1994, over twenty presentations, including testimony before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee.

SERVICE

Board of Directors: Wesley Foundation, Turning Point, Alabama Possible.


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EDUCATION

Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama
M.T.S. (Masters in Theological Studies), May 2002; GPA 3.9/4.0.

New York University School of Law, New York, New York
LL.M. (Taxation), June 1986; GPA 3.4/4.0.
Awarded Gerald Wallace Fellowship; Tax Law Review, Graduate Editor.

Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana
J.D. magna cum laude, May 1985; Rank: 11/240; GPA 3.7/4.0; Order of the Coif.
Tulane Law Review, Research Editor; Legal Research and Writing Senior Fellow.

Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
B.A., English and History, June 1982; GPA 3.5/4.0; Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society.
A.A., Oxford College of Emory University, June 1980.

EXPERIENCE BEFORE LAW SCHOOL APPOINTMENT

Adjunct Instructor: George Mason Law School, Arlington Virginia
Classes: Partnership Tax (Summer 1992) and Business Planning (Spring 1993).

Government Service: Chief Counsel’s Office, Internal Revenue Service, Washington DC

Private Practice: Sullivan & Cromwell and Chadbourne & Parke, New York, New York
Associate Attorney (concentrating in taxation), September 1986 - May 1990.

PUBLICATIONS BEFORE LAW SCHOOL APPOINTMENT


**OTHER:** Born July 28, 1960; married with two adult children; member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Tuscaloosa; bar memberships—New York (since 1987) and Alabama (since 2000).