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EDUCATION

Columbia College ■ New York, NY

B.A., 1979

Urban Studies and History (double major)

Dean's List, William Curtis Prize (Public Speaking)

Vanderbilt University School of Law ■ Nashville, TN

J.D., 1982

Articles Editor, *Vanderbilt Law Review* (1981 -1982)

Symposium Editor, *Vanderbilt Law Review* (April, 1982)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO:

Lawyering Process Professor ■ 2003 – present ; **Director**, 2008 - present

Lawyering Process ■ I teach one section of first-year students the introduction to legal method and expression, which includes legal analysis, research and writing, and oral argument. I Select the text and develop my own syllabus; I do all lectures and grading.

As the Director of the Lawyering Process Program, I coordinate a group of eight LP Professors to deliver this course to the entire first year class. Our group closely cooperates with each other, and we have a formal mentoring program for new hires.

Discovery Practicum ■ I teach one section of upper-class students a 3-credit course focused on the discovery period in litigation. In the context of a pending litigation, students prepare 13 different written discovery documents, conduct a deposition, and ultimately settle the case. Developed course and conducted all lectures and grading.

Administrative Law ■ I occasionally teach this upper-level required course in the law of the administrative state. I selected the text and developed the syllabus. I incorporate advanced classroom technology in this class, including using a student response system (“clickers”) and group projects using Wiki software.

Emerging Trends in Data and Knowledge Management ■ In the spring semester, I teach this course in the MSLA program in a fully online environment. This course introduces students to the theories of knowledge management and applies them to the legal environment. I selected the text, developed the syllabus, and also use a live classroom technology where all students were able to hear me, and speak to each other.

In the Academic Year 2008-2009, I am serving on the law school's Appointments Committee, and the University Faculty Senate. I also serve on the University's Distance Learning Council.

Adjunct Professor ■ 1991 - 1997

Lawyering Process ■ In addition to teaching this course as an Adjunct, I assisted the director, Prof. John Reese, in implementing changes to the program. In the last two years, I gave several of the lectures that brought all of the first year students together.

Adjunct Professor ■ 1992 - 1994

Litigation Practicum ■ This upper-level course addressed the discovery process in a practice-focused setting. I developed the syllabus and did all lectures and grading.

At the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY:

Adjunct Professor ■ 1984 – 1985

Legal Research and Writing ■ I taught 32 students the full year legal research and writing course, including all syllabus and lecture development, and all grading.

At the Phillips Academy, Andover Summer Session, Andover, MA:

Instructor ■ Summer, 1985

Jurisprudence ■ I taught an intensive 6-week course in legal history and philosophy. I developed the syllabus, selected the texts, and gave two-hour lectures six days per week and all grading.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Partner/Owner, Judson Thomson, LLC, Denver, CO, 2000 – 2003

Litigation of numerous cases in State and Federal Court. Lead attorney on a large case for an Indian Tribe against the United States. Several employment discrimination cases; general corporate representation for several non-profit organizations. Management and mentoring of younger legal staff.

General Counsel, Colorado Legal Network, Inc., Denver, CO, 1993 – 2000

All legal and corporate matters for this Internet Service Provider and content Web site. Managed employees, acquisitions, P&Ls, investments and budgets. Litigation management and prevention.

Senior Associate, Rothgerber, Johnson & Lyons, Denver, CO, 1990 – 1993

Practice focused on Environmental and Construction litigation. Represented the second largest construction firm in the Rocky Mountains. Numerous cases involving negotiation and settlement in a complex regulatory environment.

Managing Attorney, Price Waterhouse, Washington, DC, 1988 – 1990

Managed staff on several large, multi-location assignments. Established methods of managing contracts on large consulting projects. Developed expert systems for legal document generation.

Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC, 1985 – 1988

Environmental Enforcement Section, Land and Natural Resources Division. Handled rolling docket of 30 cases in 12 Federal Courts. Lead Trial counsel on largest Clean Air Act case – government verdict. Lead attorney on the largest Superfund site in the United States.

Associate, Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler, New York, NY, 1982 – 1985

Varied litigation experience, including product liability defense, trademark infringement, and ERISA.

PRESENTATIONS

- Practical Legal Education in the United States, Keynote speaker and two-day workshop leader for Deans and Professors of Chinese law schools, Beijing, China, October 28 and 29, 2008.
- *Teaching Legal Writing Online*, Presentation at the biennial conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 16, 2008.
- Hybrid Textbooks for Law Teaching, Presentation to the LexisNexis Publications Advisory Board, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 26, 2008.
- *Don't Ban Them, Use Them*, as the opening presentation of a panel sponsored by the Teaching Methods Section of AALS entitled "Attractions and Distractions, Laptop use in the Law School Classroom," at the AALS 2008 Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 5, 2008.
- *In Defense of Judicial Humor*, at the "Once Upon a Legal Time: Applied Storytelling in Law" Conference, co-sponsored by the Legal Writing Institute and the City University Inns of Court Law School, London, England, July 19, 2007.
- *The Use of Student Response Systems ("Clickers") in Law School Pedagogy: A Workshop on Methods to Increase Interaction in Class*, Summer Conference of the Institute for Law School Teaching, Boston, MA, June 8, 2007.
- *Conference Poster session on Podcasting and Vodcasting at Technology & the Human Intellect: Computer Literacies and Development of the Creative Mind* (CTL, April 27, 2007).
- CLE on *Ethics, Privacy and the New Electronic Discovery Rules* (Privacy Foundation, April 20, 2007).
- *The Use of Wimba Live Classroom in Online Pedagogy* (University of Denver, April 4, 2007).
- *Technology for Teaching: New Tools, Better Learning* (Presentation to the Sturm College of Law Adjunct Faculty, March 13, 2007).
- *Preparing for the New Students: New Technologies in the Service of Teaching Legal Writing*, Biennial conference of the Legal Writing Institute, June 10, 2006 (with Tracy McGaugh and Cliff Zimmerman).
- *Online Course Design*, for the Faculty of the School of Social Work at the University of Denver, July 19, 2006.
- *CaseMap Software in the Teaching of Legal Writing*, Annual CALI (Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) Conference, Chicago, Illinois. June 10, 2005.
- *Designing Law Courses in an Online Environment*. Presentation to the Faculty of the Masters of Science in Legal Administration Program (MSLA) at the Sturm College of Law. June 3, 2005.

- *Using CaseMap for Scholarly Research*. Presentation to the Sturm College of Law Faculty, sponsored by the Faculty Development Committee. *April 8, 2005*.
- *Introduction to Collaborative Learning*. Presentation to Workshop of Professors and Instructors at the University of Denver, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning. *March 25, 2005*.
- *Expanding Collaborative Learning in the Lawyering Process Course*, Teaching and Learning Grant awarded by the Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Denver. *November 22, 2004*.
- *BookLocker: A State of the Art Approach to Balancing the DRM Equation*, EDUCAUSE, *October 20, 2004*.
- *Using CaseMap to Help Students make the Leap from Legal Analysis to Legal Writing*. Presented to the Teaching with Technology Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, *August 10, 2004*.
- *BookLocker and Electronic E-Books for Law Students*. Presented with Jennifer Moore-Evans and Jessica Hogan, at the CALI Conference, Seattle, Washington, *June 17, 2004*.

PUBLICATIONS

- David I. C. Thomson, [Law School 2.0: Legal Education for a Digital Age](#) (LexisNexis/Matthew Bender, 2009).
- David I. C. Thomson, *Effective Methods of Teaching Legal Writing Online* (2008), available at: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1159467
- David I. C. Thomson, *CaseMap as a Tool for the Research Log Function: Finally, a Technology that Can Help us Teach Better* (2007), available at: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=996739
- David I. C. Thomson, Review of *Lifting the Fog of Legalese: Essays on Plain Language*, 36 Colorado Lawyer 87 (2007).
- David I. C. Thomson, *Teaching as Art Form – A Review of The Elements of Teaching*, 15 Perspectives 41 (2006).
- David I. C. Thomson, *Sometimes You Have to Be the Guide on the Side*. 20 Second Draft 23 (2005)
- *Quoted in*: Margaret Graham Tebo, *Duty Calls*, ABA Journal, p. 34 (April 2005).
- David I. C. Thomson, *Kerry: Better with Change*. Editorial in *Clarion*, p. 8 (November 2, 2004).
- David I. C. Thomson, *Problems of Proof in False Comparative Product Advertising: How Gullible is the Consumer?* 72 Trademark Rep. 385 (1982).
- Editor, Preparatory Materials, *A Forum on Legal Education and Preparedness for Practice*, Jointly sponsored by the Colorado Bar Ass'n, the University of Colorado School of Law, and the University of Denver College of Law, September 24, 1994.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *In Defense of Judicial Humor*
 - *Collaborative Learning in the Teaching of Legal Research and Writing (under a grant from the Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Denver).*
 - *Musical forms and Rhetoric*
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APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Editor, *The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*, 2004 – present.
Chair, Website/Communications Committee, Legal Writing Institute, 2008 – present.
LexisNexis Law School Advisory Board, 2006 – present.
Teaching Committee, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2008-present.
LexisNexis Publications Advisory Board, 2008 – present.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

New York, New Jersey and Colorado (*retired* in NY and NJ, *active* in CO).
United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
Federal District Courts of Colorado, New Jersey, S.D.N.Y. and E.D.N.Y.
United States Court of Claims

MEMBERSHIPS

Legal Writing Institute
Association of Legal Writing Directors
American Bar Association
Colorado Bar Association
Denver Bar Association

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chairman, Legal Education and Admissions Committee, Colorado Bar Ass'n 1993-1996.
Vestry (Elected Board), St. John's Cathedral, 2000-2003.
Member of the Board, The Denver Bach Society, 1999-2003.
Chairman, Stewardship Education Committee, St. John's Cathedral, 2002 – 2004.
Member of the Board, Executive Committee, Work Options for Women, 2003 – present.