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## **EXPERIENCE**

*CHIEF INNOVATION OFFICER* 2017-Present  
*SENIOR ADVISOR FOR ACADEMIC INNOVATION AND DESIGN*  
University of Denver, Denver, CO

Developed portfolio of initiatives and experiments to ensure our university can continue to provide high-value curriculum to the next generation of students and their employers.

- Created innovative, cross-disciplinary curricular initiatives, including:
  - Socio-Legal Studies
  - Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
  - Sustainability
  - Healthcare
  - Cybersecurity
  - Artificial Intelligence
- Built framework for, and portfolio of, stackable certificate programs.
- Expanded experiential, project-based learning on campus, providing opportunities for students to work on teams to solve real-world problems for community partners.
- Facilitated faculty experiments with non-traditional course formats, including short-courses and bootcamps.
- Proposed system changes to support cross-disciplinary work, including:
  - New tuition flow policy
  - Changes to intra-university course marketing and registration
- Launched design thinking team, comprised of faculty, staff, and students.
- Connected faculty from units across university for teaching and research projects.
- Developed online and hybrid education strategy for university.
- Started internal online program management office (OPM).
- Served on Chancellor's Cabinet and Provost's Council.

*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PROJECT X-ITE* 2018-Present  
University of Denver, Denver, CO

Directed university-wide, cross-disciplinary initiative on innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship (X-ITE).

- Pivoted X-ITE to focus on student growth and cultivation of entrepreneurial mindset.
- Built programs to support students in all aspects of creating start-up enterprises in for-profit and non-profit arenas, including early stage seed-funding program, incubator and accelerator programs, leadership program, and mentoring program.
- Increased diversity and inclusiveness in student entrepreneurship programs.
- Started and raised funding for Pioneer Venture Group, a student-led seed-level investment fund.

**EXPERIENCE (continued)**

*DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW*

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO

*DEAN (2009-2016)*

2009-2016

Led law school with \$40M annual budget, 150 employees, and more than 900 students.

- Developed and implemented successful, data-driven strategic plan focused on experiential learning, specialization in high-demand areas of law, and strengthening ties to the Denver legal community.
- Adopted cutting edge curriculum and programing, including Project X-ITE, a cross-disciplinary initiative in innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship.
- Launched successful new LLM and MLS programs.
- Created diversity and inclusiveness programs, including:
  - Nation's first associate dean for institutional diversity and inclusiveness
  - Yegge scholarship program for diverse students
  - Pipeline programs with local high schools and universities, and employers.
- Started fellowship programs with legal employers, including a joint program with our state's other law school to connect students with rural prosecutor's offices.
- Led robust outreach efforts to engage alumni, bar, and academic communities.
- Built mentoring program for all students during law school and for 2 years in career.
- Improved core metrics, including bar passage and employment results.
- Reduced expenses 23% to sustainably reduce class size and maintain class quality and diversity during national decline in law school applications.
- Achieved significant reputational gains for the school, including improvements in rankings and national recognition for the school's leadership and innovation, particularly in experiential education.
- Raised \$53M, doubling the number of endowed scholarships for students.
- Oversaw successful ABA site visit and re-accreditation process.

*PROFESSOR OF LAW*

2000-Present

- Specializations in Employment Law, Constitutional Law, and Higher Education.
- Articles published in top law reviews, including Yale Law Journal, Georgetown Law Journal, Constitutional Commentary, and Journal of Legal Education.
- Routinely in SSRN's Top 10% for downloads.
- Regular presentations and appearances in major media outlets.

*EQUITY PARTNER*

1992-2000

Davis, Graham & Stubbs, LLP, Denver, CO

- Specialty in Employment Law at leading Denver-based corporate law firm
- Hiring Committee
- Diversity Task Force

**EXPERIENCE (continued)**

*LAW CLERK*

1991-1992

Hon. David M. Ebel, U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit, Denver, CO

**CONSULTING**

Regis University, Anderson College of Business. Advised leadership on responses to declining market, vision, and dean search.

Tennessee Higher Education Commission. Topic confidential.

Pace University. Topic confidential.

Valparaiso University. Topic confidential.

University of the Pacific. Topic confidential.

University of Washington. Performed study of demand and feasibility for potential new law school in Tacoma, WA. Presented findings to stakeholders.

GLG global experts' network. Consultations on matters of higher education strategy, including online education issues.

Guidepoint global experts' network. Consultations on matters of higher education strategy, including online education issues.

Air Methods Corp., Denver, CO. Investigated discrimination claim against company.

**BOARDS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Law Institute (ALI), Elected Member

Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (IAALS), Advisory Board

Law School Transparency, National Advisory Council

Journal of Experiential Learning, Advisory Board

American Bar Foundation, Fellow

Thompson Marsh Inn of Court, Member

Colorado Women's College, Strategic Planning Advisory Board ("Brain Trust"), Member

**BOARDS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (continued)**

ParaScript LLC, Board Member

BluDOT, Advisory Board Member

KiwiBot, Advisory Board Member

Service Concluded:

Association of American Law Schools (AALS)

Section for the Law School Dean (Co-Chair)

Nominating Committee

Curriculum Committee

Chief Justice's Commission on the Legal Profession (Colorado)

Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers, Founding Board Member

Startup Colorado, Advisory Board

Colorado Bar Association, Civil Rights Committee

Denver Bar Association, Labor Law Forum Committee

American Arbitration Association, Employment Advisory Committee

Yale Law School Executive Committee, Regional Representative

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Most Influential People in Legal Education (no. 4), National Jurist, 2015

On this list for 4 years. In Top 10 for three years.

IAALS Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers Award, 2016

Robert B. Yegge Excellence in Teaching Award, Denver Law Stars, 2016

Most Outstanding Dean, Denver Law Student Bar Association, 2010

50 for Colorado (leadership program), Colo. Assoc. of Commerce & Industry, 1999

100 Hour Club (pro bono award), Denver Bar Association, 1998

Outstanding Pro Bono Lawyer, Denver Bar Association, 1995

**EDUCATION**

*YALE LAW SCHOOL*, New Haven, CT

J.D., June 1991

*YALE LAW JOURNAL*, co-Editor-in-Chief

*YALE JOURNAL ON REGULATION*, Editor

John M. Olin Fellow

*HARVARD COLLEGE*, Cambridge, MA

B.A. *magna cum laude*, Economics, June 1987

**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

U.S. Supreme Court, 2008  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 1996  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, 1993  
U.S. District Court: District of Colorado, 1993  
Colorado, 1993

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Colo. Attorney General, 2018-19 Transition Team Lead  
ACLU, Pro Bono Cases  
Denver Bar Association Thursday Night Bar, Pro Bono Cases  
Mi Casa Resource Center for Women, Lecturer  
We the People (constitutional law competitions for high school students), Judge  
Close Up (government education for high school students), Appellate Presenter  
Colorado Academy Moot Court Team, Coach  
Year One Youth Challenge Program, Youth Mentor  
Washington Park and Denver Soccer Associations, Coach  
Angel Flight West (fka Air Life Line), Medical Transport Pilot  
Civil Air Patrol, Search and Rescue Pilot

**OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

Pilot: Air Transport, Multi-Engine, Instrument and Flight Instructor ratings  
Design Thinking (Stanford d. school Teaching and Learning Studio, June 2019)  
Proficient in French  
Outdoor activities, including hiking, skiing, and fishing  
Extensive professional and personal travel in Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Africa