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Bar Admissions:

United States Tax Court (2013-active status), Colorado (2011-active status), Massachusetts (2005-retired status), New Hampshire (2005-inactive status)

Professional Experience:

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Graduate Tax Program, Denver, CO

Associate Professor of the Practice of Taxation, August 2018 – Present

- Teaching Civil and Criminal Tax Procedure, Tax Research and Writing, and Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
- Faculty sponsor for students participating in the ABA Law School Tax Challenge written paper competition

Assistant Professor of the Practice of Taxation, September 2012 – July 2018

- Taught Civil and Criminal Tax Procedure, Tax Research and Writing, and Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, Estate and Gift Taxation, Estate Planning, Faculty Advisor for Independent Studies
- Faculty sponsor for students participating in the ABA Law School Tax Challenge written paper competition; exceptional papers selected for final oral round presentations for three consecutive years (2015, 2016, and 2017)

Director, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, December 2014 – Present

- Maintain administrative responsibility for over 250 active tax controversy cases
- Supervise students, volunteers, and staff in handling cases
- Oversee the budget, annual federal grant applications, and bi-annual program reports
- Design and implement curriculum to train students as tax professionals

Assistant Director, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, September 2012 – December, 2014

Anderson & Jahde, P.C. – Littleton, CO

Associate Attorney, 2011 – 2012

- Advised high net worth clients on complex estate and asset protection planning
- Advised clients on compliance with Foreign Bank Account Report (FBAR) reporting requirements and the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and prepared tax returns to meet such requirements

McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, P.A. – Manchester, NH

Associate Attorney, 2008 – 2010

- Counseled clients on estate planning, estate administration, probate litigation, and management of institutional funds by non-profit organizations

Ansell & Anderson, P.A. – Bedford, NH

Associate Attorney, 2006 – 2008

- Counseled clients on trust and probate administration

New Hampshire Supreme Court – Concord, NH

Law Clerk for Honorable James E. Duggan (retired), 2005 – 2006

- Researched and drafted court opinions

Education:

- University of Denver, Graduate Tax Program, Denver, CO – LL.M. (Taxation) August 2012
- Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA – J.D. January 2005
- Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, MA – M.P.H. January 2005
- Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO – B.A. in Neuroscience, *Cum Laude* May 2000

Professional Associations:

- Future Tax Leaders 2017 – Present
- Be Mindful, Board Member 2016 – 2017
- Northeastern University School of Law Alumni Association, NH Chapter, Co-Director 2007 – 2010
- New Hampshire Women’s Bar Association, Secretary and Public Relations Officer 2007 – 2010
- Queen City Rotary, Manchester, NH, Member 2008 – 2010
- Manchester Crimeline, Manchester, NH, Board Member 2009 – 2010

Publications and Presentations:

- Effectively Representing Your Client Before the IRS, Chapter Co-Author Chapter 14, Approaching Civil Penalties Cases November 2017
- CPE4U Presentations on Offers in Compromise, IRS Collection Alternatives, Challenging IRS Liability, Tax Research 2013 – Present
- Offers in Compromise – Ins and Outs – Panel Lead December 2016
Presentation at Annual LITC grantee conference, Washington DC
- Building the LITC Community: Networking through Focus Groups – Panelist December 2016
Presentation at Annual LITC Grantee Conference, Washington DC
- Settling a Tax Court Case with an Offer in Compromise, Procedurally Taxing May 2016
- Statutes of Limitations: What You Need to Know – Panelist December 2015
Presentation at Annual LITC Grantee Conference, Washington DC
- “The Glass Ceiling Reinforced: Ten Years Later – Pay Disparity Continues,” New Hampshire Bar Journal (co-author) June 2010
- “Modification of Trusts under the Uniform Trust Code,” New Hampshire Bar News January 2009
- “NH Adopts Domestic Asset Protection,” New Hampshire Bar News (co-author) January 2009

Additional Involvements:

- Sturm College of Law Loan Repayment Assistance Payment Committee 2017 – 2018
- Sturm College of Law Modern Learning Committee 2016 – 2017
- Member of working group to advise on issues with the IRS Offer in Compromise program (group members appointed by IRS National Taxpayer Advocate) 2017
- Member of Working group to prepare comments to Proposed Regulations (organized by ABA Section of Taxation, Individual and Family Taxation Sub-Committee) 2017
- Member of working group to recommend changes to IRS on Collection Form CP14 (group members appointed by IRS National Taxpayer Advocate) 2016
- Member of working group to develop litigation strategy to combat Tax Preparer Fraud (group members appointed by IRS National Taxpayer Advocate) 2015