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William & Mary Law School

Professor of Law: 2019-Present
Vice Dean: 2020-21
Associate Professor of Law (with tenure): 2010-2019
Associate Professor of Law (without tenure): 2008-2010
Assistant Professor of Law: 2004-2008

Education

University of Virginia School of Law: Juris Doctor, May 1996
Virginia Law Review: Notes Editor
John M. Olin Student Fellowship in Law and Economics
Edwin S. Cohen Tax Prize: most outstanding graduating student in taxation

Duke University: Bachelor of Arts, May 1993
Majors: Mathematics and Economics
Phi Beta Kappa; Magna Cum Laude; Dean's List with Distinction

Publications

Crypto Assets and the Problem of Tax Classifications, 100 WASH. U. LAW REV. 765 (2023).

Regulating Crypto, On and Off the Chain, 64 WM. & MARY L. REV. 1011 (2023)

Smart Contracts and the Limits of Computerized Commerce, 99 NEB. L. REV. 330 (2020)

Cryptocurrency Hard Forks and Revenue Ruling 2019-24, 39 VA. TAX REV. 227 (2019)

A Tax on the Clones: The Strange Case of Bitcoin Cash, 39 VA. TAX REV. 1 (2019)

How Bitcoin Functions Like Property Law, 49 SETON HALL L. REV. 129 (2019)

Taxing Systemic Risk, 16 U.N.H. L. REV. 1 (2017)

Taxing Losers, 18 FL. TAX REV. 541 (2016)

Extending the Taxation-of-Risk Model to Timing Options and Marked-to-Market Taxes, 32 VA. TAX REV. 485 (2013)

The Uneasy Case for Deferring Banker Pay, 73 LA. L. REV. 923 (2013)

The Post-TARP Movement to Regulate Banker Pay, 2011 N.Y.U. REV. EMP. BENEFITS & EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Redressing All ERISA Fiduciary Breaches under Section 409(A), 83 TEMPLE L. REV. 147 (2010)

Executive Compensation and Tax Neutrality, 31 CARDOZO L. REV. 1667 (2010)

Intersection of ERISA and Internal Revenue Code, Overlapping Government Jurisdiction & Preemption, BENDER'S FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION OF RETIREMENT PLANS CH. 8 (Alvin Lurie ed. 2008) (treatise chapter)

Quantifying the Tax Advantage of Deferred Compensation, 2008 N.Y.U. REV. EMP. BENEFITS & EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION CH. 8

Why Pension Funding Matters, 2007 N.Y.U. REV. EMP. BENEFITS & EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION Ch.10

Naked and Covered in Monte Carlo: A Reappraisal of Option Taxation, 27 VA. TAX REV. 135 (2007)

Deferred Compensation Reform: Taxing the Fruit of the Tree in Its Proper Season, 67 OHIO ST. L.J. 347 (2006)

Outlawing Pension-Funding Shortfalls, 26 VA. TAX REV. 519 (2006)

The Economic Ambiguity (and Possible Irrelevance) of Tax Transition Rules, 22 VA. TAX REV. 615 (2003)

Settlements and Waivers Affecting Pension Benefits Under ERISA, 14 BENEFITS L. J. 61 (2001)

Toward a Practical Estate-Tax Exclusion for Family-Run Businesses: Analysis of Section 2033A and Proposal for Reform, 32 REAL PROP. PROB. & TR. J. 571 (1998) (with Robert T. Danforth)

The Proper Role of the Estate and Gift Taxation of Closely Held Businesses, 32 REAL PROP. PROB. & TR. J. 103 (1997) (with Robert T. Danforth)

Courses Taught

Accounting & Finance for Lawyers
Accounting for Lawyers
Banking Law
Corporate Taxation
Cryptocurrency Regulation
Employee Benefits
Family Wealth Transactions (Estate & Gift Taxation)
Federal Income Taxation
International Taxation Directed Reading
Trusts & Estates

University Service

Assessment Committee: 2020-21
Faculty Assembly: 2013-2018, 2023
 President: 2015-2016
 Vice President: 2014-2016
Faculty Compensation Board: 2006-2010
Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors: 2016-2018
Investment Committee: 2016-Present
Library Committee: 2019-Present
Presidential Search Committee: 2017-2018
Working Group on Employee Classification: 2019

Law-School Service

Committee on Writing and Lawyering Skills: 2009-2010
Dean's Advisory Committee: 2005-2006, 2012-2014
 Chair: 2012
Director, William & Mary Tax Conference: 2007-Present
Enrichment Committee: 2004-2010
Faculty Appointments Committee: 2011-2013
Faculty Status Committee: 2019, 2021-23
 Chair: 2021-22
Loan Repayment Assistance Committee: 2005-2008
Search Committees
 Law Library Director Search Committee: 2018-2019
 PELE Clinic Director: 2022-2023
 Puller Clinic Director: 2023-2024
Vice Dean: 2020-21

External Service

Consultant to the European Financial Reporting Advisory Group on the accounting treatment of cryptocurrencies and related transactions: 2021
Co-Chair, AALS Section on Employee Benefits: 2009

Standing Committee on Commissioners of Accounts of the Judicial Council of Virginia: 2015-2019

Treasurer, Williamsburg Youth Orchestras: 2016-2019

Presentations

Corporate Scandals & Trends in Corporate Fraud, William & Mary Business Law Review Symposium (April 2024)

Taxing the Metaverse, ABA Section on Taxation May Meeting (May 2023)

Decentralized Finance after FTX, William & Mary Business Law Review Symposium (April 2023)

Cryptocurrency and Fiduciary Investing, Arkansas Law Review Symposium (October 2022)

Cryptocurrency Policy & Regulation, William & Mary Law Review Symposium (February 2022)

Taxation of Cryptocurrencies, William & Mary Tax Conference (November 2021)

Introduction to Cryptocurrencies (online presentation), Hampton Roads Federal Bar Association (April 29, 2021)

Introduction to Cryptocurrency: Regulation & Policy Seminar (online presentation), Jeddah College of Law (April 7, 2021)

Central Bank Digital Coins (online presentation), Conference on Law and Finance Issues in Response to Public Crises, sponsored by the Collaborative Research Center for Law and Finance, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, Chongqing, China (November 11, 2020)

Taxing Bitcoin Cash, William & Mary Law School Enrichment series
(September 2018)

Taxing Bitcoin Cash, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual
Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL (August 2018)

Taxing Losers, William & Mary Law School Enrichment series (January 2015)

Taxing Losers, Washington & Lee Law School (July 2014)

2013 Blackstone Lecture, William & Mary Law School, Taxing Financial
Pollution (March 2013)

The Post-TARP Movement to Regulate Banker Pay, John Marshall School of
Law (April 2011)

Moderator, AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Employee Benefits Panel
(January 2010)

Role of Trust Law in ERISA Remedies, Seton-Hall Law School (September
2009)

Role of Trust Law in ERISA Remedies, William & Mary Law School Faculty
Colloquium (August 2009).

Distinguished Lecturer in Employee Benefits, John Marshall School of Law
(April 2009)

Symposium, Hofstra Labor & Employment Law Journal, The Grand Irony of
ERISA?: Intersectionality of ERISA Preemption and Remedial Issues (March
2009)

Executive Compensation: William & Mary Law School Faculty Colloquium
(July 2008)

Moderator, International Tax Issues, William & Mary Tax Conference
(November 2007)

Hedge-Fund Taxation: William & Mary Law School Faculty Colloquium (July
2007)

Moderator, Compensating Key Employees, William & Mary Tax Conference
(November 2006)

Option Taxation: William & Mary Law School Faculty Colloquium (July
2006)

Pension Funding Crisis: Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual
Conference, Hilton Head, SC (July 2005)

Pension Funding Crisis: William & Mary Law School Faculty Colloquium
(July 2005)

Prior Employment

Ivins, Phillips & Barker, Washington, DC

Partner: January 2003 to July 2004

Associate: June 1998 to December 2002

McGuireWoods LLP, Charlottesville, VA

Associate: September 1996 to May 1998

Professional Associations

Associate Member, Virginia State Bar

Inactive Member, North Carolina State Bar

Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Charterholder