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Seasoned legal scholar, academic administrator, and institutional leader with more than two decades of experience in legal education, faculty leadership, accreditation-related oversight, and professional governance. Nationally recognized scholar with a substantial body of work published in leading law reviews and cited by courts, scholars, and policymakers. Brings a record of advancing faculty excellence, strengthening academic quality, improving bar-readiness outcomes, managing significant budgets, and leading organizations at the school, university, and national levels.

LEADERSHIP PROFILE

- Interim Dean, Gonzaga University School of Law, providing strategic, academic, and administrative leadership for the law school
- Former Associate Dean of Faculty and current Professor of Law at the University of Idaho College of Law, where responsibilities included faculty leadership across two campuses and oversight of hiring, promotion, tenure, contract renewal, onboarding, and faculty development
- Implemented bar-readiness initiatives that improved pass rates by more than ten percentage points
- Former Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development at Mercer University School of Law, responsible for developing formal mentoring, research incentives, and fundraising initiatives to elevate faculty visibility and achievement
- Led major academic and professional organizations, including service as Deputy Director of the Association of American Law Schools, Deputy Executive Director and Treasurer of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, and senior leadership roles, including Chair, in the ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice
- Managed budgets of approximately \$2 million and improved organizational financial performance during periods of disruption

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington

Interim Dean | 2026-present

Responsibilities

- Provides strategic, academic, and administrative leadership for the School of Law.
- Provides leadership for fundraising, alumni engagement, and external relations.
- Oversees academic programs, faculty affairs, student success, admissions, budget planning, and law school operations.
- Collaborates with university leadership to advance the mission and strategic priorities of the law school and Gonzaga University.

- Leads faculty and staff in fostering excellence in teaching, scholarship, service, and student support.
- Partners with alumni, donors, advisory boards, and the legal community to strengthen institutional relationships.
- Represents the School of Law within the university, the legal profession, accreditation organizations, and the broader community.
- Supports the law school's commitment to Jesuit values, inclusive excellence, and professional formation.
- Provides leadership for strategic planning, accreditation, enrollment management, and continuous institutional improvement.

Selected Accomplishments

- Advocated successfully for emergency licensure relief for 2026 graduates affected by the Washington bar examination disruption, in coordination with Washington's other law school deans, the state bar, and the Washington Supreme Court to secure waiver-based admission relief for first-time test-takers.

University of Idaho College of Law, Moscow and Boise, Idaho

Director of the Tax Program and Professor of Law | 2022-present

Associate Dean of Faculty | 2025-2026

Responsibilities

- Provided strategic leadership for faculty affairs across two campuses, supporting more than forty full-time faculty members.
- Oversaw faculty recruitment, hiring, promotion, tenure, contract renewal, and other personnel processes, emphasizing fairness, transparency, and academic excellence.
- Led faculty development through mentoring, onboarding, orientation, annual evaluations, and professional development initiatives.
- Developed and implemented initiatives to strengthen bar-readiness, accreditation compliance, faculty excellence, and student learning outcomes.
- Represented the College in university leadership meetings and public functions in the Dean's absence.
- Collaborated on budget planning and resource allocation and managed faculty and staff travel operations.
- Chaired the Admissions Committee and oversaw admissions policy and character-and-fitness review.

Selected Accomplishments

- Implemented bar-readiness initiatives that increased first-time bar passage rates by more than ten percentage points.
- Led admissions initiatives that increased the 2026 entering class median LSAT by two points.

- Directed the College's Tax Program when it earned its first A rating from National Jurist in 2025.

Mercer University School of Law, Macon, Georgia

Associate Dean of Faculty Research and Development | 2019-2021

Ellison Capers Palmer, Sr. Endowed Chair in Tax Law | 2014-2022

Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor of Law | 2003-2022

Responsibilities

- Served as the inaugural Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development.
- Helped elevate the national visibility and reputation of the faculty through strategic support for scholarly productivity, mentoring, and recognition.
- Directed faculty mentoring, research support, and faculty recognition initiatives.
- Worked with alumni and the Board of Visitors to advance faculty excellence through fundraising and donor engagement.

Selected Accomplishments

- Created the law school's first formal mentoring program for faculty research and scholarship.
- Redesigned the summer research stipend program to better incentivize publication and scholarly productivity.
- Partnered with the Board of Visitors and alumni to establish faculty awards recognizing excellence in teaching and scholarship.

Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Inc.

Chair, Faculty Hiring Portal Committee | 2023-present

Treasurer | 2017-2018

Deputy Executive Director | 2010-2011; 2015-2017

Responsibilities

- Oversaw the financial operations of a nonprofit academic association representing more than 100 law schools.
- Directed budgeting, financial planning, investments, accounts receivable, and fiscal reporting.
- Collaborated with organizational leadership on governance, committee operations, annual conference planning, and strategic initiatives.

Selected Accomplishments

- Overhauled the organization's financial planning and budgeting processes, placing SEALS on stronger financial footing.
- Identified and corrected worker-classification risks involving staff positions.
- Revised committee structures and reporting systems to improve organizational effectiveness.

- Helped plan annual conferences that achieved record attendance.
- Developed and launched the SEALS online hiring portal, providing a centralized resource for entry-level and lateral faculty hiring.

American Bar Association, Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice

Chair (current); previously Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair | 2017-21; 2025-present

Responsibilities

- Elected to multiple senior leadership positions within one of the ABA's largest specialty sections, including Chair, Chair-Elect, Vice-Chair, Immediate Past Chair, and Secretary.
- Provides strategic leadership for the Section's governance, programming, publications, membership, and long-term planning.
- Oversees budgeting, financial management, and organizational operations in collaboration with Section leadership and ABA staff.
- Leads initiatives that advance administrative law education, professional development, and public service.

Selected Accomplishments

- Managed a budget exceeding \$2 million while strengthening the Section's long-term financial position.
- Increased the Section's net worth by 7 percent during the COVID-19 pandemic despite widespread conference cancellations.
- Led initiatives to secure scholarship funding for administrative law judges attending programs at the National Judicial College.
- Returned to elected leadership for a second term as Chair-Elect and Chair, reflecting the confidence of the Section's membership.

Association of American Law Schools

Deputy Director | 2012-2013

Responsibilities

- Assisted in the administration of the Association's programs and services for member law schools.
- Managed law school membership renewals and institutional relations.
- Served as a reporter on accreditation site visits conducted on behalf of the Association.

Selected Accomplishments

- Created the New Voices program for the AALS Annual Meeting, a model subsequently adopted by multiple AALS sections.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Full-Time Appointments

- Gonzaga University School of Law, Interim Dean & Professor of Law, 2026-present
- University of Idaho College of Law, Professor of Law, 2022-present (on leave while serving as Interim Dean of Gonzaga University School of Law, 2026-27); Associate Dean of Faculty, 2025-2026; Director of the Tax Program, 2022-present
- Mercer University School of Law, Professor of Law, 2003-2022; Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development, 2019-2021; Ellison Capers Palmer, Sr. Endowed Chair in Tax Law, 2014-2022
- University of Washington School of Law, Acting Assistant Professor of Law, 1992-1993
- Seattle University School of Law, Legal Writing Instructor, 1991-1992

Visiting and Other Academic Appointments

- Tulane University School of Law, Visiting Professor of Law, Fall 2024 and Fall 2016
- Gonzaga University School of Law, Adjunct Professor of Law, Summer in Florence Program, Summer 2023
- University of Mississippi School of Law, Visiting Professor of Law, 2021-2022
- University of Connecticut School of Law, Adjunct Professor, Fall 2012
- Florida State University College of Law, Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Fall 2011
- Stetson University College of Law, Professor for Summer Abroad and Interim Programs, 2009, 2010, and 2016

SCHOLARSHIP AND ACADEMIC REPUTATION

- Nationally recognized scholar in administrative law, statutory interpretation, and tax law with an extensive body of scholarship spanning articles, books, book chapters, essays, and professional commentary
- Published in top journals including the ARIZONA LAW REVIEW, the TEXAS LAW REVIEW, the UCLA LAW REVIEW, and the OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL
- Author of multiple books and teaching texts, including THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, STATUTORY INTERPRETATION, & AGENCIES; STATUTORY INTERPRETATION IN THE FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS; MASTERING LEGISLATION, REGULATION, AND STATUTORY INTERPRETATION; ACING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW; MODERN STATUTORY INTERPRETATION: PROBLEMS, THEORIES, AND LAWYERING STRATEGIES; and QUESTIONS & ANSWERS: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
- Cited by federal and state courts, including two U.S. Supreme Court justices, federal appellate courts, federal district courts, state supreme courts, and leading scholars and policymakers
- Co-creator, producer, and co-host of [Talking LegalEd](#), a podcast focused on leadership, scholarship, and legal education

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- *Beyond “We Are All Textualists Now”: A Linear Approach to Statutory Interpretation*, __ L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2027)
- *Whole Code Purposivism*, 69 ARIZ. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2027)
- *Chevron: The Doctrine that Must Not Be Named and Cannot Be Overruled*, 99 TULANE L. REV. 305 (2024)
- *The SEC’s Fight to Stop District Courts from Declaring its Hearings Unconstitutional*, 101 Tex. L. Rev. 339 (2022)
- *You’re Fired! Why the ALJ Multi-Track Dual Removal Provisions Violate the Constitution & How to Fix Them* (invited submission for symposium), 26 GEO. MASON L. REV. 705 (2019)
- Additional publications in UCLA Law Review, Ohio State Law Journal, Brooklyn Law Review, Administrative Law Review, Virginia Tax Review, and others.

Books

- Statutory Interpretation in the Federal and State Courts (1st ed. 2024, 2d ed. 2025)
- Mastering Legislation, Regulation, and Statutory Interpretation (1st ed. 2009; 2d ed. 2013; 3d ed. 2020) (formerly Mastering Statutory Interpretation)
- Acing Administrative Law (2d ed. 2024)
- Multiple additional books and teaching texts.

Book Chapters

- Portland Cement Ass’n v. Ruckelshaus, in Administrative Law Stories (2026).
- Judicial Review, in Developments in Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice (R. Divis, ed.) (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015) (co-authored with Richard Murphy).
- The Theories of Statutory Construction in American Jurisprudence, in Logic in the Theory and Practice of Lawmaking 173 (Michal Araszkiewicz & Krzysztof Pleszka eds., 2015).

INSTITUTIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- **University of Idaho College of Law:** Admissions Committee Chair; Dean Search Committee member; Law Review Faculty Advisor; Promotion and Tenure Committee member; Appointments Committee member; Curriculum Committee member; AALS Delegate
- **Mercer University School of Law:** University House of Delegates member; Administrative Committee Chair and member; Assessment Committee Chair; Faculty Development Chair and member; Appointments Committee member; Moot Court Faculty Advisor and Coach; Policy Committee elected member; Alumni Magazine Faculty Advisor

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- **American Bar Association:** Immediate Past Chair; Chair; Chair-Elect; Vice-Chair; Secretary; Council Member; Chair, Scholarship Committee; and multiple Site Team Roles
- **Association of American Law Schools:** Administrative Law Section Chair and officer roles; Membership Review Site Team Member; leadership roles in Women in Legal Education and New Law Professors sections
- **Southeastern Association of Law Schools:** Chair of the Faculty Hiring Portal Committee and Inclusion Committee; Treasurer; Deputy Executive Director; Board of Trustees member; founder or first chair of multiple development, mentoring, and recruiting initiatives

TEACHING HONORS AND SUCCESS

- Teaches a broad range of courses including Federal Income Taxation, Advanced Federal Income Taxation, Business Entities Taxation, Corporate Taxation, Tax Policy, Administrative Law, Comparative Administrative Law, Property, Legislation and Regulation, and Civil Procedure
- Recognized for excellence in teaching and mentorship, including being selected by graduates multiple times to serve as their hooding professor

EDUCATION

- Cornell Law School, J.D.
- Cornell University, B.A. in Psychology; Minor in Law & Society

PRIOR LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Office of the Attorney General, Olympia, Washington, Lead Assistant Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General, 1994-1999
- New York Supreme Court Appellate Division, Albany, New York, Law Clerk to the Honorable Paul J. Yesawich, 1989-1991

BAR ADMISSIONS

Licensed to practice in Georgia, New York, North Carolina, Washington, and Connecticut