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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota

- Positions
 - Associate Professor of Law, Fall 2019 – present
 - Senior Distinguished Fellow, Fall 2017 – Spring 2019
 - Associate Professor of Law, Fall 2013 – Spring 2014
 - Assistant Professor of Law, Fall 2010 – Spring 2013
- Courses Taught
 - Lawyering Skills I
 - Lawyering Skills II
 - Foundations of Justice II – Serving Clients Well
 - Federal Estate & Gift Taxation
 - Comparative Trusts & Estates
 - Supervised Research & Writing
- Recognition
 - Mission Award for Excellence in Professional Preparation, 2021, 2014
 - Law School Professor of the Year, 2014 (awarded by graduating class)
 - Dean’s Award for Outstanding Teaching, 2012

EDUCATION

Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law, Macon, Georgia

J.D., May 2002, Salutatorian, *magna cum laude*

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

B.A., Psychology and Pre-Professional Studies, 1999

ARTICLES

Benjamin C. Carpenter, *Sperm is Still Cheap: Reconsidering the Law’s Male-Centric Approach to Embryo Disputes After Thirty Years of Jurisprudence*, 34 YALE J.L. & FEMINISM (forthcoming Oct. 2022).

Benjamin C. Carpenter, *A Solution Hidden in Plain Sight: Applying to Legal Aid the Market Incentives that Propelled the Pro Bono Revolution*, 25 CHAPMAN L. REV. 1 (2021) (lead article).

Benjamin C. Carpenter, *Sex Post Facto: Advising Clients Regarding Posthumous Conception*, 38 ACTEC L.J. 187 (2012) (peer-reviewed publication of American College of Trust & Estate Counsel).

Benjamin C. Carpenter, *A Chip Off the Old Iceblock: How Cryopreservation Has Changed Estate Law, Why Attempts to Address the Issue Have Fallen Short, and How to Fix It*, 21 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL’Y 347 (2011).

- Cited in *Seaman v. Colvin*, 145 F. Supp. 3d 421, 427 (E.D. Penn. 2015);

- Cited in *In re Cert. Question from the U.S. Dist. Court for the W.D. Mich.*, 825 N.W.2d 566, 571 (Mich. 2012) (Kelley, J. concurring)).

BOOK CHAPTERS & SHORTER WORKS

Benjamin C. Carpenter, *A Letter to Students on the Meaning of Work and Professional Formation*, 17 U. ST. THOMAS L.J. 758 (2022).

Commitment to the Employing Organization, in ROADMAP: THE LAW STUDENT’S GUIDE TO PREPARING AND IMPLEMENTING A SUCCESSFUL PLAN FOR MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT 164 (2015).

Benjamin C. Carpenter, *Sex Post Facto: How Posthumous Conception is Changing Trust and Estate Law*, St. Thomas Lawyer Magazine (Winter 2012).

Nonprofit Corporations, ADVISING MINNESOTA CORPORATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (Richard A. Saliterman & Roger J. Magnuson, eds., 2d. ed. 2011).

PRESENTATIONS

“Gender Bias in Embryo Disputes,” Yale University (upcoming Fall 2022).

“Embryo Disputes and the Law: Past and Future,” Murphy Institute, Minneapolis, MN (upcoming September 2022).

“Incorporating ABA Revised Standard 303 into the Lawyering Skills Classroom,” Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership Workshop, University of St. Thomas School of Law (May 2022) (with Christopher Corts and Erika Pont).

“Sperm is Still Cheap: Embryo Disposition Jurisprudence,” University of St. Thomas School of Law Faculty Workshop (March 2022).

“Rethinking the Delivery of Pro Bono Services in America,” University of St. Thomas School of Law (Dec. 2020).

“Intra-Office Professionalism,” Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Marquette University (Dec. 6, 2013).

“Forgotten Aspects of Professionalism,” Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Drake University (Dec. 7, 2012) (with Jacob Carpenter and Todd Haugh).

“Legal Writing in the Probate Context,” MPA Probate & Tax Section, Minneapolis, MN (July 11, 2012).

“The Evolution of Trust and Estate Law Regarding Posthumous Conception (and Why We Should Care),” Keynote Speaker, MSBA Probate & Trust Law Conference, St. Paul, MN (June 4, 2012).

“Brave New World: How to Discuss the Definition of Issue with Clients and Draft Language to Address Various Approaches,” MSBA Probate & Trust Law Conference, St. Paul, MN (June 5, 2012).

“Estate Planning for Owners of S Corporations – Taking Advantage of the Opportunities by Utilizing Grantor Trusts, ESBTs and QSSTs,” MSBA Probate & Trust Law Conference, St. Paul, MN (June 7, 2010).

“The Misguided Limitations on Assisted Reproduction in Trust & Estate Law,” University of St. Thomas School of Law (Nov. 2009).

“2007 National Non-Tax Case Law Update,” Plenary Speaker, MSBA Probate & Trust Law Conference, St. Paul, MN (June 9, 2008) (plenary speaker).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

In the past few years, I have served at St. Thomas in the following ways:

- University Committee on Faculty Nominations and Elections (2020-2024; upcoming chair)
- University Faculty Senate (Fall 2022)
- Compliance Faculty Steering Committee (member; 2021-present)
- Public Interest Law Fellowship Selection Committee (member, 2022)
- St. Thomas Law Journal (faculty advisor; 2019 – present)
- First Generation Law Students Association (faculty advisor; 2020 – present)
- Faculty Diversity, Equity & Inclusion working group (member, 2020 – present)
- Continuous Coaching working group (member, 2022 – present)
- Access to Justice Committee (member; 2020-2022)
- Student Dismissal Review Committee (member; 2021-2022)
- Law School Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Book Club (leader, 2020 – 2021)
- Roadmap Coach (volunteer; 2020-present)
- Appellate Clinic (volunteer judge; 2020-present)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal of Law and the Biosciences, a co-venture between Duke, Harvard, and Stanford Universities

- External Reviewer; 2020-2021

Legal Writing Institute

- Assistant Editor, Journal of Legal Writing Institute; 2020-2021
- Outcome Measures and Assessment Resources Committee; 2012-2013

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Young Life, Board Chair for St. Louis Park Chapter

Men’s Christian Fellowship Group, Group leader, member

St. Louis Park Youth Sports, Baseball, soccer, basketball coach

Loaves & Fishes, Volunteer

Families Moving Forward, Volunteer

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Fifth Monroe PLLC, Minneapolis, Minnesota

- Owner, 2017 – 2019
- Advised clients on various legal aspects of estate planning and administration.

Ascent Private Capital Management, U.S. Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota

- Managing Director, 2014 – 2017
- Led team of advisors for ultra-high-net-worth families (\$75,000,000+) regarding all aspects of wealth management, including estate, tax, and charitable planning, managing investments, structuring debt strategies, and navigating complicated family dynamics.
- Co-managed U.S. Bank's oldest and largest family relationship, with trusts holding over a billion dollars in assets including 145,000 acres of actively managed timberland in the Pacific Northwest.

Dorsey & Whitney LLP, Minneapolis, Minnesota

- Consultant, 2011 – 2016
- Associate, Tax, Trusts & Estates Group, 2004 – 2010
- Trust Officer for Dorsey & Whitney Trust Company, 2006 – 2010
- Named a "Rising Star" by *Minnesota Journal of Law & Politics* in 2008.

King & Spalding LLP, Atlanta, Georgia

- Associate, International Construction & Procurement Group, 2002 – 2004

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota, 2004-present

Georgia, 2002-2004