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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor – September 2010 to present. *University of Tennessee College of Law*, Joel A. Katz Law Library, Knoxville, Tennessee.
Faculty profile: http://law.utk.edu/people/kris-tobin/

Courses Taught:

Advanced Legal Research, Fall 2014 – enrollment 16.
Spring 2015 – enrollment 20, maximum enrollment set at 16.

Legal Research I & II, Academic years 2011-12 – one section 23 students, 2012-13 – two sections 23 students, 2013-14 3 -- sections 55 students, 2015-16 – 4 sections 57 students, and 2016-17 – 2 sections 32 students.

Creator and Coordinator of the First Year Law Students Pro Bono Experiential Learning Project for the spring semester of 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. The feature story *Connecting the Dots* by Whitney Heins originally published in the Spring 2016, *Tennessee Law* magazine: http://law.utk.edu/2016/03/21/connecting-the-dots/ describes the program highlights. The story was also featured in University of Tennessee Spring/ Summer 2016 Quest magazine.

Over the past five years at The University of Tennessee College of Law in our 1L two-semester legal research course we've incorporated an experiential learning component for first year students designed to instill an early appreciation of the importance of public service to the legal profession. As part of my first 2012 Legal Research II course I designed a 1L legal research experiential service-learning project. 1L Student "law firms" are tasked with researching real day to day legal issues for local non-profit legal service providers, drafting a file memorandum describing their research findings and orally presenting their written research findings to their respective client attorneys. The past three years we've partnered with Mark Stephens and the Knox County Community Law Office. Prior to the partnership with the CLO, our community partners included Knoxville Bar Association, Legal Aid of East Tennessee – Knoxville and Chattanooga, Memphis Area Legal Services, Legal Aid Society and Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services.

Assistant Professor – to September 2010.
Instructor – May 2007 to July 2010.
Roane State Community College, Harriman, Tennessee.

My interest in Service/Experiential Learning began while working at Roane State Community College. This interest was the force behind creating the Pro Bono Project for my original Legal Research II course in 2012 and future years. I attended workshops at the University of Tennessee *Incorporating Meaningful Service-Learning as an Element of a Course*, April 29, 2011, and the Cleveland State Community College and Tennessee Campus Compact Workshop: *Service Learning 101: Touching all the Bases*, Cleveland, Tennessee, January 9, 2009.

EDUCATION

Legal Education:

LL.M. in Taxation.
William Mitchell College of Law, 1993.
Attended Comparative Law London summer program, 1991.

Juris Doctor.
Hamline University School of Law, 1990.

Honors: National Tax Moot Court Competition, Quarter-Finalist, 1990.
Hamline Law Review, 1988-1990.
Hamline Journal of Public Law, 1988-1990.
American Jurisprudence Award, Trust & Estates, 1988.

Graduate Education:

Masters in Library and Information Science.
Dominican University, 1996.

Undergraduate Education:

Bachelor of Science, Accounting.
St. Cloud State University, 1982.
Certified Public Accountant – Louisiana, 1986.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference: CALI Conference for Law School Computing, CALIcon 16, “The Year of Learning Dangerously,” Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, June 16-18, 2016.

Title: *Combining Legal Research Pedagogy, Pro Bono and Experiential Learning in the First Year Curriculum at the University of Tennessee* presenter with Brad Morgan. My proposal was the second highest community vote getter for the conference. CALI conference attendees vote on the proposals submitted as part of the selection process.

Conference: Institute for Law Teaching & Learning, "Experiential Learning Across the Curriculum" Conference, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington, June 12-14, 2015.

Title: *Combining Legal Research Pedagogy, Pro Bono and Experiential Learning in the First Year Curriculum at the University of Tennessee* presenter with Brad Morgan.

Conference: Bringing Outside In**:** Social Justice Collaborations in the Legal Writing Curriculum Conference, Drexel University School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 29, 2014.

Title: *First Year Collaborations – Moving From Individual Professors to Full Collaborations* presenter with Brad Morgan.

University of Tennessee College of Law Pre-Football CLE November 23, 2013.

Title: *Free Legal Resources on the Web and at the Joel A. Katz Law Library* presenter with Scott Childs, Sibyl Marshall and Nathan Preuss.

Conference: Emory Law’s Third Biennial Conference on Transactional Education, Preparing the Transactional Lawyer: From Doctrine to Practice, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2 – 3, 2012.

Title: *Tackling Arithmophobia: How to Read, Understand, and Analyze Financial Statements* presenter with Paula Williams, University of Tennessee College of Law and Eric Franklin, Sturm College of Law.

University of Tennessee College of Law Summer Faculty Forum Series, August 15, 2012.

Title: *Pro Bono in the Legal Research Curriculum* presenter with Brad Morgan.

PRESENTATIONS cont'd

Conference: AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Takeaways for Clinical Teaching and Assessment in a Changing Environment, Los Angeles, California, May 2 – 4, 2012.

Title: *Fear of Numbers? Teaching Financial Planning Skills in a Transactional Clinic* presenter with Paula Williams.

Conference: SEAALL Annual Meeting, In Step With the Future, Clearwater Beach, Florida, March 21 – 24, 2012.

Title: *Federal Tax Materials Collection Essentials: What to Add – What to Keep – What to Maintain – What to Weed?* presenter with Ismael Gullon and Terry Psarras.

Legal Writing Institute, Legal Writing Teaching Workshop, December 4, 2010. University of Tennessee, College of Law, CLE program.

Title: *Teaching Legal Research & Citation* presenter with David Walker.

SCHOLARSHIP

Book Publication forthcoming, 2016. *Admiralty and Maritime Law: A Legal Research Guide*, William S. Hein & Co., Legal Research Guide Series. Manuscript submitted March 2016. Proofs expected August, 2016.

Book Chapter publication forthcoming, 2016. *Experiential Education in the Law School Curriculum*, Carolina Academic Press. Manuscript finalized May 2016.

Tackling "Arithmophobia": Teaching How to Read, Understand and Analyze Financial Statements, Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law, Volume 14, Special 2013, Number 3, 343-349, edited transcript of presentation at Emory Law's Third Biennial Conference on Transactional Education, Preparing the Transactional Lawyer: From Doctrine to Practice, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2 – 3, 2012.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of Tennessee Service:

Member, Faculty Senate, 2014 – 2017.
Member, Appeals Committee, 2016 – 2017.
Member, Budget & Planning Committee, 2015 – 2017.
Member, Nominations and Appointments Committee, 2016 – 2017.
Member, University/System Relations Committee, 2014 – 2015.

College of Law:

Big Orange Family Campaign – Executive Committee 2015 - 2017.
Faculty Advisor for 1L students of entering Class of 2013, 2014 and 2016.
Faculty Advisor, *The Forum: A Tennessee Student Legal Journal*, 2013 – 2016.
Member, Community and Inclusion Committee, 2016 – 2017.
Member, *Pro Bono & Public Interest Committee*, 2014 – 2017.
Member, *Career and Professional Development Committee*, 2013 – 2014.
Member, *Faculty Development Committee*, 2012 – 2014.
Member, *Academic Standards & Curriculum Committee*, 2011 – 2012.

Law Library:

Member, *Bylaws Committee*, 2015 – 2017.
Member, *Facilities Committee*, 2016 – 2017.
Big Orange Family Campaign, Team Leader, 2014.
Member, *Collection Management Committee*, 2010 – 2014.
Member, *Marketing Committee*, 2012 – 2013.
Chair, *Marketing Committee*, 2011 – 2012.
Vice Chair, *Law Library Faculty*, and 2011 – 2013.
Chair, *Law Library Faculty*, 2013 – 2014.
Member, Reference Librarian Search Committee, 2013 – 2014.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

American Association of Law Schools, Admiralty and Maritime Law Section
Treasurer, 2016 – 2017.
Executive Committee, 2015 – 2016.
Chair, 2014-2015 – planned Annual Meeting Program and Field Trip.
Vice-Chair, 2013 – 2014.
Secretary, 2011 – 2013.

American Association of Law Libraries, *Placement Committee,* July 2013 to July 2015.

Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, *Program Committee*, 2013 – 2014.