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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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#### UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF LAW

Interim Associate Dean for Faculty Development	August 2023-May 2024
Williford Gragg Distinguished Professor	April 2018—present
Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs	July 2020—December 2020
Associate Dean for Faculty Development	August 2016—May 2019
Professor of Law (with tenure)	August 2013—present

COURSES TAUGHT: Constitutional Law, Constitutional Rights and Liberties,  
Torts I, Family and Privacy Seminar, Secured Transactions

#### SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Professor of Law (with tenure)	July 2009—May 2013
Associate Professor of Law (with tenure)	August 2007—June 2009
Assistant Professor of Law	June 2002—July 2007

COURSES TAUGHT: Secured Transactions, Commercial Transactions, Legal  
Profession, Fourth Amendment and Privacy Seminar, Contracts I and II

### SCHOLARSHIP

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[\*Child Sacrifices: The Precarity of Minors' Autonomy and Bodily Integrity After Dobbs\*](#), 26  
U. PA. J. CONST. L. 988 (2024)

[\*Constitutional Demotion\*](#), 41 MINN. J. L. & INEQUAL. 1 (2023)

[\*Traumatic Justice\*](#), 56 U. RICH. L. REV. 331 (Spring 2022)

[\*True Causes of Racial Disparities in the Covid-19 Pandemic\*](#), NW. U. L. REV. OF NOTE,  
(May 29, 2020)

TORTS A MODERN APPROACH (with Alex B. Long) (Carolina Academic Press, 2020)

[\*Dying for Equal Protection\*](#), 71 HASTINGS L.J. 535 (2020)

[\*Represent\*](#), 86 TENN. L. REV. 671 (2019) (symposium issue)

[\*Child Marriage as Child Abuse and Constitutional Violation\*](#), 19 NEV. L.J. 39 (2018)

[\*Employer-Mandated Vaccination Policies: Different Employers, New Vaccines, and  
Hidden Risks\*](#), 2017 UTAH L. REV. 885

*Marriage on Our Terms*, 41 N.Y.U. REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL CHANGE 1 (2017)

*Respecting Parents' Fundamental Rights in the Adoption Process: Parents Choosing Parents for Their Children*, 67 RUTGERS L. REV. 905 (2015)

*Tort Liability for Parents Who Choose Not to Vaccinate Their Children and Whose Unvaccinated Children Infect Others*, 82 U. CIN. L. REV. 103 (2013)

*Constitutional Limits on the Right of Government Investigators to Interview and Examine Alleged Victims of Child Abuse or Neglect*, 21 WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 125 (2012)

*Low Expectations: How Changing Expectations of Privacy Can Erode Fourth Amendment Protection and a Proposed Solution*, 84 TEMP. L. REV. 599 (2012)

*Private Oppression: How Laws that Protect Privacy Can Lead to Oppression*, 58 U. KAN. L. REV. 415 (2010)

*Secured Party's Liability for Collection or Enforcement of Account Debtor's Obligation when Secured Party has no Right of Recourse Against the Debtor*, 63 CONSUMER FIN. L. Q. REP. 225 (2009)

*Great (and Reasonable) Expectations: Fourth Amendment Protection for Attorney-Client Communications*, 32 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 35 (2008)

*The Hidden Costs of Contracting: Barriers to Justice in the Law of Contracts*, 7 J. L. SOC'Y 116 (2005)

*Losing Faith: Extracting the Implied Covenant of Good Faith from (Some) Contracts*, 84 OR. L. REV. 227 (2005)

*Protecting the Unpopular from the Unreasonable: Warrantless Monitoring of Attorney-Client Communications in Federal Prisons*, 53 CATH. U. L. REV. 295 (2004)

Excerpt reprinted in SEARCHES AND SEIZURES: THE FOURTH AMENDMENT, ITS CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY AND THE CONTEMPORARY DEBATE, p. 273-277 (ed. Cynthia Lee, Amherst, N.Y: Prometheus Books, 2010).

## **AWARDS**

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L. R. Hesler Award for Excellence in Teaching and Service, University of Tennessee Office of the Provost

Harold Warner Outstanding Teacher Award, 2023, University of Tennessee College of Law

Carden Award for Outstanding Achievement in Scholarship, 2022, University of Tennessee College of Law

Extraordinary Leadership and Service Award for 2020-2021 Academic Year, University of Tennessee College of Law

Carden Faculty Award for Outstanding Service to the Institution, 2019, University of Tennessee College of Law

W. Allen Separk Faculty Scholarship Award, 2013, for *Tort Liability for Parents Who Choose Not to Vaccinate Their Children and Whose Unvaccinated Children Infect Others*, University of Tennessee College of Law

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND SPEECHES**

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Panelist, U.S. Supreme Court Update and Recent Developments, FedEx-sponsored CLE, November 9, 2023

Guest Lecturer (with Professor Zack Buck), *Healthcare and Health Disparities, Poverty, Race, Gender, and the Law* Class, University of Tennessee College of Law (Professor Wendy Bach, instructor), October 16, 2023

Panelist, Keynote Panel: Property and Privacy, Washington & Lee University School of Law Women Law Student Organization 10th Annual Lara D. Gass Symposium, October 13, 2023

Panelist, An Examination of the Supreme Court's Race-Conscious Admissions Ban, University of Tennessee College of Law, September 27, 2023

Presenter, Supreme Court Summary, Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Department of Energy Attorney Get Together, August 1, 2023

Discussant, Teaching Torts, SEALS Annual Meeting, July 26, 2023

Panelist, Connecting STEM and the Legal Profession, University of Tennessee College of Law, June 29, 2023

Panelist, What Happened to Our Civil Rights? Tennessee Alliance for Black Lawyers Conference, Knoxville, Tennessee, June 15, 2023

Moderator, Gun Laws in Tennessee: Understanding the Current Landscape, American Constitutional Society, University of Tennessee, April 10, 2023

Presenter, *Child Sacrifices: The Precarity of Minors' Autonomy and Bodily Integrity After Dobbs*, Georgia State University College of Law, April 3, 2023

Panelist, "Deeply Rooted": *Discussing the Aftermath of Dobbs*, Tennessee Journal of Race Gender & Social Justice Symposium, March 9, 2023

Speaker, *Racial Disparities in Healthcare: Black Women's Maternal Mortality Rates, If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice*, March 2, 2023

Panelist, *Inequality in Health Care*, Faculty Panel Honoring the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., January 17, 2023

Presenter, *Families, Health, Equity, Disparities, and the Law*, University of Tennessee Outreach and Engagement Conference, October 4, 2022

Panelist, Roundtable Discussion on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* on University of Tennessee College of Law Community and Inclusion Committee, October 3, 2022

Panelist, Tennessee Bar Association Supreme Court Roundtable, September 19, 2022

Panelist, Knoxville Bar Association Law Day CLE: Civility in Polarizing Times, April 29, 2022

Speaker, *Potential Impact of President Biden's Promise to Nominate a Black Woman to the Supreme Court*, Black Law Students Association, University of Tennessee, February 14, 2022

Co-leader, Roundtable Discussion, *Disproportionate Impact of the Pandemic in Racially Marginalized Communities*, Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy Symposium on Post-Pandemic Privacy: Health, Data, & Dignity, February 11, 2022.

Presenter, *Considerations and Consequences When State Actors Violate the Constitution*, University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law Faculty Workshop Series, October 21, 2021

Presenter, Knoxville Bar Association CLE Program: *The Nifty Nine: A U.S. Supreme Court Update*, March 11, 2021

Guest Lecturer (with Professor Zack Buck), *Healthcare and Health Disparities*, Poverty Law Class, University of Tennessee College of Law (Professor Wendy Bach, instructor), February 25, 2021

Moderator, *Presidential Impeachment: Legal and Historical Perspectives*, Student Bar Association, University of Tennessee College of Law, January 26, 2021

Co-host, *Two Centuries of the Equal Rights Amendment Symposium*, Constitutional Law Breakout Session, University of Florida Levin College of Law (virtual), September 25, 2020

Presenter, *State Sanctioned Discrimination in Adoptions*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference (virtual), June 15, 2020

Speaker, *Health Disparities in Women: Causes and Potential Cures*, sponsored by Law Women, University of Tennessee College of Law, March 2020

Presenter, *Private Cost of Public Investigations*, Tenth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium at Loyola University Chicago, November 2019 (invited participant)

Panelist, *Impeachment Panel Discussion*, University of Tennessee College of Law, November 2019

Guest Lecturer, *Federal Government Powers and Limitations under the U.S. Constitution*, Introduction to Law, UTK undergraduate course (Professor William Mercer, instructor) Sept. 2019

Guest Lecturer, *State-Sponsored and Tolerated Racism, and the Impact on African American Health*, Civil Rights Actions, UT College of Law (Professor Valorie Vojdik, instructor) Nov. 2019

Panelist, Professional Responsibility Workshop discussing the book *SHORTLISTED: WOMEN, DIVERSITY, THE SUPREME COURT AND BEYOND*, by Professors Hannah Brenner and Renee Knake, SEALS Annual Meeting, August 2019.

Co-Presenter (with Joy Radice, Paula Schaefer, Melanie Wilson), *Implicit Bias Workshop*, Women's Leadership in Academics Annual Conference, University of Virginia, July 2019.

Panelist, UT Critical Race Collective Community of Scholars Critical Race Symposium: New Perspectives on Research and Scholar-Activism, Panel: *Critical Race Theory and the Law*, April 2019

Panelist, University of Tennessee Law Women Faculty Luncheon, UT College of Law, March 2019

Panelist, Associate Deans for Academic Affairs and Research Panel, *Essential Skills: Leadership, Project Management, Communication, and Integrity*, AALS Annual Meeting, January 2019

Organizer and Moderator for Associate Deans for Research Discussion Group, SEALS Annual Meeting, August 2018

*Child Marriage as Child Abuse and Constitutional Violation*, Saint Louis University School of Law, Faculty Workshop Series, February 28, 2018

*Child Marriage as a Denial of Fundamental Rights*, Eighth Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium at Loyola University Chicago, November 2017 (invited participant)

Panelist—Cases and Issues to be decided by the Supreme Court in the 2017 Term, American Constitutional Society, University of Tennessee, September 2017

“State v. Federal Rights”—Teachers Law School, Presented by the Tennessee Chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates in Partnership with the Federal Bar Association, Chattanooga, Tennessee, September 2017

Panelist—Free Speech and Diversity Forum sponsored by the University of Tennessee Faculty Senate Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion and the UTK American Association of University Professionals, October 2016

Panelist—Supreme Court Opinions from the 2015 Term, American Constitutional Society, University of Tennessee, September 2016

Chancellor’s Honors Program Faculty Lecture—“Constitutional Issues Raised by Mandatory Vaccination Statutes,” University of Tennessee, April 2016

Panelist—The Role of Affirmative Action in Higher Education, sponsored by the University of Tennessee American Constitutional Society and the Black Law Student Association, February, 2016

“Constitutional Issues Raised by Mandatory Vaccination Statutes”—CLE presentation co-sponsored by East Tennessee Lawyers’ Association for Women, Tennessee Lawyers’ Association for Women, and University of Tennessee Law Women, February, 2016

“The Effect of *Obergefell v. Hodges* on Marriage in Tennessee”—CLE presentation, September 2015

Panelist—Supreme Court Opinions from the 2014 Term, American Constitutional Society, University of Tennessee, August 2015

Discussant—Innovations in Teaching Constitutional Law Panel, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2015

Panelist—Legal Roundtable on Contemporary Civil Rights: The United State Department of Justice Report on the Investigation of the Ferguson Police Department, University of Tennessee, April 2015

Presenter—“Preparing and Selecting Teaching Materials,” October 2013 and “Reflective Writing as Student Assessment Tool,” University of Tennessee College of Law Faculty Teaching Forums, April 2014

Presenter—*Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl*, 133 S. Ct. 2552 (2013)—Supreme Court Roundtable, University of Tennessee College of Law, August 2013

Panelist and Commenter—Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, June 2012

Discussion Leader—Diversity Round Table Discussion sponsored by Office of Multicultural Affairs and Outreach and the Student Bar Association, Saint Louis University, April 2012

Panelist—Black Law Students Association Midwest Regional Conference Law/yer Luncheon, St. Louis, Missouri, January 2009

Panelist—“Foreclosing on Unusual Collateral”—American Bar Association Annual Conference, Section on Business Law, San Francisco, California, August 2007

Panelist—“Technology in the Contracts Classroom: Ideas, Tools, and Questions,” International Conference on Contracts, South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas, February 2007

Moderator—Missouri Bar Association Panel “Strategies for Using (and Defending Against) Electronic Discovery,” September 2006

“Decreasing Minority Enrollment in Law Schools”—Asian American Bar Association and Mound City Bar Association Fifth Annual Unity Dinner Speaker, St. Louis, Missouri, April 2005

Panelist—“Rights Without Access: Acknowledging (and Teaching About) Barriers to Justice in the Law of Contracts,” Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Teaching Conference: Class in the Classroom, William A. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, October 2004

Moderator for Women Law Students’ Association Career Panel Discussion—Spring 2004, Saint Louis University, Fall 2005

Panelist—Black Law Students Association Midwest Regional Conference Career Panel, St. Louis, Missouri, January 2004

“Protecting the Unpopular from the Unreasonable: Warrantless Monitoring of Attorney-Client Communications in Federal Prisons,”—Northeastern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, April 2003

## **SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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Quoted in “[Are racist emails a crime or protected free speech?](#)”—Knoxville News Sentinel, August 20, 2023

Interview by WBIR about the importance of [Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson’s nomination to the United States Supreme Court](#), March 29, 2022

True Causes of Racial Disparities in the Covid-19 Pandemic, NW. U. L. REV. OF NOTE], Available at: <https://blog.northwesternlaw.review/?p=1445> (May 29, 2020)

Quoted in Knoxville News Sentinel about Judge Neil Gorsuch’s United States Supreme Court nomination, February 5, 2017

Interviewed by WATE Channel 13 News about President Trump’s nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the United States Supreme Court, January 31, 2017

HuffPost Live panelist discussing the October 2015 Supreme Court Term, October 5, 2015

Quoted in “Embattled mayor seeks refuge in ‘texting’ case”—The National Law Journal, July 21, 2008

Quoted in “Mutual mistake defense upheld in insurance dispute”—Missouri Lawyers Weekly, April 2008

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Member, AALS Planning Committee for the 2024 Workshop for Appointments Committees, December 2023-present

AALS House of Representatives, University of Tennessee College of Law Representative, 2023-2024

Board Member, Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking, August 2023-present

Advised Counsel to Counsel to Senator Richard J. Durbin, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on legislation aimed at restricting child marriage (2019)

## **FACULTY ACTIVITIES**

University of Tennessee College of Law Committees and Service:

Governance Committee (2021-2023; 2019-2020; 2015-2016, *ex-officio* 2023-2024, 2016-2019)

Academic Standards and Curriculum Committee (2022-2024)

Communications and Marketing Advisory Committee (2023-2024)

Curriculum Task Force (2023-2024)

Strategic Planning Committee (Chair, 2020-2023; 2013-2014)

Law Women Co-Faculty Advisor (2019-present)

Appointments Committee (2021, 2015)

Dean Search Committee (2014)

First Year Student Advisor (2020-2022, 2016-2017)

Working Group for Fall 2020 Classes (2020)

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Search Committee 2019)

Faculty Development Committee (Chair) (2016-2019)

Alternate Representative to the AALS House of Representatives (2019)

W. Allen Separk Award Selection Committee (2014-2017)

Wilkinson Junior Research Professor Award Selection Committee (2017-2018)

University of Tennessee Service:

Faculty Senate Research Council (*ex officio*) (2023-2024, 2016-2019)

University of Tennessee Honorary Degree Nominating Committee (2023-2024)

Provost's Tenured Faculty Advisory Council (2021-2023)

Reviewer for Returning Graduate Student Fellowships (2023)

Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Search Committee (2017-2018)

Graduate Council Member (Appeals Committee, 2019-2022)

Research Center Review Committee (2018-19)

Cluster Hire Proposal Review Committee (2018)

IRB Department Review Chair (2016-2019)

Professional and Scholarly Development Awards Applicant Review Committee Member (2017-2018)

Coordinator, Distinguished Visiting Scholars Series Faculty Colloquium Series and Faculty Exchange Workshops (2023-2024, 2016-2019)

Editor, Legal Scholarship Network: University of Tennessee College of Law Legal Studies Research Paper Series (2023-2024, 2016-2019)

Editor, UT Law Faculty Forum: feature highlighting the achievements of faculty at UT Law including scholarly publications, media appearances, speaking engagements,

awards, and other accomplishments (2023-2024, 2016-2019)

AALS Section on Professional Responsibility—Executive Committee Member, August 2008-2011

Saint Louis University School of Law Committee Participation (2002-2013): Personnel Committee, Multicultural Affairs Working Group (Co-Chair), Appointments Committee, Admissions Committee, Student Life Committee, Retention Committee, Ad Hoc Diversity Committee, Clinical Faculty Search Committee, and Library Director Search Committee

Substitute Faculty Senator, Fall 2005

Faculty Advisor to the Women Law Students' Association, Fall 2004-2009

Facilitator for First Year Ethics Program, 2003-2007

Judge—Jessup International Moot Court Regional Competition, February 2005

Advisor for Saint Louis University Law Journal and Public Law Review student articles, 2004-2011

Judge—Saint Louis University School of Law Moot Court I Competition, Spring 2004

Member of the Saint Louis University Black Faculty and Professional Staff Association

## **EDUCATION**

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DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Durham, North Carolina, J.D., 1997

DUKE UNIVERSITY, Durham, North Carolina, B.A. in Computer Science, 1993

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Board Member (2023-present)

St. Andrew United Methodist Church—Member, Family Ministries Committee 2011-2013

Grace United Methodist Church—Member of the Board of Trustees, Member of Justice and Mercy Team, Usher, Greeter, Liturgist—2002-2009

African Methodist Episcopal Church Youth Career Exploration Day Speaker—June 2008

Co-Coordinator of Blood Drive sponsored by Grace United Methodist Church and St. Roch Catholic Church, 2006-2009

Participant in Northwest Academy Career Day, May 2008

Grace United Methodist Church Food Pantry Volunteer, 2005-2009

Spring Break trip to New Orleans to provide legal assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina, Spring 2007

Mission Trip to Lima and Huancayo, Peru through the United Methodist Church Office of Creative Ministries—assisted with construction of classrooms for local church; purchased and distributed clothing, shoes, and other supplies to needy families, Summer 2006

Participated in program to provide legal assistance to Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in St. Louis, November 2005



Center for Women in Transition—Mentor in program for women released from prison after conviction for non-violent crimes, Fall 2004-Spring 2005

Homeward Bound Program Volunteer at Saint Louis University

Saint Louis University School of Law Habitat for Humanity House Volunteer, Spring 2004

## **OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

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### **Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP (now Locke Lord LLP)**

Associate, September 1997 to May 2002

Extensive experience in all aspects of litigation in state and federal court, including written discovery, depositions, drafting and arguing motions for summary judgment and other pre-trial and post-trial motions. Significant trial experience, including making opening statements and examining and cross-examining witnesses. Appellate experience included drafting petitions for writ of mandamus, petitions for review, and briefs on the merits in the state courts of appeals, the Texas Supreme Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Member of the firm recruiting committee, trial training program committee member and presenter, and supervisor for new associates and summer clerks.

### **Andersen Consulting (now Accenture)**

Staff Consultant, June 1993 to July 1994

Worked on technical development and technical support teams for projects in the financial and data processing industries.

## **PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

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Licensed to practice in Texas, November 1997 to present

Admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas