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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY, Cleveland, OH

Associate Professor of Law with Tenure, Aug. 2015 to Present

Director of Master of Legal Studies Program, July 2019 to Present

Interim Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Feb. 2016 to Aug. 2017

Assistant Professor of Law, Aug. 2010 to Aug. 2015

Courses:

- Tax I
- Tax Procedure, Penalties & Crimes
- Wealth Transfer Tax
- Estates & Trusts

Awards & Grants:

- SBA Professor of the Year Award, Mar. 2012 & Apr. 2017
- Bilateral Grant, Public Research Agency, Republic of Slovenia, Feb. 2017 & Oct. 2018
- [Featured Researcher](#), CSU Office of Research, Feb. 2017
- Golden Apple Award, CSU Alumni Association, Sept. 2015

Law Assignments:

- Admissions Committee, Member
- Budget Committee, Member
- Cleveland-Akron Joint Exploratory Work Group, Member
- Cleveland-Marshall Trust Committee, Member
- Curriculum Committee, Co-Chair
- Intellectual Diversity & Civil Discourse Committee, Member

University Assignments:

- Academic Technology Committee, Member

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, DC

Adjunct Professor of Law, Summer 2009 & Summer 2010

Courses:

- Tax Penalties & Tax Crimes

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

UNITED STATES TAX COURT, Washington, DC

Attorney-Adviser to Judge David Gustafson, Aug. 2008 to July 2010

EXPERIENCE

THACHER PROFFITT & WOOD LLP, New York, NY
ERISA Associate, Sept. 2006 to Aug. 2008

BAKER & HOSTETLER LLP, Cleveland, OH
Summer Associate, Summer 2005

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SUE MYRICK, Washington, DC
Intern, Summer 2004

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
LL.M. in Taxation, May 2009

- *NYU Review of Law & Social Change*, Executive Editor

COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL, New York, NY
Certificate in Business Excellence, Mar. 2009

- Executive Education

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Durham, NC
J.D., *cum laude*, May 2006

- Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement in Taxation & Estate Planning
- *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law & Public Policy*, Senior Note Editor & Inaugural Executive Board Member
- *Law & Contemporary Problems*, Staff Editor

BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE, Belmont, NC
B.A., *summa cum laude*, May 2003
Accounting major; Mythology minor

- Co-Valedictorian
- President's List
- Departmental Award for Accounting
- Delta Epsilon Sigma (National Scholastic Honor Society)
- J. P. Smith Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP

The Definition of Wealth (Work-In-Progress).

Officers Under the Appointments Clause, 11 **PITT. TAX REV.** 201 (2014),
[cited by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Lucia v. SEC*](#), 138 S. Ct. 2044, 2065
(2018) (Sotomayer, J., dissenting).

The New Flat Tax: A Modest Proposal for a Constitutionally Apportioned Wealth Tax,
41 **HASTINGS CONST. L.Q.** 483 (2014), cited by fm. acting Solicitor General of the
United States Walter Dellinger in Dawn Johnsen & Walter Dellinger, *The
Constitutionality of a National Wealth Tax*, 93 **IND. L.J.** 111, 132 n.107 (2018).

Reckless Means Reckless: Understanding the EITC Ban, 142 **TAX NOTES** 847 (2014).

Abolish the Inflation Tax on the Poor & Middle Class, 29 **QUINNIPIAC L. REV.** 925
(2011).

*Equal Access to Public Education: An Examination of the State Constitutional &
Statutory Rights of Nonpublic Students to Participate in Public School Programs on a
Part-Time Basis in North Carolina & Across the Nation*, 13 **TEX. J. ON C.L. & C.R.** 1
(2007).

PUBLIC SERVICE

SLOVENIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION, Lake County, OH
Board Member, 2014 to Present

- The Slovenian American Cultural Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation which works to preserve Slovenian language and culture. As part of that mission, it publishes the Slovenian American Times newspaper.

CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, Lake County, OH

Councilman-at-Large, Jan. 2014 to Dec. 2019

Elected three-times in a row as the TOP VOTE-GETTER in all contested races

“Lake County owes Councilman John Plecnik a great debt of gratitude for personally negotiating and drafting the tax incentive agreement that brought Produce Packaging and over 300 good-paying jobs to Willoughby Hills. Expert leadership is hard to find, and as an internationally recognized professor of tax law, John has been a powerful force for economic development in our County.” ~ Lake County Commissioner John Hamercheck

Officer & Committee Assignments:

- Vice President, 2016-19
- Finance, Chair, 2016-19
- Personnel Relations, Chair, 2016-17, Member, 2014-15, 18-19

- Rules & Legislation, 2016-19
- Utilities, 2016-19
- Cuyahoga County Airport Noise Abatement Council, Willoughby Hills Representative, 2015-19
- Planning & Zoning, 2014-15
- Recreation, Chair, 2014-15
- Service, 2014-15
- Income Tax Board of Review, Council Representative, 2014-15
- Planning & Zoning Commission, Alternate, 2014-15

SLOVENSKA PRISTAVA, Ashtabula County, OH

Board Member, 2012 to 2014

Elected by the general membership of Slovenska Pristava

- Slovenska Pristava is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and cultural farm that was founded to preserve Slovenian heritage.

WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Lake County, OH

Trustee, Feb. 2012 to Dec. 2013

Appointed by the Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools Board of Education

Officer & Committee Assignments:

- Vice President, 2013
- Secretary, 2012
- Policy / Bylaw, Chair, 2012, Member, 2013,
- Building / Technology, 2012

CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, Lake County, OH

Recreation Commission Member, Mar. 2011 to Dec. 2013

Appointed by the Mayor of Willoughby Hills

Officer & Committee Assignments:

- Chair, 2013
- Winter Fest Committee, 2012-13

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York 2007
- United States Tax Court 2009