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EDUCATION:

Undergraduate:

ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY, Philadelphia, PA
Degree: B.S., summa cum laude, 1963

Law School:

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL, Newton, MA
Degree: J.D. 1966

Honors: Awards for Sales and Creditors' Rights

Activities: Board of Editors, Boston College Industrial and Commercial Law Review;
Annual Survey of Massachusetts Law; participant in the Wendall F. Grimes
Moot Court Competition

EMPLOYMENT:

2003 – present	Sanchez, Mowrer & Desiderio, P.C., Albuquerque, NM. Practice mainly business, commercial and taxation
2003 – present	Professor Emeritus, University of New Mexico School of Law (courses include Contracts, Introduction to US Law (for Masters of the Study of Law Students)), State and Local Taxation and Nonprofit Corporations (Tax-Exempt Organizations)
2003 – 2006	Executive Director, Con Alma Health Foundation, Santa Fe, NM
1997 – 2002	Dean and Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law
1990 – 1997	Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law
1989 – 1990	Presidential Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law
1989	Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law

1987 – 1989	Director and Chair of Tax Section, Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A., Albuquerque, New Mexico (on leave from UNM Law School)
1986 – 1987	Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law
1985 – 1986	Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law, University of New Mexico
1979 – 1985	Dean and Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law
1976 – 1979	Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law
1972 – 1976	Associate Dean and Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law
Summer 1975	Visiting Professor of Law, Temple University School of Law
1971 – 1972	Associate Professor, University of Maine School of Law (on leave from University of New Mexico School of Law)
1967 – 1971	Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law
1971	Taught in the Summer Law Program for American Indians at the University of New Mexico School of Law
August 1966 - July 1967	Attorney (Honors Program), Legislature and Regulations Division Chief Counsel's Office, Internal Revenue Service (worked with exempt organization problems)

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

PLANNING TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS, LEXISNEXIS (2020)

NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS: Law And Policy (West 3rd ed 2010) (Marilyn Phelan, Co-Author)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITIES, Rabkin & Johnson
CURRENT LEGAL FORMS WITH TAX ANALYSIS Ch 11 (Matthew Bender 2013)
(Revision Author)

NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS, Vol.19, Rabkin & Johnson, Current Legal
Forms With Tax Analysis (Matthew Bender 2017) (Revision Author)

BENDER'S STATE TAXATION: Principles & Practice, LEXISNEXIS (Update Author) (2020)

PLANNING TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS, Vols. 1 & 2 (with S. Taylor) Shepard's McGraw-Hill (Supp. 1995).

UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE REPORTER-DIGEST (Editor), New York: Matthew Bender (1997).

CASES AND MATERIALS ON CONTRACTS (with Hart, Goldberg, Sanders, and Moore), Albuquerque: UNM School of Law (1994) (for use in authors' classes only).

LEGAL PROBLEMS IN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (material collected and edited), Albuquerque: UNM School of Law (1970) (for use in author's classes only).

Articles and Chapters

New Mexico Taxes: Taking Another Look (with James La Fata & Maria Siemel McCulley), 32 N.M.L. Rev. 351 (2002)

Twenty Years Later, 34 University of Toledo L. Rev. 49 (2002)

Chapter, Provisional Remedies: "Preliminary Injunctions and Temporary Restraining Orders," M.E. Occhialino, *Walden's Civil Procedure in New Mexico* (2nd ed. 1996).

Chapter, "Equipment Leasing", F. Hart & W. Willier, *Forms and Procedures Under the U.C.C.* (M. Bender 1990).

Chapter, "Not-For-Profit Activities", *Bender's Federal Tax Service* (1989).

"The Law School Library: Its Function, Structure, and Management", *Special Libraries* (1982). (Zimmerman Library)

"The Profitable Non-Profit Corporation: Business Activity and Tax Exemption Under Section 501(C)(3) of I.R.C.," 1 N.M.L. Rev. 563 (1971).

"The New Mexico Professional Corporation" (with Ault and Smith), 9 *Natural Resources Journal* 591 (1969).

"The Community Development Corporation" (with Sanchez), 10 *B.C. Ind. & Com. L. Rev.* 217 (1969).

Uniform Commercial Code Annotations, 7 B.C. Ind. & Com. L. Rev. 92 (1966).

“Administrative Law – Internal Revenue Code – Proof Required to Open a ‘Closed Year’” United States v. Powell (Student Note), 6 B.C. Ind. & Com. L. Rev. 992 (1965).

“Secured Transactions – After Acquired Property Clause – Priority to ‘Equipment Under the Uniform Commercial Code’” United States v. Baptist Golden Age home (Student Note), 6 B.C. Ind. & Com. L. Rev. 367 (1965).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Vice Chair, New Mexico Educational Trust Board (present).

Member, Advisory Committee to the New Mexico Compilation Committee (present)

Chair, Board of Trustees, Frank Hibben Charitable Trust (present) (purpose is to provide fellowship and scholarship grants to graduate students at the University of New Mexico Department of Anthropology and School of Law)

Hearing Officer, New Mexico Superintendent of Insurance, “In the Matter of Emergency Rules for the Qualification and Admission of Health Care Providers to the New Mexico Patient’s Compensation Fund” (2019)

Lecturer on Business Accounting and Economics for Lawyers, L.L.M. Program in Contracts and Commercial Law, University of Pristina, Kosovo (2011-2012))

Commissioner, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), (1990-present) (Life Member)

Member, NCCUSL, Study Committee to Revise Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act (2009)

Member, NCCUSL, LIASON with INDIAN TRIBES (2005-2008)

Member, NCCUSL Study Group on Electronic Transfers

Member, NCCUSL U.C.C. Article 8 Drafting Committee (1992-1994)

Member, NCCUSL U.C.C. Article 5 Review Committee (1993-1994)

Co-Chair, New Mexico Public School Capital Outlay Task Force (2000-2004)

Chair, New Mexico Tax Study Committee (1994-1999)

Chair, Judicial Selection Commissions (1997-2002)

Member, New Mexico Health Care Task Force (1993-1994)

Special Counsel to New Mexico Legislative Ethics Task Force (1992-1993)

Member, New Mexico Tax Equity Task Force (1991)

Invitee, NYU School of Law Program on Philanthropy and the Law Conference (1989 and 1991)

Reporter, New Mexico Legislative Workers Compensation Task Force (1990)

Vice Chair, Citizen's Tax Study Committee (1984)

Member, Governor's Committee on Courts' Standards and Goals (1976)

Member, New Mexico Supreme Court Committee to Draft Rules for Children's Code (Chairperson) (1973-1976)

Participant, Federated States of Micronesia Pre-Law Program, Pohnpei, 1997

Consultant to Director of Finance, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (helped draft the Revenue and Taxation Acts of 1993 & 1994 and Regulations) (1992-1993, 1995)

Participant, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Pre-Law Program (1991-1992, 1994, 2005, 2010, 2014)

Special Legal Consultant, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature (August – November 1978 while on leave from UNM Law School)

Member, Dallas Key District (I.R.S.) Exempt Organization Advisory Council (1995-1998)

Fellow, The Economics of Regulated Public Utilities, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Administration (June 1973)

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES:

University Faculty Athletic Representative to the National Collegiate Athletics Association and the Western Athletics Conference (1989-1997)

Vice Chair, NCAA Certification Committee (1996-1997)

Ombudsperson (1994)

Chair, University Athletics Self-Study Committee (1991)

Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, University of New Mexico (1985-1987)

Served on various University committees

LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Member, Clinical Law Committee, Association of American Law Schools (1997-2001)

Consultant to Southern New England School of Law for ABA accreditation (1995-1999)

Consultant to Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University for admission to Association of American Law Schools

President, Mid-Continent Association of Law Schools (1983-1984)

Chair, Section on Economics of Legal Education, Association of American Law Schools (1980)

Member, Accreditation Team, William Mitchell College of Law

Member, Accreditation Team, Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall College of Law

Served on various law school committees

BAR ACTIVITIES:

Member, New Mexico Bar Association

Member, District of Columbia Bar (Inactive)

Member, Tax Court of the United States

Member, American Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Section on Legal Education, Section on Taxation, and Membership Committee

Member, American Bar Association Section on Taxation, Committees on Exempt Organizations and Teaching Taxation

Member, American Bar Association Section on Business Law

Member, Committee on Diversity, State Bar of New Mexico

Member, Board of Directors, Equal Access to Justice

Member, Committee on Professionalism, State Bar of New Mexico (1987-2002)

Co-Chair, New Mexico State Bar Study Committee (Review Mandatory Bar Association) State Bar (1994-1996)

Chair, Professional Development Committee, State Bar of New Mexico (1989-1992)

Member, Pro Bono Committee, State Bar of New Mexico (1990-1995)

Member, Board of Directors, Albuquerque Bar Association (1979-1985, 1997-2002, 2008-2015)

Member, Board of Directors, New Mexico Bar Foundation, 1979-1985

Member, New Mexico Judicial Council (1979-1985)

Various Continuing Legal Education presentations and speeches to state bar members

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Foster Family (Family has included over 100 foster children from 1979-2000)

Member, Board of Directors, Advocacy, Inc., (a local public interest law firm) (1996-2001)

Member, Mayor's Task Force on Municipal Elections (1997)

Member, Board of Directors, United South Broadway Corporation (a local community development corporation) (1989-1990)

Member, Board of Directors, Albuquerque Mediation Service (1983-1985)

Member, Board of Directors, YMCA, Albuquerque (1988-1991)

Member, Board of Directors, Saint Pius X High School (1982-1985)

Member, Mayor's Task Force in Health and Human Services Delivery, Albuquerque Goals Committee (1983)

Member, Board of Directors, Archbishop's School Fund (1981)

AWARDS:

Dismas House, Community Achievement, 2010

New Mexico Tax Research Institute, Franklin Jones Award for Tax Policy Achievement, 2007

New Mexico Hispanic Bar Liberty & Justice Award 2006

University of New Mexico School of Law Alumni Association Recognition Award, 2004

New Mexico State Bar Association Award, 2002

New Mexico Business Law Section Award - Attorney of the Year, 2002

UNM School of Law Alumni/ae Award for Teaching Excellence (1996)

Student Teaching Awards (1975, 1976, 1998, 2003)