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## **EDUCATION:**

LL.M. in Taxation, University of Florida, May 1983

J.D. (with honors), University of Tennessee, June 1982

B.A. (Political Science), University of Georgia, June 1979

## **LEGAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:**

University of Mississippi School of Law  
Oxford, Mississippi (July 2010–present)

Professor of Law (July 2010–present)

Dean and Professor of Law (July 2010–June 2015)

Courses taught: Legal Profession; Wills and Estates; Tax Policy and Estate Planning Seminar; Family Law; Intro to Law (Honors College)

Charleston School of Law

Charleston, South Carolina (2003–2010)

Professor of Law (December 2003–June 2010)

Founding Dean and Professor of Law (2003–2007)

Courses taught: Estate and Gift Taxation; Federal Income Taxation; Professional Responsibility; Property I & II; Wills, Trusts and Estates

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law

Fort Worth, Texas (1998–2003)

Dean and Professor of Law (2000–2003)

Interim Dean and Professor of Law (1999–2000)

Vice Dean and Professor of Law (1998–1999)

Courses taught: Federal Income Taxation; Property I; Wills, Trusts and Estates

Stetson University College of Law  
St. Petersburg, Florida (1984–1998)

Professor of Law (1989–1998)

Director, Institute for Space Law and Commerce (1992–1995)

Associate Dean (1988–1992)

Associate Professor of Law (1986–1989)

Assistant Professor of Law (1984–1986)

Courses taught: Federal Income Taxation; Estate and Gift Taxation; Estate Planning; Taxation of Business Entities; Trusts and Estates; Property; Tax Planning Seminar; Moot Court; Research and Writing

Ohio Northern University College of Law  
Ada, Ohio (1983–1984)

Assistant Professor of Law

Courses taught: Federal Income Taxation; Estate and Gift Taxation; Estate Planning; Trusts and Estates

### **REPRESENTATIVE HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Recognized by the Mississippi Legislature for Leadership and Service as Dean of the University of Mississippi School of Law, Senate Concurrent Resolution 650 (2015)

Honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) awarded by the Charleston School of Law for “outstanding leadership” as the school’s founding dean (May 2008)

Alumni Leadership Award given by the Texas Wesleyan Alumni Board; this award has been renamed the I. Richard Gershon Leadership Award (2001, 2003)

Homer and Dollie Hand Award presented by Stetson University for significant achievement in scholarship (May 1993)

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

State Bar of Georgia (1982–present)

The Florida Bar (1984–present)

The United States Tax Court (1983–present)

American Bar Foundation Fellow (2014–present)

American Bar Association Curriculum Committee (2007–2011)

Association of American Law Schools, Chair, Socio-Economics Section (2016)

Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Mentor Committee (2007–2012)

The Charleston Bar Pro Bono Board (2004–2010)

Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, Master (1999–2003); Treasurer (2001–2002); Secretary (2002–2003)

### **BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS:**

Annual Updates *Attorney Client Privilege in the United States*, Chapters 3, 6 & 7, Thomson Reuters (2014–present)

<http://legalsolutions.thomsonreuters.com/law-products/Treatises/Attorney-Client-Privilege-in-the-United-States-2016-2017-ed/p/104252564>

*Guide to the Internal Revenue Code*, Carolina Academic Press, Seventh Edition (December 2018); Sixth Edition (with Jeffrey A. Maine, November 2015); Fifth Edition (with Jeffrey A. Maine, November 2007); Fourth Edition (November 1999); Third Edition (January 1997); Second Edition (January 1995); First Edition (May 1988)

<https://store.lexisnexis.com/categories/area-of-practice/law-school-182/a-students-guide-to-the-internal-revenue-code-skusku-us-ebook-00670-epub/details>

*International Tax Guide: United States Income Taxation* (with Cooper), Callaghan & Company (June 1991)

*Life Planning in Florida* (with Allison and Morgan), D&S Publishing (May 1988)

*Oleck, Nonprofit Corporations, Organizations and Associations*, Chapters 9, 10, 11 & 12, Fifth Edition, Prentice Hall (December 1988)

### **SELECTED ARTICLES:**

“The Socio-Economics of the Federal Estate Tax: Why Do So Many People Hate (or Love) This Centenarian?” 49 *Akron L. Rev.* 329 (2016)  
<http://ideaexchange.uakron.edu/akronlawreview/vol49/iss2/4/>

“In Ten Years, All New Law Schools,” 44 *Toledo L. Rev.* 335 (2013 Leadership in Legal Education Symposium)  
[https://www.utoledo.edu/law/studentlife/lawreview/pdf/v44n2/Gershon\\_CorrFinal.pdf](https://www.utoledo.edu/law/studentlife/lawreview/pdf/v44n2/Gershon_CorrFinal.pdf)

“Using Socio-Economic Theory to Teach Tax Law,” 41 *U San Diego L. Rev.* 201 (2004)

“Field of Deans,” 33 *Toledo L. Rev.* 49 (2001 Leadership in Legal Education Symposium)

“Tax Exempt Entities: Achieving and Maintaining Special Status Under the Watchful Eye of the Internal Revenue Service,” 16 *Cumberland L. Rev.* 301 (1986)

“Death of a Sales Tax and Other Stories: A Review of the 1987 Florida Supreme Court Cases Dealing with Taxation,” 12 *Nova L. Rev.* 651

“The Greatest Show on Earth, or Just Another Shell-Game?: A Review of the 1986 Florida Supreme Court Decisions Concerning Taxation,” 11 *Nova L. Rev.* 1501

“Of Alligators and Hotel Beds: A Review of Florida Supreme Court Decisions on Taxation for 1985,” 10 *Nova L.J.* 1153

“A Proposed Charitable Contributions Credit: It Is Best to Give and to Receive,” 11 *Ohio N. L. Rev.* 75 (1983)

### **REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS:**

“Understanding Taxes and Third-Party Irrevocable Trusts” and “What You Need to Know About TCJA and MAGI,” 2018 National Conference on Special Needs Planning and Special Needs Trusts, Saint Petersburg, FL (October 2018)

“Family Law Update,” Mississippi Appellate and Trial Judges Conference, Jackson, MS (October 2018)

“The Future of the Estate Tax,” Society of Louisiana CPAs Business Valuation Workshop, Baton Rouge, LA (October 2017)

“529 Plans for Special Needs Planning” and “Calculating MAGI and Income Taxation for Special Needs Trusts,” 2016 National Conference on Special Needs Trusts and Special Needs Planning, Saint Petersburg, FL (October 2016)

“Teaching Socio-Economics Across the Curriculum,” AALS Annual Meeting, New York, NY (January 2015)

“Tax Reform Proposals and Issues,” Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (January 2013)

- “Ethical Issues in Dealing with Elderly Clients,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL (August 2012)
- “Tax Reform Proposals,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, SC (August 2011)
- “How the Law School Can Help the Bar, and How the Bar Can Help Law Schools,” Mississippi Bar Annual Summer School, Destin, FL (July 2011)
- “Law Schools and Pro Bono,” Mississippi Bar Annual Summer School, Destin, FL (July 2010)
- “Estate and Gift Taxation: What to Expect Under the Obama Administration,” South Carolina Bar Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC (January 2009)
- “Deans’ Panel on Socio-Economics and the Law School Curriculum,” AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (January 2009); New York, NY (January 2008)
- “Ethical Issues for Federal Practitioners,” Charleston Federal Bar Association, Charleston, SC (September 2008)
- “Issues for Tax Exempt Entities,” Al Todd Estate Planning Workshop, Kiawah Island, SC (July 2007)
- “Ethical Considerations for Tax Practitioners,” North Carolina and South Carolina Annual Joint Tax Section Meeting, Hilton Head, SC (May 2007)
- “Tax Considerations for Non-Profit Organizations,” Charleston, SC (March 2007)
- “Uni-state Lawyers and Multistate Practice,” Pawleys Island, SC (March 2007)
- “Tax Planning for Special Needs Trusts,” National Academy of Elder

Law Attorneys Texas Chapter, Fort Worth, TX (April 2003)

“The Future of Legal Education,” Tarrant County Bar Association, Fort Worth, TX (April 2002)

“Tax Policy and Socio-Economics,” AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (January 2002)

“Family Limited Partnership Update,” Internal Revenue Service, Fort Worth, TX (July 1999)

“Estate & Tax Planning for Retirement Plans” and “Minimum Distribution Rules,” National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys’ Tenth Anniversary Symposium, Nassau, Bahamas (May 1998)

## **REPRESENTATIVE COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

ABA Site Visitor and AALS Reporter, South Texas School of Law, Houston, TX (October 30–November 2, 2016)

ABA Site Visitor, University of North Texas Dallas College of Law, Dallas, TX (January 29–February 3, 2016)

Board Member, North Mississippi Rural Legal Services, Oxford, MS (2016–present)

Founding Board Member and Spokesperson, Jewish Federation of Oxford, MS (2016–present)

Member, Mississippi Access to Justice Commission (2010–2015)

Member, Mississippi Bar Professionalism Committee (2010–2015)

Cohost, *In Legal Terms*, a weekly radio show on Mississippi Public Broadcasting (2013–present) <http://www.mpbonline.org/inlegalterms/>