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Education

The University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi

*J.D., May 1991*

* Symposium Editor, *Mississippi Law Journal* (1990 - 1991)
* Member, *Mississippi Law Journal* (1989 - 1990)
* Member, The University of Mississippi Moot Court Board
* Member, Phi Delta Phi

The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee

*B.A., Political Science, May 1988*

* Order of the Gownsmen
* Red Ribbon Society

Employment

The University of Mississippi, School Of Law

* Mississippi Law Research Institute
  + Director, 2006 – Present

Manage staff, research, budget, IP program, and legislative relationships for MLRI

* + Senior Research Counsel, 2000 – 2006

Research, writing, education and services related to IP

* + University of Mississippi, Intellectual Property Management Group for Physical Sciences and Engineering (standing)
* Mississippi Judicial College, Interim Director, 2014 – 2016
* School of Law
  + Law Instruction, 2014 - Present

Teach a rotation of classes including: Copyright, Emerging Issues in IP and The Business of IP

* + Visiting Professor, 2012 – 2013

Taught: Intellectual Property, Copyright, Emerging Issues in Intellectual Property, and The Business of Intellectual Property

Kirkland & Barfield, P.A.

* Partner, 1997 - 1999
* Associate, 1991 - 1997

Other Teaching Experience

The University of Mississippi

* The Meek School of Journalism and New Media

Journalism 371, Communications Law (Spring and Fall, 2011)

* Guest Speaker: The University of Mississippi School of Law IP classes, Art Department graduate seminars, School of Education classes, and School of Business classes

Other Recent University Service

* Search Committee, Vice Chancellor for Research & Sponsored Programs (2018)
* Search Committee, Director of Budget (2016)
* Search Committee, Senior Auditor, Department of Audit (2016)
* Search Committee, Auditor, Department of Audit (2016)
* Search Committee, Director of Mississippi Judicial College (2015)

Related Experience

Provide legal research and expertise in intellectual property matters to the Mississippi universities, state agencies, and the Mississippi Legislature including:

* Copyright: working with educators, writers, artists, researchers, and publishers to delineate their rights in their creations as well as their rights to use works created by others.
* Media and Journalism: working with media on issues ranging from advertising to copyright infringement.
* Trademark: working with university attorneys and other personnel to protect the trademarks created by the universities and to assist in determining the appropriate use of others’ trademarks in forms such as advertising.
* Patent and Trade Secrets: working with university-based researchers to protect the inventions they create as university employees.
* Publications and Outreach: publishing the *IP Mississippi* newsletter for university educators and administrators, and serving on the organizational committee of the Mississippi Intellectual Property Institute which was held annually from 2012 to 2015 at the University of Mississippi, School of Law.

Provide educational material and seminars to students, faculty, and staff of the Mississippi universities, state agencies, and other members of the legal, scientific, and creative communities. Representative seminars and workshops include:

* University of Mississippi, Spark Series, *Questions You Should Ask Before You Begin Your Business* (Panelist, February 2018)
* Mississippi Institutes for Higher Learning General Counsel Meeting, *IP Update for Higher Education* (Co-presenter, January 2017)
* The University of Southern Mississippi, *Copyright in Academia* (April 2016)
* National Association of College and University Attorneys, *Patent Trolls and the Internet of Things* (Discussion Group co-leader, June 2016)
* University of Mississippi CLE – Law Alumni Weekend, *Intellectual Property in Business*, (March, 2016)
* Mid-South Intellectual Property Institute, *Ethical Intellectual Property* (2015)
* Mississippi State University, *Intellectual Property in the University Setting* (March 2014)
* University of Mississippi Art Department Graduate Seminar, *Copyright and the Artist* (March 2013)
* University of Mississippi School of Law Guest Speaker, *The Digital Millennium Copyright Act and Intellectual Property at Universities* (periodically presented to IP classes between 2002-2012)
* University of Mississippi Journalism 271/272 Guest Speaker, *Intellectual Property in Journalism* (2007 - 2012)
* University of Mississippi New Faculty Orientation, *Copyright Issues at Universities* (2009 - 2011)
* University of Mississippi Art Graduate Seminar, *Copyright and Visual Arts* (periodically presented between 2006-2012)
* Mississippi Intellectual Property Institute, Film Festival Panel, *The Use of Music in Films* (2012)
* Oxford Arts Guild, *Copyright and the Arts* (2012)
* The Mississippi Legislature, Newly-elected Legislator Training: *An Introduction to the Mississippi Law Research Institute* (2011)
* University of Mississippi Faculty Development Luncheon, *Copyright: Fair Use and Intellectual Property Rights in Higher Education* (2009, co-presented with Gary Myers)
* University of Southern Mississippi, *Intellectual Property in Education* (2008)
* Oxford Film Festival CLE, *Navigating the Ethical Minefield in IP Law* (2008)
* Creating Futures Through Technology Conference, *Copyright Issues in Classroom Technology* (2007, co-presented with Gary Myers)
* Southern Legislative Conference, Legislative Research Agency Directors, *Copyright Issues Panel* (2005)
* The University of Southern Mississippi, IGERT Program, *Protecting Your Ideas: Intellectual Property and the Universities* (2004)
* University of Mississippi, The Office of Research, *Copyright Clampdown – Recent Limitations on the Use of Copyrighted Materials* (2004)
* Mississippi University for Women, *Moving Your Trademark Forward* (2003)
* University of Mississippi, The Office of Research, *Intellectual Property and International Legal Issues*  (2003)
* University of Belize, *International Intellectual Property Protection* (2003)
* University of Mississippi, The Office of Research, *Protecting Your Ideas: Patents and Trade Secrets* (2003)
* University of Mississippi, The National Food Service Management Institute, *The Creation and Use of Copyrights and Trademarks* (2003)
* The National Association of College and University Attorneys, Annual Conference, Panel Discussion: *The Digital Millennium Copyright Act* (2002)
* University of Mississippi, The Office of Research, *Copyright in Education* (2002)
* Mississippi University for Women, *Protecting the University’s Trademarks* (2002)
* University of Mississippi, The Office of Research, *Intellectual Property in the University* (2002)
* Mississippi Bar Convention – IP Section, *An Act for the New Millennium: The Digital Millennium Copyright Act* (2002)
* Mississippi Valley State University, *Intellectual Property at the University* (2001)
* Mississippi State University, *Protecting the University’s Trademarks* (2001)
* Mississippi Bar Convention – IP Section, *Working With University Intellectual Property & Other Current IP Topics* (2001)
* Mississippi Bar – IP Section Seminar, *Computers and the Internet: New Intellectual Property Issues Facing Businesses* (2000)

Participate in the Uniform Law Conference

* Mississippi Commissioner
* Legislative Liaison
* Member, Technology Committee

Participate in study groups created by the Mississippi Secretary of State

* Technology and Intellectual Property Study Group (2011)
* Nonprofit Corporations Study Group (2010)
* Trust Laws Study Group (2009)
* Trademark Laws Study Group (2009)

Memberships and Admissions

* Member, The Mississippi Bar
* Chair, Intellectual Property Section of The Mississippi Bar, 2004 – 2005, 2016 – 2017
* Member, National Association of College and University Attorneys