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Education

B.S. 1985, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
J.D. 1988, Southern Illinois University School of Law
• Editor of *SIU Law Journal*

Professional Experience

Private practice 1988–1991
Clinical Assistant Professor, Southern Illinois University School of Law, 1991–98
Clinical Associate Professor, Southern Illinois University School of Law, 1998–2003
Clinical Professor, Southern Illinois University School of Law, 2003–present

Teaching Experience

Elder Law Course, Fall 2006
Family Law 1994–2004
Professor for the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts–Family Law, 1997–98,
1998–99, 2000–01
Regular community presentations on Elder Law and Health Law

Service

University Service

I regularly serve on law school committees each year.

Professional service

Mediation Association of Southern Illinois member, 1998–present
Medicare Beneficiary Advisory Counsel, former member
Family Law Pro Bono Project, serve as pro bono counsel
Professor for the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts
Jackson County Bar Association Treasurer, 1997–present
Presenter at numerous professional seminars for the medical community
Presenter at numerous professional seminars for service providers for the elderly
First Judicial Circuit Restorative Justice Committee Member, 2000–present
Illinois Guardianship Association member
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys member

Community Service

Recipient of Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award presented by Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees, May 2005

Routinely give presentations to social workers, hospitals, nursing homes, and senior citizens groups on health care law, estate planning, and other areas of law.

Served as Licensed Foster Parent

Marion Cultural and Civic Center Board Member

Artstarts Company President of the Board of Directors

Paradise Alley Players Member

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Former President of Church Council

Marion Soccer Association, Former Coach

Southern Illinois Bullets Baseball, Parent Volunteer

Publications

Articles

“Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in Illinois—Establishing the Right to a Continuing Relationship Through Visitation, Custody, and Guardianship in 2007: Where We’ve Been, Where We Are, and Where We Need to Go.” 38 *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal* 733–763 (2007).

“Determining Decisional Capacity and the Need for Adult Guardianship.” 11 *DCBA Brief* (DuPage County Bar Ass’n) 18–23 (April 1999).

“1998 Amendments to the Health Care Surrogate Act—The Changes in Advance Directives and Guardianship.” 10 *DCBA Brief* (DuPage County Bar Ass’n) 22–27 (August 1998) (with J.F. Erbes).

“Surrogate Health Care Decisions for Adults in Illinois—Answers to Legal Questions that Health Care Providers Face On a Daily Basis.” 29 *Loyola University of Chicago Law Journal* 411–464 (1998).

“A Call for a Functional Multidisciplinary Approach to Intervention In Cases of Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation: One Legal Clinic’s Experience.” 5 *Elder Law Journal* 195–212 (1997) (with S. Levitt).

“Involuntary Placement of Adults in Nursing Homes in Illinois—Balancing the Patient’s Need for Treatment Against the Patient’s Right to Self Determination—The Need for A Process.” *Quest* (Journal of the Illinois Health Care Association) (September 1996).

“Recent Guardianship Amendments to the Probate Act Concerning Disabled Adults.” 8 *DCBA*

Brief (DuPage County Bar Ass'n) 18–23 (February 1996).

“Common Issues Surrounding the Durable Power of Attorney and Guardianship.” 12 *Health Care Lawyer* 8–12 (February 1996) (with S. Levitt).

“Survey of Illinois Law: Family Law.” 17 *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* 903–935 (1993).

Practice Manuals and Continuing Education

Order Drafting in Illinois Family Law, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (1997–1998 Seminar Series)

Removal in Illinois, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (1997–1998 Seminar Series)

Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs), Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (1997–1998 Seminar Series)

Child Custody and Visitation in a Nutshell, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (1997–1998 Seminar Series)

Top Ten Tips on Order Drafting, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (1998–1999 Seminar Series)

Removal in Illinois, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (1998–1999 Seminar Series)

Child Support, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (1998–1999 Seminar Series)

Child Support in a Nutshell (Getting to Net), Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (1998–1999 Seminar Series)

Child Support in a Nutshell (Guidelines), Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (1998–1999 Seminar Series)

Child Custody and Visitation in a Nutshell, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (1998–1999 Seminar Series)

Child Support, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (2000–2001 Seminar Series)

Child Support in a Nutshell (Getting to Net), Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (2000–2001 Seminar Series)

Child Support in a Nutshell (Guidelines), Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (2000–2001 Seminar Series)

Family Law and Bankruptcy: What Judges Should Know About the Interrelationship Between Bankruptcy and Family Law, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (2000–2001 Seminar Series)

Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROS), Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (2000–2001 Seminar Series)

What Judges Should Know about Illinois Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QILDRO) Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, FAMILY LAW MANUAL, (2000–2001 Seminar Series)

ILLINOIS JUDICIAL BENCH BOOK ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, Illinois Judicial Conference, Administrative Office of Illinois Courts (2007). I wrote 28 of the 29 chapters in this book.

Other Writing

I wrote Section II of the Guardianship Reform Symposium Manual in 1995. This section provides examples of pleadings with essential elements designed to meet the requirements of amendments to the Probate Act effective in August, 1995. This symposium was sponsored by the Southern Illinois University School of Law and the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission.

Suzanne Levitt and Rebecca J. O’Neill, *Common Issues Surrounding The Durable Power of Attorney and Guardianship*, 12 *Health Care Lawyer* 8 (February 1996).

I wrote two articles for a column entitled “The Brief” for *Spotlight*, a local newspaper. This newspaper was circulated in Williamson, Jackson, Saline and Gallatin counties in Illinois. Both articles discuss rights and responsibilities resulting from marriage. One article specifically addresses inheritance rights and the right to make claims against an estate. The other article discusses family expenses and financial obligations that result from a family relationship.