

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, George Washington University, Washington, DC, 1973  
B.A., Political Science, Amherst College, Amherst, MA, 1970

### **TEACHING AWARDS**

Co-recipient of Award for Excellence in Community-Based Teaching from Vermont Campus Compact, 2009  
Co-recipient of Teaching Award of Merit from North American Colleges & Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA), 2007

### **EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

#### **Current employment**

##### **1982 to present**

Senior Lecturer, Department of Community Development and Applied Economics (CDAE),  
University of Vermont

Instruction appointment (.75 FTE) involves teaching undergraduate courses and directing the Belize Program in Sustainable Development.

Courses currently taught include:

- Consumer Law (CDAE 157)
- Communication Law (CDAE 129)
- Applications of Sustainable Development (Belize) (CDAE 195)

Have also taught the following courses:

- Sustainable Development in Small Island States--St. Lucia (2004-2006)
- Law, Ethics & Responsibility (1994-2000)
- Consumer Assistance Program (1982-2001)
- Consumers and the Market (1992, 1993)
- Family Law (1981, 1986)

During the 1988-1989 academic year, served as interim chair of the Department of Merchandising, Consumer Studies and Design (MCSD) at the University of Vermont

## **INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**2010-Present:** Faculty Associate – ISIS Belize

**2006-Present:** Conceptualized, developed and currently direct a semester-long study abroad/faculty-led program in Belize focusing on sustainable development. Responsibilities have included:

- recruiting and selecting students
- developing and conducting pre-departure orientation sessions
- supervision of program curriculum
- organization of all activities in Belize
- teaching courses
  - spring, 2007--taught CDAE 127 online for UVM and Belizean students
  - spring, 2008 and 2009--taught CDAE 157, Consumer Law & Policy and CDAE 195, Applications of Sustainable Development, a 4-credit service learning course

### **Other International Activities**

**2005 and 2006:** Supervised UVM students engaged in various projects related to consumer affairs and sustainable development in St. Lucia.

**2004:** Conducted consumer law training for the Ministry of Commerce, Investment & Consumer Affairs in Castries, St. Lucia.

**2002 and 2003:** Conducted consumer law training in Vermont for representatives of the governments of St. Lucia (2002) and St. Kitts and Nevis (2003).

**2002:** Communicated and met with international education faculty and staff at three New Zealand universities to explore implementation of student and faculty exchange programs with UVM.

**2000:** Supervised student doing research project in Belize. Provided assistance in designing the project. While in Belize, participated in interviews of representatives of government, non-governmental and private sector organizations and edited the final research report.

**1994-1995:** Visiting Assistant Professor, ITM/MUCIA-Indiana University Cooperative Program in Malaysia. Taught courses in business law at the Indiana University campus in Shah Alam, Malaysia to Malaysian students preparing for American degree programs.

**1989-1990:** Guest lectured in consumer economics classes at Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya. Served as a volunteer consultant for the Kenya Consumer's Organization on development of alternative dispute resolution institutions and processes.

## **PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

### **1982-2001**

Assistant Attorney General and Director, Consumer Assistance Program, Office of the Attorney General of Vermont

As a part-time (.5 FTE) attorney for the State of Vermont, supervised the Consumer Assistance Program, the division of the Attorney General's Office responsible for consumer complaint-handling and consumer education, co-sponsored by and housed at the University of Vermont.

### **1978-1981**

Assistant Attorney General and Chief, Antitrust Division, Office of the Attorney General of Vermont

Responsibilities included investigation and prosecution of antitrust cases and administration of six-person staff. Cases filed included price-fixing and resale price maintenance conspiracies in state and federal court. Administrative duties included personnel, budgeting and grant administration.

### **1973-1978**

Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General of Vermont

Responsibilities included litigation, drafting and testifying in support of legislation, and coordinating consumer education programs.

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

"The Little Legal handbook for Older Vermonters" (contributor) 1998

"On Your Own: A Guide to Your Legal Rights and Responsibilities on Turning 18" (contributor) 1998

"Utilizing Volunteers in Consumer Complaint Handling," National Association of Attorneys General, 1992

"Antitrust Enforcement in Vermont," Vermont Bar Association Journal, Winter, 1981

## **UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES**

2008- 2009 Provost's Ad Hoc Committee to Review International Education

2004-2007 Curriculum Committee, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

2004-2006 Studies Committee, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

2002-2005 Departmental representative to UVM Faculty Senate

1998-2001 Studies Committee, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

1995-1998 Curriculum Committee, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

1992-1996 and

1997-2000 Faculty Senate Admissions Committee