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### **EDUCATION**

#### **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY**

- LL.M. in Trade Regulation with Intellectual Property concentration, May 2008.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SCHOOL OF LAW, Columbia, MO**

- J.D., May 2004.
- Order of the Coif.
- Journal of Dispute Resolution - Associate Editor-in-Chief.
- Senniger, Powers, Leavitt & Roedel Prize for Trademarks.
- J. Lewis Parks Prize for Antitrust.
- Alexander Martin Prize for Evidence.
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award for Trademarks, Copyrights, Antitrust, Conflicts of Laws, Evidence, and Products Liability (*for highest grade in each course*).

#### **AMHERST COLLEGE, Amherst, MA**

- B.A. in Computer Science, May 2001.
  - B.A. in Law, Jurisprudence & Social Thought, May 2001.
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### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF DENVER – STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, Denver, CO**

*Lecturer*, August 2009 – Present.

- Teaching Patents, Intellectual Property Survey, Trademarks, and Property.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW, Eugene, OR**

*Visiting Assistant Professor*, August 2008 – May 2009.

- Taught Trademarks, Intellectual Property Survey, and Professional Responsibility.
- Served as faculty mentor to Intellectual Property student group.
- Advised two Oregon Law Review students writing intellectual property notes.
- Critiqued professional responsibility question for the Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners.

#### **STINSON MORRISON HECKER LLP, St. Louis, MO**

*Associate*, September 2004 – August 2007; *Summer Associate*, May 2003 – August 2003.

- Analyzed and advised individual and corporate clients on copyright and trademark licensing and registration, fair use, entertainment industry practices, and trade secret misappropriation. Filed and pursued copyright and trademark infringement claims involving the music recording industry and a nationally-known clothing manufacturer. Prepared and filed domain name arbitration claims for corporate clients and obtained registration of several web sites from infringing individuals.

#### **PROFESSOR RICHARD REUBEN, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SCHOOL OF LAW, Columbia, MO**

*Research Assistant*, October 2002 – April 2003.

- Analyzed legal authorities, prepared drafts, and edited sections of a law review article entitled *Democracy and Dispute Resolution: The Problem with Arbitration*, 67 Law & Contemp. Probs. 279 (2004).

#### **HON. E. RICHARD WEBBER - U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, St. Louis, MO**

*Intern*, May 2002 – August 2002.

- Researched issues in pending federal cases and drafted judicial orders deciding summary judgment motions and motions to dismiss in trademark infringement, civil rights, and contractual dispute cases.
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## PUBLICATIONS

### LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

- *Abolishing the Missing-Claim Rule for Judicial Cancellations*, 18 Tex. Intell. Prop. L.J. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming Jan. 2010).
- *Copyright Misuse: The Wrong Problem for the GPL's Copyleft Provisions* (work in progress).
- *Viewing Virtual Property Ownership Through the Lens of Innovation*, 76 Tenn. L. Rev. 33 (2008).
  - Reprinted in PROPERTY AND OWNERSHIP: ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS (2009).
  - Reprinted in AUTHORSHIP AND OWNERSHIP: COPYRIGHT DILEMMA (2009).
- *Expanding Preferential Treatment Under the Record Rental Amendment Beyond the Music Industry*, 11 Lewis & Clark L. Rev. 605 (2007).
  - Reprinted in MUSIC COPYRIGHTS: A LEGAL WRANGLE (2009).
- *Design Patents: An Alternative Option when the Low Standards of Copyright are Too High?*, 31 S. Ill. U. L.J. 325 (2007).
  - Reprinted in THE ICFAI JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (February 2008).
  - Reprinted in INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: LEGAL FRAMEWORK (2008).
- *Who Knew? The Admissibility of Subsequent Remedial Measures When Defendants Are Without Knowledge of the Injuries*, 38 McGeorge L. Rev. 653 (2007) (with M. Boyko).
  - Cited by the Arizona Court of Appeals in *Johnson v. State ex rel. Dep't of Transp.*, 2009 WL 1709051 (Ariz. Ct. App. June 18, 2009).
- *Is State Law Looking for Trouble?: The Federal Arbitration Act Flexes its Preemptive Muscle*, 2003 J. Disp. Resol. 463 (2003) (with R. Hollis, S. Kerner, and A. Pearson).
  - Cited by the Missouri Supreme Court in *Triarch Indus., Inc. v. Crabtree*, 158 S.W.3d 772 (Mo. 2005).
  - Cited by the Missouri Supreme Court in *State ex rel. Vincent v. Schneider*, 194 S.W.3d 853 (Mo. 2006).

### TRADE JOURNALS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- *Is Evidence of Subsequent Remedial Measures Admissible if Undertaken Before Defendants Learn of the Injuries*, Mealey's Emerging Toxic Torts, vol. 16, #20 (Jan. 22, 2008) (with M. Boyko).
- *Unfair Trade Practices: A Compendium of State Law* (Kansas Chapter), Defense Research Institute (2005).

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## PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, *Abolishing the Missing-Claim Rule for Judicial Cancellations* – University of Akron School of Law Third Annual IP Forum (October 30, 2009).
- Panelist, *Your Digital Life: Risks, Opportunities, and Practical Applications of Social Media* – University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication (May 27, 2009).
- Commentator, *Law, Technology, and Economics: The Past & Future of Copyright* – University of Oregon School of Law (March 18, 2009).
- Presenter, *Viewing Virtual Property Ownership Through the Lens of Innovation* – Cornell Law School Inter-University Graduate Student Conference (March 29, 2008).
- Guest Lecturer, *Copyrights and Team Building* - St. Louis Community College - Music Industry Marketing and Promotions (November 28, 2006 and April 24, 2007).

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## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Intellectual Property, Copyrights, Trademarks, Patents, Antitrust, Products Liability, Property, Torts, Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Evidence, Conflicts of Laws.

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## REFERENCES

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