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EDUCATION

Harvard School of Public Health, M.P.H., Law & Public Health (2009).

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D., 1986; Case Western Reserve Law Review, 1984-86; Health Matrix: Journal of Law-Medicine, 1984-86.

Case Western Reserve University, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, B.S.N., June, 1980.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk, Judge William K. Thomas, United District Court, N.D., Ohio 1986-87.

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Professor of Law: University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Fall, 2008(courses: Civil Procedure and Food & Drug Law).

Professor of Law, Western New England College School of Law, 2006-present (courses: Medical Malpractice, Health Care Entities, Food & Drug Law and Bioethics, Torts, Products Liability and Business Torts). Associate Professor of Law, 2003-06. Assistant Professor of Law, 2001-03 (courses: Torts, Health Law, Evidence, Family Law and Pretrial Practice).

Member: Personnel Committee, 2002-04; Mentoring Committee, 2002-06; Retention Committee, 2002-04; Standards for Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2002-05; Faculty Handbook Committee, 2006-07; Honor Code, 2008-09.

Advisor: Student Health Law Association, 2004-07.

Faculty Advisor, Politics & Health Law Symposium Issue, Western New England Law Review, 2006.

Honorary Faculty Member, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity (by student nomination), 2006-present.

Expert Litigation Consultant, Elder Abuse and Neglect in Nursing Homes, 2007-present.

Commissioner, Cervical Cancer Special Commission, House of Representatives, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 2005-present.

Hearing Officer, Medical Staff Peer Review Proceedings, Baystate Medical Center, 2002-04.

Member: Baystate Medical Center Ethics Committee, 2004-06; Baystate Medical Center Clinical Ethics Review Team, 2004-06; Baystate Health System's Institutional Review Board for Experimental Drugs and Devices, 2005-06.

Director of Clinical Programs and Assistant Professor of Law, Pettit College of Law, Ohio Northern University, 1997-99. Nominated, Excellence in Classroom Teaching Award, 1998-99. Courses: Professional Responsibility, Pretrial Practice.

Managing Partner, Van Tassel & Associates, Cleveland, Ohio, 1992-97. Founded, managed and was sole owner of a twelve-attorney litigation law firm which represented Fortune 500 corporations. National defense counsel in the Federal multi-district L-tryptophan litigation.

Associate, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland, Ohio, 1987-91. Litigation Associate.

VISITORSHIPS

Visiting Professor of Law: University of Connecticut, Summer 2008 (course: Evidence).

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law: University of Connecticut, Fall 2004 (course: Torts); Cleveland-Marshall School of Law, 2000-01 (courses: Torts, Evidence and Civil Procedure); Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 1999-2000 (courses: Family Law and Civil Procedure).

NON-LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Advanced Clinical Nurse, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit, Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, 1980-85.

PUBLICATIONS

-Van Tassel, K., *Food & Drug Law: Cases, Problems and Materials* (working draft completed).

-Van Tassel, K., *The Role of Gender in the Weight-Disease Relationship, Mandated Weight Control Programs and the Risk of Disparities in Access to Health Care for Women* (work-in-progress).

-Van Tassel, K., Goldman, R., *Manufacturing the Wings of Icarus: FDA Regulation of Nanotechnology Used in Products for Human Consumption Including Food, Dietary Supplements, Cosmetics and Sunscreens* (submitted for publication, Fall 2009).

-Van Tassel, K., *Slaying the Hydra: The History of Quack Medicine, The Obesity Epidemic and the FDA's Battle to Regulate Dietary Supplements*, 6 INDIANA HEALTH L. J. 204-50 (2009).

-Van Tassel, K., *Genetically Modified Food, Risk Assessment and Scientific Uncertainty Principles: Does the New Understanding of the Networked Gene Trigger The Need For Post-Market Surveillance to Protect Public Health?* 15 B.U. J. SCIENCE & TECH. LAW 220-251(2009).

-Van Tassel, K., *Legal and Ethical Aspects of Healthcare*, THE LAW AND COURTS SECTION, THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (May, 2006) (book review).

- Van Tassel, K., *Hospital Peer Review Standards and Due Process: Moving From Tort Theories To Contract Principles Based on Clinical Practice Guidelines*, 36 SETON HALL L. REV.1179-1256 (2006).

-Van Tassel, K., *The Introduction of Biotech Foods to the Tort System: Creating a New Duty To Identify*, 72 U. CINN. L. REV. 1645-1705 (2004).

-Van Tassel, K., *Adding Biotech Food To The Tort System*, W. MASS. L. TRIB. (2002).

-Van Tassel, K. *The Impact of the Proposed Patient Bill of Rights on Massachusetts Law*, W. MASS. L. TRIB (2002).

LEGISLATION

Proposed House Bill, Section 47G, Chapter 175 of the General Laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, *Coverage for Cytologic Screening and Mammographic Examination: Minimum Requirements* (2004).

ONLINE ACTIVITIES

Blog Contributor: *BioLaw: Law and the Life Sciences* (a member of the Jurisdynamics Network), <http://biolaw.blogspot.com>. For selected contributions, see <http://biolaw.blogspot.com/search/label/KVT>.

Editor: *Health Law Prof Blog* (a member of the Law Professor Blogs Network), http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/healthlawprof_blog/.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND SERVICE

- *Evaluation of the Statutes and Regulations of the New England States For the Treatment of Tuberculosis In the Context of the Model TB Control Act of 2009* (Boston, MA, March, 2009)(presentation to the Centers for Disease Control and the Consortium of New England State Departments of Public Health and Departments of Epidemiology to Expand TB Control and Prevention).

- *Debunking 'Junk DNA' - A Public Health Case for the Post-Market Surveillance of Biotech Foods*, Annual Conference on Law, Ethics & the Life Sciences (University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law, 2007).

-Testimony, *Biotechnology Issues*, Massachusetts Legislators' Biotechnology Caucus (2007).

-Civil Jury Practice in the District Court: Massachusetts Tort Law For Trial Court Judges, Annual Conference of the Massachusetts District Court and the Massachusetts Trial Court's Judicial Institute (Williams College, 2006).

-Ethical and Legal Issues in Extraction of Sperm In Conjunction with Diagnosis of Brain Death, Annual Ethics Service Conference (Franklin Medical Center, Springfield, MA 2005).

- Current Legal Issues in Pre-implantation Embryonic Genetic Testing, Annual Massachusetts Medical Association OB/GYN Seminar (Springfield, MA 2005).

-Product Liability for Biotech Foods, Conference on Product Liability for FDA Regulated Products, Food and Drug Law Institute (Washington, D.C, 2005).

- Ethical and Legal Issues in The Post Mortem Extraction of Sperm, Ethics Grand Rounds (Bay State Medical Center, Springfield, MA, 2004).

-The Proposed Restatement 3rd of Torts: Pragmatic Criticisms, Coalition of Food Industry Counsel Annual Conference (Palm Springs, California, 1994).

-Handling the Claimant of the 90s: Tools and Techniques for Effective Product Liability Case Management, National Food Processors' Association Advanced Workshop (Washington, D.C., 1993).

-Managing Product Liability Complaints Effectively, National Food Processors' Association Annual Conference (Washington, D.C., 1993).

-The Complete Dental Defense: A Dental and Legal Perspective, Coalition of Food Industry Counsel Annual Conference (Tucson, Arizona, 1993).

-Developing a Defense Strategy In Product Liability Actions, National Food Processors' Association Annual Conference (Chicago, Illinois, 1993).

PANELIST

-Ethical Issues in Genetic Testing, Annual Massachusetts Medical Association OB/GYN Seminar (Springfield, MA, 2005).

-The Uninsured and The Under Insured: Is A Single Payer System the Solution?, Western Massachusetts Senior Action Council in conjunction with Western Massachusetts Jobs With Justice (Springfield, MA, 2004).

-The Basics of Handling Medical Malpractice Cases, Health Law Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association (Springfield, MA, 2002).

-Legal Professionalism: From Washington, D.C. to Small Town Practice (Pettit College of Law, Ohio Northern University, 1999).

-Civility as the Key to Our Successful Legal System, William Howard Taft American Inn of Court (Pettit College of Law, Ohio Northern University, 1999).

-Ethical Implications of Representing More Than One Criminal Defendant in the Same Matter, William Howard Taft American Inn of Court (Pettit College of Law, Ohio Northern University, 1998).

-Celebrating Our Heritage: 75 Years of Women At Case Western Reserve School Of Law "Finding a Niche: Developing Your Own Client Base" (Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 1994).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Health Care Lawyers, 2000-present.

Executive Board, Litigation Section, American Association of Law Schools, 1998-99; 2001-02.

Member, William Howard Taft American Inn of Court, 1997-1999.

Board of Directors, The Coalition of Food Industry Counsel ("COFIC"), 1993-96. Member of the steering committee which founded COFIC, a national organization of over 200 defense counsel and food manufacturers.

Chair/Arbitrator, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, 1994-96.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to Practice: States of Ohio (1986) and Georgia (1996); U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Middle Districts of Georgia (1996), the Northern District of Ohio (1987) and Colorado (1990); U.S. Courts of Appeals: Sixth (1987) and Tenth Circuits (1992).