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EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law – Boston, MA
LL.M. Taxation, May 1993

Southwestern University School of Law – Los Angeles, CA
J.D., May 1992

University of California, Los Angeles
B.A. Sociology/Business Administration, June 1987

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

University of San Diego School of Law – Regent's College, London, England
Institute on International and Comparative Law, Summer 1990

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law – Universitat Salzburg, Austria
Salzburg Institute on International Legal Studies, Summer 1990

WORK EXPERIENCE

Oklahoma State University, Tulsa – Tulsa, OK
Assistant Professor of Professional Practice, Legal Studies 9/19-present
Three-year appointment teaching *Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business*, *Legal Aspects of International Business*, and *Commercial Transactions* at the undergraduate level. Involvement in the Spears School of Business Center for Legal Studies and Business Ethics and Management Committee on Pedagogy.

Oklahoma State University, Tulsa – Tulsa, OK
Lecturer, Business Law 8/02-8/19
Annual appointment teaching the *Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business* and the *Legal Aspects of International Business* at the undergraduate level, and online *Consumer Law I and II* courses. Taught *Global Environmental Policy: Business and Legal Aspects* and *Business Culture* for summer school courses that traveled to Washington, D.C. and Chicago, respectively.

Oklahoma State University – Stillwater, OK
Adjunct Instructor, Accounting and Business Law 8/01-12/02
Adjunct position teaching *Managerial Accounting* and the *Legal Aspects of International Business* at the undergraduate level. Teaching *Partnership Tax* and *Estate and Gift Tax* in the Masters of Accounting program.

Deloitte & Touche, LLP – Los Angeles, CA & Tulsa, OK
Associate, Estates, Gifts & Trusts 2/97-8/01
Provide estate and gift tax planning ideas for clients, including revocable trusts, powers of attorney, QPRTs, CRTs, CLTs, Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts and Intentionally Defective Irrevocable Trusts. Create and conduct presentations using financial projections, spreadsheets and flowcharts. Research

and summarize tax issues. Prepare and file all estate and gift tax return forms and individual and fiduciary income tax returns. Represent clients in IRS disputes.

Kavesh & Minor, A Law Corporation – Torrance, CA

Associate Attorney, Estate Planning

4/94-1/97

Practiced estate planning, including marketing, client education, document preparation, and trust funding. Analyzed estates and proposed plans. Drafted, edited and supervised execution of estate planning documents. Researched tax and probate issues. Made court appearances. Addressed tax and planning inquiries.

United States Attorney, Central District of California – Los Angeles, CA

Clerkship, Tax Division

1/92-5/92

Researched tax issues and prepared memoranda of law. Drafted pleadings, pre-trial motions and briefs. Assisted U.S. Attorneys with discovery, depositions and trial preparation.

United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California – Los Angeles, CA

Judicial Clerkship, Honorable Arthur M. Greenwald

8/91-11/91

Drafted judicial opinions. Monitored procedural requirements and prepared bench memoranda.

TEACHING AWARDS

Winner 2018 OSU Excellence in Teaching Award for Adjunct Faculty
University-wide Award, Oklahoma State University

PUBLICATIONS

Cetin, F., T. Urich, J. Paliszkiwicz, M. Madra-Sawicka, J. Nord, “ICTs, Empowerment and Success: Women’s Perceptions across Eight Countries,” *Journal of Computer Information Systems*, (**Code 12720**), Volume 61, 1, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08874417.2020.1799452> Impact Factor 1.58.

Tara Fitzgerald Urich, *Tesla and the Policy Behind its Long Haul to Selling Cars in the U.S.*, JOURNAL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMIC POLICY, Volume 5, Number 2 (2018). **Basic or Discovery Scholarship**

Tara Fitzgerald Urich, *Business Organizations in the 21st Century: A Look at New Legal Forms for Business that Enhance Social Enterprise*, SOUTHERN LAW JOURNAL, Volume 23 (2), Fall 2013. **Basic or Discovery Scholarship**

Tipton F. McCubbins and Tara I. Fitzgerald, *As False Claims Act Penalties Mount, Defendants Scramble for Answers - Qui Tam Liability*, 31 USC 3729 et seq., THE BUSINESS LAWYER, November 2006, Volume 62, Number 1. **Applied or Integration/Application Scholarship**

Gregory C. Mosier and Tara I. Fitzgerald, *US State Courts, Torts and the Internet: Topsy Turvy in the Worldwide Web*, BUSINESS LAW AND TECHNOLOGY, PRESENT AND EMERGING TRENDS, Volume 1 (2006). **Basic or Discovery Scholarship**

Mosier, Gregory C. and Tara I. Fitzgerald, *Cyber Torts: Common Law and Statutory Restraints in the United States*, JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW AND TECHNOLOGY, Volume 2, Number 1 (2007). **Basic or Discovery Scholarship**

PRESENTATIONS

Basic or Discovery Scholarship – March 2018, Southern Academy of Legal Studies in Business annual meeting. Presented article *Tesla v. the Status Quo: An analysis of U.S. Automotive Retail Sales*.

Basic or Discovery Scholarship – March 2017, Southern Academy of Legal Studies in Business annual meeting. Presented article *Are Covenants Not to Compete in Employment Contracts Void and Unenforceable in Oklahoma? Or Can Employers Rest Assured that Reasonable Restrictive Covenants could be Valid? The Answer to Both is a Definitive Maybe*.

Basic or Discovery Scholarship – March 2012, Southern Academy of Legal Studies in Business annual meeting. Presented article *Business Organizations in the 21st Century: A Look at New Legal Forms for Business that Enhance Social Enterprise*.

CONSULTING

RSG – Orian Welling, Ph.D., White River Junction, VT

Vermont Legislature, Direct to Consumer Vehicle Sales Policy 9/2020
Consulting for study and report to Vermont Legislature addressing direct consumer vehicle sales as presented in my paper, “Tesla and the Policy Behind Its Long Haul to Selling Cars in the U.S.”

OTHER EMPLOYMENT TEACHING AND PRESENTATION EXPERIENCE

Deloitte & Touche, LLP

Internal Training Programs, Instructor

Basic Estate Planning

Estate & Gift Taxation

Estate Planning for Senior Executives

Client Presentations

Basic & Advanced Estate Planning Ideas

Fiduciary Income Taxation

Advanced Estate Planning Ideas

Fiduciary Income Taxation

Intentionally Defective Grantor Trusts

Kavesh & Minor, A Law Corporation

Public Seminars

Basic Estate Planning

Client Education Programs

Estate Planning

Tulsa City-County Library Trust Advisory Committee

Public Seminars

Year End Tax Planning, December 2000

Basic Estate Planning, May 2000

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Deloitte & Touche, LLP, Research Specialist

Researched numerous complex tax issues. Prepare legal position and opinion papers.

Kavesh & Minor, A Law Corporation, Associate Attorney

Monitored current law and updated estate planning documents. Research lawyer for all issues presented in boutique estate planning firm.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS - Maintain

Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma, 2022
Supreme Court of the State of California, 2022
Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, 2022

ORIGINAL BAR ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the State of California, December 1992
United States Tax Court, May 1993
Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, June 1993
Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, May 1994
Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma, April 1998

MEMBERSHIPS

Academy of Legal Studies in Business
Teaching and Pedagogy Section
2023 Master Teacher Competition Committee