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Education

J.D., Vanderbilt University School of Law, 1985.

B.A., Vanderbilt University, 1982.
Major: Economics with Related Work in Mathematics

Professional Positions

Academic - Post-Secondary

Arkansas State University (2005-Present)

Professor of Business Law and Director of Undergraduate Studies

Faculty Coordinator for Women's Leadership Center

Interim Associate Dean, 2019-2021

Department Chairperson, Department of Economics and Finance, 2012-2021.

Courses Taught:

LAW 2023, Legal Environment of Business
LAW 4043, Law of Business Organizations
REI 3413, Real Estate Practice
REI 4413, Real Estate Law
Honors Legal Environment of Business
Honors Special Topics: Law and Popular Culture
Served on various Honors Thesis Committees

IAE CAEN in France

Taught International Business Law course for Master in International Management program at IAE CAEN in France, November-December 2018; November-December 2019. Planning to teach the same course at IAE CAEN in March 2022.

Professional

Attorney, Yost and Robertson PLC (1986 - 2005).

President, Williamson County Escrow & Title Inc. (1989 - 2005).

Licensures and Certifications

Licensed to Practice Law, State of Arkansas. (January 2008 - Present)

Licensed to Practice Law, State of Tennessee. (October 1985 - Present).

Published Intellectual Contributions

- Robertson, P. Q. (2016). Anti-Surcharge Laws and Freedom of Speech. *Business Law Review*, 49, 67-84.
- Robertson, J., Robertson, P. Q. (2015). Equitable Remedies under ERISA: The Sixth Circuit's Position in *Rochow*. *Business Law Review*, 48, 91-102.
- Robertson, P. Q., Tew, P. (2014). Retirement Funds in Bankruptcy: *Clark v. Rameker*. *Business Law Review*, 47, 97-114.
- Quinn, T., Robertson, J., Robertson, P. Q. (2013). Challenges to the Defense of Marriage Act. *Journal of Business Administration Online*, 12 (2).
- Robertson, P. Q., Robertson, J. (2012). *Christopher v. Smithkline Beecham Corp.* *Journal of Business Administration Online*, 11(2), 10.
- Robertson, J., Robertson, P. Q. (2012). Motions to Compel Arbitration and Suits on the Underlying Merits. *Business Law Review*, 45, 19.
- Robertson, P. Q., Robertson, J. (2011). The Ku Klux Klan Act and the Intracorporate Conspiracy Doctrine. *Business Law Review*, 44, 235-255.
- Robertson, P. Q., Dancer, T. (2010). Deductibility of Work-Related Educational Expenses. *Journal of Accountancy* Dec. 2010, 42-45 plus 2-page online supplement.
www.journalofaccountancy.com/Issues/2010/Dec/20103279.htm
- Robertson, P. Q., Robertson, J. (2010). Grumbling, Retaliation, and the Fair Labor Standards Act: *Kasten v. St. Gobain Performance Plastics Corp.* *Business Law Review*, 43, 133-149.
- Robertson, P. Q. (2009). In Sickness and in Health: Recent Judicial Developments in Americans with Disabilities Act Association Discrimination Cases. *Employee Responsibilities and Rights Journal/Springer*, 21(3), 171-193.
- Robertson, P. Q., Lewis, J. M. (2009). Donor's Remorse and Broken Promises: The Enforceability of Charitable Pledges. *Journal of Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Issues* 12(2), 15-27.
- Robertson, P. Q., Robertson, J. (2009). How Much You Keep: *Eschelmann v. Agere* and Tax Gross-Ups in Employment Discrimination Cases. *Business Law Review*, 42, 127-138.
- Robertson, J., Robertson, P. Q. (2008). Multi-State Taxation and Captive REITS: Wal-Mart's "Rollback" of Taxes. *Business Law Review*, 41, 89-108.
- Robertson, P. Q. (2008). We've Always Done it This Way: Information, Ethics, and Antitrust in Real Estate Sales. *Rushton, LA: Proceedings of the International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines*.
- Robertson, P. Q., Dancer, T. (2008). *Educating Your Teacher Clients- An Update on Deductible Travel Expenses While Pursuing Future Studies*. Proceedings of the 2008 Meeting of the Academy of Accounting, Finance, and Economics.
- Robertson, P. Q. (2007). Kickbacks, RESPA and the Title Insurance Industry: How to Get a Foot in the (Courthouse) Door". *Real Estate Law Journal*, 36(3), pages 270-297.

Presentations

- Johnston, P.Q. Remarks on the Value of French-American International Educational Exchanges (as invited speaker at online webinar exchange Democracy and Friendship between France and the USA at IAE Caen France January 20, 2021).
- Robertson, P.Q., Lewis, James M. Arbitration Agreements with AT&T and Its Corporate Cousins: A Question of Consent, Southeast Academy of Legal Studies in Business (online presentation November 13, 2020).
- Robertson, P.Q., Lewis, James M. Landlord Liability for Tenant-on-Tenant Harassment, Academy of Legal Studies in Business (online presentation August 6, 2020).
- Robertson, P.Q. Madonna and the Love Break, Midwest Academy for Legal Studies in Business, Chicago, IL. (March 24, 2017).
- Robertson, P. Q. Anti-Surcharge Laws and Freedom of Speech, North Atlantic Regional Business Law Ass'n, Bentley University, Waltham, MA. (April 2, 2016).
- Robertson, P. Q. (Presenter & Author), Tew, P. (Author Only), North Atlantic Regional Business Law Ass'n Annual Meeting, "Retirement Funds in Bankruptcy: Clark v. Rameker," Univ. of Mass-Lowell, MA. (April 5, 2014).
- Robertson, J. (Author Only), Robertson, P. Q. (Presenter & Author), Quinn, T. (Author Only), 62nd Arkansas College Teachers of Economics and Business Conference, "Challenges to the Defense of Marriage Act," Arkansas College Teachers of Economics & Business, Conway, Arkansas. (September 27, 2013).
- Robertson, J., Robertson, P. Q., 49th Annual MBAA Conference, "Interpreting 'Aiding and Abetting' in the Criminal Tax Law," Midwest Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Chicago, IL. (February 28, 2013).
- Robertson, P. Q., Robertson, J., 49th Annual MBAA Conference, "Windfall Taxes as Creditable Income Taxes," Midwest Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Chicago, IL. (February 28, 2013).
- Robertson, P. Q., Robertson, J., Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Meeting, "Manifest Disregard in Arbitration Post-Hall Street," Kansas City, MO. (August 11, 2012).
- Robertson, J., Robertson, P. Q., Annual Conference - Academy of Legal Studies in Business, "Plain Language in the Tax Law," Kansas City, MO. (August 10, 2012).
- Robertson, J. (Author Only), Robertson, P. Q. (Presenter & Author), Annual Conference North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association, "Motions to Compel Arbitration and Suits on the Underlying Merits," Boston, MA. (March 31, 2012).
- Robertson, P. Q., Robertson, J., Annual Conference - Academy of Legal Studies in Business, "Salesmen Minus Enthusiasm? Pharmaceutical Sales Reps and the Fair Labor Standards Act," New Orleans, LA. (August 11, 2011).
- Robertson, P. Q., North Atlantic Regional Bus. Law Association Annual Conference, "The Ku Klux Klan Act and the Intracorporate Conspiracy Doctrine," Waltham, MA. (April 2, 2011).
- Robertson, P. Q., Annual Meeting Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business, "Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act of 1968: Big News in 2010," Charleston, SC. (November 12, 2010).
- Robertson, P. Q., North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association Annual Conference, "Grumbling, Retaliation and the Fair Labor Standards Act: Kasten V. Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corp.," Boston, Massachusetts. (April 10, 2010).

- Robertson, P. Q., Academy of Accounting Finance and Economics Annual Conference, "Accountants' Negligence Liability to Non-Clients: New Cases, Same Old Confusion," New Orleans, LA. (December 10, 2009).
- Robertson, P. Q., International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines, "We've Always Done it This Way: Information, Ethics, and Antitrust in Real Estate Sales," Memphis, TN. (October 27, 2008).
- Robertson, P. Q., Robertson, J. F., North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association, "Multi-State Taxation and Captive REITS: Wal-Mart's Rollback of Taxes," Providence, RI. (April 5, 2008).
- Robertson, P. Q., Lewis, J. M., Academy of Legal Ethical and Regulatory Issues, "Donor's Remorse and Broken Promises: The Enforceability of Charitable Pledges," Tunica, MS. (April 4, 2008).
- Robertson, P. Q., Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business, "The Catch-22 of the Americans with Disabilities Act: Post Secondary Students with Disabilities," Memphis, TN. (November 2007).
- Robertson, P. Q., Arkansas College Teachers of Economics and Business, "Students with Disabilities - the ADA and College Students (Catch-22)," Arkadelphia, AR. (October 2007).
- Robertson, P. Q., MidAtlantic Academy of Legal Studies in Business, "Kickbacks, RESPA and the Title Insurance Industry: Getting a Foot in the (Courthouse) Door," St. Michael's, MD. (March 2007).
- Moore, L., Robertson, P. Q., Arkansas College Teachers of Economics and Business Annual Meeting, "Tax Increment Financing Issues: Origins and Issues in Arkansas, Missouri & Tennessee," Conway AR. (October 6, 2006).
- Robertson, P. Q., Midwest Academy of Legal Studies in Business, "The Right To Die: Gonzales v. Oregon," Chicago, IL. (March 2006).
- Robertson, P. Q., Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business, "Fifth Amendment Taking Clarified: Rent Caps, Gas Prices and the Substantial Advancement of Legitimate State Interests," Atlanta, GA. (November 2005).

Memberships, Service and Awards

- Arkansas State University Excellence in Diversity Award (2021).
- Arkansas Adviser of the Year, Phi Beta Lambda (2019).
- Jonesboro Woman of the Year, Business & Professional Women (2016).
- Internal Service Award, College of Business. (2011).
- Presidential Excellence Award, Arkansas Phi Beta Lambda. (2011).
- University Committee, Pathways Committee for recruitment and retention of students (2020-present)
- University Committee, Academic Budget Committee (2020-2021).
- University Committee Chair, Undergraduate Admissions Appeals Committee. (2011 - 2013).
- University Honors Council Secretary and Council Member. (2009 - 2011).
- College of Business Committee Chair: Women's Business Leadership Conference Committee. (2014 - Present); The first Conference was in 2015, and the Conference has grown to more than 600 participants.
- College of Business Online Undergraduate Education Committee (2015- 2016); and Chair of Scholarship and Honors Committee (2009 - 2011).
- Faculty Advisor, Phi Beta Lambda. (2008 - Present).
- Faculty Advisor, Arkansas State University Economics Club (2018-Present)
- Faculty Advisor, Arkansas State University Business & Professional Women (2016-2020)
- Faculty Co-Advisor, Arkansas State Young Investors Club. (2012 – 2014).
- Served on various University Committees, including: Chancellor Search Committee; Honors Awards Committee; Development, Communications and Alumni Committee; Student Disciplinary Committee; Disabilities Services Committee, Academic Affairs AACRAO Review Committee; Academic Affairs Online Proctoring Committee.

Served on various College and Department Committees, including: Executive Committee; three Dean Search Committees; Promotion, Retention and Tenure; Student Professional Development; College Curriculum; Assessment; Recruiting; Green Business; Law Curriculum; Faculty Search; Faculty Grievance; Recruiting.

Board Member, Girl Scouts Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas (2016-2019).

Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Jonesboro, AR. (Active Session Member: 2009 – 2011; 2013 - 2015).

Board Member, PACES (Parents and Children Educational Services), Jonesboro, AR. (2010 - 2013).

Chair, Organizer, and Volunteer at Affiliate Site City Youth Ministries/Summer Feeding Program, Jonesboro, AR. (Summer 2011).

Board Member, First Presbyterian Church Preschool, Jonesboro (2010).

Member, Cardiology Associates Foundation Education Committee, Jonesboro, AR. (2006 - 2008).

Member, Academy of Legal Studies in Business.

Member, North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association.

Member of Board of Editors, Business Law Review.

Reviewer, Journal of Employment & Labor Law.

Panelist at Arkansas State University Pre-Law Club about Women in the Law (2018).

Speaker at accelHERate event at Arkansas Biosciences Institute (2018).

Speaker about Women's Leadership Center and Conference at various Rotary Clubs.

Guest Judge, Arkansas State University Moot Court Team.

Lead various leadership workshops for educators and girls as Faculty Coordinator for Women's Leadership Center.