

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION:**

Cornell Law School - J.D., cum laude, May 1980  
Cornell University - B.A., cum laude in History, May 1977

### **PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

April, 2001 - "Alternative Financing Methods for Development of OMRDD Housing" -  
A report prepared with George Hezel and clinic students.

October, 1999 - "A Role for Non-Profits in Brownfield Redevelopment" co-authored  
with Robert Berger, William Page, Scott Weber, Ramon Garcia and Louis  
Zicari.

December, 1997 - "Development and Financing of Municipality Sponsored Brownfield  
Projects in Erie County" - A report prepared with Robert Berger and clinic  
students.

Spring 1996 - "A Lawyer's Education" - 7 Maryland Journal of Contemporary Legal  
Issues - 359

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Presenter - 2001 - Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities  
Conference session entitled, "Alternative Financing Methods for Development of  
OMRDD Housing" with George Hezel.

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Panelist and Lecturer - 1999 - American Bar Association Business Law Section Program entitled, "Innovations in Business Law Education."

Facilitator and Lecturer - 1995 - conducted a workshop at University of Michigan Law School about how to close low income housing tax credit transactions in the law school clinical setting.

Panelist and Lecturer - 1995 - American Bar Association Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference session entitled, "The Role of Law Schools in Affordable Housing and Community Development"

Panelist - 1993 - Faculty Forum - University at Buffalo Law School, "Law School Initiatives in Affordable Housing Development"

Presenter - 1993 - Housing Committee of the New York State Catholic Conference - "An Agenda for Diocesan-sponsored Not-For-Profit Housing Development Companies: Tax Credit Financing of Affordable Housing in the Future" (with George Hezel)

Presenter - 1993 - Interuniversity Consortium on Poverty Law - Participants from Yale Law School, Seton Hall Law School and University at Buffalo Law School presented descriptions of law school initiatives in affordable housing

Presenter - 1991 - Faculty Forum - UB Law School "The UB Development Law Clinics" (with Peter Pitegoff and George Hezel)

Panelist and Lecturer - 1989 - New York State Bar Association program entitled "Forming and Advising Businesses"

Panelist and Lecturer - 1989 - National Business Institute program on Lender Liability

Panelist and Lecturer - 1986 - American Institute of Bankers programs regarding Industrial Development Revenue Bonds

Panelist and Lecturer - 1985 - Erie County Bar Association program regarding various aspects of financing transactions

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**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:**

Clinical Professor: 1999-present - University at Buffalo Law School.

Clinical Associate Professor: 1996-1999 - University at Buffalo Law School.

Law School Clinical Instructor: 1989-Present - University at Buffalo Law School.

1) **Teaching Responsibilities**

(a) Regulation of Financial Transactions and Institutions. In 2007, Amy Westbrook and I developed this course as an introduction to certain subjects for those students planning to attend the UB in NYC program.

(b) Finance Transactions: Related Practices. In 2006 I taught this course with Jack Schlegel. It addresses the legal issues raised by transactions in a number of legal disciplines related to financial transactions including real estate, securities, labor and employment, environmental, intellectual property and taxation.

(c) Closing a Tax Credit Deal in New York.. In 2006 George Hezel and I introduced this class which focuses on the documents and legal issues raised in the development of Carolyn's House in Niagara Falls, New York. This project was an Affordable Housing Clinic project developed in 2004.

(d) Lawyers and Business. From 2004-2006, I developed and taught this course as an introduction to business law and the Finance Transactions Concentration.

(e) Affordable Housing Clinic. Since 1989, I have taught in the Affordable Housing Clinic with George Hezel. In this clinic a complement of 10 - 12 second and third- year students are exposed to sophisticated affordable housing transactions for two semesters under the direction of supervising attorneys. Typically, clinic students represent not-for-profit developers in their efforts to secure financing for building affordable housing. In the course of their work in the clinic, students interact with all of the principal parties needed to develop housing with particular attention to the lawyer's role in the development process. In tax credit transactions, this process includes negotiating with interim lenders and tax credit investors.

(f) Acquisition Transactions. In 1996, Jack Schlegel and I introduced this course which studies business law through the use of actual transactional materials.

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In 1998, this course was cross-listed with the University at Buffalo Management School and Phil Perry was added as a co-instructor.

(g) Finance Transactions Colloquium. In connection with the creation of the Finance Transactions Concentration in 1996, I developed this course with Jack Schlegel and Phil Halpern.

(h) Community Economic Development Clinic. From 1989-1996, I taught in the Community Economic Development Clinic with Peter Pitegoff and Lauren Breen. This clinic represents a range of clients including day care providers, a community loan fund and other not-for-profit corporations involved directly with community based organizations attempting to improve minority and low income communities through economic development.

(i) Community Development Law. Peter Pitegoff, George Hezel and I developed this course both as a prerequisite to the development clinics and as a bridge between the clinical and non-clinical components of the curriculum. We co-taught this course during each Fall semester from 1990 through 1994.

(j) Wall Street. In 1990 I co-taught this course with Tom Headrick and in 1991 I taught it independently. The course examined the various ways in which business enterprises raise money.

(k) Introduction to Affordable Housing and Community Development Law. This course was co-taught for the first time in September, 1995 with Peter Pitegoff, George Hezel, Phil Halpern and Lauren Breen as the first course in the affordable housing and community development law concentration sequence.

(l) Finance Transactions. This course was taught in November, 1995 as one of the mini-courses available to students in the affordable housing and community development law concentration. It was an extensive simulation involving a complex finance transaction.

(m) Representing Developers, Lenders and Investors in Real Estate Finance Transactions. This course was co-taught in January, 1996 with Phil Halpern and Lauren Breen. It was a bridge course for first year students to introduce them to the broader environment in which lawyers represent clients seeking to develop real estate.

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(n) Guest Lecturer. I have delivered guest lectures in Commercial Paper and Other Payment Systems, Sales and Secured Transactions, Securities Regulation, Corporations and Legal Profession.

2) **Administrative Responsibilities**

(a) Finance Transactions Concentration - Since its inception in 1996, I have administered the Finance Transactions Concentration. Approximately 20 students per year complete this concentration.

(b) Acting Director of Clinical Education. During the 1999-2000 academic year, I served as the acting director of the clinics.

(c) JD/MBA Coordinator. Since 2003 I have coordinated a number of initiatives with the Management School relating to the JD/MBA Program including the creation of an online application for the Program and the initiation of a colloquium for JD/MBA students.

(d) Gerald S. Lippes Speakers Series. I am a member of the committee which inaugurated this series in 2006 and continue to work with others to administer the series.

(e) Placement Committee. I am a member of the Law School's Placement Committee and have worked with law school staff to enhance employment opportunities for our students.

3) **Curriculum Development**

(a) Finance Transactions Concentration. Commencing in the summer of 1995, I began to work with Jack Schlegel on the creation of a new finance and transactions concentration which was introduced in the fall of 1996.

(b) Affordable Housing and Community Development Law Program. I have collaborated with Phil Halpern, Peter Pitegoff, George Hezel and Lauren Breen in the creation of a concentration in affordable housing and community development law. The concentration combines classroom work, clinical courses and opportunities for supervised writing in an attempt to provide students with an educational experience which better prepares them for the challenges faced by new graduates.

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(c) Center for the Study of Business Transactions. In 1997, Jack Schlegel, Phil Perry and I formed a working group dedicated to studying both law and finance through the study of business transactions. This resulted in the creation of the Center for the Study of Business Transactions in the Fall of 1998. The Center is a joint venture of the University at Buffalo Law and Management Schools.

(d) UB in NYC Program. I am a part of the faculty group that helped create this Program in the 2005-06 academic year. I continue to work on improving this program as it evolves.

4) **Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law**

In November, 1994, based on the strength of our programs in affordable housing and community development law, the University at Buffalo Law School was selected to become the home of the American Bar Association's Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law. From 1994-1999, Phil Halpern and I were primarily responsible, as faculty advisors to the Journal, for supervising the student editorial board, working with authors and editing articles.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1) Of Counsel Relationship - Since 1990 I have been of counsel to the law firm of Jaeckle, Fleischman & Mugel, an approximately seventy lawyer firm located in Buffalo, New York.

2) Private Practice - From 1980 to 1989 I was in private practice with the law firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel. I was elected to partnership effective January 1, 1986. From 1987 until my departure in 1989, I was the administrator of the firm's corporate department. My practice focused on commercial loan transactions, corporate acquisitions and other matters relating to finance and business law.

3) Admissions -

New York State Courts, February 1981

Federal Court for Western District of New York, April 1981

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Western District of New York, November 1981