

**Carolyn L. Dessin**  
**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

University of Akron School of Law, Associate Professor, 1999-2010; Professor, 2010-Present; Associate Dean for Students, 2013-2015

University of Idaho College of Law, Visiting Associate Professor, 1997-1999

Widener University School of Law, Assistant and Associate Professor, 1991-1997

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, Associate, 1988-1991

Hon. Collins J. Seitz, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Law Clerk, 1987-1988

Colonial School District, Teacher, 1980-1984

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

J.D., Villanova University School of Law, *magna cum laude*, 1987

M.M., Westminster Choir College, 1980

B.M. Ed., Temple University, *magna cum laude*, 1978

**SUBJECTS TAUGHT in 2014-15**

Contracts, Individual Income Taxation, Sales (new course)

**OTHER SUBJECTS TAUGHT AT AKRON**

Comparative Family Law, International Sales Law, Property II, Wills, Trusts and Estates II, Estate and Gift Taxation, Business Planning, Estate Planning, Drafting for Estates, Basic Drafting, Elder Law

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Hillman v. Marettta: Another Reason for Careful Post-Divorce Estate Planning*, 24:2 *Ohio Probate L.J.* 150 (Nov/Dec 2013)

*No Good Deed Goes Unpunished: Svaldi v. Holmes*, 23:5 *Ohio Probate L.J.* (May/June 2013)

*Creating and Sustaining Interdisciplinary Guardianship Committees* with co-authors Julia Nack and Thomas Swift, 2012 *Utah L. Rev.* 1667

*Arbitrability and Vulnerability*, 21 *Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review*, 349 (2012)

*Financial Durable Powers of Attorney*, *Ohio Elder Law Deskbook* (2009)

*Sales*, with co-authors Robyn L. Meadows, Keith Rowley and Larry T. Garvin, 62 *The Business Lawyer* 1559 (2007)

*Sales*, with co-authors Robyn L. Meadows, Keith Rowley and Larry T. Garvin, 61 *The Business Lawyer* 1545 (2006)

*Should Attorneys Have A Duty To Report Financial Abuse Of The Elderly?*, 38 *Akron Law Review* 707 (2005)

*Sales*, with co-authors Robyn L. Meadows, Keith Rowley and Larry T. Garvin, 60 *The Business Lawyer* 1639 (2005)

*Sales*, with co-authors Robyn L. Meadows and Larry T. Garvin, 59 *The Business Lawyer* 1557 (2004)

*Protecting the Interests of Older Clients in Multi-Generation Representations*, 38 *The Family Law Quarterly* 247 (2004)

*Financial Durable Powers of Attorney*, *Ohio Elder Law Deskbook* (2004)

*Sales*, with co-authors Robyn L. Meadows and Larry T. Garvin, 58 *The Business Lawyer* 1545 (2003)

*Financial Abuse of the Elderly: Is the Solution a Problem?*, 34 *McGeorge Law Review* 267 (2003)

*Sales*, with co-authors Robyn L. Meadows and Larry T. Garvin, 57 *The Business Lawyer* 1669 (2002)

*Financial Exploitation Statutes' Impact on Domestic Relations Practice*, 16 *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers* 379 (2000)

*Financial Abuse of the Elderly*, 36 *Idaho Law Review* 203 (2000)

*Acting as Agent Under a Financial Durable Power of Attorney: An Unscripted Role*, 75 *Nebraska Law Review* 574 (1996)

*The Troubled Relationship of Will Contracts and Spousal Protection: Time for an Amicable Separation*, 45 *Catholic Law Review* 435 (1996)

*Feed a Trust and Starve a Child: The Effectiveness of Trust Protective Techniques Against Claims for Support and Alimony*, 10 *Georgia State Law Review* 691 (1994)

## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**During the 2014-2015 academic year, I was a Speaker at the Law School's Winter Institute in Naples, Florida. I spoke on two topics – a probate law update and a sales law update.**

**During the 2013-2014 academic year, I was a Speaker at the Law School's Winter Institute in Naples, Florida. I spoke on two topics – a probate law update and**

**professionalism. I will present the professionalism program in May at Alumni Weekend.**

During the 2012-2013 academic year, I spoke at a Symposium at Temple University School of Law on the topic of Arbitrability and Vulnerability. I also spoke at the Annual meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law as part of a two-hour session called “Closet to Court: Attorneys and Doctors on Undue Influence,” with Adam Fried, Esq., Sherif Soliman, MD and Susan Hatters Friedman, MD. Additionally, I was a Speaker at the Law School’s Winter Institute in Naples, Florida. I spoke on two topics – a probate law update and professionalism from the client’s point of view (with Prof. Cravens). Prof. Cravens and I presented an extended version of the same CLE in Fall, 2012 and will present the Florida program in May at Alumni Weekend.

During the 2011-2012 academic year, I was a Speaker at the Law School’s Winter Institute in Naples, Florida. I spoke on two topics – a probate law update and how to avoid common drafting errors.

During the Geneva Program in Summer, 2010, I presented 16 hours of CLE on International Sales Law, International Family Law, Estate Planning and Elder Law.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, I organized and presented as part of the AALS Section on Aging and the Law’s session at the Annual Meeting. The topic was Arbitration and the Older Client. I was a Speaker at the Law School’s Winter Institute in Naples, Florida, February, 2011. I presented two sessions – one on International Sales and one on International Family Law.

During the 2009-2010 academic year, I was a Speaker at the Law School’s Winter Institute in Naples, Florida, February, 2010.

During the 2008-2009 academic year, I presented CLE programs for the School of Law in Akron, Youngstown and Naples. I spoke on the topic of Insurance and Annuities for the Section on Aging and the Law at the AALS Annual Meeting. I spoke to the disability law clinic students and faculty at Indiana University in April, at the Ohio Bar Convention in May and at the Gonzaga Institute for Teaching Law in June.

Participated as a Speaker at the Law School’s Winter Institute in Naples, Florida, February, 2008

Presented “Hot Topics in Estate Planning” for the Akron Bar Association, November, 2007

Participated as a Speaker at the Law School’s Winter Institute in Naples, Florida, February 2007

Participated as a Speaker at a Continuing Legal Education seminar on Elder Law co-sponsored by the Stark County Bar Association and the Area Agency on Aging, September, 2005

Participated as a Panelist at a Symposium on Representing the Older Client at the University of Akron School of Law, September, 2004

Participated as a Panelist at the AALS Annual Meeting Session on Misuse of Financial Durable Powers of Attorney, January 2004

Participated as a Panelist at the Akron Bar CLE on Advanced Issues in Elder Law, October, 2002

Reported on Financial Abuse of the Elderly by Agents Acting Under Durable Powers of Attorney to the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Elder Law Committee, October, 2002

Participated as a Panelist at the Akron Bar CLE on Advanced Issues in Elder Law, October, 2001

Reported on Financial Abuse of the Elderly by Agents Acting Under Durable Powers of Attorney to the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Elder Law Committee, March, 2001

Participated as a Panelist at the Cuyahoga County Conference on Aging, October, 2000

Presented a lecture on Exploitation to the 60-plus Lifetime Learning Group at the University of Akron, May, 2000

Participated in the Symposium on Aging sponsored by the Idaho Law Review and the Idaho Law Foundation, March, 2000

Presented a paper on "Aging in America: How Perceptions Influence the Law" at the conference of the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, March 2000

Reported on Financial Abuse of the Elderly by Agents Acting Under Durable Powers of Attorney to the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Elder Law Committee, March, 2000

Report on Financial Abuse of the Elderly by Agents Acting Under Durable Powers of Attorney to the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Elder Law Committee, October, 1999

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

2012-13

Treasurer, Central States Law Schools Association

2011-12

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2010-11

Chair, AALS Section on Aging and the Law); Executive Committee Member as of 1/2011

Treasurer, Central States Law Schools Association

2009-10

Chair, AALS Section on Aging and the Law

Treasurer, Central States Law Schools Association

Academic Reporter, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Study on Financial Abuse of the Elderly by Agents under Durable Powers of Attorney (1999-Present)

2008-09

Chair-Elect, AALS Section on Aging and the Law

Treasurer, Central States Law Schools Association

Academic Reporter, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Study on Financial Abuse of the Elderly by Agents under Durable Powers of Attorney (1999-Present)

2007-08

Co-Director, Geneva Summer Abroad program

Member, Academic Committee

Member, Faculty Appointments Committee

Director of Moot Court Programs

Coach, ABA Moot Court Team

2006-07

Member, Academic Committee

Director of Moot Court Programs

Coach, ABA Moot Court Team

2005-06

Member, Academic Committee

Faculty Advisor, *Akron Law Review*

Director of Moot Court Programs

Coach, ABA Moot Court Team

2004-05

Treasurer, Central States Law Schools Association

Task Force Member, Senior Protection Initiative of the Attorney General of Ohio

2003-04

President, Central States Law Schools Association

Task Force Member, Senior Protection Initiative of the Attorney General of Ohio

2002-03

Treasurer, Central States Law Schools Association

Task Force Member, Senior Protection Initiative of the Attorney General of Ohio

2001-02

Treasurer, Central States Law School Association

Task Force Member, Senior Protection Initiative of the Attorney General of Ohio

## **SELECTED SCHOOL OF LAW ACTIVITIES**

**2014-2015**

**Chair, Academic Committee**

**Director of Moot Court Programs**

**Member, Faculty Appointments Committee**

**2013-2014**

**Chair, Academic Committee**

**Director of Moot Court Programs**

**Member, Faculty Appointments Committee**

**Member, Dean Search Committee**

2012-13

Chair, Academic Committee

Director of Moot Court Programs

Member, Faculty Appointments Committee

Akron Law Cares participant

2011-12

Chair, Academic Committee

Director of Moot Court Programs

Coach, Prince Moot Court Team

Member, Student Affairs Committee

Member, Decanal Review Committee

Akron Law Cares participant

2010-11

Chair, Academic Committee

Director of Moot Court Programs

Coach, Prince Moot Court Team

2009-10

Director, Geneva Summer Abroad program

Co-Chair, Academic Committee

Director of Moot Court Programs

Coach, Evans Moot Court Team

2008-09

Co-Director, Geneva Summer Abroad program  
Member, Academic Committee  
Member, Faculty Appointments Committee  
Director of Moot Court Programs  
Coach, Evans Moot Court Team

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Member, Academic Committee  
Member, Faculty Appointments Committee  
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2006-07

Member, Academic Committee  
Member, Faculty Appointments Committee  
Director of Moot Court Programs  
Coach, ABA Moot Court Team

2005-06

Member, Academic Committee  
Faculty Advisor, *Akron Law Review*  
Director of Moot Court Programs  
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2004-05

Member, Academic Committee  
Faculty Advisor, *Akron Law Review*  
Director of Moot Court Programs  
Coach, ABA Moot Court Team

2003-04

Member, Academic Committee  
Faculty Advisor, *Akron Law Review*  
Director of Moot Court Programs  
Coach, ABA Moot Court Team

2002-03

Member, Academic Committee  
Faculty Advisor, *Akron Law Review*  
Coach, ABA Moot Court Team

2001-02

Member, Academic Committee  
Faculty Advisor, *Akron Law Review*  
Coach, ABA Moot Court Team

2000-01

Member, Curriculum Committee  
Member, Academic Planning Committee  
Member, Judicial Clerkships Committee

1999-2000

Member, Curriculum Committee  
Member, Long-Range Planning Committee  
Member, Judicial Clerkships Committee

## **UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES**

**2013-2014**

**Member, Choral Director Search Committee**

2012-2013

Member, Arts Administration Faculty Search Committee

2011-2012

Member, HCA Criterion 2 writing team

2008-09

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee to the President  
Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Revenue Sharing for International Programs  
Member, Parking Committee

2007-08

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee to the President  
Member, Parking Committee

2006-07

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee to the President  
Member, Parking Committee

2005-06

Member, Parking Committee

2004-05

Teaching Ambassador

2003-04

Teaching Ambassador

2002-03

Member, NCA Accreditation Steering Committee  
Chair, Subcommittee on Criterion 1  
Member, Subcommittee on Self-Study Plan  
Member, University Hearing Board Committee  
Teaching Ambassador

2001-02

Member, Well-being Committee  
Member, University Hearing Board Committee  
Teaching Ambassador

1999-2000

Teaching Ambassador