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EMPLOYMENT **BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, New York
Professor of Law, Sept. 2002-present
Co-Director, Cardozo Program in Family Law, Policy and Bioethics, 2003- 2008
Associate Professor of Law, 1999- 2002
Assistant Professor of Law, 1996-1999
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 1995-96
Adjunct Professor, Spring 1995

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, New York, New York
Visiting Professor of Law, Spring 2008 (Trusts and Estates, Nonprofit Corporations)
Academic Adjunct, Spring 2009 (Trusts and Estates)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York
Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Spring 2001 (Property, Evidence)
Academic Adjunct, Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2008 (Trusts & Estates) and
Spring 2009 (Property)

McCARTER & ENGLISH, Newark, NJ
Litigation Associate, 1992-95

JUSTICE GARY S. STEIN, SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
Judicial Clerk, 1991-92

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Scholarly Articles

Lessons From Trust Law: Reconsidering Fiduciary Duty Law for Nonprofit Corporations (forthcoming, Chicago-Kent L. Rev. 2009).

Joel C. Dobris, Stewart E. Sterk and Melanie B. Leslie, ESTATES AND TRUSTS, CASES AND MATERIALS (Foundation Press, 3d ed. 2007).

Stewart E. Sterk and Melanie B. Leslie, CONCEPTS AND INSIGHTS: TRUSTS AND ESTATES (Foundation Press, Spring 2006).

Common Law, Common Sense: Fiduciary Standards and Trustee Identity, 27 CARDOZO LAW REVIEW 2713 (2006).

In Defense of the No Further Inquiry Rule: A Response to John Langbein, 47 WM. & MARY L. REV. 541 (2005).

Trusting Trustees: Fiduciary Duties and the Limits of Default Rules 94 GEORGETOWN L.J. 67 (2005).

Joel C. Dobris, Stewart E. Sterk and Melanie B. Leslie, ESTATES AND TRUSTS, CASES AND MATERIALS (Foundation Press, 2d ed. 2003).

Government Officials as "Attorneys" and "Clients": Why Privilege the Privileged?, 77 INDIANA L. J. 469 (2002).

Liability For Increased Risk of Harm: A Lawyer's Response to Professor Shafer, 22 CARDOZO L. REV. 1835 (2001), reprinted in THE DYNAMICS OF JUDICIAL PROOF: COMPUTATION, LOGIC, AND COMMON SENSE (M. MacCrimmon & P. Tillers, eds., forthcoming 2002).

The Costs of Confidentiality and the Purpose of Privilege, 2000 WIS. L. REV. 31 (2000).

Enforcing Family Promises: Reliance, Reciprocity and Relational Contract, 77 N.C.L. REV. 551 (1999).

The Myth of Testamentary Freedom, 38 ARIZ. L. REV. 235 (1996).

Other Publications

Counsel of Record, Brief *Amici Curiae* of Trust Law and ERISA Law Professors in Support of Respondent, *MetLife v. Glenn*, 128 S. Ct. 2343 (2008).

Business Imperatives and Fiduciary Duty, ALI-ABA ESTATE PLANNING COURSE MATERIALS JOURNAL (December 2006).

Supreme Court Addresses Notice of Foreclosure Sales, XX NEW YORK REAL ESTATE LAW REPORTER, no. 8 (June 2006).

Asset Protection Trusts, 231 NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL (Feb. 14, 2005).

Co-op Sales & UCC 2-718: When Is a 10% Liquidated Damages Provision Reasonable? XVII NEW YORK REAL ESTATE LAW REPORTER, no.2 (2002).

Adverse Possession by Co-Tenants: Resolving Claims, XII NEW YORK REAL ESTATE LAW REPORTER, no.8 (1998).

AWARDS

Best First Year Professor, class of 2006.

Best First Year Professor, class of 2002.
Best First Year Professor, class of 2000.

PRESENTATIONS *Reconsidering Fiduciary Duty Law for Nonprofit Corporations*,
ACTEC Symposium at Chicago-Kent Law School
(October 23, 2009)

New Voices in Trusts and Estates, AALS Section on Trusts and Estates
(2009 annual meeting), commentator, Carla Spivack, "*Abolishing the
Undue Influence Doctrine in Wills*".

Fiduciary Norms and the Nonprofit Corporation, presented at the St. John's Law
School Faculty Workshop, March 13, 2008.

Business Imperatives and Fiduciary Duty, ALI-ABA: Representing Estate and Trust
Beneficiaries and Fiduciaries, July 13-14, Chicago, Ill.

The Erosion of Fiduciary Norms in Trust Law, presented at the Indiana Law School
faculty workshop, November 18, 2005.

Common Law, Common Sense: Fiduciary Standards and Trustee Identity, presented at
Trust Law in the Twenty-First Century, Cardozo Law School, New York City,
September 19, 2005.

*Symposium, Artificial Intelligence and Judicial Proof, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of
Law, April 30, 2000*

Panel: *Causality* (responding to papers by Prof. Glen Shafer and Prof. Vern
Walker).

PROFESSIONAL *Executive Committee, AALS Section on Trusts and Estates*
ACTIVITIES Newsletter Editor: 2007- 2008
Treasurer: 2008-2009
Program Chair, and Chair Elect: 2009-2010
Chair, 2010-2011

Association of the Bar of the City of New York,
Committee on Trusts, Estates & Surrogates Courts
2009-2012

PANELS/ *Panelist, New York State Senate Roundtable, hosted by Senator James J. Lack*
TESTIMONY Discussion of pending legislation to abolish the Rule Against Perpetuities and to
authorize asset protection trusts in New York state.

COURSES Trusts & Estates; Nonprofit Corporations; Property; Evidence; Child, Parent & State

OTHER BAR/BRI Bar Review, Lecturer in Trusts & Estates, 2000 through 2002.

TEACHING

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Chair, ABA Reaccreditation and Site Visit Committee 2009-2010
Member, Cardozo Law School Dean Search Committee 2008-2009
Appointments (faculty hiring) Committee:
 Chair 2005-06; Member 2009-10, 2004-05, 2002-03, 2001-02, 1999-2000
Academic Standards Committee, Chair, 2003-2004
Faculty Development Committee, 2006-2007, 2007-2008
Faculty Advisor, Cardozo Law Review, 2003-2006, 1996 - 2000
Faculty Advisor, Cardozo Journal of Public Law, Policy and Ethics, 2002-2003
Academic Standards Committee, Fall 2000
Educational Policy Committee, 1996-1997, 1998-99
Judicial Clerkship Committee, 1997-98
Adjunct Committee, 2001-2002, fall 2000, 1998-99, 1996-97

EDUCATION

BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York, J.D. 1991

- *magna cum laude*
- *Executive Editor, Cardozo Law Review*
 Note: *The Case for Abandoning the Relation-Back Doctrine in New York Trust & Estate Law*, 14 CARDOZO L. REV. 219 (1992).
- *Jacob Burns Scholarship for Academic Merit*
- *1991 Recipient of the Jacob Burns Medal for Outstanding Contribution to a Law Journal.*

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oregon, B.A., speech/theater, 1983

- *Graduated with Honors*