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Loyola Jesuit Community  
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**EDUCATION:** University of Florida School of Law, Gainesville, Florida  
Juris Doctor, 1987 with Honors

Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois  
Master of Arts (Philosophy), 2013

Regis College of the University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario,  
Canada  
Bachelor of Theology and Master of Divinity, 2018 with Highest  
Honors

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida  
Bachelor of Arts (History), 1984

**WORK  
EXPERIENCE:**

Member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits)  
Roman Catholic Religious Order  
Entered Novitiate, 15 August 2009  
Professed First Vows, 13 August 2011  
Ordained Transitional Deacon, 20 May 2017  
Ordained Priest, 09 June 2018

Rector  
New Orleans Jesuit Community  
New Orleans, LA  
(01 July 2024-Present)

Assistant Professor of Law  
Loyola University New Orleans School of Law  
New Orleans, LA  
(12 August 2019-Present)

Shareholder/Partner  
Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen  
Tampa, Florida  
(Associate, May 1991-December 1995)  
(Shareholder, December 1995-May 2009)

Parochial Vicar  
Saint Peter Claver Parish

Post Office Box 25  
Punta Gorda, Toledo District  
Belize, Central America  
(1 July 2018-30 June 2019)

Guest Professor-Rome Study Abroad Program  
Loyola University New Orleans  
New Orleans, LA  
(June 2017)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law  
Loyola University New Orleans School of Law  
New Orleans, LA  
(August 2013-May 2015)

Law Clerk / Associate  
Shackleford, Farrior, Stallings & Evans, P.A.  
Tampa, Florida  
(Law Clerk, June - August 1986)  
(Associate, October 1987 - May 1991)

**AREAS OF  
PRACTICE:**

Legal and medical malpractice defense  
Representation of lawyers before the Florida Bar  
Representation of physicians before the Florida Board of  
Medicine and Agency for Health Care Administration  
Experienced also in areas of debtor/creditor relations, Bankruptcy  
litigation, corporate and tax litigation

Admitted in all Florida State Courts (October 1987-Present)  
Florida Federal Middle District (January 1988-present)  
U.S. Tax Court (August 1994-present)  
Member of the Florida Bar Association (October 1987-present)  
American Bar Association (October 1987-August 2009)  
Hillsborough County Bar Association (October 1987-August 2009)  
Tampa Bay Catholic Lawyers Guild (October 1987-August 2009)

**AWARDS &  
HONORS:**

2014 Recipient of Tampa Jesuit High School's "Man for Others"  
Award

Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent (5.0 out  
of 5 rating, indicating a lawyer's peers rank him or her at the highest  
level of professional excellence)

Selected by peers as a "Florida Super Lawyer" (one of the top five  
percent of lawyers in the state) in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009

University of Florida, Florida Blue Key (1982-1987), President  
1987

Regis College, Toronto, AΣN (Alpha Sigma Nu) Honor Society of  
Jesuit Institutions of Higher Learning (2017-present)

University of Florida, ΦΑΘ (Phi Alpha Theta) History Honorary  
Society (1982-1987)

University of Florida, OΔK (Omicron Delta Kappa) Service  
Honorary Society (1981-1987).

## **CHURCH & JESUIT ACTIVITIES:**

Saint Charles College Advisory Committee  
Grand Coteau, Louisiana  
(October 2023-present)

Loyola University Faculty Senate  
(September 2020 – present)

Member of the Board of Directors  
Jesuit High School of New Orleans  
New Orleans, LA (January 2020-present)

Member of the Board of Trustees  
Jesuit High School of Tampa  
Tampa, FL (August 2014-present)

Transitional Deacon  
Saint Peter's Parish  
830 Bathurst Street  
Toronto, ON, Canada M5R 3G1  
May 2017-May 2018  
and  
Holy Name of Jesus Parish  
Loyola University New Orleans  
6220 LaSalle Place, New Orleans, LA 70118-6236  
(July-August 2017, June 2018)

Chaplain,  
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County  
(a/k/a Cook County Hospital),  
Chicago, IL (September 2011-May 2013)

Karasibai Primary School Teacher,  
Saint Therese of Lisieux Mission,  
Karasibai, Guyana,

(January-April 2011) (as a Jesuit Novice)

Substitute Teacher, Rockhurst Jesuit High School  
(Jesuit preparatory school in Kansas City, MO)  
(October-December 2010) (as a Jesuit Novice)

Team Member, L'Arche Mobile,  
Mobile, AL (March-May 2010) (as a Jesuit Novice)

Volunteer Chaplain,  
Evins Juvenile Correctional Facility  
Edinburg, TX  
(January-March 2010) (as a Jesuit Novice)

Volunteer Chaplain, University Medical Center  
(n/k/a Lafayette General Medical Center), Lafayette, LA  
(September 2009-October 2010)  
(as a Jesuit Novice)

Member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Tampa FL, Diocese of  
St. Petersburg (1987-August 2009):  
Capitol Campaign Board Vice Chairman (1998);  
    (Raised 2.8 million with a goal of 2.6 million);  
    Capitol Campaign, Phase II, Board (2001-2005);  
    (Raised additional funds for Historic Church Building and  
    School renovations);  
Pro-Bono Legal Volunteer (1998-August 2009)  
(Providing free or low cost legal aid to the indigent or poor)

Founding Member of Tampa Bay Catholic Lawyers Guild (1996  
August 2009):  
    President (1999-2000);  
    Vice President (1998-1999);  
    Coordinator 1996-2007 Tampa Bay Red Mass  
    (1997 special guest: Justice Clarence Thomas; 1998 special  
    guest: Justice Antonin Scalia; 1999 special guest: Chief  
    Justice William H. Rehnquist; 2001 special guest: former  
    U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno);  
    Tampa Bay Catholic Lawyers Guild Law Week Volunteer  
    (2006-2007) (coordinated and conducted presentations in  
    Catholic High Schools on the practice of law from a Catholic  
    perspective)

Member of the University of Florida Catholic Student  
Center (Saint Augustine Catholic Church), Gainesville FL,  
Diocese of St. Augustine (1980-1987)

University of Florida Catholic Student Center St. Francis House

Volunteer (Saint Augustine Parish's Homeless Shelter, 1984-1987)

**CIVIC  
ACTIVITIES:**

University of Florida History Department Advisory Board  
(August 2005-August 2009)

Tampa Theatre Foundation Board of Directors  
(October 2006-August 2009)

Tampa Y.M.C.A. (Board of Directors, 2001-2005)

Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Church Chapter  
(1999-present)

Board of the W.E.D.U. Public Television Wine Tasting and  
Auction (1988-1991)

Confrerie des Chevaliers du Tastevin (1995-August 2009)

**PUBLICATIONS:** What can the Blues Brothers teach us about the Common Good? A  
Primer on Thomas Aquinas' Philosophy of Natural Law  
*Loyola Law Review* (Vol. 60, Summer 2014).

When Someone Else's Tax Problems Become Your Own,  
Parts I and II  
*Tampa Business Journal*, March and April 1996

**BOOK REVIEWS:** Florida Bar Journal Vol. 94, No. 1 January/February 2020  
*Florida Legal Malpractice Law: Commentary and Forms*  
By Warren R. Trazenfeld and Robert M. Jarvis  
Reviewed by W. Penn Dawson

**PRESENTATIONS:** Legal Ethics: Avoiding the Pitfalls of Practice 2015  
(Presented by the Law School of Loyola University Chicago,  
November, 2015)

Saint Realino, Ignatian Spirituality, and the Law (Presented by the  
Office of Mission & Ministry of Loyola University New Orleans,  
March, 2015)

Legal Ethics: Avoiding the Pitfalls of Practice 2014  
(Presented by the Law School of Loyola University Chicago,  
November, 2014)

Ignatian Spirituality for Lawyers  
(Presented by the Office of Alumni Affairs of Loyola University  
New Orleans, June, 2014)

LSBA-Suit Up for the Future (Presented by the Louisiana State Bar Association, June, 2014) (presentation to select High School students on the nature and practice of law).

Body, Mind and Spirit in the Practice of Law  
(Presented by the Law School of Loyola University Chicago, November, 2012)

Ignatian Spirituality and the Practice of Law (Presented by the Law School of Loyola University Chicago, November, 2011)

Advanced Expert Witness Deposition Tactics (presented by National Business Institute, Tampa, FL August 2008)

Ethics: Third Party Claims Against Attorneys (Presented by CLE International, Tampa, FL January 2008)

How to Properly Document and Avoid Medical Liability Suits  
(Presented during the ACOFP 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Orlando, FL March 2007)

Changing Technology and the Attorney Client Privilege (Presented by National Business Institute, Tampa, FL March 2007)

Ethics: Non-Clients and Adverse Parties (Presented by CLE International, Tampa, FL February 2007)

The Role of Charting in Medical Risk Management (Presented by the Gessler Clinic P.A., August 16, 2006)

Ethics – Because It's Never Black and White (Presented by CLE International, Tampa, FL, February 3, 2006)

Legal Malpractice Issues-Pitfalls in Practice (Presented by CLE International, Tampa, FL, June 2004)

Litigation Skills-Pleadings (Presented by Lorman Educational Systems, Tampa, FL, January 2003)

The Attorney-Client Privilege in the Age of Wireless Communications (Presented by the National Business Institute, Tampa, FL, March 2002)

Litigation Skills-Pleadings  
(Presented by Lorman Educational Systems, Tampa, FL, September 2001)

Litigation Skills-Discovery  
(Present by Lorman Educational Systems, Tampa, FL, September 2000)

Recent Developments in Florida and Federal Law Regarding Medicare Fraud  
(Presented by the Florida Spine Study Group, Tampa, FL, March 1999)

Minefields of Practice - An Overview of Legal Malpractice Risk Management  
(Presented by CNA Insurance Company; Tampa, FL, January 1999)

Malpractice Prevention (Presented by CNA Insurance Company; Marco Island, FL, Oct. 1998)

Developments in Risk Management (Presented by the Florida Spine Study Group; Orlando, FL, June 1998)

Director Liability Issues in Non-Profit Corporations  
(Presented by Friends of the German Historical Society, Washington, D.C., November 1996)

**COURSES:**

**Fall 2024**

Torts I  
LAW L705-003  
Legal Research and Writing  
LAW L715-051

**Spring 2024**

Appellate Advocacy  
LAW-L765-009 (Day Section)  
LAW-L765-051 (Evening Section)

**Fall 2023**

Torts I  
LAW L705-003  
Legal Research and Writing  
LAW L715-051

**Spring 2023**

Appellate Advocacy  
LAW-L765-006 (Day Section)  
LAW-L765-051 (Evening Section)

**Fall 2022**

Legal Research and Writing

LAW-L715-008 (Day Section)  
LAW-L715-051(Evening Section)

**Spring 2022**

Appellate Advocacy  
LAW-L765-006 (Day Section)  
LAW-L765-051 (Evening Section)

**Fall 2021**

Legal Ethics/Professional Responsibility  
LAW L770-001  
Legal Research and Writing  
LAW-L715-004

**Spring 2021**

Appellate Advocacy  
LAW-L765-006 (Day Section)  
LAW-L765-051 (Evening Section)

**Fall 2020**

Legal Research and Writing  
LAW-L715-003 (Day Section)  
LAW-L715-051(Evening Section)

**Spring 2020**

Torts II  
LAW L710051  
Appellate Advocacy  
LAW-L765-006

**Fall 2019**

Legal Ethics/Professional Responsibility  
LAW L770-002  
Legal Research and Writing  
LAW-L715-003

**Summer 2017**

In the Footsteps of Saint Ignatius  
(Loyola New Orleans Rome study abroad program)  
RELS-S222

**Spring 2015**

Jurisprudence  
LAW L88-2001  
Torts II  
LAW L710003

**Fall 2014**



Legal Ethics/Professional Responsibility  
LAW L770-002  
Torts I  
LAW L705-001

**Spring 2014**

Legal Ethics/Professional Responsibility  
LAW L77-0002  
Torts II  
LAW L705004

**Fall 2013**

Torts I  
LAW L705004  
Trial Practice Seminar  
LAW L861-052