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EDUCATION:

Smith College, Northampton Mass., B.A. 1963

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Mich., J.D. 1966
[Co-author of brief that persuaded Michigan Supreme Court to adopt
a Student Practice Rule so that we could establish the first Legal Aid Clinic at the
University of Michigan Law School.]

BOOKS PUBLISHED:

Contemporary Property Law
Vandeplas Publishing, January 2019

Basic Civil Procedure: Techniques for Effective Litigation
Second Revised Edition
Vandeplas Publishing, July 2017

Basic Civil Procedure: Techniques for Effective Litigation
Vandeplas Publishing, 2016

Contemporary Issues in Wills, Trusts & Estates,
Vandeplas Publishing, 2013

Drafting Wills and Trusts,
Vandeplas Publishing, 2009

Practical Application of the Law: Wills, Trusts & Estates,
Aspen Law and Business, 1998

Practical Applications of the Law: Real Property Transactions
Little, Brown & Co., 1992

TEACHING:

Currently Teaching:

Traditional Courses Taught Every Year: [Total 12 credit hours]

Trusts & Estates

Property

Civil Procedure

Clinical Course Taught Twice Every Year: [Two additional, clinical hours yearly]

Wills Lab

Additional Experiential Learning Offered Three Times Yearly

Tribal Wills Project [Average of 20 students on each of the 3 trips]

Courses Previously Taught:

Environmental Law

Future Interests

Established and Directed Environmental Law Internship Program

Established and Directed Natural Resources Moot Court Competition

Law School Employment:

University of Denver: Professor, 1982 to present
 Associate Professor, 1979-82
 Assistant Professor, 1976-79
 Adjunct Professor, 1974-76
 Part-time Professor, 1973-74

Vermont Law School, Visiting Professor 1991-92 and Spring 1994

Santa Clara University School of Law, Visiting Professor, 1989-90

SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE WITHIN DU LAW SCHOOL:

Chair of Admissions Committee for many years, first appointed by Dean Hoffman.

Chair of the University Affirmative Action Committee for several years.

Created and ran Summer Program for admitted students who had lower LSATs, GPAs, or had been out of school for a significant amount of time – to give them a head start getting adjusted to law school

Created and ran a Tutorial program for the first-year courses, available to all students during the school year

Created and ran a parallel Tutorial program for students of color, who were frequently afraid to ask questions during the main tutorial sessions. This program was funded by using excess RA money from Professors John Carver, Thompson Marsh, and myself – until the program was terminated by Dean Dauer.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Outstanding Education in the Legal System: Tribal Wills Program, Denver Bar Association, July 2019

Tribute from Navajo Nation Commission on Judicial Conduct for Tribal Wills Project, March 19, 2019

Faculty Career Champion, University of Denver, September 13, 2017.

Outstanding Sustained Volunteer Award, Denver Bar Association Metropolitan Volunteer Lawyers, June 2016.

Colorado Supreme Court, Special Award for Pro Bono Service, The Tribal Wills Project, May 1, 2015.

Raising the Bar Award, Colorado Women's Bar Association, September 2014.

Lawyer of the Year, Law Week Colorado, December 2013.

Excellence in Teaching Award, Univ. of Denver Sturm College of Law, 2010.

“Profiles of Success: Lucy A. Marsh”, The Colorado Lawyer, November, 2001.

Denver Bar Association Award for Pro Bono work, 1996.

Professor of the Year, 1985.

TRIBAL WILLS PROJECT – Founder and Director

This is the largest such experiential learning/pro bono service project at any law school in the United States. So far, students have worked on reservations in seven different states, (Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota and Utah). Students are supervised by volunteer attorneys from Colorado and from each state where we work.

SAMPLE OF NATIONAL & LOCAL MEDIA PRAISE FOR THE TRIBAL WILLS PROJECT:

“University of Denver Law Students Tribal Wills Clinic,” California Indian Legal Services Newsletter, June 2019

“DU Professor Lucy Marsh Leads the Tribal Wills Project Team,” The Colorado Lawyer (May 2017).

“Program helps Native Americans develop wills”, Noel Lyn Smith, The Daily Times, Farmington, New Mexico, March 24, 2017; reprinted within two days in papers in Albuquerque, NM, and Phoenix, AZ.

“America’s Crow Indians face death to put affairs in order,” Thomson/Reuters, June 9, 2016.

“America’s Crow Reservation is home, not a ghetto or barrio, residents say,” Thomson/Reuters, June 9, 2016.

“American Indians Grapple with land divided by history,” Thomson/Reuters, June 10, 2016.

“FactBox – America’s Crow Indians, the ‘children of the large-beaked bird’”, Thomson/Reuters, June 10, 2016.

“Law students to offer free will drafting service to Crow tribal members in May,” Big Horn County News, March 3, 2016.

Colorado Public Radio, “How DU Project Helps The Navajo & Ute Navigate Writing Wills,” September 14, 2015

“DU Law School’s Tribal Wills Project Delivers Critical Services,” The Docket, April 26, 2015.

“Law School Students Provide Much-Needed Services,” Cibola Beacon, Grants, New Mexico, January 16, 2015.

“Lawyers Rally to Support Tribal Wills Project,” 43 The Colorado Lawyer (July 2014).

“CBA Trust and Estate Section Donates Funds to the DU Tribal Wills Project,” The Colorado Lawyer, June 2014

“DU law students return to sign wills for community,” Weenuche Smoke Signals, Towaoc, Colorado, April 3, 2014.

“Southern Utes get assistance with wills: Law students offer help with legal documents,” The Denver Post, March 23, 2014.

“Tribe gets hand with wills: Law students from Denver help Utes work out details,” Durango Herald, front page, March 2014.

“Southern Utes Get Assistance with Wills: Law Students help with Legal Documents.” The Denver Post, March 23, 2014.

“The Tribal Wills Project at DU Law,” 42 The Colorado Lawyer 29 (July 2013).

“Trust Wills Project: Making Landowners Wishes Prevail,” BIA Newsletter, Volume 14, Issue 2.

“Where There’s a Will, There’s a Way: Denver Law professor provides the way; students provide the wills,” Denver Law Alumni Magazine, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Summer/Fall 2013.

COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION:

Uniform Law Commission Drafting Committee: Model Tribal Probate Code, Phoenix, Arizona, March 28-30, 2019.

Uniform Law Commission Drafting Committee: Model Tribal Probate Code, Phoenix, Arizona, April 8, 2017.

Uniform Law Commission Drafting Committee: Model Tribal Probate Code, Phoenix, Arizona, April 9 & 10, 2016.

Uniform Law Commission Drafting Committee: Model Tribal Probate Code, Phoenix, Arizona, October 2 & 3, 2015.

Co-Founder, Government Attorneys Project 2014.

Worked with Colorado Supreme Court, Metro Volunteer Lawyers, and government attorneys to establish a new Government Attorneys Pro Bono wills program for Colorado. I give free training sessions for the government attorneys, for which they receive CLE credit. I also provide assistance, as needed, to any government attorney who is working with a particular client. The goal of the project is to allow government attorneys to do pro bono service – without any conflict with their government jobs, and to provide estate planning services to low income clients in emergency situations, in which the client would not be able to wait for assistance through the Wills Lab, which generally has a long Waiting List of clients.

Wrote essay questions used on the California bar exam for many years, in Property, Wills, and Trusts.

Served with the NCBE committee writing Property questions for the multi-state for two years

SAMPLE OF ARTICLES, PAPERS & LECTURES:

“Tribal Wills: The challenges and Importance of Estate Planning Under the American Indian Probate Act of 2004,” Professor’s Corner, American Bar Association’s Real Property Trust & Estate Section, Webinar, November 8, 2022.

“Drafting Wills for Tribal Members,” ACTEC Regional Conference, Snowmass, Colorado, September 10, 2022

“Tribal Wills Project,” National College of Probate Judges, Spring Conference, Colorado Springs, Colorado, May 18, 2022

“Remembrance of Justice Greg Hobbs,” Invited Presenter, Dividing the Waters, April 7, 2022

“The Tribal Wills Project,” Law Alumni Council, May 17, 2019

“Equal Pay Litigation,” Good Law/Bad Law Blog, Aaron Freiwald, April 10, 2019

“Equal Pay Litigation,” Michigan State Bar Convention, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 27, 2018

“Developments in Colorado Probate and Property Law, and the Impact on Title Searches for Oil and Gas Properties” Annual Conference of the Denver Association of Division Order Analysts, May 11, 2017

“A.I.P.R.A. Refresher, University of Denver College of Law, February 13 and 15, 2017.

“The Basics of Wills, Medical Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, and Burial Instructions,” Volunteers of America, Denver, CO. August 17, 2016.

“Drafting Wills for Clients with Indian Trust Lands,” The Colorado Lawyer (June 2016).

“Commercial Options: Now Subject to Revision by the Courts?”
93 DENV.U.L.REV.ONLINE 43 (2015).

“Drafting Wills, Living Wills, Burial Instructions, and Medical Powers of Attorney in Colorado”, CLE Lecture, November 5, 2015

“The Basics of Estate Planning” CLE lecture, January 27, 2015.

“Basics of Wills, Living Wills, Burial Instructions and Medical Powers of Attorney in Colorado,” Lecture to train government attorneys, April 28, 2014.

“Experiential, Modern Learning and Community Service at Their Best,”
90 Denver University Law Review 167 (2013).
SSRN [URL:http://papers.ssrn.com/so13/papers.cmf?abstract_id+2321811](http://papers.ssrn.com/so13/papers.cmf?abstract_id+2321811)

“The Complexities of Wills and Estate Planning for Tribal Members – A Summary of A.I.P.R.A.” Probate Section, El Paso County Bar Association, Colorado Springs, Colorado October 9, 2013.

“The Demise of Dynasty Trusts: Returning the Wealth to the Family,” 5 Est. Plan & Community Prop.L.J. 23 (2012)
SSRN [URL:http://ssrn.com/abstract=2244478](http://ssrn.com/abstract=2244478)

“Developments in Colorado Probate and Property Law, and the Impact on Title Searches for Oil and Gas Properties” Annual Conference of the Denver Association of Division Order Analysts, Summer 2009.

“The Debate After Canterbury: Unities of Title, Unequal Joint Tenancies and More” Advanced Estate Administration, Colorado Bar Association Trust & Estate Section and Continuing Legal Education of Colorado, April 11, 2008.

“Statutory Protections for the Family – Augmented Estate,” Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, Elder Law Institute, September 19, 2005.

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update,” IPI Seminars: 1988 (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 2004.

Review for In Praise of Fair Colorado by Justice Greg Hobbs, Bradford Publishing Co., (Parts of review included in ads for the book), 2004.

“Advance Medical Directives: What the Attorneys and Physicians Really Need to Know,” Sixth Biennial Advanced Elder Law Institute, Sept 23-24, 2004.

“Basics of Wills, Living Wills, and Durable Powers of Attorney,” Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, February 27, 2004.

“Estate Planning: Wills, Probate, and Trusts,” Annual University of Denver Benefits Fair, 2004.

“Estate Planning: Wills, Probate, and Trusts,” Annual University of Denver Benefits Fair, 2003.

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update,” IPI Seminars: (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 2003.

“Six of the Greatest: A Tribute to Outstanding Lawyers in Colorado History – Thompson G. Marsh,” *The Colorado Lawyer*, July, 2002.

“Estate Planning: Wills, Probate, and Trusts,” Annual University of Denver Benefits Fair, 2002.

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update,” IPI Seminars: (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 2002.

“The Rule Against Perpetuities,” El Paso County Bar Association, Probate Section, May, 2002.

“Estate Planning: Wills, Probate, and Trusts,” Annual University of Denver Benefits Fair, 2001.

“Shouldn’t We Just Simplify the Rap?” The Colorado Lawyer, July, 2001.

“Basic Drafting of Wills and Trusts for the Non-Taxable and Modest Taxable Estate,” CLE in Colorado, Inc. February 2, 2001.

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update”, IPI Seminars: (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 2001.

“What if We Simply Abolished the Rule Against Perpetuities?” Trust and Estate Council Notes, July, 2000.

“Estate Planning: Wills, Probate, and Trusts”, Annual University of Denver Benefits Fair, 2000.

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update”, IPI Seminars: (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 2000.

“Tips for Effective Estate Planning”, 18 Preventive Law Reporter 12 (1999).

“Estate Planning: Wills, Probate, and Trusts”, Annual University of Denver Benefits Fair, 1999

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update”, IPI Seminars: (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 1999.

“Estate Planning: Wills, Probate, and Trusts”, Annual University of Denver Benefits Fair, 1998

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update”, IPI Seminars: 1988 (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 1998.

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update”, IPI Seminars: (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 1997.

“Estate Planning for Non-Traditional Relationships”, Colorado Bar Convention, 1997.

“Estate Planning: Wills, Probate, and Trusts”, Annual University of Denver Benefits Fair, 1997

“Estate Planning: Wills, Probate, and Trusts”, Annual University of Denver Benefits Fair, 1996

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update”, IPI Seminars: 1988 (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 1996.

“Drafting Wills and Durable Powers of Attorney,” CLE for Colorado Aids Project, October, 1995.

“Estate Planning: Wills, Probate, and Trusts,” Annual University of Denver Benefits Fair, 1995

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update,” IPI Seminars: (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 1995.

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update,” IPI Seminars: (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 1994.

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update”, IPI Seminars: 1988 (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 1993.

“Translating the Augmented Estate,” The Colorado Lawyer, March 1992.

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update,” IPI Seminars: (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 1992.

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update”, IPI Seminars: (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 1990.

“The Basics of Colorado Wills and Trusts – Update”, IPI Seminars: 1988 (CLE full day or half day, sole presenter), 1988.

“An Overview of the Colorado Law of Future Interests,” Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, October 1987.

“Living Will Legislation in Colorado: Is It Strong Enough to Accomplish the Goals? An Analysis of the Colorado Medical Treatment Decision Act in Relation to Similar Legislative and Judicial Developments in Other Jurisdictions,” 64 Denver Law Journal 5 (1987).

“Working with the New Medical Treatment (Living Will) Act”, The Colorado Lawyer, April, 1986.

“What Really Happens in Child Support Cases: An Empirical Study of Establishment and Enforcement of Child Support Orders in the Denver District Court”, 57 Denver Law Journal 21, (1979).

Selected for inclusion in the Inventory of Marriage & Family Law Literature, Vol. VI, Sage Publications, (1980).

“Tenant Protection Through Security Deposit Legislation”, 8 Real Estate Law Journal 136, (1979).

“The Colorado Security Deposit Act,” 50 University of Colorado Law Review 29, (1978).

“Solid Waste Laws: Federal, State, and Local,” Environmental Law III, Continuing Legal Education in Colorado, (1977).

“Devolution of a Possibility of Reverter in Colorado—Revisited,” 52 Denver Law Journal 541, (1975).

BAR ADMISSIONS:

New Mexico 2016

Utah 2013

Colorado 1971

Connecticut 1967

SPECIAL PROGRAMS CREATED FOR STUDENTS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Director, Tribal Wills Project, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO. 2013 to present. To date the Tribal Wills Project (TWP) has done wills, medical powers of attorney, living wills and burial instructions for tribal members on Indian reservations in five different states, (Arizona, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Montana), all at the invitation of the various tribes involved. We will go to South Dakota in May 2018, and have already been invited to Wyoming for May 2019. I am in charge of coordinating all aspects of the TWP, including intensive training, selection of students, Supervising Attorneys, locally licensed attorneys, housing and transportation for everyone, coordinating all planning with leaders of the tribes involved, and raising approximately \$40,000 per year in private donations to be sure that no student is excluded because of finances. I receive no teaching credit or pay for running the Tribal Wills Project. No student receives academic credit for participation in the project. Students give up one week of vacation time, (Winter Break, Spring Break, or beginning of Summer Break) to participate in TWP.

Director, Wills Lab, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO. 1985 to present. The Wills Lab provides wills, medical powers of attorney, living wills, and burial instructions for low income clients in the metro area documents

PRACTICE:

Tribal Wills Project, Colorado (2013)
Colorado, New Mexico and Utah (2014)
Colorado, New Mexico and Utah (2015)
New Mexico and Montana (2016)
Arizona, New Mexico and Montana (2017)
New Mexico, South Dakota (2018)
Arizona, Colorado, California (2019)

Wills Lab: Helping law students draft Wills, Medical Powers of Attorney, and Living Wills, for low income clients – about 20 clients per semester, 1985 to present.

Denver District Attorney's Office 1976-79.

Becket & Wagner, Lakeville, Conn. 1966-67.

Webster Sheffield, New York, N.Y. Summer Law Clerk, 1965.

SAMPLE OF RECENT MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS:

“Equal Pay Litigation,” Good Law/Bad Law Blog, Aaron Freiwald, April 10, 2019

Denver Press Club, “Equal Pay for Some?” September 5, 2018

Rocky Mountain PBS and Channel 9 News, “Equal Pay/Equal Pay,” Spring 2017

“Colorado’s wage gap is so bad even law professors have to sue,” Colorado Independent, September 10, 2015.

“Pro Bono Spotlight – Program Courts Federal Attorneys: Wills Lab Aims to Help Needy”
Law Week Colorado, April 7, 2014.

“Champion for Fair Pay,” Lawyers of the Year, Law Week Colorado, December 16, 2013.

“Acusan a escuela de Derecho de Discriminar contra profesoras,” Puerto Rico, Sept 8, 2015.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Appointed by Governor Lamm to be Commissioner, Colorado Real Estate Commission,
1977-1982.

Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver: Board Member 1983-1993.
Treasurer for several years.

Elected to Title Standards Committee of Real Estate Law & Titles Section of the
Colorado Bar Association, (first woman elected); Member, 1988-1996.

Elected to Board of Governors of Colorado Bar Association, 2001.

Precinct Committeewoman for several years

Thompson G. Marsh Inn of Court, Treasurer at founding.

Member of P.O.E.T.S. (exclusive group of real estate professionals, with 12 year waiting list), 1970s to present.

Member of “Just Us Players” with Chief Justice Nancy Rice, Justice Howard Kirshbaum, Judge Ray Satter). Performed at most of the Colorado Inns of Court, and at the Colorado State-wide Judicial Conference.

Board Member, Rochester Chamber Music Society, 1990s to present.

Co-Founder & Director of Bach Bash, summer music program in Vermont which attracts participants from five states. 1997 to present.