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EDUCATION

J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SCHOOL, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Juris Doctor (J.D.), Class of 2008, Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Coif

- ▶ 3.73 G.P.A., top 10 percent in class (10/156)
- ▶ Lead Articles Editor, BYU Law Review (2007-2008)
- ▶ Student Representative, Utah Supreme Court Professionalism Committee
- ▶ Student member, A. Sherman Christensen Inn of Court (2007-2008)
- ▶ Federalist Society Board
- ▶ Academic Success Program (A.S.P.) Deans Fellow, tutoring incoming 1L students
- ▶ Semi-final alternate, 2006 1L Moot Court Competition
- ▶ J. Reuben Clark Award (2007-2008)
- ▶ Law school Distinguished Service Award (2006-2007)
- ▶ Scholarly Writing Award (2006-2007)
- ▶ Youth mentor for local sixth grade students
- ▶ Merit scholarship recipient

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Master of Arts (M.A.), Geography, 2005

- ▶ 4.0 G.P.A.
- ▶ Area concentrations: Political Geography, Regional Geography, sub-Saharan Africa
- ▶ Graduate teaching assistant: Professors Rex Honey & Stanley Okafor

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Geography, 2003

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

JUSTICE MATTHEW DURRANT, UTAH SUPREME COURT

Law Clerk, Beginning in January 2009

BENNETT TUELLER JOHNSON & DEERE

Law Clerk, Summer 2007-2008 (associate attorney after passing the bar exam)

- ▶ Worked with members of the firm's litigation section in drafting pleadings, motions, letters, and research memoranda
- ▶ Accepted an offer to join following graduation and clerkship

PROFESSOR THOMAS R. LEE

Research Assistant, 2007-2008

- ▶ Helped drafting research memoranda as well as an amicus brief filed in the Utah Supreme Court

JUDGE PAUL G. CASSELL, FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

Extern, Spring 2007

- ▶ Drafted orders, helped Judge Cassell's clerks research and respond to motions

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Law Clerk, Summer 2006

- ▶ Prepared research memos, drafted arbitration agreement, worked on revision of University policies and procedures

JUSTICE MATTHEW DURRANT, UTAH STATE SUPREME COURT

Extern, Summer 2006

- ▶ Prepared a bench memo for Justice Durrant in preparation for upcoming oral argument
- ▶ Assisted Justice Durrant's clerks in general matters relating to opinion preparation

PROFESSOR FREDERICK GEDICKS, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Research Assistant, Summer 2006

- ▶ Helped with research and commentary of drafts of Professor Gedicks' articles on originalism, substantive due process, and the Establishment Clause

PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

BOOK CHAPTERS

- ▶ Curt Bentley, *Chesapeake*, in *A GEOGRAPHICAL HISTORY OF UNITED STATES CITY-SYSTEMS: FROM THE FRONTIER TO THE URBAN TRANSFORMATION* (Sam Otterstrom, ed.) 53–83 (2004).

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

- ▶ *Student Speech in Public Schools: A Comprehensive Analytical Framework Based on the Role of Public Schools in Democratic Education* (accepted for publication in Vol. 1 of the 2009 BYU Education & Law Journal, currently in the process of editing)
- ▶ Curt Bentley, Comment, *Constrained by the Liberal Tradition: Why the Supreme Court has not Found Position Rights in the American Constitution*, 2007 BYU L. REV. 1721 (scholarly writing award recipient).

WORKING PAPERS

- ▶ *Inherent Power Claims and the Theory of the Common Law Executive* (written for Judge Thomas Griffiths' Presidential Powers course)
- ▶ *A Search for a Solution to the Problem of Interchangeability: The Effects Approach to the Line Between Treaties and Executive Agreements* (written for U.S. Constitution & International Law course)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

WEB APPLICATION DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ **Software:** Dreamweaver, MS Frontpage, MySQL console and web-based database administration applications
- ▶ **Languages:** HTML, CSS (Cascading Style Sheets), PHP, MySQL, JavaScript (basic)
- ▶ **Selected projects:** <http://www.curtsnew.com> (dynamically driven family website/blog), <http://www.law2.byu.edu/lawreview2/> (secure web-application for managing professional author submissions to the BYU Law review), <http://www.davismillandcabinet.com> (searchable product website for custom cabinet company), <http://www.idlewildstudio.net> (wedding and family photography site)

SPORTS AND OUTDOORS

- ▶ Road cycling
- ▶ Distance running (qualified for Boston Marathon in 2002-2003)
- ▶ Hiking and camping
- ▶ Photography

FAMILY

- ▶ Married to Roslyn Forsyth
- ▶ Currently 4 kids: Randy (5), Shane (3), Renée (2), and Stephen (3 mos.)

REFERENCES

PROFESSOR FREDERICK GEDICKS

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