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Education

Northwestern University School of Law, 1984, J.D., *cum laude*

Extensive participation in legal clinic, 1982-1984

Recipient of Mansfield Fellowship, summer 1983

Yale University, 1979, B.A., *magna cum laude*

Honors in political science

Legal Experience

Independent Court-Appointed Monitor, *Pigford v. Johanns* (D.D.C.) and *Brewington v. Johanns* (D.D.C.)

In January 2000, appointed by Judge Paul L. Friedman to be the Independent Monitor in *Pigford v. Johanns*, a class action, civil rights lawsuit brought by African-American farmers against the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The class includes approximately 22,000 African-American farmers. The Consent Decree provides that successful claimants are entitled to monetary and injunctive relief. The Monitor's job includes issuing written decisions in response to approximately 5,700 petitions for Monitor review, staffing a toll-free line that claimants and the public can call to lodge consent decree complaints, attempting to resolve thousands of class members' individual concerns, and reporting to the court and to the Secretary of Agriculture on the implementation of the Decree. The total monetary value of relief (cash, debt forgiveness, and tax relief) distributed to successful claimants is more than \$900 million. Details about the case and up-to-date statistics can be found at www.pigfordmonitor.org. The *Pigford* Monitor appointment is scheduled to conclude in 2008.

Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota

Executive Director, 1994 to 2003

Staff Attorney, 1986 to 1993

Performed full range of management functions for nonprofit law firm.

Provided legal education, training, and support to small family farmers and their advocates and attorneys. Engaged in class action impact litigation to advance farmers' rights.

Activities included speaking at training events for farmers, advocates, and attorneys throughout the United States; designing, researching, and writing

extensive articles, books, and training materials; testifying before state and federal legislative bodies; providing backup support to attorneys and legal assistants throughout the country; and working as part of a litigation team that handles class action impact litigation.

William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1990 to 1995
Adjunct Professor of Agricultural Law

Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, May 1984 to July 1986

Represented clients in a diverse range of civil matters, including individual cases and class action impact litigation; specialized in issues pertaining to low-income housing. Activities included client interviewing and counseling; legal research; writing pleadings, briefs, and correspondence; negotiating; and representing clients in bench and jury trials and at administrative hearings.

Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Summer 1983

Worked as a Mansfield Fellow representing clients in welfare and housing cases in neighborhood legal aid office. Wrote first edition of *Farmers' Guide to FmHA*.

Northwestern University Legal Clinic, Chicago, Illinois, Fall 1982 to Spring 1984

Summer 1982: As a law clerk, assisted director of clinic with diverse criminal and civil case load. *From 1982 to 1984 (part-time during school years)*: Assisted director of legal clinic in legal research for publication of case book on juvenile law, assisted with criminal and civil caseload, and assisted in administration of clinic trial practice program.

Publications

Appointing Special Masters and Other Judicial Adjuncts: A Handbook for Judges, Academy of Court-Appointed Masters (ACAM) (Mar. 2006) (co-authored with David Cohen, Roger Haydock, Martin Quinn, on behalf of the ACAM publications committee).

Monitor Work in Pigford v. Johanns: Lessons Learned About Claims Processing Judicial Adjunct Work, ALI-ABA Course of Study: The Art and Science of Serving as a Special Master in Federal and State Courts, Chicago, Ill. 2005.

Family Farmers in Poverty: A Guide to Agricultural Law for Legal Services Practitioners, CLEARINGHOUSE REV. (April 1996) (co-authored with Stephen Carpenter).

The Government Changes the Rules Mid-Game: An Explanation of the Credit Provisions of the FAIR Act, FARMERS' LEGAL ACTION RPT., Vol. 11, Nos. 1-2 (1996).

Redressing Unfairness in the New Agricultural Arrangements: An Overview of Litigation Seeking Remedies for Contract Poultry Growers, 25 U. MEMPHIS L. REV. 1207 (1995).

Farmers' Guide to FmHA, Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc. (1983, 1985, 1986, 1990).

Farm Survival Handbook, Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc. (1988).

Farmers' Guide to FDIC, Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc. (1986).

Legal Education Presentations

Judicial Adjunct Topics

"Masters in Institutional Reform Litigation," The Art and Science of Serving as a Special Master in Federal and State Courts, ALI-ABA, November 2005.

"Settlement Supervision and the Rise of the Monitor in Federal and State Courts," The Art and Science of Serving as a Special Master in Federal and State Courts, ALI-ABA, November 2006.

Agricultural Law Topics

Dozens of presentations given from 1983 to 2003, available upon request.

Mediation Training

Harvard Law School

Program of Instruction for Lawyers, Program on Negotiation

Professional Association Membership

Minnesota State Bar Association, ADR Section

Academy of Court Appointed Masters,
Founding Member
Co-Chair, Publications Committee

National Legal Aid & Defender Association

Court Admissions

Illinois Bar, 1984

United States District Court for the District of Northern Illinois, 1984

Minnesota Bar, 1989

United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, 1989

Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1989

United States Supreme Court, 1999