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EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN
J.D. *Magna Cum Laude* December 2005

- GPA 3.656/4.333
- Member, Order of the Coif
- Journal of Law and Inequality: Staff 2003-2004, Outside Articles Editor 2004-2005, contributed published note
- Award for excellence in Employment Law, Minnesota State Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section, Fall 2005
- Independent Study Papers: *The Balance Between Local Government and Central Authority in the Norwegian Political System* and *Innovations in Ownership: The Law and Policy of Alternative Small-Scale Business Enterprises*
- Minnesota Justice Foundation Student Board, 2003-2004
- Study Abroad in Oslo and Bergen, Norway (through Hamline Law School)

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
B.A. *Summa Cum Laude* 1998

- GPA: 3.84/4.0
- Majors: Justice and Peace Studies & Psychology, Minor: Women's Studies
- Student Coalition for Social Justice, Co-Coordinator
- Fellow for Research on Women, Luann Dummer Center for Women

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
1994-1995, Transferred to University of St. Thomas

EMPLOYMENT

Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc. (FLAG), St. Paul, MN

Law Clerk, May 2003-June 2004; September 2005-December 2006

Legal research and writing on topics affecting family farmers. Co-author of *A Farmer's Guide to Wind Energy*. Internal memos on topics including: farmers' First Amendment right to avoid compelled fees, dormant Commerce Clause challenges to state laws prohibiting corporate ownership of farms, farmer's rights to information under the Privacy Act of 1974, comments proposed rules, administrative appeals process, contract and tort issues, among others.

Prof. Ferdinand Schoettle, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN
Research Assistant and Editor, June 2004-April 2005

Edited textbook for publication: *Teacher's Manual to State and Local Taxation: The Law and Policy of Multi-Jurisdictional Taxation*. Research and writing for additional papers, including the federal tax deduction for state and local taxes, and property tax valuation issues.

Women Against Military Madness (WAMM), Minneapolis, MN

Co-Director, August 2000-August 2002

Managed finances, fundraising, office, memberships, volunteers and web-master. Shared duties with Co-Director: communications, board facilitation, programming, and strategic planning.

Institute for Local Self-Reliance, (ILSR), Minneapolis, MN
Office Coordinator, March 2000-July 2000

Youth Works•AmeriCorps National Service, City of Lakes Corps, Minneapolis, MN
Volunteer educational assistant, September 1998-September 1999

Friends for a Non-Violent World (FNVW), Minneapolis, MN
Summer Intern, June 1998-August 1998

Student Coalition for Social Justice, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
Co-Coordinator, September 1997-May 1998

Neighborhood Planning for Community Revitalization (NPCR), St. Paul, MN
Research Assistant, January 1997-July 1997

Conducted an Environmental Inventory for the West Side community of St. Paul. View the report at <http://www.cura.umn.edu/publications/NPCR-reports/npcr1063.pdf>.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Oregon Bar, admitted May 9, 2007.

Section Memberships: Agricultural Law, Environmental Law, Real Estate and Land Use

Minnesota Bar, admitted May 12, 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

Farmers' Guide to Wind Energy: Legal Issues in Farming the Wind, available at <http://www.flaginc.org/topics/pubs/index.php#FGWE> (June 2007) (co-authored with Jessica A. Shoemaker & Karen R. Krub, Farmers' Legal Action Group).

Community Wind: A Review of Select State and Federal Policy Incentives, available at <http://www.flaginc.org/topics/pubs/arts/CommWindAug06.pdf> (August 2006) (co-authored with Jessica A. Shoemaker, Farmers' Legal Action Group).

South Dakota Farm Bureau, Inc. v. Hazeltine: The Eighth Circuit Abandons Federalism, Precedent, and Family Farmers, 22 LAW & INEQ. 347 (Summer 2004).

The Eighth Circuit Grants Corporate Interests a New Weapon Against State Regulation in *South Dakota Farm Bureau v. Hazeltine*, 49 S.D. L. REV. 795 (2003-2004) (co-authored with Susan E. Stokes, Legal Director, Farmers' Legal Action Group).

COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

Community Ownership and Local Food Issues

- Board of Directors, First Alternative Co-op, Corvallis, OR, 2007 to present.
- Ten Rivers Food Web, Corvallis, OR, 2007 to present.
- Member, BC Gardens, Community Supported Agriculture Enterprise, MN, 2003 to 2005.
- Board of Directors, Mississippi Market Cooperative, St. Paul, MN, 2001 to 2004.

Travel Abroad

- Trondheim, Norway, May 2004 to May 2005.
- P'ohang, South Korea, September to December 1999.