

# Biographies - 2016 Boards of Visitors Orientation

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## Peter A. Blake

Peter A. Blake joined the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia as interim director in 2011 and became director in January 2012. Blake previously worked at SCHEV as an associate director overseeing higher education analyses in the areas of faculty and staff compensation, higher education funding policies, academic libraries, distance learning and instructional technology, and student financial aid.

Blake left SCHEV in 1999 to serve as the legislative fiscal analyst for the Virginia General Assembly's House Appropriations Committee. From 2002-2006 he was deputy secretary of education and secretary of education under former Governor Mark Warner. He later served as the vice chancellor of workforce development services for the Virginia Community College System, where he led policy and budget development for state and federal workforce programs. In July 2015, Blake was elected chair of the executive committee of State Higher Education Executive Officers, the national association for chief executives of statewide governing, policy

and coordinating boards of postsecondary education. He had served as SHEEO's treasurer and chair of its budget and finance subcommittee.

Blake has served on boards of organizations including LEAD Virginia, the Virginia Commonwealth University Alumni Association, the Richmond Public Library, the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. Blake completed the Virginia Executive Institute and LEAD Virginia programs, as well as the Associates program through the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. He recently completed The Executive Program at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business. He holds B.A. and M.S. degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University.



## Ric Brown

Ric Brown entered state service in 1971 as an economist with the Division of State Planning and Community Affairs, at which he served as staff to numerous legislative and executive study commissions. In 1976, Brown moved to the newly created Department of Planning and Budget (DPB). He was promoted in 1986 to budget manager for the Commerce and Resources Section within the Department of Planning and Budget. In this capacity, he coordinated the development of the governor's budget recommendations to the General Assembly for the Economic Development and Natural Resources agencies.

In 1987, Brown took over the managerial duties of budget operations, and in 1990 was promoted to the position of deputy director for budgeting within the Department of Planning and Budget. In 2001, Governor Jim Gilmore appointed him acting director of DPB. He was reappointed as director by Governors Warner and Kaine. As director, Brown was responsible for both external (other agency) and internal (within DPB) budget development and execution procedures as well as for the development and publication of the governor's budget bill and budget document.

Brown was first appointed secretary of finance by Governor Kaine in August 2008 and has been reappointed by Governor McDonnell in 2010 and Governor McAuliffe in 2014. He received a bachelor's in economics from the College of William and Mary and a master's of commerce degree from the University of Richmond.



## **James L. Chapman IV**

James L. Chapman IV is a partner with the Norfolk law firm of Crenshaw, Ware & Martin. Since 2013 he has served on the board of visitors for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He was elected to serve as rector in June 2016, and previously served as vice rector and chair of the finance and audit committee.

Chapman is a trial lawyer with extensive experience handling business issues and complex civil litigation matters. He also serves as counsel to several corporations, and as a director and officer on nonprofit boards. He frequently advises governing boards and senior executive leadership regarding risks and resolution strategies involving high-profile litigation.

Before entering private law practice, Chapman served on active duty as an attorney in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps as a captain. He graduated from Virginia Tech in 1979 and received a law degree from Washington & Lee University School of Law in 1982.

Mr. Chapman is a permanent member of the U.S. Judicial Conference for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and was inducted in 2015 as a fellow in the Virginia Law Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Virginia Bar Association. He has served in leadership positions of numerous organizations including president of the l'Anson-Hoffman American Inn of Court, president of the Norfolk Sunrise Rotary Club, national director of the Navy League of the United States, and chairman of the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute.



## **Jennifer (J.J.) Wagner Davis**

Jennifer (J.J.) Wagner Davis was appointed the senior vice president for administration and Finance for George Mason University in March 2013. In this role she provides direction, oversight and financial and operational management for Mason fiscal services; purchasing and accounts payable; budget and planning; information technology; campus police; auxiliary enterprises; transportation and parking services; human resources and payroll; enterprise risk management; facilities management, planning, financing and construction; and space management.

Previously, Davis served as the vice president for finance and administration at the University of Delaware. Prior to joining the University of Delaware, she worked for the state of Delaware, serving from 1993 to as budget director, deputy secretary of education, associate secretary of education for policy and administrative services, and cabinet secretary-director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Davis is president of the board of directors for INTO Mason LLC and is a board director of the WSFS Corp., a Delaware-based bank; the George Mason University Foundation; the George Mason University Instructional Foundation; Mason Global Pathways; and the Eastern Association of University and College Business Officers. She serves on the National Association of College and University Business Officers' Research Universities Council and is Mason's institutional member of CSSBO, EAB and NACUBO.

She earned both a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's in policy analysis from Pennsylvania State University, through its integrated Undergraduate-Graduate Degree program.



## **Maria J.K. Everett**

Maria J.K. Everett is the executive director of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council, a legislative agency created in July 2000. Since its inception, the FOIA Council has rendered more than 22,400 informal and formal opinions on the application/interpretation of the Freedom of Information Act and has conducted more than 900 training sessions on FOIA. Maria is also a senior attorney with the Division of Legislative Services and serves as counsel to the House Committee on General Laws. She earned a B.S. degree from Virginia Tech and a J.D. degree from the George Mason University School of Law.



## Rachel Fowlkes

Dr. Rachel Fowlkes is the former agency head and executive director of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, where she was instrumental in leading the team that established the SWVHEC as a state agency in 1991. The center, a partnership of 10 Virginia colleges and universities and the first multi-institutional agency in the Commonwealth, was established by the General Assembly in 1991 to stimulate economic development and enhance educational opportunities in Southwest Virginia. Fowlkes was its founding executive director, serving from October 1991 through June 2015.

Fowlkes was appointed by Governor McDonnell in 2011 to serve on the administration's Commission on Higher Education Reform, Innovation, and Investment. The commission submitted its recommendations to the governor in 2013.

Fowlkes earned a bachelor's degree from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, a master's in education from Mississippi State University and a doctoral degree from the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. She currently serves on the board of visitors at Radford University; the Virginia Creeper Trail Advisory Board; the Economic Development Authority (EDA) for the Town of Abingdon; the Board of Visitors at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi; the board of Johnston Memorial Hospital in Abingdon; and the Session at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church.



## Susan Whealler Johnston

Dr. Susan Whealler Johnston is executive vice president and chief operating officer of AGB, with day-to-day responsibility for the association's work. In addition, she consults with governing boards. She joined the staff of AGB in 2000 and has directed a number of national projects including a study of governing boards' responsibilities for educational quality, a multi-year project on college costs, and annual studies of governance best practices.

Prior to joining AGB, Johnston was at Rockford University in Illinois for 18 years, serving as a professor of English and holding administrative positions including dean of academic development. She also served as associate dean at Regent's College in London, England. She has experience as a communications consultant and has worked with business and industry, governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations.

Johnston is a member of the board of trustees of Rollins College, serving as chair of its governance committee; a member of the board of visitors of Radford University; and chairs the board of trustees of the Southern Education Foundation. She is a member of the advisory committee of the National Institute on Learning Outcomes Assessment and the National Survey of Student Engagement, and serves on the academic affairs committee of the board of Rockford University.

She earned her Ph.D. and M.A. in 18th-century British literature from Purdue University and her B.A. in English from Rollins College. She also received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Rockford University. Her publications are on Jane Austen, communications, higher education and governance. Among recent publications are "The Academic Affairs Committee" (2014), "How Governing Boards Fail" in "Cautionary Tales: Strategy Lessons from Struggling Colleges" (2012), "A Survey of Higher Education Governance" (2011 and 2009), and "How Boards Oversee Educational Quality" (2010).



## Delegate Steve Landes

Delegate Steve Landes represents the 25th District in the Virginia House of Delegates, which now includes portions of Albemarle, Augusta and Rockingham counties. He is chairman of the House Education Committee and vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. He is a member of the Rules and Privileges and Elections committees. Landes also serves as a House budget conferee. He is a member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates, representing the House of Delegates, and serves on the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board and the Major Employment and Investment (MEI) Projects Approval Commission. He also is a member of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission, the Education Commission of the States, and serves as chairman of the Joint Committee on the Future of Public Elementary and Secondary Education. In addition, he also serves on the board of trustees of the Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia.

Landes currently is a public relations consultant. Most recently he served as vice president of market development for Blue Ridge Bank, and prior to that he served for six and a half years as community relations coordinator for DuPont Community Credit Union. He also served as executive director of NewBiz Virginia, the Shenandoah Valley's small business incubator, for five years. He was a life insurance agent and registered representative with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. Landes also worked at Davis & Davis Marketing Inc., a Staunton-based marketing and advertising firm, as media buyer and account executive.

Landes is a graduate of Buffalo Gap High School in Augusta County, and he received a bachelor of science degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.



## Henry Light

Henry Light is a member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, appointed by Governor McAuliffe in 2014. Light spent 32 years in a variety of roles with the law department of Norfolk Southern Corp. and its predecessor Norfolk and Western Railway Co., culminating in the position of senior vice president and chief legal officer. After retirement from Norfolk Southern, he served as counsel with Crenshaw, Ware & Martin PLC in Norfolk.

Light has served as a trustee for numerous Virginia nonprofit organizations, including the boards of Norfolk State University (vice rector), the Chrysler Museum of Art, WHRO Public Media (chair), the Virginia Zoological Society (chair), the Elizabeth River Project (current member), the Mental Health Association of Roanoke (chair), the Mental Health Association of Virginia (chair), Randolph-Macon Academy (current vice chair) and the Tidewater Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was awarded the Governor's Award for Volunteer Excellence in 1986.

Born in McLean, Light attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on a Navy ROTC scholarship. He received a BEE degree in 1962 and served four years in the Navy. He then entered law school at the University of Virginia, receiving an LLB in 1969.



## John A. Luke Jr.

John A. Luke Jr. is chairman of the board of directors of WestRock, a Richmond-based global paper and packaging company created in 2015 by the merger of MeadWestvaco Corp. and Rock Tenn Co.

He is the former chairman and chief executive officer of MeadWestvaco, where he led the company's transformation into a global packaging partner to the world's most admired brands. His career with MeadWestvaco spanned more than 35 years and a variety of leadership roles from treasurer to corporate marketing to international sales. He also led the company's Brazilian subsidiary, MWV Rigesa. Luke was chairman and chief executive officer of Westvaco prior to a merger with Mead in 2002.

He began his career with Procter & Gamble, following service as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. He graduated from Lawrence University and earned an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Luke serves as a board member of several corporations and professional associations including

the Bank of New York Mellon Corp., The Timken Company, FM Global and the American Enterprise Institute.

He is a trustee of Virginia Commonwealth University, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the Community Foundation serving Richmond and Central Virginia.



### **Michael Maul**

Michael Maul serves as the associate director of the Education and Transportation Division within the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget (DPB). He advises the Governor, the Governor's staff, various cabinet secretaries, and the state budget director on policy, program, legislative and budget issues involving state agencies in the education and transportation secretariats. He and his staff are also responsible for developing and executing the state budget for these agencies, and reviewing related legislation for fiscal impacts. In addition, he is responsible for managing DPB's capital outlay budget process. Maul has been an associate director at DPB for 19 years, and has worked with most all areas of Virginia's state government over this time.

Prior to this job, Maul held several budget and policy analyst positions within the Department of Planning and Budget, and an environmental scientist position with the consulting firm Midwest Research Institute.

He received his bachelor of science degree in environmental resource management from Allegheny College, and his master of environmental management and MBA degrees from Duke University.

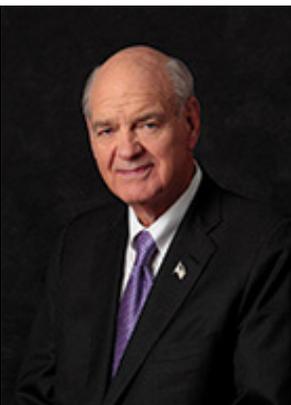


### **Terry McAuliffe**

Terry McAuliffe is the 72nd governor of Virginia. Governor McAuliffe's top priority is building a new Virginia economy. He has conducted a series of trade missions, including two to China, personally delivering Virginia's calling card to business leaders around the globe. As a result, he is bringing thousands of jobs and more than \$13 billion in capital investment to communities across the Commonwealth.

To ensure that Virginia remains competitive, the governor is implementing major economic development initiatives designed to strengthen the Commonwealth's pro-business climate, ensure efficient investment in world-class infrastructure and develop a 21st-century workforce capable of meeting the needs of emerging businesses and industries.

This year, Governor McAuliffe won bipartisan support for historic investments in public education. He also successfully secured passage of a law establishing a pay-for-performance workforce training program, the first of its kind in the nation.



### **G. Gilmer Minor III**

G. Gilmer Minor III serves as chair of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; he was reappointed to the council by Governor McDonnell in 2013. Minor is chairman emeritus of Owens & Minor Inc., an \$8 billion, Fortune 200 national distributor of medical and surgical supplies as well as a healthcare supply-chain management company. Minor retired as chairman and CEO in 2005 but continues as the non-executive chairman of the board of directors.

Minor is a 1963 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute with a BA in History. In 1966, he received his MBA from The Colgate Darden School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia.

He serves on the boards of directors of SunTrust Banks Inc. (Atlanta, Georgia) and Owens & Minor Inc. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Business Foundation and the advisory board of Trustees of the Virginia Health Care

Foundation, having served as its chairman from July 2003 to June 2005. Minor is also a member of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council as well as the Virginia Business Council.

Minor received the United Negro College Fund's Flame Bearer of Education Award in 1998. He was recognized as Virginia Industrialist of the Year in 2001 and inducted into the 2003 Greater Richmond Business Hall of Fame. In 2004, Minor received the Virginia Region Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award and the B'nai B'rith National Healthcare Award. In 2008, the VMI Foundation awarded him their highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, for service to the Virginia Military Institute.



### **James Murray Jr.**

James B. Murray Jr. is the founder and managing director of Court Square Ventures, a venture-capital firm specializing in telecommunications, information technology and media technology investments. He also is a founder and managing partner of Greenmont Timber Partners LLC, a forestland investment partnership. He serves as a director of the boards for Seakeeper Inc. and Aritas Group Inc. and is the co-founder and member of the Investment Committee of the NeuroVenture Fund, a venture-capital firm that invests in neuroscience-related biotechnology businesses. Since 1982 he has served as a director of over two dozen technology companies.

Murray is the founder of the Presidential Precinct, a collaboration among the University of Virginia, the College of William and Mary, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, James Monroe's Highland, James Madison's Montpelier and University of Virginia's Morven. He chairs the President's Monroe Commission at Highland for the College of William and Mary, and chairs the Murray 1693 Scholars Foundation at the College of William and Mary. He is also chairman of

the Praxis Foundation.

Murray served six years on the board of visitors of the College of William and Mary, and was rector from 1994-1996. Currently he serves on the board of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council and for 12 years served as vice chairman. From 2003- 2011 he served on the Virginia Governor's Commission on Higher Education Board Appointments, much of that time as Chairman.

Murray received his B.A. from the University of Virginia, a J.D. from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, and an honorary doctor of laws from the College of William and Mary.



### **Tim Oksman**

Tim Oksman is opinions counsel to Virginia Attorney General Mark R. Herring and the attorney general's designee on the Code Commission.

He previously served as Portsmouth city attorney, Richmond city attorney, and assistant county attorney for Henrico County. Over the course of his career, he had the good fortune to work with Justice Antonin Scalia, Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico, Oliver Hill, Henry L. Marsh III, and William G. Broaddus.

He is a graduate of Hobart College, New York University and the University of Virginia School of Law. He is a resident of Virginia Beach.

He served in combat on three separate occasions: as a combat reporter/photographer for the 20th Engineer Brigade in Vietnam until he was replaced by Spec. 5 Albert J. Gore Jr.; as Richmond city attorney; and as Portsmouth city attorney. He completed all three uninjured and unindicted.



## Kim Hunter Reed

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed serves as deputy undersecretary and acting executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities at the U.S. Department of Education. She provides leadership in support of the department's ambitious postsecondary policy initiatives focused on increasing access, affordability and completion. Her responsibilities include planning, policy and outreach designed to strengthen the nation's postsecondary system through a relentless focus on improved equity and attainment.

In her previous work as principal at HCM Strategists, she led strategic state policy adoption across the nation and provided direct campus and trustee engagement to improve attainment and the success of low-income, underrepresented students. She has also served in key leadership roles at the system and campus levels and as a faculty member. Reed recently chaired the higher education transition team for Louisiana's new governor and has served in the administration of two previous Louisiana governors in the roles of deputy chief of staff, state policy director and press secretary.

She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Louisiana State University and her doctorate in public policy from Southern University.



## W. Taylor Reveley IV

W. Taylor Reveley IV became the 26th president of Longwood University in June 2013. A graduate of Princeton University, Union Presbyterian Seminary and the University of Virginia School of Law, he was previously an attorney with the law firm of Hunton & Williams in Richmond, then managing director of the University of Virginia's Miller Center, a nonpartisan institute focused on the U.S. presidency, policy and political history. He previously served as coordinating attorney for the Center's National War Powers Commission, co-chaired by former U.S. Secretaries of State Warren Christopher and James Baker. President Reveley is a third-generation college president. His grandfather, W. Taylor Reveley II, was president of Hampden-Sydney College from 1963-1977. His father, W. Taylor Reveley III, is president of The College of William & Mary.



## Colette Sheehy

Colette Sheehy serves as the senior vice president for operations at the University of Virginia, overseeing the functions of Office of the Architect, business operations, facilities management, real estate and leasing services, state governmental relations, and the university building official.

Sheehy began her career at UVA in 1982 as a budget analyst. In 1986 she became the assistant to the director of the budget, and in 1988 was named director of the budget. She served as the associate vice president and director of the budget (1991-1993) and as vice president for management and budget (1993-2015). Sheehy served as one of the chief architects and negotiators of the Higher Education Restructuring and Administrative Operations Act passed by the General Assembly of Virginia in 2005 — a law that created a new relationship between the Commonwealth and its public institutions of higher education.

A native of Freehold, New Jersey, Sheehy earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Bucknell University and a master's in business administration with a concentration in finance from Rutgers University Graduate School of Management.

Currently, she serves on the Emily Couric Leadership Forum Board, the UVA School of Architecture Foundation Board of Trustees, the Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development Board of Directors, and the Arts in Western Education (AWE) Board.



## **Thomas G. Slater Jr.**

Thomas G. Slater Jr. is a member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, appointed by Governor McAuliffe in 2016. Tom is an attorney who serves as chair emeritus for litigation, labor and competition practices at Hunton & Williams. He has over 30 years' experience handling antitrust and competition trials, and has been listed in Best Lawyers in America for his antitrust and corporate litigation experience since 1991. His work focuses on complex antitrust, intellectual property, franchise, and unfair trade practice disputes, as well as white-collar criminal defense representations.

A member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, Slater is admitted to practice before the Fourth, Fifth and District of Columbia U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has been active in bar and community activities and is a past president of the Richmond Bar Association and a former member of the Virginia State Bar Executive Committee.

He is a member of the American Bar Foundation, the Virginia Law Foundation and a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Tom is a 1966 graduate of Virginia Military Institute with a degree in history. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia's law school, receiving his LLB in 1969. In 2003, he was appointed to the VMI board of visitors and was its president from July 2008 through June 2011. He currently is a member of the Virginia Military Institute Foundation Endowment Campaign Committee.



## **Walter Stosch**

Virginia State Senator Walter Stosch recently retired from representing nearly 200,000 residents in the 12th Senatorial District. First serving as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, Senator Stosch was elected to the Senate of Virginia in 1991. He was the only CPA serving in the General Assembly.

Senator Stosch has been a leader on numerous issues impacting all Virginians. He led tax-reform issues including removal of taxation on Social Security and groceries, and his legislative accomplishments over the years have created thousands of jobs and made college more accessible and affordable. He is a strong advocate for K-12 and higher education and he was chief patron of Virginia's Guaranteed Admissions and Community College Transfer Grant programs. He is the co-founder of Great Aspirations Scholarship Program (GRASP), which assists primarily low-income students with access and affordability of post-secondary education.

Senator Stosch is a lifelong resident of Virginia, born in Richmond County, and currently resides in Henrico County.



## **Dietra Trent**

Dr. Dietra Trent was appointed as secretary of education by Governor McAuliffe in 2016. She had previously served as deputy secretary of education. She also served as deputy secretary of education in Governor Tim Kaine's administration, and as director of constituent services and director of the Council on Human Rights under Governor Mark Warner. Trent earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and criminal justice from Hampton University, and completed her master's and doctoral degrees in public administration and policy from Virginia Commonwealth University.



## Paul Tribble

Paul Tribble is the fifth president of Christopher Newport University and the longest-serving president of Virginia's public colleges and universities. Under Tribble's leadership, CNU now stands in the ranks of America's most respected public universities.

Over the past 20 years, applications to CNU have exploded by more than 800%, average SATs have increased by more than 200 points, hundreds of full-time faculty have been hired and CNU has expended over \$1 billion in building a campus with world-class facilities. U.S. News and World Report has selected it as one of America's "schools to watch" for making "the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus facilities."

Tribble is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and Washington and Lee Law School and has served the citizens of Virginia in the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.



## Katharine Webb

Katharine "Katie" Webb is a member of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. She was appointed by Governor McAuliffe in 2015 after having served previously from 2009 to 2013. Webb has worked in health care for over 42 years, spending the majority of her career as senior vice president of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association. Prior to her service at VHHA, she worked at the Virginia Department of Health and at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital; she has also served on the faculty of the University of Virginia Medical Center. Webb has played an integral role in making health care available for more Virginia children and in making opportunities for health care careers more available for all Virginians. She has worked to ensure that health care information is available and transparent through the Patient Level and All-Payer Claims Database, and has worked to improve the safety and quality of care delivered to patients in Virginia hospitals.

She has served as treasurer of the Rx Partnership Board, as chair of Senior Connections, as a member of the VCU Foundation and the Advisory Board of the VCU School of Social Work, and as chair of the Virginia Public Access Project.

Webb matriculated at Sweet Briar College in American Studies and received her master's in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University.



## Al Wilson

Allen T. Wilson is a senior assistant attorney general to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and Radford University. Wilson provides legal advice and representation on a wide variety of legal matters related to higher education including conflicts of interest, contract and procurement matters, legislative and regulatory review, requests for records, personnel matters, and student issues. Prior to joining the Office of the Attorney General in 2002, Wilson worked in the Roanoke City Attorney's Office and was in private practice. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech and the University of Dayton School of Law.