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Amstutz, Taylor (*Anti-Human Trafficking Legislation Lab II*): is currently an Equal Justice Works Elder Justice Program Fellow at BetTzedek Legal Services. She provides legal services to survivors of elder abuse by representing clients at restraining order hearings, operating a legal services clinic, conducting education and outreach, and engaging in collaborative work with community partners. Prior to joining Bet Tzedek, Professor Amstutz was an associate at Terri Hilliard, PC, where she provided representation at conservatorship hearings and empowered elderly clients through comprehensive estate planning and advocacy. As a post-bar law clerk and during law school, Professor Amstutz worked at the Ventura and Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Offices conducting preliminary hearings and drafting memoranda on complex issues. Professor Amstutz graduated from Pepperdine Law with a Juris Doctorate degree and a certificate in Dispute Resolution. During law school, Professor Amstutz participated in the Sudreau Global Justice Program in Uganda on several occasions where she represented prisoners and negotiated plea agreements on their behalf. As a member of the Restoration and Justice Clinic, Professor Amstutz presented her research on the importance of holistically addressing the intersection of domestic violence and human trafficking to a Department of Justice sponsored delegation of Bangladeshi prosecutors and judges. Professor Amstutz also participated in the inaugural Anti-Trafficking Legislation Lab, served as the Women's Legal Association Representative at Pepperdine, and served as a board member of PAUSE4kids, a local nonprofit. In her free time, Professor Amstutz enjoys spending time with her pug, hiking, traveling, and engaging in various volunteer opportunities in the anti-trafficking space.

Barba, Arnold (*Trial Preparation & Settlement – Civil*): is a trial and litigation attorney and partner with LimNexus, LLP, where he concentrates in complex commercial and business litigation, including insurance recovery & enforcement, real estate, complex tort, and unfair competition matters. He specializes in representing utilities in catastrophic tort matters as well as corporate insurance policyholders in connection with insurance enforcement and recovery. In addition, he has substantial experience representing public sector and corporate clients in labor arbitration matters. Mr. Barba is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California, where he has taught an upper division course on civil trial preparation and settlement since 2009. Mr. Barba served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1989 through 1995 and was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal in 1994. Mr. Barba is married to his law school sweetheart, Claudia E. Barba, with whom he resides in Camarillo, California along with their three lovely, teenage daughters, two precocious standard poodles, three burrowed hermit crabs, and one ebullient cockatiel.

Cochran Jr., Robert F. (*Role of Law Practice in the Life of a Person of Faith*): known by his students as “Coach,” taught at Pepperdine for 37 years. He was the faculty advisor for CLS and began the tradition of taking Pepperdine students to the CLS national conference. “Coach” founded Pepperdine’s Union Rescue Mission Legal Clinic, and co-founded Pepperdine’s Sudreau Global Justice Program; and Nootbaar Institute on Law, Religion and Ethics. His books include *Agape, Justice, and Law* (Cambridge University Press); *Christian Perspectives on Legal Thought* (Yale University Press); *Law and the Bible* (InterVarsity Press); and *Lawyers, Clients, and Moral Responsibility* (West). He occasionally writes a column on law for *The Christian Post*.

Cutting, Curtis (*Ninth Circuit Appellate Advocacy Clinic*): is the co-director of Pepperdine's Ninth Circuit Appellate Advocacy Clinic and a partner at Los Angeles-based appellate boutique Horvitz & Levy LLP, where he handles civil appeals in a wide range of subject areas, in both state and federal courts. While attending Seattle University School of Law, he served as a legal extern for the Honorable Eugene A. Wright of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. After graduating law school, Mr. Cutting worked for the Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service, then left that position to serve as a law clerk for the Honorable Ruggero J. Aldisert of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Mr. Cutting joined Horvitz & Levy immediately after his clerkship and has remained with the firm for over twenty years. In 2007, Mr. Cutting received an "Attorney of the Year" award from California Lawyer magazine for his work representing the City of San Diego and obtaining reversal of a large civil judgment that threatened to force the city into bankruptcy. He continues to represent individuals, government entities, and corporations in against high-stakes litigation. He has particular experience in cases involving punitive damages, and is the primary contributor to the legal blog California Punitive Damages. He has provided commentary on punitive damages litigation for various media outlets, including The National Law Journal, The Seattle Times, The Associated Press, The San Diego Union Tribune, The Daily Journal, The Recorder, BNA's Class Action Litigation Reporter, and Business Insurance. He received his B.S. (Physics) and A.B (History), Ohio University, 1992, cum laude and his J.D, Seattle University School of Law, 1995, magnum cum laude. He is a member of the California and Washington bars

DeJute, David (*Disaster Relief Clinic*): is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and of Harvard Law School. While at Harvard, Professor DeJute practiced law as a student attorney at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, the oldest such entity in the country. Upon graduating from law school, Professor DeJute accepted an appointment as a law clerk to the Hon. William J. Rea, U.S. District Judge (deceased). Professor DeJute then practiced law at two private law firms in Los Angeles in their litigation departments before joining the legal department at Sony Pictures as its Vice President of Litigation. From there, Professor DeJute accepted another federal appointment as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of California, notably

representing then-President Barack Obama at the trial and appellate levels, beating back challenges to Mr. Obama's fitness to hold the office of President. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, for the past few years Professor DeJute has worked as general counsel to Dub Bros., a privately held company, as well as of counsel at Michelman & Robinson, where he practices in the complex litigation department. Professor DeJute remains grateful to teach at Pepperdine School of Law, where young minds are taught the law with the hope that the skills learned will be used in service for others.

Dorsey, Judge Jennifer (*Role of the Judicial Clerk*): is a United States District Court Judge for the District of Nevada. Before her appointment to the bench in 2013, she was a partner in the Nevada civil-litigation firm of Kemp, Jones & Coulthard LLP, which she joined immediately after receiving her law degree from the Pepperdine School of Law in 1997, where she served on the law review, was a research assistant to Professor Bernard James, externed in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Court, and competed in intraschool moot-court competitions. As an attorney, she litigated a wide variety of cases, including complex commercial-litigation and class actions, and she had an extensive appellate practice in both state and federal court. Judge Dorsey is a member of the American Law Institute, a lifetime member of Scribes—the American Society of Legal Writers, and co-chair of the Pepperdine Caruso School of Law Advisory Board, and she was named Alumnus of the Year in 2016. Judge Dorsey has taught legal writing on an adjunct basis at UNLV's Boyd School of Law since 2014.

Givati, Yehonatan (*Law and Economics*): is the Sylvan M. Cohen professor at the Hebrew University Law School. His scholarly interests lie in the economic analysis of law. He applies the tools of law and economics to three main areas of law: tax law, law enforcement, and administrative law and regulation. He has also published in the areas of private law and judicial behavior. Prof Givati received a PhD from the Economics Department at Harvard University in 2013, and an SJD from Harvard Law School in 2011.

Goodman, Marc (*Entertainment Law Seminar – Special Problems in the Music Industry*): serves as Pepperdine University's General Counsel, and is responsible for, among other things, all legal aspects of entertainment and intellectual property issues that arise from Pepperdine's global operations. These issues include copyright and trademark matters, as well as performance agreements, music licensing, production agreements, and so forth. He also serves as an adjunct professor of law at the Pepperdine University School of Law teaching courses in entertainment, intellectual property, and communications law and has taught at other institutions at the undergraduate and graduate level. Prior to arriving at Pepperdine, Mr. Goodman was a partner with Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP where a large part of his practice was devoted to representing music artists, music publishers, record and film production companies, and other entertainment-related companies and individuals. Mr. Goodman received his B.A. in Economics from the University of California at Los Angeles, a Masters in Communications Management from the Annenberg School at the University of Southern California, and his J.D. from the Gould School of Law at the University of Southern California.

Griffin, Missy (*Role of the Legal Research in Real Estate Investments*): is an associate with Gibbs Giden, a leading construction and real estate law firm in California. She is also a former Palmer Center student chair. Prior to becoming an attorney, Griffin worked in operations for a national leading multifamily residential company with assets in five states on the West Coast and served in various positions with the largest owner and operator of more than 12 million square feet of premium showroom and exhibition space serving the home furnishing

Haugen, Gary (*Human Rights*): is the CEO of International Justice Mission (IJM) and will be teaching a 1-unit seminar on Human Rights. He served with the U.S. Department of Justice and the United Nations, during which time he investigated the Rwandan genocide. Professor Haugen later founded IJM, an international human rights organization that rescues victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery, and oppression worldwide. Professor Haugen's most recent work focuses on the enforcement of law as the new mandate for human rights. Professor Haugen's seminar will provide an in-depth exploration into the enforcement of human rights with a particular emphasis on working with local government agencies and communities to provide effective access to justice.

Johnson, Mary Jo (*Role of the Lawyer in Corporate and Government Investigations*): spent over 25 years representing clients in high-stakes internal and regulatory investigations, lawsuits and compliance reviews at WilmerHale where she was a securities litigation partner. A veteran attorney, she has conducted numerous internal and regulatory investigations involving hundreds of witness interviews. Ms. Johnson has counseled boards of directors and corporations, financial institutions and individuals in investigations by the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), Office of the Controller of the Currency (OCC), Executive Office of the U.S. Trustee, and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), among others. Recognized as a "New England Super Lawyer" in securities litigation for over a decade, Ms. Johnson frequently led seminars and training sessions on investigations, securities litigation practice and corporate governance. Throughout her career Ms. Johnson mentored associates through WilmerHale's Associate Committee and guided pro bono programs and community giving through its Pro Bono Committee. She was also a firm and statewide bar leader of women's leadership initiatives, and was the past president of the Women's Bar Foundation of Massachusetts. Ms. Johnson holds a J.D. degree from Boston College Law School and a B.A. from Rosemont College.

Kaye, Barry (*Role of the Legal Research in Real Estate Investments*): is a graduate of Cardozo School of Law in New York City. He practices real estate and corporate law and has 4 years of experience as a lecturer-in-law at USC Gould School of Law and has taught at Berkeley Law at UC Berkeley. He serves as an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and a mediator for the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District.

Lee, Amber (*Trial Practice*): received her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 2007 and earned her law degree, as well as a Certificate in Criminal Legal Practice, from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2011. While at Pepperdine, she participated in national trial advocacy competitions, winning a national championship and two regional championships. Upon graduation, Professor Lee earned membership to the Order of the Barristers. In 2012, Ms. Lee joined the Ventura County District Attorney's Office as a Deputy District Attorney. Since joining the office, she has successfully handled over two dozen jury trials, involving violent crimes, child abuse, attempted homicides, domestic violence and sexual assault. During her time at the District Attorney's Office, Ms. Lee has also trained police academy cadets and new prosecutors in courtroom demeanor and trial technique. She is currently in the Sexual Assault and Family Protection Unit.

Lee, Brant T. (*Racial Inequality, Law and Democracy, Questions of Faith*): is Professor of Law and Assistant Dean for Diversity and Social Justice Initiatives at The University of Akron School of Law. Professor Lee writes and teaches about race and complex systems. Professor Lee received his B.A. from The University of California at Berkeley, and his J.D. and M.P.P. (Master of Public Policy) degrees from Harvard University. Prior to joining the Akron Law faculty, Professor Lee worked as an attorney in private practice in San Francisco, served as Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, and briefly served as acting Deputy Staff Secretary and Special Assistant to the President in the White House. He was the founding Chair of the Akron Civil Rights Commission and founding Director of the Akron Law PLUS (Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars) Program, a diversity pipeline program funded by the Law School Admission Council. In the Fall of 2020, Professor Lee initiated a free online course to the general public on “Racial Equality and the Law” in which over 5,000 participants enrolled. He is a member of Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio and was a member of the Task Force on the Theology of Social Justice Advocacy as Christian Ministry of the Episcopal Church. Lee currently serves the Episcopal Church as a member of the Presiding Officers’ Advisory Group on Beloved Community Implementation.

McCollum, Cameron (*Anti Human Trafficking Legislation Lab II, Human Rights*): joined the Pepperdine staff as the Director of the Sudreau Global Justice Institute in the fall of 2019. Prior to returning to Pepperdine to become the SGJI Director, Cameron practiced law in Dallas, Texas as an associate at Kirkland & Ellis. He received his BBA in Business from Baylor University in 2011, and his J.D. from Pepperdine Caruso Law magna cum laude in 2017. Before attending law school, Cameron helped launch a real estate start up and was actively involved in ministry leadership through his local church. Through his roles in ministry, he participated and led many trips to Africa and developing nations around the world.

Nissel, Sarah M. (*Faith and Family Law Mediation Clinic/Community Property*): serves as the Director of the Faith and Family Mediation Clinic and Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law. She is the Executive Director of the Jewish Divorce Assistance Center of Los Angeles (JDAC), a nonprofit organization that provides pro-bono services to individuals and couples navigating dual civil and religious processes of divorce. Prior to joining JDAC, Professor Nissel worked in the areas of white-collar criminal defense and complex civil litigation at Bird, Marella, *et al.*, a Los Angeles-based litigation boutique firm and Morvillo, Abramowitz, *et al.*, a boutique litigation firm in New York City. Professor Nissel has served as a fellow at the Innocence Project, where she gained experience working on criminal proceedings at the state level. Professor Nissel graduated with honors from Yale University in 2003 where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Comparative Literature. She received her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 2008 where she was a Dean's Scholar. Her research focuses on mediation, family law and law and religion.

Philpott, Brian (*Trademarks, Unfair Competition, and Unfair Trade Practices*): is a partner with Ferguson Case Orr Paterson in Westlake Village where he is a member of the Intellectual Property Practice Group. His practice focuses on patent prosecution and litigation, trademarks, copyrights, and internet and domain name matters. Mr. Philpott has litigated several intellectual property cases before state and federal courts in California and New York, as well as before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. His technological expertise is in video games, optics and imaging devices, semiconductor technologies, sports equipment, fashion, and e-commerce. As a founder of two tech companies, Mr. Philpott is active in the entrepreneurial community and has extensive experience counseling early-stage companies. His educational background is also technical, having earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Oklahoma State University in 2001 and a Juris Doctorate from the Pepperdine School of Law in 2005. Outside of the office and the classroom, Mr. Philpott enjoys trivia, athletics, and quantum physics.

Rassbach, Eric (*Religious Liberties Clinic*): is Vice President & Senior Counsel at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty where he has served since 2003. He has led or been a part of Becket litigation teams in each of Becket's path breaking victories at the United States Supreme Court, including *Hosanna-Tabor*, *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, *Holt v. Hobbs*, *Zubik v. Burwell*, *Fulton v. Philadelphia* and *Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru*. Professor Rassbach frequently comments on church-state issues in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and other major press outlets. His academic articles have appeared in numerous journals, including the Tennessee Law Review, the Illinois Law Review, the Cato Supreme Court Review. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School, served as a law clerk to United States District Court Judge Lee Rosenthal in Houston, Texas, and, prior to joining Becket, worked at Baker Botts LLP.

Ridley, Doug (*Police Practices*): received a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Arts in Political Science from California State University, Fullerton. He received his Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine Law School where he competed on the Trial Team. He began his career as a prosecutor in the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. Professor Ridley worked in case review for a year during his tenure as a Deputy District Attorney, making filing decisions on thousands of misdemeanor cases and training new prosecutors. He prosecuted cases in the felony, narcotics, and gang units prior to being elevated to a position as a Sexual Assault Prosecutor. In this special victims unit, Professor Ridley specialized in prosecuting cases with child victims, putting child molesters in prison for life. Professor Ridley left the DA's office and began a career in private practice. He now runs Ridley Defense, a boutique criminal defense practice. He appears as a featured commentator on ABC7 News and speaks publicly about DUI Laws to bar associations and community groups. He speaks to high schools about "The Law When You Turn 18", warning high school seniors about the dangers of their new status as adults. He is also a trainer for Eloqui, a communications and public speaking workshop. In the local community, Professor Ridley is a past president of the Moorpark Morning Rotary Club, voted Hometown Hero by the Moorpark Chamber of Commerce, and the President of the Moorpark chapter of ProVisors, a professional networking organization. He satisfies his charitable desires as an active member of the 501st Legion, a Star Wars costuming group that visits children's hospitals and charities. He is happily married to Pepperdine Law Alum Rori, with three amazing children.

Schultz, David (*Role of the Civil Litigator*): is a partner in the litigation and appellate departments of Polsinelli LLP, an AmLaw 100 firm with over 900 attorneys in 21 cities. Professor Schultz is certified by the State Bar of California as a specialist in Appellate Law, and has over 30 years of experience handling high-exposure civil litigation cases. In addition to practicing in California, he serves as national counsel for clients and has been admitted *pro hac vice* to litigate cases in other states. He is also frequently retained to brief and argue post-trial matters in cases handled by other attorneys, including one case where he successfully vacated a \$250 million verdict. His cases have resulted in published decisions on issues such as federal preemption, statute of limitations, and duties in premises liability and strict product liability cases. Professor Schultz is also active in the litigation community, as he serves on amicus committees, volunteers as a settlement officer for the Los Angeles Superior Court, and provides pro bono legal services to indigent clients. He has also authored articles and spoken at national litigation conferences on many issues, including the ethical responsibilities of litigants and attorneys, legal developments in California and other jurisdictions, litigation strategy, and personal jurisdiction. Due to his litigation success and collegial approach to the practice of law, Professor Schultz has been voted by his peers as a Top 75 Los Angeles Litigator published by the Los Angeles Business Journal in August 2019 and Southern California Super Lawyer over ten times. He obtained his undergraduate degree from U.C.L.A in 1987 and J.D. from Loyola Law School in 1990.

Waller, Marshall (*Family Law*): is a shareholder and director at Feinberg & Waller, APC., in Calabasas, California. Mr. Waller focuses his practice exclusively in family law, serving clients in cases involving high-asset divorce, child support, custody, paternity, spousal support and more, with offices in Calabasas, Beverly Hills, and Westlake Village, California. Mr. Waller earned his Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School of Los Angeles and was admitted to the California Bar in 1981. After graduating from Loyola Law School, he continued his education at the University of Southern California (USC) and the University of San Diego, where he received a diploma in the field of taxation. He is certified as a family law specialist through The State Bar of California's Board of Legal Specialization. Mr. Waller's work in the family law field has earned him the rating of AV Preeminent, the highest possible rating, by the peer review organization Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. Waller is involved in the Los Angeles County Bar Association, serving on the family law section's executive committee. Additionally, he is an active member of the Beverly Hills, San Fernando Valley and Ventura County Bar Associations, Family Law sections. Mr. Waller has previously taught family law for 16 years, and has written several books in this area, including the textbook *California Family Law* (Wolters Kluwer) and *Essentials of California Family Law* (self-published). *Essentials of California Family Law* is a detailed treatise primarily used by practicing attorneys seeking to take and pass the California State Bar specialization exam to become a certified family law specialist. Mr. Waller is a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and a Fellow in the International Association of Family Lawyers (IAFL). Mr. Waller was also selected as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Southern California for 2021 by Super Lawyers publications. In addition to his busy law practice and teaching schedule, Mr. Waller is actively involved in his community. He

participates in numerous volunteer organizations, including serving as the mock trial coach for Oaks Christian High School, in Westlake Village, California. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Lodge Youth Services, a residential rehabilitation facility for juvenile offenders (now run by Optimist Youth Homes & Family Services).

White, Aaron M. (Federal Estate and Gift Taxation): joined the Caruso School of Law faculty as an adjunct professor in 2019. Professor White's practice is focused on sophisticated transfer tax planning for high net worth individuals and families as an associate with Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP. Prior to joining MusickPeeler, Professor White served as the Associate Director of Pepperdine University's Center for Estate and Gift Planning, where he provided University leadership and donors with tax, nonprofit compliance, and estate planning information and analysis. Professor White earned his LL.M. in taxation from New York University, his J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law, and his B.A. from Hillsdale College.

Wright, Judge Ryan (*Sentencing and Corrections*): is a Superior Court Judge in Ventura County. He was sworn into office on January 3, 2011. Judge Wright has been assigned to the Criminal Division since June of 2011. He has served as the Supervising Judge of the Criminal Division three separate times. Judge Wright currently sits in a trial courtroom hearing primarily long cause felony criminal jury trials. Prior to taking the Bench, Judge Wright served as a Reserve Probation Officer in Los Angeles County. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Wright was hired as a Deputy District Attorney and rose to the level of Senior Deputy District Attorney in Ventura County. During his career, he conducted well over 100 jury trials. He was a two time Ventura County Prosecutor of the Year and was recognized by the California Narcotics Officers Association, the United States Department of Justice and the United States Attorney's Office for outstanding achievements as a Prosecutor. Judge Wright has contributed to the Pepperdine community in a variety of ways. He has served as a Adjunct Professor, Mock Trial Judge, Guest Panelist, and as a Preceptor. Judge Wright has several times presided over the swearing in ceremony for new attorneys. IN 2015, Judge Wright was recognized as a Preceptor of the year. Judge Wright graduated from the University of California-Irvine in 1994 with a degree in Political Science and he received his J.D. from Pepperdine Caruso School of Law in 1997. He is married and has three children.

SAM WU (*Startup Law Clinic*): received his Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall). After law school, Professor Wu joined the

Corporate and Securities Group of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto. In 2010, he co-founded Innovation Capital Law Group specializing in working with technology startups and is currently the lead partner for the Corporate and Securities Group of the firm. He has represented companies in over \$5 billion in seed financings, angel investments, venture capital financings, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions and initial public offerings. He is an experienced startup attorney representing technology and emerging growth companies involving corporate formation, corporate governance, corporate financings (venture capital and angel financings), mergers and acquisitions, licensing transactions, and initial public offerings. Professor Wu is the founder and author of www.TechStartupLawyer.com, a blog answering the most important questions technology startups should be asking.