# JOHN ROBERTSON PROFESSOR OF ACCOUNTING

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# **EDUCATION**

L.L.M. Taxation, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, 1999

J.D. Law, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 1984

M.B.A. Accounting, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 1984

B.A. Anthropology, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, 1980

# PROFESSIONAL LICENSURES & CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Management Accountant, Institute of Management Accountants 2011

CFP, Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. 1992

CPA, State of Tennessee 1987

Licensed Attorney, State of Tennessee 1985

# **EMPLOYMENT**

2015 - Ongoin	Professor of Accounting, Arkansas State University
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2012 - 2015	Chair of Accounting and CIT and Professor of Accounting, Arkansas State University
2009 - 2012	Chair of Accounting and CIT and Associate Professor of Accounting, Arkansas State
	University
2007 - 2009	Associate Professor of Accounting, Arkansas State University
2005 - 2007	Assistant Professor of Accounting, Arkansas State University
2001 - 2005	Assistant Professor of Business Law, Arkansas State University
2000 - 2001	Visiting Assistant Professor of Business Law, Arkansas State University
1995 - 2000	Tax Manager, Dempsey, Vantrease & Follis, PLLC, CPA's
1989 - 1995	Tax Manager, Winnett Associates CPA's
1987 - 1988	Tax Supervisor, Dew, Williams, Crosslin & Sparks CPA's
1984 - 1986	Staff Accountant, Coopers & Lybrand (now PwC, LLP)

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Academy of Legal Studies in Business

Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants

**Institute of Management Accountants** 

Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants

Northeast Arkansas Chapter of the Arkansas Society of CPAs

Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants, 2001 - 2013

# **HONORS AND AWARDS**

You Made a Difference Academic Advisor Award Nominee, Wilson Advising Center, 2013

Friend of Diversity, Arkansas State University, 2013

College of Business Faculty Award for Excellence in Service, Arkansas State College of Business, 2004

# TEACHING: COURSES TAUGHT

### **Arkansas State University**

ACCT 2033, Introduction to Financial Accounting, 6 courses.

ACCT 3003, Intermediate Accounting I, 1 course.

ACCT 3033, Intermediate Accounting III, 1 course.

ACCT 4013, Tax Accounting I, 20 courses.

ACCT 4033, Accounting Information Systems, 24 courses.

ACCT 4053, Auditing I, 5 courses.

ACCT 4113, Tax Accounting II, 18 courses.

ACCT 4163, Estate Planning and Taxation, 3 courses.

ACCT 430, Special Problems--Corporate Taxation, 1 course.

ACCT 5013, Tax Accounting I, 3 courses.

ACCT 5113, Tax Accounting II, 10 courses.

ACCT 6043, Tax Planning and Research, 13 courses.

ACCT 6083, Ethics and Professional Responsibility, 8 courses.

ACCT 6093, Directed Individual Study, 1 course.

ACCT 6503, Special Problems in Accounting, 5 courses.

CIT 4093, Special Problems Advanced Word Processing, 1 course.

LAW 2023, Legal Environment of Business, 21 courses.

LAW 4043, Law of Business Organizations, 5 courses.

LAW 6023, Law and Ethics in Business, 5 courses.

MBA 505, Survey of Statistics, 2 courses.

MBA 509, Survey of Operations Management, 2 courses.

# SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CREATIVE PRODUCTIONS

#### **Presentations**

Completed/Published

Gannon, S. (Presenter & Author), Robertson, J. (Presenter & Author)

Saving for Disabled Children under the ABLE Act. ACTEB 64th Annual Meeting, 2015.

Type: Academic Scope: State

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

Class Arbitrations, a Drafting Dilemma. NARBLA Annual Conference, 2014.

Type: Academic Scope: Regional

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: Yes

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J. (Author Only), Robertson, P. Q. (Presenter & Author), Quinn, T. (Author Only)

Challenges to the Defense of Marriage Act. 62nd Arkansas College Teachers of Economics and Business

*Conference*, 2013. Type: Academic Scope: State

Published Proceeding: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

FICA or Not, the Sixth Circuit Complicates a "Settled" Area of the Tax Law. 62nd Arkansas College

Teachers of Economics and Business Conference, 2013.

Type: Academic Scope: State

Published Proceeding: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

AICPA Proposed Financial Reporting Framework for Small and Medium Sized Entities. Accounting

Alumni Appreciation Day 2013, 2013.

Type: Non-Academic

Scope: State

Published Proceeding: No

Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Invited Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J. (Presenter & Author), Robertson, P. Q. (Author Only)

Interpreting "Aiding and Abetting" in the Criminal Tax Law. 49th Annual MBAA Conference, 2013.

Type: Academic Scope: Regional

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, P. Q. (Presenter & Author), Robertson, J. (Author Only)

Windfall Taxes as Creditable Income Taxes. 49th Annual MBAA Conference, 2013.

Type: Academic

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: No

Robertson, J. (Presenter & Author), Robertson, P. Q. (Author Only)

Christopher v. Smithkline Beecham Corp. 61st Arkansas College Teachers of Economics and Business,

2012.

Type: Academic Scope: State

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: Yes

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, P. Q. (Presenter & Author), Robertson, J. (Presenter & Author)

Manifest Disregard in Arbitration Post-Hall Street. Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual

Meeting, 2012. Type: Academic Scope: International

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Reference Creator: No

Robertson, J. (Presenter & Author), Robertson, P. Q. (Presenter & Author)

Plain Language in the Tax Law. 87th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Legal Studies in Business, 2012.

Type: Academic Scope: National

Published Proceeding: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J. (Author Only), Robertson, P. Q. (Presenter & Author)

Motions to Compel Arbitration and Suits on the Underlying Merits. Annual Conference North Atlantic

Regional Business Law Association, 2012.

Type: Academic Scope: Regional

Published Elsewhere: Yes

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: No

Robertson, J.

Teaching Ethics Panel. ASCPAs Educators' Conference, 2012.

Type: Academic Scope: State

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Learning and Pedagogical Research

Invited/Accepted: Invited Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, P. Q. (Presenter & Author), Robertson, J. (Presenter & Author)

Salesmen Minus Enthusiasm? Pharmaceutical Sales Reps and the Fair Labor Standards Act. Annual

Conference - Academy of Legal Studies in Business, 2011.

Type: Academic Scope: National

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: No

Quinn, T.; Carr, R.; Robertson, J.

Codification of the Economic Substance Doctrine. 60th Annual Meeting of ACTEB, 2010.

Type: Academic Scope: State

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: Yes

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Reference Creator: No

Robertson, J.

State Tax Credits and Incentives May Encourage Violations of Federal Law. *4th International Conference American Institute of Higher Education*, Williamsburg, VA. (March 17, 2010).

Type: Academic Scope: International Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

How Much You Keep: Eshelman v. Agere and Tax Gross-Ups in Employment Discrimination Cases.

North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association, 2009.

Type: Academic Scope: Regional

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: Yes

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

Changes in the Kiddie Tax Change College Savings Strategies. *Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business*, 2007.

Type: Academic Scope: Regional

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes Robertson, J.; Lewis, J. M.

Congressional Authority to Tax Damage Awards for Emotional Distress after Murphy v. IRS.

Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business, 2007.

Type: Academic Scope: Regional

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

Saving for College Using Tax Deferred Plans. 46th Annual Arkansas Federal Tax Institute, 2007.

Wrote and presented three times a one-hour continuing professional education course.

Type: Non-Academic

Scope: State

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Invited Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

Tax Update. Arkansas State University Accounting Alumni Appreciation Day, 2007.

Wrote and presented a two-hour continuing professional education program.

Type: Non-Academic

Scope: State

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Invited Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

Damages to Real Property, The Search for Reasonable Restoration Damages Continues. Midwestern

Academy of Legal Studies in Business, 2006.

Annual Meeting, March 16-17, 2006

Type: Academic Scope: Regional

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

Basis Adjustments after Involuntary Conversions or Casualties. Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in

Business, 2005.

Annual Meeting, November 11-12, 2005

Type: Academic Scope: Regional

Classification: Discipline-based Scholarship

Reference Creator: Yes

Quinn, T.; Robertson, J.; Carr, R.

Unreported Tip Income: A Taxing Issue. American Accounting Association Southeast Regional Meeting,

2005.

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Invited Reference Creator: No

Robertson, J.

Accounting and Auditing Update. CPE Conference, Elk Valley Chapter of the TSCPA, Manchester, TN,

June 17, 2004. Wrote and presented a four-hour continuing professional education program.

Type: Non-Academic

Scope: Local

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Invited Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

Government Takings for Private Use—The Case for Legislative Intervention. Southern Academy of Legal

Studies in Business, 2004.

Annual Meeting, March 18-20, 2004

Type: Academic Scope: Regional

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: Yes

Classification: Discipline-based Scholarship

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

The Federal Tax Lien and State Law Property Rights. Academy of Legal Studies in Business, 2003.

August 12-16, 2003 Type: Academic Scope: National

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

Payday Loans: The Arkansas Experience. Midwestern Academy of Legal Studies in Business, 2003.

Annual Meeting, March 12-14, 2003

Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

The Accountant's Legal Liability in the Twenty-First Century. *CPE Conference*, *Elk Valley Chapter of the TSCPA*, *Tullahoma*, *Tennessee*, November 1, 2002.

Wrote and presented a four-hour continuing professional education program.

Type: Non-Academic

Scope: Local

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Contributions to Practice

Invited/Accepted: Invited Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

Planning for Incapacity after The Economic Growth And Tax Relief Reconciliation Act Of 2001.

Southern Academy of Legal Studies in Business, 2002.

Annual Meeting, March 6-9, 2002

Type: Academic Scope: Regional

Published Proceeding: Yes Published Elsewhere: No

Classification: Discipline-based Scholarship

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes

Robertson, J.

Private Inurement and the For-Profit Service Provider. *Southern Academy of Legal Studies in Business*, 2001.

Annual Meeting, February 27-March 3, 2001

Type: Academic Scope: Regional

Published Proceeding: No Published Elsewhere: Yes

Classification: Discipline-based Scholarship

Invited/Accepted: Accepted Reference Creator: Yes **Journal Publications** 

## Completed/Published

Completed/Published

- •Robertson, J., Robertson, P. Q. (2015). Equitable Remedies under ERISA: the Sixth Circuit's Position in Rochow. *Business Law Review*, *48*, 91-102.
- •Robertson, J. (2014). Class Arbitrations, a Drafting Dilemma. *Business Law Review*, 47, Spring 2014, 77-95.
- •Quinn, T., Robertson, J., Robertson, P. Q. (2013). Challenges to the Defense of Marriage Act. *Journal of Business Administration Online*, Vol 12(No 2).
- •Robertson, P. Q., Robertson, J. (2012). Christopher v. Smithkline Beecham Corp. *Journal of Business Administration Online*, *11*(2), 10. www.atu.edu/jbao/
- •Robertson, J., Robertson, P. Q. (2012). Motions to Compel Arbitration and Suits on the Underlying Merits. *Business Law Review*, *45*, 89-107.
- •Robertson, P. Q., Robertson, J. (2011). The Ku Klux Klan Act and the Intracorporate Conspiracy Doctrine. *Business Law Review*, *44*, 235-255.
- •Robertson, J., Quinn, T., Carr, B. (2010). Codification of the Economic Substance Doctrine. *Journal of Business Administration Online*, *Fall 2010*(Vol. 9 No. 2). jbao.atu.edu

- •Robertson, P. Q., Robertson, J. (2010). Grumbling, Retaliation, and the Fair Labor Standards Act: Kasten v. St. Gobain Performance Plastics Corp. *Business Law Review*, *43*, 133-149.
- •Quinn, T., Robertson, J. (2009). Interests in LLPs, LLCs and Tenancies in Common Not Limited Partnership Interests. *Journal of Accountancy*, 208(4), 68-69. www.journalofaccountancy.com
- •Robertson, P. Q., Robertson, J. (2009). How Much You Keep: Eschelman v. Agere and Tax Gross-Ups in Employment Discrimination Cases. *Business Law Review*, *42*, 127-138. www.narbla.org/
- •Robertson, J., Robertson, P. Q. (2008). Multi-State Taxation and Captive REITS: Wal-Mart's "Rollback" of Taxes. *Business Law Review*, *41*(Spring 2008), pp. 89-108.
- •Robertson, J., Quinn, T., Carr, B. (2006). Unreported Tip Income. *The CPA Journal*, V. LXXVI (NO. 12), 30-39. www.cpaj.com
- •Pittman, J., Robertson, J. (2004). Employment Law Meets Labor Law A Quiet Wedding. *The ALSB Journal of Employment and Labor Law, Vol. 10*(No. 1), 8 pages. http://www.eiu.edu/~alsb/
- •Robertson, J. (2004). Government Takings for Private Use—The Case for Legislative Intervention. *Southern Law Journal, Vol. XIV* (No. 1), pp. 188-198. http://www.salsb.org/
- Robertson, J. (2001). Private Inurement and the For-Profit Service Provider. *Southern Law Journal*, *Vol. XI* (No. 1), pp. 35-45.

#### **Conference Proceedings**

Completed/Published

• Robertson, J. *Planning for Incapacity after The Economic Growth And Tax Relief Reconciliation Act Of 2001* (Fall 2002 ed., pp. pp. 5-13). Proceedings of the Southern Academy of Legal Studies in Business.

#### **Periodicals**

Completed/Published

- Robertson, J. (2003). *Credit Can Help Retirement Savings* (01-19-2003 ed., pp. 7B). Jonesboro, AR: The Jonesboro Sun.
- Robertson, J. (2002). *New Law Helping Taxpayers* (05-05-2002 ed., pp. 8B). Jonesboro, AR: The Jonesboro Sun.

# **SERVICE**

## **Department Service**

- Committee Chair, Accounting Search Committee. (July 1, 2015 May 15, 2016).
- Committee Chair, Accounting Scholarship Committee. (2009 2015).
- Committee Member, Management and Marketing PRT Committee. (2009).

- Committee Chair, Accounting Alumni Committee. (2007 2009).
- Committee Member, Accounting Graduate Curriculum Committee. (2007 2009) (2015 Present).
- Committee Member, Accounting PRT Committee. (2007 2009) (2015 Present).
- Committee Chair, Accounting Search Committee. (2006 2009).
- Committee Chair, Accounting Curriculum Committee. (2005 2009).
- Committee Member, Accounting and Law Technology Committee. (2007 2008).
- Committee Chair, Accounting Search Committee. (2004 2005).
- Committee Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Economics Major with Pre-Law Emphasis.
- Committee Member, Law Curriculum Committee. (2004 2005).
- Committee Member, Accounting Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. (2001 2005) (2016 Present).
- Committee Member, Accounting Curriculum and CPA Curriculum Committee. (2003 2004).
- Committee Member, Accounting Search Committee. (2003 2004).
- Committee Member, Dept. of Accounting, Finance and Law Grievance Committee. (2000 2004).

## **College Service**

- Committee Member, College of Business Executive Committee. (July 1, 2009 June 30, 2015).
- Committee Member, College of Business Planning Committee. (July 1, 2009 June 30, 2015).
- Committee Member, College of Business Graduate Curriculum Committee. (2007 2009).
- Committee Chair, College of Business Scholarship and Recognition Committee. (2005 2009).
- Committee Member, College of Business Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. (2005 2009).
- Committee Member, College of Business Faculty Development Committee. (2004 2009).
- College of Business Publicity and Outreach Committee. (2004 2005).
- Committee Member, College of Business Recruiting and Scholarships Committee. (2004 2005).
- Committee Member, College of Business Ad Hoc Committee on ASU College of Business Research Code of Conduct. (January 2003 December 2004).

• Committee Member, College of Business Scholarship and Recognition Committee. (2000 - 2004).

## **University Service**

- Committee Member, Computers and Technology Committee. (August 15, 2013 June 30, 2015).
- Committee Member, Chairs Council. (July 1, 2009 June 30, 2015).
- Committee Member, University Honors Council. (January 2009 May 2009).

#### **University Service other than Committees**

- ASU Chapter of Golden Key International Honour Society (University) Spring 2002 Fall 2007 Role: Faculty Advisor
- A-State Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants. Role: Faculty Advisor

## **Service to Professional Organizations**

- Committee Member, Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Committee on Academic Relations Summer 2012 - Summer 2013
- Officer, President/Elect/Past, NEA Chapter of ARSCPA Spring 2012 Fall 2012
- Officer, Vice President, NEA Chapter of ARSCPA Spring 2011 Fall 2011
- Committee Member, Arkansas Society of CPAs, Professional Ethics Committee Spring 2011 -Ongoing
- Committee Member, Arkansas Society of CPAs, Taxation Committee Spring 2011 ongoing

## **Service to the Community**

- Advisor/Member, Advisory Board of the Jonesboro Hispanic Center Spring 2005 Fall 2012
- Site Coordinator, Internal Revenue Service VITA Spring 2002 Spring 2004
- Internal Revenue Service Volunteer, VITA program Spring 2001