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Curriculum Vitae (pdf)

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B.A. summa cum laude, Rice University, 1982
J.D., Stanford Law School, 1985

Professor Rapoport is the Gordon Silver Professor of Law at the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. After receiving her B.A., summa cum laude, from Rice University in 1982 and her J.D. from Stanford Law School in 1985, she clerked for the Honorable Joseph T. Sneed on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and then practiced law (primarily bankruptcy law) with Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco from 1986-1991. She started her academic career at The* Ohio State University College of Law in 1991, and she moved from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor to Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Professor in 1998 (just as she left Ohio State to become Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Nebraska College of Law). She served as Dean of the University of Nebraska College of Law from 1998-2000. She then served as Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center from July 2000-May 2006 and as Professor of Law from June 2006-June 2007, when she left to join the faculty at Boyd.

Her specialties are bankruptcy ethics, ethics in governance, and the depiction of lawyers in popular culture. She has taught Contracts, Sales (Article 2), Bankruptcy, Chapter 11 Reorganization, Legal Writing, Contract Drafting, and Professional Responsibility. Among her published works is *Enron: Corporate Fiascos and Their Implications* (Foundation Press 2004) (co-edited with Professor Bala G. Dharan of Rice University). She is admitted to the bars of the states of California, Ohio, Nebraska, Texas, and Nevada and of the United States Supreme Court. In 2001, she was elected to membership in the American Law Institute, and in 2002, she received a Distinguished Alumna Award from Rice University. She is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

She has also appeared in the Academy Award®-nominated movie, *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room* (Magnolia Pictures 2005) (as herself). Although the movie garnered her a listing in www.imdb.com, she still hasn't been able to join SAG. In her spare time, she competes, pro-am, in international Latin and Standard dance with her teacher, Sergei Shapoval. The best way to reach her is to call her on her cell phone.

*"The" really is capitalized as part of The Ohio State University's official name.

Areas of Expertise:

Bankruptcy
Business Ethics
Corporate Governance
Law and Popular Culture
Professional Ethics

Selected Publications:

BOOKS

Enron: Corporate Fiascos and Their Implications (Foundation Press 2d ed. 2008) (with Jeffrey D. Van Niel) (forthcoming).

Kimm Alayne Walton & Steve Emmanuel, *Strategies And Tactics For The MBE Multistate Bar Exam* (Aspen Publishers 4th ed. 2008) (with Jeffrey D. Van Niel) (forthcoming).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Duties of Officers and Directors of a Debtor Corporation, in *Collier on Bankruptcy* (15th ed., revised 2008) (forthcoming).

Reflections of a Former Dean, in *Law School Leadership Strategies: Top Deans on Benchmarking Success, Incorporating Feedback from Faculty and Students, and Building the Endowment* 199 (2006).

Bankruptcy Ethics Issues for Solos and Small Firms, in *Attorney Liability in Bankruptcy* (Corinne Cooper, ed. & Catherine E. Vance, Contributing ed. 2006) (solicited manuscript).

LAW REVIEW AND OTHER ARTICLES

The Curious Incident of the Law Firm That Did Nothing in the Night-Time (reviewing Milton C. Regan, Jr., *Eat What You Kill: The Fall of A Wall Street Lawyer* (2004)), *reprinted in* 10 *Legal Ethics* ____ (2007). [SSRN](#)

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BAR AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Bankruptcy Pro Bono Representation of Consumers: The Seven Deadly Sins (with Roland Bernier), 44 *Hous. Law.* 18 (June 2007).

Examining Enron's Enablers: Watkins' Perspective Makes Swartz's Account Stand Out, *Houston Chronicle*, Mar. 23, 2003, at Zest 15 (book review).

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