

John J. Potts  
Professor of Law  
Valparaiso University  
School of Law

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Education

B.A., University of New Mexico, 1969 (economics)  
J.D., Boston College, 1974  
M.S., Northeastern University, 1975 (accounting)

Employment

United States Army, September, 1969, to June, 1971  
Fort Ord, California; Qui Nhon, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Viet Nam  
Separation rank: Finance Specialist 4

Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., November, 1975, to July, 1977  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
Separation title: Senior Tax Specialist

Keleher & McLeod, July, 1977, to June, 1981, Attorney

Valparaiso University School of Law, August, 1981, to date  
Professor of Law (full professorship, 1986; tenure, 1988)

Notre Dame School of Law, one semester  
Taught Federal Income Taxation of Individuals as adjunct while teaching at VU at request of ND by special arrangement with VU, due to mid-year departure of ND faculty member

Professional Exams Passed

Certified Public Accountant, New Mexico, Fall, 1975  
Bar, New Mexico, Summer, 1976

Admissions to Practice

New Mexico State Courts  
Federal District Court for the District of New Mexico  
United States Tax Court  
United States Court of Claims  
United States Court of Appeals for the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
Supreme Court of the United States

Law School Award

VULS Distinguished Service Award, May, 1997

Committee Work (selected, at different times)

VU Committee on Assessment  
VU Committee on Academic & Professional Standards  
Chairman, VULS Petitions & Readmissions Committee  
VULS Faculty Recruitment Committee  
VULS Retention, Reappointment, and Tenure Committees  
VULS Post-Tenure Peer Review Committee  
VULS Honor Court Commissioner

Faculty Advisor

Federalist Society at Valparaiso University School of Law

Courses Taught

Federal Income Taxation of Individuals (regularly throughout career)	Independent Reading & Research (frequently)
Federal Income Taxation of Corporations & Partnerships (regularly throughout career)	Current Representation (frequently in past)
Federal Income Taxation of Corporate Reorganizations (regularly throughout career)	Securities Regulations (a few times in past)
Legal Profession (regularly for last several years)	Insurance Law (a few times in past)
Business Associations (occasionally)	Constitutional Law (once)
Family Taxation (occasionally)	Legal Process (once)
Comparative Taxation Seminar (occasionally in past)	Honors Practicum
Mass Murder Seminar (once)	Natural Resources (once)
International Aspects of United States Income Taxation (occasionally in past)	Employment Discrimination (once)
Jurisprudence (once)	Introduction to the American Legal System, LLM course for foreign lawyers
	Products Liability (once)
	Remedies (once)

Professional Activities (selected)

Chairman, Board of Directors, Section of Taxation,  
New Mexico State Bar Association (before teaching)  
President, St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild of the Diocese of Gary,  
Fall, 1995 – Summer 1997

Publications (selected)

Co-author, International Right to Life Federation Brief, in Webster v. Reproductive Health Services, published in ABORTION LAW IN THE UNITED STATES, Vol. 1 FROM *ROE V. WADE* TO THE PRESENT (Jenni Parrish, Ed., 1995), (from the Garland Publishing, Law & Legal History 1997/98 catalog)

*The Fourth Estate on the Third Trimester: Legal Analysis of This and Other Fiction in Newsweek Magazine*, in WHEN LIFE AND CHOICE COLLIDE: ESSAYS ON RHETORIC AND ABORTION, VOL. 1, TO SET THE DAWN FREE, WORLDS IN CONFLICT SERIES 33 (David Mall ed., 1994) (This was published as a chapter in a book. The words “Newsweek Magazine” are part of the title. They do not indicate the place of publication. This is a case-study legal process article on the role of the press in formation of positive law.)

Did Your Law Professor Tell You Basis Means Cost? The Recognition Theory of Basis, 22 VU L Rev. 233 (1988)