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David T. Ball has been assisting churches and other religious organizations in addressing their legal needs since 1991. He brings to this work a combination of education in theology and law and experience as a minister, chaplain, attorney and theologian. David's primary goal is to help clear any legal obstacles that might otherwise hinder an organization's ability to fulfill its religious purpose.

David has assisted religious organizations with a wide variety of legal issues, including employment, contractual, First Amendment, tax, tort and real estate issues.

David holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Theology, and was formerly the Associate Director for the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation, where he founded the Interfaith Legal Services volunteer lawyer program. He is currently an adjunct member of the faculty at Methodist Theological School in Ohio where he teaches courses on theology, ethics, law and public policy. David is also the author of a regular column on legal issues pertaining to religious institutions in the newsletter of the Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council.

PUBLICATIONS

"Act Protects Employers Against Acts of Computer Sabotage," *Employment Trends*, a Schottenstein Zox & Dunn publication, Vol. 11, No. 1, Summer 2006.

"A Proven Resource: Ohio's Volunteer Lawyers," *Ohio Lawyer*, March/April 2006.

"The Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties," Routledge (forthcoming 2006). Author of five entries: Establishment Clause; Free Exercise Clause; Civil Religion; Baptists in Early America; Campus Hate Speech Codes.

"*The Historical Origins of Judicial Review, 1536-1803: The Duty to Resist Tyranny*," Edwin Mellen Press (2006).



EDUCATION

B.A., Ohio Wesleyan University, 1982, *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*; National Merit Scholar, Ohio Merit Scholar, French and History honor societies

Master of Divinity in Theology and Ethics, Boston University School of Theology, 1986, *cum laude*

J.D., University of California Boalt Hall School of Law, 1991, *Moot Court Award for Excellence in Written Advocacy*, Teaching Assistant for Moot Court and Appellate Advocacy; Dean's Research Assistant; Executive Editor, *Ecology Law Quarterly*

Ph.D. in Philosophy and Theology, Graduate Theological Union, 1998

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Ohio
California

HONORS AND AWARDS

2001 Human and Civil Rights Award, Licking County NAACP

Recognition for Combating Prejudice and Hate on Campus, Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict, Northeastern University, 2000

"Interfaith Legal Services: Taking Stock of a Faith-Based Pro Bono Initiative," *72 University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Review*, 301-26, 2004.

"The Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics," edited by Paul A. Djupe and Laura A. Olson (Facts on File 2003) (Catholic Bishops' 1975 Pastoral Letter on Abortion (co-author with Paul Djupe)). Author of five entries: Hyde Amendment; Judicial Review; Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act; Tony and Susan Alamo Foundation v. Secretary of Labor.

"The Displacement and Recovery of Self and Spirit in the Practice of Law," The Ohio State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Institute, Faith and the Law: The Religious and Ethical Dimensions of Zealous Advocacy, Reference Manual Vol. 99-76, 1999.

"In-House Termination Is at Issue," *The National Law Journal*, May 30, 1994.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"The Reformation Origins of Judicial Review," Guest Lecturer, Law and Religion Seminar, Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University, January 25, 2005.

"Clergy Ethics Challenges: Searching for a Way Forward," Ohio Ministries Convocation, January 24 & 25, 2005.

"Using Pro Bono to Increase Rural Delivery of Legal Services," American Bar Association and National Legal Aid Defender Association 2004 Equal Justice Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April 16, 2004.

"Different Modes of Ethical Thinking about Adoption Law Issues," American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Ohio Chapter, November 11, 2003.

"The Applicability of the Establishment Clause to American Samoa," Guest Lecturer, Anthropology and the Law Seminar, Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University, November 3, 2003.

"The First Amendment, the Public University and Religion," Presentation to the University Interfaith Association, Ohio State University, October 1, 2003.

"For Goodness' Sake: Partnering with Faith-Based Groups in Pursuit of a Common Goal," American Bar Association and National Legal Aid Defender Association 2002 Equal Justice Conference, Cleveland, Ohio April 18, 2002.

"Faith and Law: Practicing Law and the Spiritual Life," Panelist, Ohio State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education seminar, Columbus, Ohio, November 16, 2000.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Interfaith Legal Services *Founder of free faith community-based legal clinics, 1999-present; Chair, Steering Committee, 1999-2002*

Licking County Felony Diversion *Committee Member, 2001-2003*

Licking County Coalition for Housing *Board of Directors Member, 1996-2002*

Ohio Campus Compact *Executive Committee Member, 1997-2001*

Lakeside: The Chatauqua on Lake Erie *Chaplain's Hour Liturgist, Summer 1999 & 2000*

Family Health Services, Newark Ohio Member, Board of Directors, Chair,
Program Committee, 1997-1999

Work Simplification Software, Inc. Member, Board of Directors, 1993-1999

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Farella, Braun and Martel, San Francisco, California - *Litigation Associate*

Denison University, Granville, Ohio - *Director for Religious Life and the John
W. Alford Center for Service-Learning*

Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation - *Associate Director for Pro Bono*

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