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Narrative Summary of Curriculum Vitae

Thaddeus Mason Pope is a foremost expert on medical law and clinical ethics. He maintains a special focus on improving medical decision-making and on protecting patient rights at the end of life.

Pope is Director of the Health Law Institute and Professor of Law at Mitchell Hamline School of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He is also: (1) Adjunct Professor with the Australian Centre for Health Law Research at Queensland University of Technology; (2) Adjunct Associate Professor with the Alden March Bioethics Institute at Albany Medical College; and (3) Visiting Professor of Medical Jurisprudence at St. Georges University.

Ranked among the Top 20 most cited health law scholars in the United States, Professor Pope has more than 200 publications in leading: medical journals, law reviews, bar journals, nursing journals, bioethics journals, and book chapters. He coauthors the definitive treatise *The Right to Die: The Law of End-of-Life Decisionmaking*. He also runs the *Medical Futility Blog* (with over four million page-views).

Professor Pope works to calibrate the balance between individual liberty and public health in the end-of-life medical treatment context. Specific research topics include: (1) medical futility, (2) unwanted medical treatment, (3) ethics committees, (4) brain death, (5) advance directives, (6) surrogate decision-making, (7) unrepresented patients, (8) medical aid in dying, and (9) VSED. Most recently, Pope has been innovating new legal tools to better assure (10) fair internal dispute resolution mechanisms, and (11) adequate informed consent with patient decision aids.

Pope's engagement with these issues goes beyond academic scholarship. He bridges thought and action by developing: amicus briefs, legislative testimony, and professional organization policy statements.

Prior to joining academia, Professor Pope clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and worked as a corporate litigator for Arnold & Porter LLP. Pope earned a JD and PhD (in philosophy and bioethics) from Georgetown University.

Highlights Summary of Curriculum Vitae

Current Positions

- Director, Health Law Institute, Mitchell Hamline School of Law
- Professor of Law, Mitchell Hamline School of Law
- Adjunct Professor, Australian Centre for Health Law Research, Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology
- Adjunct Associate Professor, Albany Medical College
- Visiting Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, Saint Georges University
- Affiliate Faculty, University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics
- Co-chair, Minnesota POLST Task Force (Minnesota Medical Association)

Expertise

- End-of-Life Decisions
- Clinical Bioethics
- Health Law
- Medical Liability
- Patient Rights
- Public Health

Scholarship

- Top 20 most cited health law scholar (*Bill of Health* 2018)
- h-index = 22 (Google Scholar)
- Quoted and cited not only in academic literature but also in appellate court opinions, casebooks, treatises, and legislative debate
- Over 40 articles in law reviews and bar journals
- Over 160 articles in medical journals, bioethics journals, and book chapters
- Over 350 academic and public presentations at universities, hospitals, and professional associations in USA, Europe, Asia, Canada, and Australia

Teaching

- Torts
- Bioethics
- Health Quality & Liability
- Health Finance & Organization

Service

- Chair and consultant for international professional associations
- Regular peer reviewer for grants, journals, and book publishers