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Professor Pope has over 130 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*. And he runs the *Medical Futility Blog* (with nearly three 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 have included: (1) medical futility, (2) unwanted medical treatment, (3) ethics committees, (4) brain death, (5) advance directives, (6) surrogate decision making, (7) unrepresented patients, (8) aid in dying, and (9) VSED. More 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.

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