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Narrative Summary of Curriculum Vitae

Thaddeus Mason Pope, JD, PhD, HEC-C, 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 a Professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He is also Adjunct Professor with the Australian Centre for Health Law Research at Queensland University of Technology, and Adjunct Associate Professor with the Alden March Bioethics Institute at Albany Medical College. In 2021, Pope is both the Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Health Law, Policy and Ethics at the University of Ottawa and a Visiting Researcher at the Brocher Foundation in Switzerland.

Ranked among the Top 20 most cited health law scholars in the United States, Professor Pope has more than 220 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 Academic Positions

- 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 George's University
- Affiliate Faculty, University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics

Recent Honors & Distinctions

- Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Health Law, Policy, and Ethics at the University of Ottawa (2021)
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, McLaughlin-Gallie Visiting Professor (2021)
- Visiting Researcher, Brocher Foundation, Switzerland (2021)
- John and Marsha Ryan Bioethicist in Residence, Southern Illinois University Schools of Law and Medicine (2020)

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 = 29 (Google Scholar)
- Quoted and cited not only in academic literature but also in appellate court opinions, casebooks, treatises, and legislative debate
- Over 220 articles in law, medical, and bioethics journals and chapters
- Nearly 400 academic and public presentations at universities, hospitals, and professional associations in USA, Europe, Asia, Canada, and Australia

Teaching

- Torts
- Bioethics
- Health Law Quality & Liability
- Health Law Seminar

Service

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