

University of Florida College of Law
Visiting Professor of Law, Fall Semester 1985.
Areas of Instruction: Trusts and Estates, Entertainment Law.

University of Chicago Law School
Bigelow Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law,
September 1980 to June 1981.
Areas of Instruction: Legal Analysis, Research and Writing,
Appellate Advocacy.

Law Practice
Private Practice, October 1978 to September 1980
Cedar Rapids, Iowa;
Associate Attorney, June 1974 to October 1978
Simmons, Perrine, Albright & Ellwood
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

EDUCATION Law School:
J.D., University of Iowa College of Law, 1974
Graduated with "High Distinction"
Notes & Comments Editor, Iowa Law Review, 1973-74
Order of the Coif (Legal Honor Society)

Undergraduate:
B.A. (History/Honors), University of Iowa, 1971
Graduated "Special Honors With Highest Distinction"
Alpha Lambda Delta (Freshman Women's Honor Society)
Dean's Award for Outstanding Honors Sophomore
Phi Beta Kappa

BOOKS RICHARD, LORD ACTON & PATRICIA NASSIF ACTON, TO GO FREE: A TREASURY
OF IOWA'S LEGAL HERITAGE (1995) (Recipient, State Historical Society of
Iowa's 1996 Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award for outstanding book on Iowa
history);

THOMAS SELZ, MELVIN SIMENSKY, PATRICIA ACTON, & ROBERT LIND,
ENTERTAINMENT LAW: LEGAL CONCEPTS AND BUSINESS PRACTICES (2d ed.
1992) (v. 1-5) & author of supplements, 1993-99;

THOMAS SELZ, MELVIN SIMENSKY & PATRICIA ACTON, 2A ENTERTAINMENT
LAW: LEGAL CONCEPTS AND BUSINESS PRACTICES (1991); author of
supplements, 1986-1991, THOMAS SELZ & MELVIN SIMENSKY, ENTERTAINMENT
LAW: LEGAL CONCEPTS AND BUSINESS PRACTICES (1st ed. 1983) (v. 1-3);

PATRICIA ACTON, *INVASION OF PRIVACY: THE 'CROSS CREEK' TRIAL OF MARJORIE KINNAN RAWLINGS* (1988).

CHAPTERS

Patricia Nassif Acton & Richard, Lord Acton, *A Legal History of African-Americans from the Iowa Territory to the State Sesquicentennial*, in *OUTSIDE IN: AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY IN IOWA, 1838-2000* (Bill Silag ed., 2001).

ARTICLES &
BOOK REVIEWS

Patricia N. Acton, Book Review, *XLII Am. J. Legal Hist.* 411 (1998) (reviewing John W. Johnson, *The Struggle for Student Rights: Tinker v. Des Moines and the 1960s*);

Patricia N. Acton, *The Effect of the 'Cross Creek' Trial on the Writings of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings*, II *MARJORIE KINNAN RAWLINGS J. FLA. LIT.* 57 (1989-90);

Patricia N. Acton, *The Author in the Courtroom: The 'Cross Creek' Trial of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings*, I *RAWLINGS J.* 29 (1988);

Patricia N. Fetzer (Acton), *The Purchase Money Security Interest and the Federal Tax Lien: A Proposal for Legislative Change*, 36 *HASTINGS L.J.* 873 (1985);

Patricia N. Fetzer (Acton), *The Corporate Defamation Plaintiff as First Amendment 'Public Figure': Nailing the Jellyfish*, 68 *IOWA L.REV.* 35 (1982).

WORK IN
PROGRESS

The Founding of the Iowa Law School and the Old Capitol Years: 1865-1910 (with Richard Acton) (chapter for upcoming book on the history of the University of Iowa College of Law);

From Cuspidors to the Law Commons: The College of Law 1911-1935 (with Richard Acton) (chapter for upcoming book on the history of the University of Iowa College of Law).

SELECTED
LAW SERVICE

Commissioner, Iowa Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education, July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1993;

Member, Legal Heritage Committee, Iowa State Bar Association, 1997 to present.

Member, American Bar Association, Iowa State Bar Association; Admitted to practice in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa.