

## BECKY JACOBS: NEW PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

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The *Transactions* staff welcomes Professor Becky Jacobs to the faculty of the University of Tennessee College of Law. Joining the faculty in the fall of 2002, Professor Jacobs brings her extensive experience in international business transactions and environmental law to the students at the College of Law.

Professor Jacobs is originally from Clarksburg, West Virginia. She received a Bachelors of Science in Applied Technology from the Florida Institute of Technology and earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia School of Law, where she was the top graduate.

Professor Jacobs has held a variety of positions within the legal field. She began her legal career clerking for the Honorable P.M. Bowman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in Kansas City, Missouri. She has also been an associate with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in London, England, where she maintained an international transactional and corporate practice, and an associate with Shook, Hardy & Bacon in both Kansas City, Missouri and London, England offices, where her practice consisted of products liability litigation and government relations and regulations.

Professor Jacobs has served as senior attorney to CNG Transmission in Clarksburg, West Virginia, counsel to Conoco Inc. in Houston, Texas, and assistant general counsel to Duke Energy International in Houston, Texas and São Paulo, Brazil. Professor Jacobs particularly enjoyed the time she spent as in-house counsel to these corporations because it allowed her to work with all parts of a transaction and follow them through to completion.

Professor Jacobs' research interests include environmental law and international business. Her articles in these areas have been published in the *University of Kentucky Journal of Natural Resources and Environmental Law*. Professor Jacobs is primarily interested in how environmental and other issues impact international transactions. She feels that one of the great problems in this area is the failure of controls and the effect that this failure can have on national economies.

In her free time, Professor Jacobs enjoys spending time with her thirteen-year-old daughter and her husband, who is an artist. She also enjoys reading, art, and travel. Two of her most recent trips included a four-day horseback riding tour to the Incan ruin Machupicchu and a July snow-skiing trip to Chile. Professor Jacobs teaches Legal Process, Environmental Law, International Business Transactions, and a Survey of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Professor Jacobs' diverse legal career and wide range of experiences make her an ideal addition to the College of Law faculty.