

# Heather J. Garretson

## Associate Professor

Professor Garretson most recently published *Federal Criminal Forfeiture: A Royal Pain in the Assets*, 18 S. Cal. Rev. L. & Soc. Just. 45 (Fall 2008). Her publication came a year after she joined Cooley from Kansas City, Missouri, where she enjoyed a career litigating in federal court. As a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of Missouri, she prosecuted violations of federal narcotics law and successfully argued before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. As a private practitioner, Professor Garretson's practice included boutique white-collar criminal-defense work and commercial litigation with an international law firm. She has represented businesses and individuals in commercial disputes and investigations, and employers in complex commercial and employment matters.



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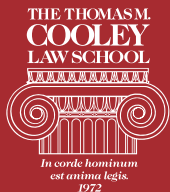
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B.A. CALVIN COLLEGE 1993  
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### COURSES

PROFESSOR GARRETSON TEACHES  
CONTRACTS I AND II AND SALES AT  
COOLEY.

### BACKGROUND

AFTER GRADUATING CUM LAUDE FROM LAW SCHOOL WHERE SHE WAS AN ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE CREIGHTON LAW REVIEW, PROFESSOR GARRETSON SERVED AS A LAW CLERK TO THE HONORABLE KENNETH STEPHEN AT THE NEBRASKA STATE SUPREME COURT. FROM THERE, PROFESSOR GARRETSON BEGAN A FEDERAL CLERKSHIP WITH THE HONORABLE GARY FENNER, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI. FOLLOWING HER CLERKSHIPS, PROFESSOR GARRETSON JOINED AN INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM AND PRACTICED COMMERCIAL LITIGATION. FROM PRIVATE PRACTICE, PROFESSOR GARRETSON MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI WHERE SHE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HANDLE MULTIPLE COMPLEX DRUG ENFORCEMENT CASES IN FEDERAL COURT, INCLUDING THE PROSECUTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL DRUG IMPORTING OPERATION FOR WHICH SHE RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE STATE BARS OF NEBRASKA, KANSAS, MISSOURI AND MICHIGAN AND IS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS.

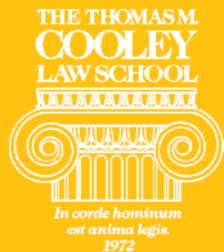


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