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Thaddeus Mason Pope is a law professor and bioethicist working to use the law both to improve medical decision making and to protect patient rights at the end of life.

He is Director of the Health Law Institute and a Professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

In over 130 publications Pope is working to do 3 things:

1. To balance liberty and public health
2. To assure adequate informed consent
3. And to develop fair internal dispute resolution mechanisms.

Specific topics include:

- Medical futility
- Ethics committees
- Brain death
- Advance directives
- Surrogate decision making

Pope explores all these topics - and others - on his *Medical Futility Blog*, which has nearly three million page-views.

Furthermore, Pope's engagement with these issues goes beyond academic scholarship. He bridges thought and action with:

- Amicus briefs
- Legislative testimony
- Professional organization policy statements

At Mitchell Hamline, he teaches:

- Health Liability & Quality
- Torts
- Bioethics

He also teaches Medical Jurisprudence at Saint Georges University in the West Indies.

Before joining academia, Pope was an attorney for 7 years with Arnold & Porter in Los Angeles and Washington, DC. And he clerked on the US Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.