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Thaddeus Mason Pope is a law professor and bioethicist who uses 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 (USA).

In nearly 200 publications Pope works:

- To balance liberty and public health
- To assure adequate informed consent
- To develop fair internal dispute resolution mechanisms

Specific topics include:

- Medical futility
- Brain death
- Informed consent & patient decision aids
- Ethics committees
- Advance directives
- Surrogate decision-making

Pope explores all these topics - and others - on his *Medical Futility Blog*, which has nearly four million page-views. Furthermore, Pope's engagement goes beyond academic scholarship. He bridges thought and action through:

- Amicus briefs
- Legislative testimony
- Professional organization policy statements

At Mitchell Hamline, Pope teaches:

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

Before joining academia, Pope was an attorney for seven years with Arnold & Porter in Los Angeles and Washington, DC. He clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.