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Work Experience

Professor, University of Florida College of Law, 1988 - present. Associate Professor, 1986-88. Assistant Professor, 1982-86. Teach courses in Civil Procedure and Federal Courts, seminars in Complex Litigation, Law and the Dalkon Shield, Comparative Dispute Resolution.

Visiting Professor, University of Michigan College of Law, Fall 1989. Taught Jurisdiction and Choice of Law, Complex Litigation.

Associate, Dell, Graham, Willcox, Barber, Henderson, Monaco and Cates, P.A., Gainesville, Florida, 1978-1981. Clerk, 1977. Litigation, appellate work.

Grants Specialist, Kern County Economic Opportunity Corporation, Bakersfield, California, 1970-71.

Writer/Editor, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1970-71.

Education

LL.M. Yale Law School, 1982.

J.D. University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville,
with highest honors, 1977. Class standing: 1.

Honors and Activities:

Articles Editor, University of Florida Law Review; Order of the Coif, Omicron Delta Kappa; Who's Who in American Law Schools.

U.S. Law Week Award; Parker Scholarship; C.J.S. Award; Foundation Award (Torts); Am. Jur. Book Awards in Torts I, Torts II, Contracts I, Property I, Constitutional Law II, Criminal Law, Property II, Civil Procedure II, Adversary Process, Labor Law, Administrative Law. Honors, Legal Writing I and II.

M.A. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. English, 1970.

B.A. Hollins College, Roanoke, Virginia, with high honors. English, 1966.
Leadership, scholarship awards.

Publications

“Why We Keep Doing Business With Doing-Business Jurisdiction,” 2001 University of Chicago Legal Forum 171.

“Introduction: Symposium on Recent Changes in the Rules of Pretrial Fact Development: What Do They Disclose about Litigation and the Legal Profession,” 46 U. Fla. L. Rev. 1 (1995).

"Burnham and Constitutionally Permissible Levels of Harm," 22 Rutgers L. J. 659 (1991).

"Colloquy: A Rejoinder to Professor Brilmayer," 101 Harv. L. Rev. 1465 (1988).

“The Myth of General Jurisdiction,” 101 Harv. L. Rev. 610 (1988).

"The Ethical Dilemmas of Lawyers on Teams," 72 Minn. L. Rev. 801 (1988).

"Characterizing Federal Claims: Preemption, Removal, and the Arising-Under Jurisdiction of the Federal Courts," 54 Geo. Wash. L. Rev. 812 (1986).

Note, "The Causal Nexus: What Must be Shown for Standing to Sue in the Federal Courts," 29 U. Fla. L. Rev. 250 (1977) (Brick Award, outstanding student note).

Comment, "Pretrial Restraint Hearings: Constitutional Right or Constitutional Wrong?" 28 U. Fla. L. Rev. 214 (1976) (Milam Award for outstanding student comment).

"The Two Ways," Papers on Proust, Tinker Press (Roanoke, Va: 1966).

Activities and memberships

Chair, Section on Civil Procedure, American Association of Law Schools (1993);
Executive Committee, Section on Civil Procedure, 1991-94.

Member, Advisory Group, Civil Justice Reform Act Expense and Delay Reduction Plan, United District Court, Middle District of Florida, 1991-93.

Member, Order of the Coif; Phi Beta Kappa.

Presentation, “Class Actions and Due Process,” AALS Civil Procedure Teaching Workshop, Washington, June 1995.

Presentation, “Jurisdiction, Cyberspace and the Defendant’s Intent,” Civil Procedure Section, AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 1998.