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Interim Dean, April 2008-February 2009
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, January 2006-April 2008
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Professor of Law, August 2004-present

Teaching:

Bankruptcy, Bankruptcy Procedure, Corporate Reorganizations, Federal Courts, Civil Procedure, Contracts, Conflict of Laws, and Restitution and Unjust Enrichment

Recipient of the John C. Cribbet Excellence in Teaching Award, 2019-2021 triennium
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College of Law Committees:

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University Committees:

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Emory University School of Law
Professor of Law, September 2003-August 2004
Associate Professor of Law, September 1998-September 2003
Assistant Professor of Law, August 1995-August 1998

Teaching:
Bankruptcy, Bankruptcy Procedure, Contracts, Business Associations, and Corporate Finance
Voted Hooding Professor by School of Law Class of 1998

University Committees:
Law School Dean Search Committee, 2001
Halle Institute Faculty Study Trip to Germany, May 2000
Steering Committee, Faculty Council's Faculty at Emory Project, 1999-2000

School of Law Committees:
Dean's Advisory Committee, Appointments, Admissions (Chair), Academic Standing, Judicial Clerkships, Career Services, Rankings, Admissions Director Search Committee

University of Queensland School of Law
Visiting Professor of Law, March 2023-May 2023

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Georgia State University College of Law
Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, Spring 2014-Fall 2014

University of Illinois College of Law
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, August 1994-August 1995

Teaching Contracts, Business Organizations, and Securities Market Regulation

Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland, Ohio
Associate, September 1990-August 1994

Practice in bankruptcy and reorganization group, with extensive experience in large and medium-sized Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization proceedings, including "prepackaged," leveraged buy-out, and mass-tort bankruptcies.

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Judicial Law Clerk, August 1989-August 1990

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University of Illinois
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Supreme Court of Ohio
Supreme Court of the United States
United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
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PUBLICATIONS

Academic Books and Journal Articles:

BANKRUPTCY LAW: PRINCIPLES, POLICIES, AND PRACTICE (Carolina Academic Press 5th ed. 2021 & Supps. 2022, 2023) (with Charles J. Tabb).

Comprehensive Teacher's Manual for BANKRUPTCY LAW: PRINCIPLES, POLICIES, AND PRACTICE (Carolina Academic Press 5th ed. 2023 & Supps. 2022, 2023) (with Charles J. Tabb).

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Nondebtor Releases and Injunctions in Chapter 11: Revisiting Jurisdictional Precepts and the Forgotten Callaway v. Benton *Case*, 72 AM. BANKR. L.J. 1-61 (1998) (refereed journal), available online here.

Bankruptcy Injunctions and Complex Litigation: A Critical Reappraisal of Non-Debtor Releases in Chapter 11 Reorganizations, 1997 U. ILL. L. REV. 959-1080, available online here.

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Analyzing Change: The Statement of Changes in Financial Position, 47 AGRIC. FIN. REV. 95-105 (1987) (with Thomas L. Frey) (refereed journal).

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Conferee, National Bankruptcy Conference (http://nbconf.org/), Nov. 2021-present
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Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy (http://www.amercol.org/), Nov. 2010-present
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Member, Advisory Committee on Business Enterprise Sales, American Bankruptcy Institute Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11 (http://commission.abi.org/), July 2012-Dec. 2014

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Speaker, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Annual Meeting, Sept. 2025
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Texas Fold 'Em: Dissecting the Success and Failure of the Texas Two-Step in Mass Torts and How It's Utilized Today

Invited Commentator for Jonathan Seymour, Harvard Law School Culp Colloquium for Emerging Scholars, June 2025
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Panel Speaker, Commercial Law League of America 131st National Convention, May 2025
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Speaker, Hinshaw U, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Webinar, Oct. 2024
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Featured Guest, INSOL Talks Podcast, Sept. 2024
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Presenter, Faculty Retreat, University of Illinois College of Law, May 2024
Mass Torts, the Bankruptcy Power, and Constitutional Limits on Mandatory No-Opt-Outs Settlement Powers

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Equitable Mootness: What Should the Law Be?

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Nondebtor Third-Party Releases: Are We In for a Backlash?

Panel Speaker, Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr/Ravinia Capital Webinar, Mar. 2022
Mass Tort Bankruptcies: Nondebtor Third-Party Releases and the Texas Two-Step

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—The Outermost Limits of Federal Bankruptcy Jurisdiction: Third-Party "Related to" and "Supplemental" Bankruptcy Jurisdiction
—Equitable Mootness: Still an Open Issue

Workshop Presenter, Corporate Restructuring & Insolvency Seminar, Feb. 2022
Mandatory Aggregation of Mass Tort Litigation in Bankruptcy

Commentator, Troy A. McKenzie Faculty Workshop, University of Illinois College of Law, Feb. 2022
Elephants and Mouseholes in the Code: A Comment on Statutory Interpretation in Bankruptcy

Speaker, Judges' Roundtable of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Jan. 2022
Enforcing the Stay and Discharge Injunction After Taggart

Panel Speaker, Biennial Judge Joe Lee Bankruptcy Institute, University of Kentucky College of Law, Dec. 2021
Through the Looking Glass of Bankruptcy Appeals

Workshop Presenter, YALE LAW JOURNAL Legal Scholarship Workshop, Oct. 2021
Mandatory Aggregation of Mass Tort Litigation in Bankruptcy

Moderator and Panel Speaker, Bankruptcy from a Government Perspective Seminar of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), National Attorney Generals' Training Institute (NAGTI) and States' Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys (SABA), Oct. 2021
A Candid Discussion with the Judiciary on the State of the Mega Case: Nondebtor Third-Party Releases and Hypersonic Prepackaged Reorganizations

Panel Speaker, American College of Bankruptcy Seventh Circuit Education Program, Sept. 2021
Scholars Discuss Recent Developments Affecting Bankruptcy Jurisprudence

Panel Speaker, Federal Judicial Center National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges, July 2021
The Importance of History to Modern Bankruptcy Law

Panel Speaker, Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute, May 2021
Mass Tort Bankruptcies and Nondebtor Third-Party "Releases"

Panel Speaker, Federal Judicial Center National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges, April 2021
The Importance of History to Modern Bankruptcy Law

Featured Speaker, Federalist Society Post-Decision SCOTUScast, Feb. 2021
The Supreme Court's Decision in City of Chicago v. Fulton (listen here)

Panel Speaker, American Bankruptcy Institute Webinar, Jan. 2021
Examining the Supreme Court's Decision in City of Chicago v. Fulton

Panel Speaker, American College of Bankruptcy Seventh Circuit Education Program, Sept. 2020
Jurisdiction to Liquidate a Nondischargeable Debt

Panel Moderator, American College of Bankruptcy Seventh Circuit Education Program, Sept. 2020
Recent Developments Affecting Practice in the Seventh Circuit

Panel Speaker, Federal Judicial Center National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges, July 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)
The Importance of History to Modern Bankruptcy Law

Panel Speaker, Federal Judicial Center National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges, Apr. 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)
The Importance of History to Modern Bankruptcy Law

Panel Speaker, Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute, Mar. 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)
—The Outermost Limits of Federal Bankruptcy Jurisdiction
—Mass Tort Bankruptcies and Non-Debtor "Releases"

Panel Speaker, Annual Induction Education Program, American College of Bankruptcy, Mar. 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)
The Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019

Speaker, Judges' Roundtable of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Jan. 2020
The Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019

Speaker, Law Clerks' Roundtable of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Jan. 2020
The Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019

Participant, American Law Institute Project Meeting, Nov. 2019
RESTATEMENT (THIRD) OF CONFLICT OF LAWS

Presenter, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Annual Meeting, Oct. 2019
Broken Bench Birthday Bash: Celebrating 40 Years of the Bankruptcy Code (Article III and the Bankruptcy Code)

Panel Speaker, Federalist Society Teleforum and Podcast, August 2019
Mass Tort Bankruptcy Cases (listen here)

Course Lecture, Peking University Law School (Beijing), May 2019
Business Reorganization Under U.S. Bankruptcy Law: Confirmation of a Plan of Reorganization and Cram-Down Protections

Public Lecture (with Invited Commentary), Tsinghua University School of Law (Beijing), May 2019
Business Reorganization Under U.S. Bankruptcy Law: Confirmation of a Plan of Reorganization and Cram-Down Protections

Presenter, Faculty & Graduate Student Workshop on Economics and Trade Law (with Invited Commentary), University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) Law School (Beijing), May 2019
Business Reorganization Under U.S. Bankruptcy Law: Confirmation of a Plan of Reorganization and Cram-Down Protections

Public Lecture (with Invited Commentary), Renmin University Law School (Beijing), May 2019
Business Reorganization Under U.S. Bankruptcy Law: Confirmation of a Plan of Reorganization and Cram-Down Protections

Organizer, Annual Induction Education Program, American College of Bankruptcy, Mar. 2019
—Managing Connections and Conflicts of Interest in Bankruptcy Cases
—The Appeal-ing Aspect of Bankruptcy Practice (Bankruptcy Appeals)
—Judges' Roundtable

Moderator and Panel Speaker, American Bankruptcy Institute Winter Conference, Dec. 2018
Discussion of RONALD J. MANN, BANKRUPTCY AND THE U.S. SUPREME COURT *(2017)*

Participant, American Law Institute Project Meeting, Oct. 2018
RESTATEMENT (THIRD) OF CONFLICT OF LAWS

Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), Faculty Colloquium, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Nov. 2018
The Virtue of Bankruptcy

Organizer, American College of Bankruptcy All-Fellows Luncheon Panel at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Annual Meeting, Oct. 2018
Gone to Texas: Debtors and Texas Legal History

Panel Speaker, American College of Bankruptcy Seventh Circuit Education Program, Sept. 2018
The Implications of the Supreme Court's Merit Mgmt. v. FTI Consulting *Decision*

Commentator on paper by Robin Bradley Kar & Margaret Jane Radin, Faculty Retreat, University of Illinois College of Law, May 2018
Pseudo-Contract and Shared Meaning Analysis

Panel Speaker, Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference, Apr. 2018
Successor Liability and Bankruptcy Sales: The Free-and-Clear Sale Power, Due Process, and Jurisdiction to Enforce the Sale Order

Speaker, Chapman & Cutler Asset Securitization and Bankruptcy & Financial Services Departments Roundtable, Apr. 2018
The Implications of the Supreme Court's Merit Mgmt. v. FTI Consulting *Decision*

Organizer, Annual Induction Education Program, American College of Bankruptcy, Mar. 2018
—Goodwill Hunting: Liens on Going-Concern Value?
—The Promise and Perils of Third-Party Litigation Finance
—Challenging and Defending High-Risk Pre-Bankruptcy Transactions
—Judges' Roundtable

Featured Guest, American Bankruptcy Institute Podcast, Feb. 2018
Legal Scholars Examine Impact of SCOTUS Ruling in Merit Management Group, LP v. FTI Consulting, Inc. (listen here)

Panel Speaker, Bankruptcy from a Government Perspective Seminar of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), National Attorney Generals' Training Institute (NAGTI) and States' Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys (SABA), Nov. 2017
—Bankruptcy Jurisdiction and Procedure
—Advanced Chapter 11 Issues: Nondebtor Releases, Treatment of Punitive Damages and Other Penalty Claims, The Implications of the Supreme Court's Jevic *Decision*

Participant, American Law Institute Project Meeting, Oct. 2017
RESTATEMENT (THIRD) OF CONFLICT OF LAWS

Organizer, American College of Bankruptcy All-Fellows Luncheon Panel at the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Annual Meeting, Oct. 2017
Rolling 7 or 11: Casino and Gambling Law and Lore

Presenter (with Charles J. Tabb), Faculty Roundtable, University of Illinois College of Law, July 2017
The Implications of the Supreme Court's Jevic *Decision*

Commentator on paper by Robert M. Lawless, et al., Faculty Retreat, University of Illinois College of Law, May 2017
Struggling to Bankruptcy

Organizer, Annual Induction Education Program, American College of Bankruptcy, Mar. 2017
—*Supreme Court Update and Outlook*
—*Interest-ing Issues*
—*The Latest on Chapter 15 and Other Cross-Border Cases*
—*Judges' Roundtable*

Moderator, *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* Symposium, Feb. 2017
Cram-Down Interest Rates

Organizer & Moderator, American Bankruptcy Institute Winter Conference, Dec. 2016
Round and Round with the Judges Program

Presenter, Interdisciplinary Faculty Colloquium, Queensland University of Technology (Brisbane), Sept. 2016
The Virtue of Bankruptcy

Presenter, International Conference on Personal Insolvency, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and *QUT Law Review*, Sept. 2016
The Virtue of Bankruptcy

Speaker, Utah Bankruptcy Lawyers Summer Forum, June 2016
—*The Implications of* Marathon*,* Stern*,* Arkison*, and* Wellness
—*The "Other" Jurisdictional Issue: Third-Party Related-To and "Supplemental" Bankruptcy Jurisdiction*

Organizer & Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), Roundtable on the Ethics of Bankruptcy, Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, Apr. 2016
The Virtue of Bankruptcy

Speaker, Piatt County (Illinois) Bar Association, Mar. 2016
The Bankruptcy System, the Constitution, and the Federal Courts

Panel Speaker, Fifth Circuit Bench-Bar Bankruptcy Conference, Feb. 2016
Bankruptcy and the Roberts Court

Participant, American Law Institute Project Meeting, Oct. 2015
RESTATEMENT (THIRD) OF CONFLICT OF LAWS

Invited Participant, Iowa State University Interdisciplinary Conference, Sept. 2015
The Ethics of Debt

Speaker, Central California Bankruptcy Association Institute, Sept. 2015
Understanding the Stern*,* Arkison*, and* Wellness *Decisions and Their Implications*

Panel Speaker, American College of Bankruptcy Seventh Circuit Education Program, Sept. 2015
The Supreme Court's Bankruptcy Jurisprudence

Keynote Lecture, Conference on the Disregard of Legal Personality in Brazil and the US, FGV Rio de Janeiro Law School (Brazil), June 2015
Substantive Consolidation Under US Bankruptcy Law

Invited Participant, National Bankruptcy Conference Symposium, May 2015
Rethinking Chapter 11

Panel Speaker, Kirkland & Ellis Restructuring Practice Group Seminar, Apr. 2015
Final Report and Recommendations of the American Bankruptcy Institute Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11

Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), Faculty Colloquium, Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Apr. 2015
Debts and the Demands of Conscience: The Virtue of Bankruptcy

Panel Speaker, American College of Bankruptcy Annual Meeting, Mar. 2015
A Debate on the Supreme Court's Pending Case of Wellness Int'l Network v. Sharif

Public Lecture, University of Illinois College of Law, Oct. 2014
Investiture as the Inaugural Carl L. Vacketta Professor of Law

Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), Faculty Colloquium, University of Georgia School of Law, Sept. 2014
Debts and the Demands of Conscience: The Virtue of Bankruptcy

Endowed Lecture, Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, Sept. 2014
The Post-RadLAX *Ghosts of* Pacific Lumber *and* Philly News

Featured Guest, American Bankruptcy Institute Podcast, July 2014
Professor Brubaker Discusses Upcoming SCOTUS Case of Wellness Int'l Network v. Sharif *in Wake of* Stern v. Marshall

Panel Speaker and Moderator, American Bankruptcy Institute Press Briefing, June 2014
The Supreme Court's Ruling in Executive Benefits Insurance Agency v. Arkinson (listen here)

Panel Speaker, The William J. O'Neill Great Lakes Regional Bankruptcy Institute, May 2014
The Fallout from Stern v. Marshall *and a Preview of* Executive Benefits v. Arkison

Speaker, Squire Sanders Restructuring and Insolvency Practice Group Roundtable, May 2014
The Post-RadLAX *Ghosts of* Pacific Lumber *and* Philly News

Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), Faculty Colloquium, Georgia State University College of Law, Apr. 2014
Debts and the Demands of Conscience: The Virtue of Bankruptcy

Panels Moderator, American Bankruptcy Institute-Illinois Symposium on Chapter 11 Reform, Apr. 2014

Faculty Organizer/Instructor/Moderator, Financial Lawyers Conference, 2014 Annual Seminar, Mar. 2014
—*Constructive Trusts, Avoiding Powers, and Other Issues of Restitution and Unjust Enrichment in Bankruptcy* (Day 1)
—*Secured Credit Issues* (Day 2)
—*The "Other" Jurisdictional Issue: Third-Party Related-To and "Supplemental" Bankruptcy Jurisdiction* (Day 3)

Faculty Member, University of Illinois College of Law Training Program on Bankruptcy Law for the Office of the Judiciary of Thailand, Mar. 2014
U.S. Solutions to Business Bankruptcy Problems

Panel Speaker, American College of Bankruptcy Seventh Circuit Education Program, Sept. 2013
The Impact of Stern v. Marshall *in the Seventh Circuit*

Panel Speaker, American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law, Professors' Corner Teleconference, Aug. 2013
Real Estate Issues in the Bankruptcy Courts

Panel Moderator, Roundtable in Celebration of the Scholarship of Michael Moore, University of Illinois College of Law Program in Law and Philosophy, July 2013

Panel Speaker, American Bankruptcy Institute, Rocky Mountain Bankruptcy Conference, Jan. 2013
Understanding Stern v. Marshall *and its Implications*

Speaker, Minnesota Bankruptcy Institute, Oct. 2012
Understanding Stern v. Marshall *and its Implications*

Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), The University of Melbourne Law School, Legal Theory Workshop, Sept. 2012
Debt and the Demands of Conscience: The Virtue of Bankruptcy

Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), Australian National University, Research School of Social Sciences, Social and Political Theory Seminar, Sept. 2012
Debt and the Demands of Conscience: The Virtue of Bankruptcy

Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), Macquarie University Law School (Sydney), Center for Legal Governance Research Seminar, Sept. 2012
Debt and the Demands of Conscience: The Virtue of Bankruptcy

Panel Speaker, Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar, Aug. 2012
The Implications of Stern v. Marshall *for Bankruptcy Judges' Core Jurisdiction*

Panel Speaker, Midwest Regional Bankruptcy Seminar, Aug. 2012
Credit Bidding and the Secured Creditor's Baseline Distributional Entitlement in Chapter 11

Panel Speaker, Federal Judicial Center National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges, Aug. 2012
Historical Underpinnings and Theoretical Implications of Stern v. Marshall

Panel Speaker, American Bankruptcy Institute, Southeast Bankruptcy Conference, July 2012
The Implications of Stern v. Marshall *for Bankruptcy Judges' Core Jurisdiction*

Panel Speaker, American Law Institute Video Webcast, May 2012
What Every Bankruptcy Lawyer (and Judge) Needs to Know About the New Restatement (Third) of Restitution and Unjust Enrichment

Panel Speaker, Commercial Law League of America, Annual Meeting, May 2012
Understanding Stern v. Marshall *and its Implications*

Panel Speaker, Judicial Conference of the Seventh Circuit, Annual Meeting, May 2012
Historical Underpinnings and Theoretical Implications of Stern v. Marshall

Panel Speaker, Federal Judicial Center National Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges, Mar. 2012
Historical Underpinnings and Theoretical Implications of Stern v. Marshall

Panel Speaker, 2011 Jay L. Westbrook Bankruptcy Conference, University of Texas School of Law, Nov. 2011
Bankruptcy Judges' Core Jurisdiction After Stern v. Marshall

Speaker, Judges' Roundtable of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Nov. 2011
The Implications of Stern v. Marshall *for Bankruptcy Judges' Core Jurisdiction*

Panel Speaker, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Annual Meeting, Oct. 2011
The Implications of Stern v. Marshall *for Bankruptcy Judges' Core Jurisdiction*

Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), Law and Philosophy Colloquium, University of Arizona, Oct. 2011
Debts and the Demands of Conscience: The Virtue of Bankruptcy

Panel Speaker, Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan, Annual Bankruptcy Seminar, July 2011
Chapter 11 Reorganizations for Individual Debtors

Panel Speaker, Association of American Law Schools, Debtor-Creditor Section Annual Meeting, Jan. 2011
Credit Bidding After Philly News *and* Pacific Lumber

Speaker, American Bankruptcy Institute Chicago Consumer Bankruptcy Conference, Oct. 2010
The Supreme Court's Recent Consumer Bankruptcy Jurisprudence

Faculty Coordinator, Federal Judicial Center-University of Illinois College of Law Program for Federal Bankruptcy Judges, Sept. 2010
Theoretical and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Law, Lawyering and Judging

Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), Illinois-FJC Program for Federal Bankruptcy Judges, Sept. 2010
The Virtue of Bankruptcy Discharge

Presenter, Faculty Retreat, University of Illinois College of Law, May 2010
Bankruptcy Reorganizations and the Troubling Legacy of Chrysler *and* GM (with Charles J. Tabb)

Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), Faculty Colloquium, Emory University School of Law, Oct. 2009
The Intrinsic Moral Value of Bankruptcy Discharge

Panel Speaker, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Annual Meeting, Oct. 2009
Chapter 11 Myths and Realities

Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), Faculty Colloquium, University of San Diego School of Law, Oct. 2009
The Intrinsic Moral Value of Bankruptcy Discharge

Presenter (with Heidi M. Hurd), Faculty Colloquium, University of Iowa College of Law, Sept. 2009
A "New" Theory of the Bankruptcy Discharge

Panel Speaker, Center on Law and Globalization, American Bar Association Annual Meeting Program, July 2009
Global Lawmaking and Systemic Financial Crisis

Co-Organizer and Moderator, Illinois-ABI Interdisciplinary Academic Symposium on Debt, University of Illinois College of Law, May 2008

Panel Speaker, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Annual Meeting, Oct. 2007
—*Supplemental Bankruptcy Jurisdiction*
—*Contingent Rights Under Laws Not Yet Enacted as Property of the Estate*

Invited Participant, Roundtable on the Morality of Debt Relief, University of Illinois College of Law Program in Law and Philosophy, Sept. 2007

Commentator on paper by Erin O'Hara and Larry Ribstein, Faculty Retreat, University of Illinois College of Law, May 2007
Corporations and the Market for Law

Speaker, St. Johns University School of Law Symposium: Bankruptcy and Federalism, Feb. 2007
Explaining Katz*'s New Bankruptcy Exception to State Sovereign Immunity: The Bankruptcy Power as a Federal Forum Power*

Presenter, Faculty Roundtable, University of Illinois College of Law, Apr. 2006
Katz *and the New Bankruptcy Exception to States' Constitutional Sovereign Immunity: Abandoning* Hood*'s In Rem Theory (and* Seminole Tribe*)*

Panel Moderator, *Bankruptcy and Consumer Credit in the Wake of the 2005 Act*, A Conference of the University of Illinois College of Law, Apr. 2006

Invited Presenter, Prof. Richard Lieb's LL.M. colloquium course on Chapter 11 Theory and Practice, St. John's University School of Law, Mar. 2006
Non-Debtor Releases and Injunctions in Chapter 11

Panel Speaker, American Bankruptcy Institute Winter Conference, Dec. 2005
Punitive Damages in Chapter 11: Of Categorical Disallowance, Equitable Subordination, and Subordination by Classification

Speaker, Mildred Van Voorhis Jones Faculty Scholar Award Ceremony, June 2005
From Fictionalism to Functionalism in State Sovereign Immunity

Speaker, Judges' Roundtable of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois, May 2005
From Fictionalism to Functionalism in State Sovereign Immunity

Panel Speaker, American Bankruptcy Institute Winter Conference, Dec. 2004
The "Supremes" and Other Hot Acts: The Year in Review and Emerging Issues in 2005

Faculty, American Bankruptcy Institute, Bankruptcy Training for Illinois State Court Judges, Sept. 2004

Faculty Coordinator, American Bankruptcy Institute/Emory Law School, Bankruptcy Litigation Symposium, Nov. 2003

Speaker, American Bankruptcy Institute Symposium for Academics Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Bankruptcy Code, Georgetown University Law Center, Oct. 2003
Resolved: The Bankruptcy Code Has Been a Success (moderated debate with Prof. Kenneth N. Klee, UCLA School of Law)

Panel Speaker, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Annual Meeting, Oct. 2003
Walking the Ethical Tightrope: Fiduciary Duties and Conflicts in Chapter 11 Cases

Speaker, Powell Goldstein Bankruptcy Practice Group Roundtable, May 2003
The Bankruptcy Discharge as Statutory Ex parte Young *Relief*

Panel Speaker, American Bankruptcy Institute Annual Spring Meeting, Apr. 2003
The Questionable Legitimacy of Indemnification of Business and Financial Professionals in Chapter 11 Reorganizations

Faculty, Northwest Bankruptcy Institute, Apr. 2002
Supplemental Bankruptcy Jurisdiction: Constitutional and Statutory Foundations

Faculty Coordinator, American Bankruptcy Institute/Emory Law School, Bankruptcy Litigation Symposium, Oct. 2001

Panel Speaker, Association of American Law Schools, Workshop on Bankruptcy, May 2001
Utilitarian Scholarship

Panel Speaker, American Bar Association, Section of Business Law Annual Spring Meeting, Subcommittee on Jurisdiction, Mar. 2001
Exploring the Outer Limits of Federal Bankruptcy Jurisdiction

Panelist, Federal Judicial Center *Bankruptcy Law Update* Television Program, Feb. 2001
Non-Debtor Releases and Injunctions in Chapter 11

Faculty, Stetson University College of Law, Twenty-Fifth Annual Seminar on Bankruptcy Law and Practice, Dec. 2000

Faculty Coordinator, American Bankruptcy Institute/Emory Law School, Bankruptcy Litigation Symposium, Sept. 2000

Panel Speaker, American Bankruptcy Institute, Southeast Bankruptcy Conference, Aug. 2000
Developments in Chapter 11 Mega Cases

Presentation, Freie Universität Berlin, May 2000
Reorganization of Troubled Business Enterprises Under American Bankruptcy Law

Panel Speaker, American Bar Association, Section of Business Law Annual Spring Meeting, Chapter 11 Subcommittee Program, Mar. 2000
Non-Debtor Releases and Injunctions in Chapter 11

Faculty, American Bankruptcy Institute Annual Spring Meeting, Apr. 1999
Who's Right in the Supreme Court's 203 North LaSalle *Case?* (debate with Prof. Kenneth N. Klee, UCLA School of Law)

Speaker, Association of American Law Schools, Debtor-Creditor Section Annual Meeting, Jan. 1999
One Hundred Years of Federal Bankruptcy Law and Still Clinging to an In Rem Model of Bankruptcy Jurisdiction

Faculty, State Bar of Georgia, Bankruptcy Law Section, Annual Bankruptcy Law Seminar, Nov. 1998
Supplemental Bankruptcy Jurisdiction

Academic Fellow, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Annual Meeting, Oct. 1998

Faculty, American Bankruptcy Institute, Judicial Law Clerk Education Symposium, Aug. 1998
Bankruptcy Jurisdiction and Procedure

Panel Speaker, Atlanta Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section, Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Seminar, Nov. 1997
Ethical Problems in Business Bankruptcy Practice

Member, Cleveland Bar Association, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section, 1990-1994
Bankruptcy Legislation Review Committee (S.540), 1993

Panel Speaker, Cleveland Bar Association, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section, Legislative Update Seminar, Sept. 1993

Panel Speaker, Cleveland Bar Association, Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section, Emerging Bankruptcy Issues Seminar, Dec. 1990
Recovering Payment of Expenses from the Secured Creditor

LAW SCHOOL HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW
Articles Editor, author of published student note
Order of the Coif
American Jurisprudence Awards (highest grade in course): Civil Litigation I & II, Torts I & II, Income Taxation, Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights, Banking Law, Conflict of Laws
Rickert Awards for Excellence in Academic Achievement and Legal Writing

Harno Fellow
Hornbook Award
Summer Associate, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland, Ohio, Summer 1988
Summer Associate, Kirkland & Ellis, Chicago, Illinois, Summer 1987
Research Assistant, Delmar K. Banner, Professor of Agricultural Law, Sept. 1986-Dec. 1988
Accountant & Staff Consultant, Centrec Consulting, Champaign, Illinois, Sept. 1985-Dec. 1988

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

Illinois Varsity Men's Glee Club
President, Concert Chairman, Publicity Chairman
U-C Faculty-Student Senate
Educational Policy Committee
College of Agriculture Student Council
FarmHouse Fraternity
President, Rush Chairman, Philanthropy Chairman, Secretary
Wilbur H. Coultas Memorial Award
Outstanding Senior in the College of Agriculture
C.J. Elliot Memorial Award
Outstanding Senior in Agricultural Economics
Gamma Sigma Delta Prize in Agriculture
Outstanding Senior
D. Howard Doane Award
Outstanding FarmHouse Senior
Outstanding Greek Award
Homecoming King Finalist
Mortar Board
Senior Leadership and Scholastic Honorary
Sachem
Junior Leadership and Activities Honorary
Torch
Junior Leadership and Scholastic Honorary
Senior 100 Club
Senior Activities Honorary
Alpha Zeta
Agriculture Honorary
Gamma Sigma Delta
Professional Agriculture Honorary
Phi Kappa Phi
Junior/Senior Leadership and Scholastic Honorary
Omicron Delta Kappa
Junior/Senior Leadership and Scholastic Honorary
Accountant & Staff Consultant, Centrec Consulting, Champaign, Illinois, September 1984-August 1985

Research Assistant, Dr. Thomas L. Frey, Professor of Agricultural Finance, Summer 1984, Summer 1986
Research Assistant, Dr. Harold Guither, Professor of Agricultural Policy, September 1982-May 1983

PERSONAL

Born October 1962, in Marion, Indiana
1980 graduate of Chrisman High School (Valedictorian), Chrisman, Illinois
One daughter (Allison 36) and four sons (Clinton 34, Calvin, Phillip, and Riley 30)