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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

TREATISE

CIVIL PROCEDURE, Foundation Press (6th edition 2011)
(with Geoffrey C. Hazard, Jr. and John Leubsdorf)

CASEBOOKS

FEDERAL COURTS, Foundation Press (13th edition 2012)
(with the late Charles Alan Wright and John B. Oakley)
(also 12th edition 2008)

CASES AND MATERIALS ON CIVIL PROCEDURE, Lexis Publishing
(6th edition 2012) (with David Crump, William V. Dorsaneo, III,
and Rex R. Perschbacher) (also 5th edition 2008)

PROBLEMS IN LEGAL ETHICS, West Group (11th edition 2015)
(with Mortimer Schwartz, Richard C. Wydick, and Rex R. Perschbacher)
(also 10th edition 2012, 9th edition 2010, 8th edition 2007, 7th edition 2005, and
6th edition 2003)

CALIFORNIA LEGAL ETHICS, West Group (9th edition 2015)
(with Richard C. Wydick and Rex R. Perschbacher)
(also 8th edition 2012, 7th edition 2010, 6th edition 2007, 5th edition 2005, and
4th edition 2003)

CASEBOOK SUPPLEMENTS

FEDERAL COURTS, Foundation Press,
2006-2015 Annual Supplements (with Charles Alan Wright and John B. Oakley)

CASES AND MATERIALS ON CIVIL PROCEDURE, Lexis Publishing,
2003-2015 Annual Supplements
(with David Crump, William V. Dorsaneo, III, and Rex R. Perschbacher)

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Toward a Nonracial Sovereign,” in SOVEREIGNTY, EMERGENCY AND LEGALITY
(Austin D. Sarat ed., Cambridge University Press) (2010)

“The Overlooked Significance of ‘Place’ in Law and Policy: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina,” in RACE, PLACE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA
(Robert D. Bullard & Beverly Wright eds., Westview Press) (2009)

“Place, Disasters, and Disability,” in LAW AND RECOVERY AFTER DISASTER:
HURRICANE KATRINA (Robin Paul Malloy ed., Ashgate Press) (2009)

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

Published and Forthcoming Articles (Non-Symposia)

Class Action Silence, 94 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1781 (2014)

Realigning Parties, 2014 UTAH LAW REVIEW 109 (2014)

Deconstruct and Superstruct: Reexamining Bias in the Legal System,
46 UC DAVIS LAW REVIEW 1563 (2013)

Perceptions of Justice: An International Perspective on Judges and Appearances,
36 FORDHAM INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 136 (2013) (co-authored)

The Elusive Goal of Impartiality, 97 IOWA LAW REVIEW 181 (2011)
(co-authored)

The Roots of Removal, 77 BROOKLYN LAW REVIEW 1 (2011) (lead article)
(co-authored)

Just Go Away: Due Process, Representation, and Preclusion in Class Actions,
2009 BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1079

Statutory Interpretation in the Context of Federal Jurisdiction, 76 GEORGE WASHINGTON
LAW REVIEW 52 (2007)

Constructing Class Action Reality, 2006 BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW
1415 (2006) (lead article)

The Forum Game, 84 NORTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 333 (2006) (lead article)

The Rural Venue, 57 ALABAMA LAW REVIEW 941 (2006) (lead article)

Recusal and the Supreme Court, 56 HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL 657 (2005)

Redefining the “Public” Profession, 36 RUTGERS LAW JOURNAL 721 (2005) (lead article)

When Reform Is Not Enough: Assuring More than Merely “Adequate” Representation in Class Actions, 38 GEORGIA LAW REVIEW 927 (2004)

The End of Law, 84 BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1 (2004) (lead article) (co-authored)

The Politics of the Rural Vote, 35 ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL 743 (2003) (lead article)

U.S. Class Actions Go Global: Transnational Class Actions and Personal Jurisdiction, 72 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 41 (2003)

The Hidden Bias in Diversity Jurisdiction, 81 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW QUARTERLY 119 (2003)

Ruralism, 88 IOWA LAW REVIEW 273 (2003)

Judicial Disqualification in the Federal Appellate Courts, 87 IOWA LAW REVIEW 1213 (2002)

Pre-Certification Communication Ethics in Class Actions, 36 GEORGIA LAW REVIEW 353 (2002) (lead article)

“I Lost at Trial–In the Court of Appeals!” The Expanding Power of the Federal Appellate Courts to Reexamine Facts, 38 HOUSTON LAW REVIEW 1129 (2001) (lead article)
This article also was reprinted in 51 DEFENSE LAW JOURNAL 591 (2002)

In the Wake of Schooner Peggy: Deconstructing Legislative Retroactivity Analysis, 69 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI LAW REVIEW 453 (2001)

Three’s A Crowd: A Proposal to Abolish Joint Representation, 32 RUTGERS LAW JOURNAL 387 (2001) (lead article)

Enter at Your Own Risk: The Initial Consultation & Conflicts of Interest, 3 GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF LEGAL ETHICS 689 (1990) (co-authored)

Reading Beyond the Labels: Effective Regulation of Lawyers’ Targeted Direct Mail Advertising, 58 UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW REVIEW 255 (1987) (co-authored). This article also was reprinted in XI ADVERTISING LAW ANTHOLOGY (1987)

Invited/Symposium Articles

Three Reasons Why the Challenged Judge Should Not Rule on a Judicial Recusal Motion: Unconscious Bias, the Bias Blind Spot, and the Effects of Publicly Stating a Position, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY (forthcoming 2015) (symposium)

Caperton's Next Generation: Beyond the Bank (Panel Three), NEW YORK UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC POLICY (forthcoming 2015) (symposium transcript)

Silencing Our Elders, NEVADA LAW JOURNAL (forthcoming 2015) (symposium)

Characterizing Ghostwriting, ST. MARY'S JOURNAL ON LEGAL MALPRACTICE & LEGAL ETHICS (2015) (symposium)

Ruralism and Patent Litigation in the Eastern District of Texas, 14 SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY LAW REVIEW 293 (2011) (symposium)

The Future of International Class Actions, 17 SOUTHWESTERN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 21 (2011) (symposium)

Enabling the Federal Rules, 44 CREIGHTON LAW REVIEW 7 (2010) (symposium)

Reasonableness in E-Discovery, 32 CAMPBELL LAW REVIEW 435 (2010) (symposium)

Poverty and Global Ruralism, 12 JOURNAL OF GENDER, RACE & JUSTICE (2009) (symposium)

E-Pitfalls: Ethics and E-Discovery, 36 NORTHERN KENTUCKY LAW REVIEW 449 (2009) (symposium)

The Revolution of 1938 and Its Discontents, 61 OKLAHOMA LAW REVIEW (2008) (co-authored) (symposium)

Distancing Rural Poverty, 13 GEORGETOWN JOURNAL ON POVERTY LAW & POLICY 3 (2006) (lead article) (symposium)

The Defendant's Obligation to Ensure Adequate Representation in Class Actions, 74 UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY LAW REVIEW 511 (2006) (symposium)

Implied "Consent" to Personal Jurisdiction in Transnational Class Litigation, 2004 MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW 619 (2004) (symposium)

In Memoriam: Pierre Roland Loiseaux, 32 UC DAVIS LAW REVIEW 12 (1998)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Southwestern Law School, 2009-Present

John J. Schumacher Chair in Law, 2015-present

Justice Marshall F. McComb Professor of Law (Professorship “to help the law school attract, retain, and reward outstanding faculty members”), 2009-2015

Subjects: *Professional Responsibility, Federal Courts, Complex Litigation, Civil Procedure, Social Science in the Courtroom*

Committees: Lateral Appointments (2009-2013), Faculty Development (2009-2012), Library and IT (2011-2014), Admissions and Scholastic Standards (2013-2015); Tenure Committee (2014-present)

Visitorships

University of Alabama School of Law, Fall 2013

Visiting Professor of Law

Subjects: *Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility*

University of California, Davis, School of Law, 2005-2006

Visiting Professor of Law

Subjects: *Civil Procedure, Federal Jurisdiction, Professional Responsibility*

Previous Teaching Experience

University of Alabama School of Law, 2007-2009

Professor of Law and Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., Scholar

Subjects: *Federal Jurisdiction, Civil Procedure, Complex Civil Litigation*

Committees: Faculty Development/Promotion and Tenure, Curriculum, and Chair Search Committees

Florida State University College of Law, 2004-2007

Loula Fuller and Dan Myers Professor of Law (Professorship for “exceptional productivity”)

Promoted to Full Professor 2007

Subjects: *Federal Jurisdiction, Law and Psychology, Civil Procedure, Complex Civil Litigation, Professional Responsibility*

Committees: Faculty Appointments Committee (2004-2005); Admissions (2006-2007)

Nominee: University Excellence in Teaching Award, 2007

Michigan State University College of Law, 2002-2004
Associate Professor of Law
Tenure awarded 2004

Subjects: *Civil Procedure, Federal Jurisdiction, Professional Responsibility, Complex Civil Litigation*

Committees: Faculty Appointments Committee (2002-2003, 2003-2004),
Faculty Programs Committee (2002-2003)

Symposia: Chair and Organizer, "Multi-Jurisdictional and Cross-Border Class Actions," April 2004

University of California, Davis, California, 1998-2002
Lecturer in Law

Subjects: *Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Pretrial Skills, Negotiations, Appellate Advocacy*

Recipient, UC Davis William & Sally Rutter Distinguished Teaching Award, 2002

Recipient, UC Davis Outstanding Service Award, 2002 (campus-wide)

Recipient, UC Davis Outstanding Service Award, 2002 (summer program)

University of the Pacific/McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California, 1998-2001
Visiting Professor of Law

Subjects: *Complex Civil Litigation* (Fall 2001), *Civil Procedure* (2000-2001),
Professional Responsibility (Summer 1998, Summer 1999)

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk to United States Circuit Judge Mary M. Schroeder
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1987-1988

LAW PRACTICE

Attorney, Morrison & Foerster, San Francisco, California, 1988-1992
Litigation; Labor and Employment Law

Senior Attorney, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District,
Sacramento, California, 1992-1999

Volunteer Attorney, Voluntary Legal Services Program, San Francisco, California, 1988-1991

EDUCATION

J.D., University of California, Davis
Senior Articles Editor, U.C. Davis Law Review
American Jurisprudence Awards:
Civil Procedure
Contracts
Commercial Paper
Distinguished Scholar Fellowship

Civil Procedure Tutor

Other Degrees

M.S. in Counseling Psychology, San Diego State University

B.A. in Psychology, University of Vermont

SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

Chair and Presenter, “Increasing Access to Justice Through Alternative Avenues: Ghostwriting,” Law and Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, May 2015

Presenter, “Issues of Aging and Cognition in Legal Representation,” American Society on Aging, 2015 Aging in America Annual Conference, Chicago, March 2015

Panelist, Symposium: Courts, Campaigns, and Corruption: Judicial Recusal Five Years After *Caperton*, New York University School of Law, sponsored by New York University, the Brennan Center for Justice, and the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility, November 2014

Presenter, “Ethics in ADR: The Pros and Cons of a Settlement Negotiation Privilege,” AALS ADR Works-in-Progress Conference, November 2014

Presenter, “Improving Current Judicial Implicit Bias Education,” Judicial Education and the Art of Judging: From Myth to Methodology, Works-in-Progress Conference, University of Missouri School of Law, October 2014

Presenter, “Silencing Our Elders,” American Society on Aging, 2014 Aging in America Annual Conference, San Diego, March 2014

Presenter, “The Subtleties of Silence,” Conference on Psychology and Lawyering: Coalescing the Field, UNLV School of Law, February 2014

Presenter, “Examining Bias in the Legal Profession” (MCLE presentation), Crisis in the Public Workplace: Cutting Edge Issues in Personnel and Labor Relations Symposium, sponsored by the Municipal Law Institute of the League of California Cities and the California Constitution Center of UC Berkeley School of Law, February 2014

Chair and Discussant, “Jurisdictional Procedure and Uncertainty,” Law and Society Annual Meeting, June 2013

- Presenter, “Deconstruct and Superstruct: Reexamining Bias in the Legal System,”
AALS Annual Meeting, January 2013
- Presenter, “Perceptions of Justice: Judges and Appearances,”
International Conference on Law and Society, June 2012
- Presenter, “The Future of International Class Actions,” Symposium 2021: International Law
Ten Years From Now, Southwestern Law School, February 2011
- Panelist, “Tribalism or Customary Practices of the Eastern District of Texas?”
Symposium on Emerging Intellectual Property Issues: Eastern District
of Texas and Patents, Southern Methodist University College of Law,
February 2011
- Presenter, “Ethics and E-Discovery,” Electronic Discovery Guidance 2010: What
Corporate and Outside Counsel Need to Know, Practising Law Institute,
San Francisco, December 2010
- Presenter, “E-Pitfalls: Ethics and E-Discovery,” Spring Symposium on E-Discovery:
Navigating the Changing Ethical and Practical Expectations, Northern Kentucky
University College of Law, February 2009
- Moderator, “Law and Society Symposium: Sovereignty, Emergency, and Legality,”
University of Alabama School of Law, October 2008
- Presenter, “Just Go Away: Due Process, Representation, and Preclusion in Class Actions,”
Loyola Law School-Los Angeles, Faculty Enrichment Series, October 2008
- Presenter, “Just Go Away: Due Process, Representation, and Preclusion in Class Actions,”
Southwestern University School of Law, October 2008
- Presenter, “Just Go Away: Due Process, Representation, and Preclusion in Class Actions,”
Chapman University School of Law, October 2008
- Moderator, “Legal Doubt, Scientific Certainty: What Scientific Knowledge Does For and
To Law,” University of Alabama School of Law, April 2008
- Presenter, “Poverty, Place, and Disability: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina,” University of
Florida College of Law, Faculty Enrichment Series, April 2008
- Presenter, “Poverty and Prejudice: The Significance of Place,” Valparaiso University
School of Law, Law, Poverty and Economic Inequality Conference, April 2008
- Presenter, “The Revolution of 1938 and Its Discontents,” 2008 AALS Annual Meeting,
Civil Procedure Section, New York City, January 2008

- Presenter, “Ethics as the Substantive Practice of Law,” Tallahassee Bar Association, Tallahassee, Florida, March 2007
- Presenter, “‘Place’ in Law and Policy,” Southern Rural Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Mobile, Alabama, February 2007
- Presenter, “The Significance of Place in Law and Policy: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina,” Third Annual PCSE Workshop, Washington, D.C., November 2006 (sponsored by Syracuse University College of Law)
- Presenter, “The Significance of Place in Law and Policy: Lessons from Hurricane Katrina,” Symposium: Race, Place, and the Environment After Katrina: Looking Back to Look Forward, New Orleans, October 2006 (sponsored by Dillard University, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, and Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights)
- Presenter, “Toward Achieving Adequacy,” University of Alabama, School of Law, Faculty Workshop, September 2006
- Presenter, “Distancing Rural Poverty,” Symposium on Rural Poverty, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., April 2006
- Presenter, “The Defendant’s Obligation to Ensure Adequate Representation in Class Actions,” Class Action Symposium: The 20th Anniversary of *Phillips Petroleum Co. v. Shutts*, University of Missouri-Kansas City, April 2006
- Presenter, “Toward Achieving Adequacy,” University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Faculty Workshop, December 2005
- Presenter, “Toward Achieving Adequacy,” University of California, Davis, School of Law, Faculty Workshop, November 2005
- Presenter, “The Problem with Implied Consent to Personal Jurisdiction in Transnational Class Litigation,” Multi-Jurisdictional and Cross-Border Class Actions Symposium, Michigan State University, April 2004
- Presenter, “When Reform Is Not Enough,” Florida State University College of Law, Faculty Workshop, January 2004
- Presenter, “Legal Ethics and Class Action Reform,” 2004 AALS Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2004
- Presenter, “Innovative Pedagogical Approaches,” 2003 AALS Conference on Civil Procedure, New York City, June 2003

Presenter, “Ruralism,” Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences,
Honolulu, Hawaii, June 2003

Presenter, “Ruralism,” Cardozo Law School, Sixth Annual Conference of the
Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, March 2003

Speaker, “Motivating New Advocates,” Western Center on Law and Poverty,
Sacramento, California, May 2002

Presenter, “The Appellate Courts and the Reexamination Clause,” Wake Forest
University School of Law, Faculty Workshop, November 2001

Presenter, “The Appellate Courts and the Reexamination Clause,” Seton Hall
University School of Law, Faculty Workshop, November 2001

Presenter, “The Appellate Courts and the Reexamination Clause,” Michigan State
University College of Law, Faculty Workshop, November 2001

Presenter, “The Appellate Courts and the Reexamination Clause,” University of
Wyoming College of Law, Faculty Workshop, November 2001

Presenter, “The Appellate Courts and the Reexamination Clause,” Stetson
University College of Law, Faculty Workshop, November 2001

Speaker, “Writing for the Appellate Courts,” California Appellate Defense
Counsel Association, Sacramento, California, September 1999

Presenter, “Federal Jurisdiction and Removal,” Federal Civil Litigation Program,
University of Houston, Dallas, Texas, 1990

AWARDS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND COMMITTEES

Elected Member, American Law Institute, since 2004

Members Consultative Group, *Principles of the Law of Aggregate Litigation*,
Principles of Government Ethics, *Principles of Election Law: Resolving
Election Disputes*

UC Davis William & Sally Rutter Distinguished Teaching Award, 2002

Order of the Coif

UC Davis Extension, Outstanding Service Awards, 2002
(campus-wide program and summer law program)

Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services, 1990

State Bar of California Commendation for Pro Bono Legal Services, 1990, 1991

Associate Member, American Psychological Association

American Psychology-Law Society Book Award Committee (2014-2017 term)

Member, American Bar Association

Vice-Chair, Ethics Committee, ABA/Young Lawyers Division, 1989-1991

Executive Committee, Labor and Employment, ABA/YLD, 1990-1991

Executive Board, AALS Section on Women in Legal Education, 2009-2010

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

SELECTED INTERNET/MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

SCOTUSblog Contributor, *The Standard Fire Ins. Co. v. Knowles*

“*Argument Preview: Avoiding Removal by Limiting Damages?*,”

www.scotusblog.com/?p=157143 (January 4, 2013)

“*Argument Recap: Manipulation versus ‘Master of the Complaint,’*”

www.scotusblog.com/?p=157352 (January 8, 2013)

“*Opinion Analysis: Precertification Stipulations to Limit Class Damages Are Not Binding,*”

www.scotusblog.com/?p=161282 (March 20, 2013)

Quoted in John Kiernan, “*New Developments in Swipe Fee Suit Against Visa, Mastercard and Co.*,” www.cardhub.com/edu/swipe-fee-suit-update/ (April 16, 2013)

Radio interview, “*The Significance of Place,*” KPFA (Berkeley, California), Against the Grain Program, interview available at www.kpfa.org/archive/id/49044 (March 10, 2009)