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ACADEMIC POSTS

Professor of Commercial Law · Guildhall School of Business and Law, London Metropolitan University (2021-present)

Robins Kaplan Distinguished Professor of Law in Litigation Skills and International Dispute Resolution, John H. Faricy Professor of Empirical Research, and Senior Fellow, Dispute Resolution Institute · Mitchell Hamline School of Law (2016-present)

Associate Professor and Senior Fellow, Dispute Resolution Institute · Hamline University School of Law (2006-2015)

Associate Professor · Hamline University Graduate School of Management (2007, 2009-2015)

Visiting Faculty · University of Deusto Law School (December 2011, 2012, 2013)

Visiting Assistant Professor · Hamline University School of Law (2005-2006)

Adjunct Professor · Hamline University School of Law (Spring 2005)

Graduate Teaching Assistant · University of North Dakota, English (1996-1998)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Of Counsel · Motor Industry Legal Services (2024 – present)

Consulting on commercial matters, including reviewing contracts, evaluating mergers and acquisitions and due diligence, commercial real estate transactions, and dispute resolution.

Independent Arbitrator and Mediator · (2014 – present)

Arbitrator with the AAA, FINRA, LCIA, and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Served or serving as an arbitrator in 48 cases, including three international cases, including as chair of a three-arbitrator panel. Served as a mediator on 8 commercial cases.

Independent Consultant and Expert Witness (2018 – present)

Providing dispute resolution design consulting, contract reviews, and expert witness services related to secured transactions and fintech, including for Mayo Clinic, Village Bank, and 3M.

Of Counsel · Greene Espel PLLP (2010-2021)

Consulted on complex commercial disputes, including matters being litigated and arbitrated, both domestically and internationally. Writing or consulting on briefs and meeting with clients to provide big-picture strategic advice.

CFO and Co-Owner • St. Francis Animal & Bird Hospital (2007-2012)

Managed the financial, business, legal, and regulatory aspects of a small animal hospital.

Associate • Greene Espel PLLP (2003-2006)

Practiced complex business and municipal litigation in federal and state courts. Served as an arbitration advocate domestically and internationally.

Judicial Clerk • Hon. Paul A. Magnuson, U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota (2001-2003)

Drafted numerous orders and bench memoranda on various civil and criminal topics and assisted the Judge in preparing for hearings and trials.

Summer Associate • Gray, Plant, Mooty (now Lathrop Gray Plant Mooty) (Summer 2000)

Drafted memoranda and briefs for partners in the Litigation, Corporate Finance, Bankruptcy, Intellectual Property, Employment, International Law, and Non-Profit practice groups.

Law Clerk • MN House of Representatives Research Department (1999)

Researched a variety of topics including corporate tax, telecommunications regulation, governmental tort liability, and sentencing guidelines. Drafted memoranda outlining the law in these areas.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Columbia University Law School, New York, New York, J.S.D.

Columbia University Law School, New York, New York, LL.M., James Kent Scholar (Highest Honors)

Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, J.D., Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors)

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, M.A. in English

University of North Dakota, B.F.A. in Theatre Arts, Magna Cum Laude

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Fellow (FCIArb)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

MURRAY, FLECHTNER, AND BLAIR'S SALES, LEASES AND ELECTRONIC COMMERCE: PROBLEMS AND MATERIALS ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS (forthcoming, West Academic 2024)

LEARNING CONTRACTS, 3rd ED. (with Jack Graves, West Academic 2022 and forthcoming new edition in 2025)

A SHORT AND HAPPY GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION, ARBITRATION, AND MEDIATION (forthcoming, West Academic 2024)

A SHORT AND HAPPY GUIDE TO CONFLICT OF LAWS (forthcoming, West Academic 2024)

PROCEDURAL AUTONOMY: FRONTIERS IN THE CUSTOMIZATION OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES (ProQuest 2020)

INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION: CASES AND MATERIALS, 3rd ED. (with Thomas Carbonneau and William Butler, West Academic 2020)

CASES AND MATERIALS ON ARBITRATION LAW AND PRACTICE, 8th ED. (with Thomas Carbonneau, West Academic 2019 and forthcoming new edition in 2024)

A SHORT AND HAPPY GUIDE TO ARBITRATION (West Academic 2019 and forthcoming new edition in 2024)

LITIGATING CONTRACT DISPUTES IN MINNESOTA (LexisNexis 2017 and updates 2018-23)

Audio Lecture Series

LEGENDS OF LAW: CONFLICT OF LAWS (Audio Lecture Series) (West Academic 2020 and forthcoming second edition in 2024)

Book Chapters

Litigating, Mediating and Arbitrating Nuisance and Trespass in PRACTICE GUIDE: MINNESOTA REAL ESTATE LITIGATION (LexisNexis 2018 and 2019 update)

Litigating, Mediating and Arbitrating Easements and Access to Real Property in PRACTICE GUIDE: MINNESOTA REAL ESTATE LITIGATION (LexisNexis 2018 and 2019 update)

Articles

The International Market for Contract Laws: An Empirical Evaluation of Choice of Law Provisions (completed, anticipated publication 2024)

Contracting Over Fraud: A Comparative Analysis of Anti-Reliance Clauses in Commercial Contracts (completed, anticipated publication 2025)

The Cosmic Commons: International Investment Arbitration as a Catalyst for Aligning Interests in Space Debris Management (in progress, anticipated publication 2025)

Frontiers of Private Process: Contract Design and Procedural Choice (in progress, anticipated publication 2025)

Eye of the Beholder: Does Rhyme or Reason Exist in Application of the Public Policy Defence to International Arbitration Agreements and Awards? (in progress, anticipated publication 2026)

Anticipating Procedural Innovation: How and When Parties Calibrate Procedure Through Contract (72 OKLA. L. REV. 797 (2020))

#MeToo And Alternative Dispute Resolution, ATTORNEY AT LAW MAGAZINE, June 15, 2018 (with Sharon Press)

How Does Section 1 of the Sherman Act Apply to "Two-Sided" Platforms that Unite Distinct Consumer Groups, 45 ABA PREVIEW, February 20, 2018, at 162.

Promise and Peril: Doctrinally Permissible Options for Calibrating Procedures Through Contract, 95 NEB. L. REV. 787 (2017).

Is Less Really More? The U.S. Supreme Court's Stance on Expanded Judicial Review in State Courts, 2 PENN. ST. YEARBOOK ON ARB. & MED. 75 (2013)

May an Air Carrier that Reports Suspicious Activity be Denied Statutory Immunity Without a Determination that the Report is Materially False?, 41 ABA PREVIEW, December 2, 2013, at 128.

Hard Cases Under the Convention on the International Sale of Goods: A Proposed Taxonomy of Interpretive Challenges, 21 DUKE J. COMP. & INT'L L.J. 269 (2011).

Where's Emily Litella When You Need Her: The Unsuccessful Effort to Craft a General Theory of Obligation of Promise for Benefit Received, 27 QUINNIPIAC L. REV. 385 (2010) (with Edwin Butterfoss).

What Law Governs the Rail Leg of an International Multimodal Bill of Lading?, 37 ABA PREVIEW, March 22, 2010, at 271.

A Matter of Trust: Should No-Reliance Clauses Bar Claims for Fraudulent Inducement?, 93 MARQUETTE L. REV. 423 (2009).

How Ashcroft v. Iqbal will Change Your Life (Well, at Least Your Professional One), 3 BAR TALK, Oct. 21, 2009, at 5.

"You Don't Have to Be Ludwig Wittgenstein": How Llewellyn's Concept of Agreement Should Change the Law of Open-Quantity Contracts, 37 SEATON HALL L. REV. 67 (2006).

The Potential for a Paperless Future, 57 BENCH & BAR, Nov. 2000, at 38.