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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of California – Berkeley (Boalt Hall) (1986)

Honors or High Honors Grades in Seventeen of Twenty-One Courses
Executive Editor, *California Law Review*
Associate Editor, *Industrial Relations Law Journal*

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Magna Cum Laude, Loyola Marymount University (1983)

Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit Honor Society for approximately the top 1% at Jesuit Institutions)
Pi Gamma Mu (National Social Science Honor Society)
Intercollegiate Debate (Ranked 10th Nationally and Placed at 35 Tournaments)

CURRENT POSITION

Associate Dean for International Programs & Professor of Law, University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law; Associate Professor (1999-2004); Assistant Professor (1993-99); Associate Dean (2007 and continuing)

As Associate Dean, responsible for supervision of international programs, including summer programs to China, Ireland and Oxford; for evaluating new international programs; and for developing policies and curriculum for the international LLM program. Also responsible for student advising and administrative oversight of the LLM program.

As faculty member, currently teach Introduction to Law and Lawyering Processes for international students, Introduction to American Law and Culture, and Introduction to American Legal Skills. Previously taught Torts, Alternative Compensation Systems (Advanced Torts), Environmental and Toxic Torts, Economics and the Law, Insurance Law, Appellate Advocacy, Civil Procedure, Federal Jurisdiction, and was co-advisor to the moot court program

Honors and Awards: Graduate and Doctoral Faculty (2002 and continuing)
Tiera M. Farrow Faculty Scholar (2001-03)
Elmer P. Pierson Outstanding Teaching Award (1997)

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law [50% FTE 2005-07]

Responsible for self-study and accreditation review, promoting faculty development, overseeing courtroom renovation, progress on strategic initiatives, and oversight of international programs, including developing an LLM program for foreign lawyers.

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Division of Academic Affairs, University of Missouri – Kansas City (2003-07) [75% FTE 2003-05, 50% FTE 2005-07]

Responsible for faculty hiring, annual reviews, and promotion and tenure; responsible for diversity initiative for faculty hiring; chair of campus promotion and tenure committee; worked on individual issues of faculty productivity and performance; Academic Grievance Officer for

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Campus; responsible for approval of extra compensation requests for faculty; liaison to Campus Faculty Senate; advised Provost on issues such as academic dishonesty as required.

Previous duties included: responsible for 3-year initiative to bring faculty compensation to appropriate market levels; liaison to taskforce to revise faculty roles and rewards policies and responsible for implementation of recommendations; designed and negotiated implementation of promotion and tenure reforms to make process more transparent; responsible to oversee process to prioritize top university academic programs; responsible for development of substantive content of strategic plan for the Provost's office; reviewed and suggested revisions to academic unit strategic plans and workload policies; liaison for Provost on accreditation issues and Dean Search for School of Law; director for New Faculty Teaching Scholars program; responsible for supervising and organizing campus-wide "Day of Learning" and "Celebrate UMKC"; member of Provost's Senior Leadership Team, Provost's Leadership Team, Dean's Council, Chancellor's Cabinet and Chancellor's Extended Cabinet

Faculty Associate, Division of Academic Affairs, University of Missouri – Kansas City (2002-03) [50% FTE]

Worked on special projects assigned by the Provost, including: supervising and approving changes to the University catalog; drafting and conferring with Athletics Department and Faculty Senate about a new Campus Attendance Policy; participation in internal promotion and tenure reviews and in revision of promotion and tenure procedures and guidelines; participation in review of management, funding and revenue sharing for continuing education programs; participation in developing performance incentives for professional schools; reviewing and advising on faculty workload policy

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Faculty, University of Connecticut School of Law (June Term 2002)

Course: Principles of Insurance

Fulbright Lecturer, Nankai University, Department of Law, Tianjin, China (1999-2000)

Courses: Insurance Law, Civil Procedure, Torts, Law & Economics

Adjunct Professor, Loyola Law School (Los Angeles) (Spring 1993)

Course: Insurance Law

Bigelow Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law, University of Chicago Law School (1991-92)

Course: Legal Research and Writing

LEGAL PRACTICE

Associate, Irell & Manella, Newport Beach, California (1987-91, 1992-93)

Commercial and insurance coverage litigation, including all aspects of pretrial litigation and trial and appellate work

Law Clerk, Honorable M. Joseph Blumenfeld, U.S. District Court, Hartford, Connecticut (1986-87)

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PUBLICATIONS

Works-In-Progress

Terrorism Insurance: What is the Government's Role? (co-authored with Thomas Russell and to be presented at the Searle Center Research Symposium on Insurance Markets and Regulation at Northwestern University Law School on April 15, 2008)

Ambiguity and Insurance Policy Interpretation

Mandatory Automobile Insurance: Fifty Years Later

Journal Articles

The Indemnity Principle: Evolution from a Financial to a Function Paradigm, 10 J. OF RISK MANAGEMENT & INS. 30 (Thailand) (2005) (with Brad Wilson)

Harry Potter and the Law, 12 TEX. WESLEYAN L. REV. 427 (2005) (a collection of short essays from a panel discussion at a Law and Literature conference in Gloucester, England) [with Benjamin H. Barton, Joel Fishman, Daniel Austin Green, Timothy S. Hall, Andrew P. Morriss, James Charles Smith, Aaron Schwabach, and Danaya Wright]

Exclusion of Terrorist Related Harms from Insurance Coverage: Do the Costs Justify the Benefits?, 36 IND. L. REV. 397 (2003) (part of a Symposium on the Law and Economics of Providing Compensation for Harm Caused by Terrorism held at Georgetown Law Center)

Insurance Implications of Sept. 11th and Possible Responses, 35 URBAN LAW. 727 (2002)

Crisci v. Sentry Insurance Company: The Dawn of the Modern Era of Insurance Bad Faith and Emotional Distress Damages, 2 NEV. L. J. 415 (2002)

The Role and Powers of the Chinese Insurance Regulatory Commission in the Administration of Insurance Law in China, 27 GENEVA PAPERS ON RISK AND INS. 413 (2002)

Legal Culture and "the practice": A Postmodern Depiction of Rule of Law in America 48 UCLA L. REV. 1495 (2001)

A Pragmatic Approach to Meaning in Defamation Law, 34 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 333 (1999)

An Interdisciplinary Critique of the Reasonable Expectations Doctrine, 5 CONN. INS. L. J. 295 (1998)

A Case Study of Bad Faith Refusal to Settle: A Doctrinal, Normative and Practical Analysis of Missouri Law, 64 UMKC L. REV. 695 (1996)

Statements of Fact, Statements of Opinion, and the First Amendment, 74 CALIF. L. REV. 1001 (1986)

Treatises

NEW APPLEMAN INSURANCE LAW PRACTICE GUIDE, Volumes 1, 2 & 3 (LexisNexis/Matthew Bender & Co.: Newark) (2007) (Editor-in-Chief)

UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTORIST INSURANCE, 3d ed., Volumes 1, 2 & 3 (Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender & Co.: San Francisco) (2005) (with Alan I. Widiss)

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Books, Book Chapters & Supplements

HARRY POTTER & THE LAW, EDITOR (WITH FRANKLIN SNYDER) (Carolina Academic Press)
[Forthcoming 2008]

Terrorism Insurance: Issues of Policy, Regulation and Coverage in NEW APPLEMAN ON INSURANCE, CURRENT CRITICAL ISSUES IN INSURANCE LAW (monograph) (Forthcoming 2008)

Spotting Issues in Particular Practice Areas, Chapter 29 in Vol. 3, NEW APPLEMAN INSURANCE LAW PRACTICE GUIDE, Volumes 1, 2 & 3 (LexisNexis/Matthew Bender & Co.: Newark) (2007)

2007 Supplement, Volumes 1-3, UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTORIST INSURANCE, by ALAN I. WIDISS & JEFFREY E. THOMAS (Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender & Co.: San Francisco, Rev. 3d ed.)

The Scope of the Obligation to Pay Claim Expenses in NEW APPLEMAN ON INSURANCE, CURRENT CRITICAL ISSUES IN INSURANCE LAW (monograph) (2007)

Ambiguity and Insurance Policy Interpretation in NEW APPLEMAN ON INSURANCE, CURRENT CRITICAL ISSUES IN INSURANCE LAW (monograph) (2006)

2006 Supplement, Volumes 1-3, UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTORIST INSURANCE, by ALAN I. WIDISS & JEFFREY E. THOMAS (Lexis Nexis Matthew Bender & Co.: San Francisco, Rev. 3d ed.)

2004 Supplement, Volumes 1-3, UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTORIST INSURANCE, by ALAN I. WIDISS (Matthew Bender & Co.: San Francisco, Rev. 2d ed.)

2003 Supplement, Volumes 1-3, UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTORIST INSURANCE, by ALAN I. WIDISS (Anderson Publishing Co.: Cincinnati, Rev. 2d ed.)

2002 Supplement, Volumes 1-3, UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTORIST INSURANCE, ALAN I. WIDISS (Anderson Publishing Co.: Cincinnati, Rev. 2d ed.)

Murder One, in PRIME TIME LAW: FICTIONAL TELEVISION AS LEGAL NARRATIVE (Robert M. Jarvis & Paul R. Joseph eds., Carolina Academic Press, 1998)

Construction of Insurance Contracts, Chapter 16, THE LAW OF LIABILITY INSURANCE (Matthew Bender & Co. New York: New York 1995)

Formation of Liability Insurance Policies, Chapter 4A, THE LAW OF LIABILITY INSURANCE (Matthew Bender & Co. New York: New York 1994)

Continuing Legal Education Materials

Insurance Coverage for Defective Construction: an Introduction (KCMBA 2003) [with Lara M. Owens]

Ethical Considerations for the Defense Attorney (KCMBA 1999)

To Insure or Not to Insure: the Contribution of Insurer Ambivalence to Transaction Costs in Construction Defects Insurance Coverage Litigation for ABA CONSTRUCTION DEFECT LITIGATION CONFERENCE MATERIALS (ABA 1998)

The Complex Nature of Construction Litigation: the Historical Evolution of a Transaction Costs Problem, ABA ANNUAL MEETING MATERIALS (ABA 1997)

Annotated Outline for General Liability Insurance, CORPORATE AND BUSINESS INSURANCE (UMKC CLE 1996)

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Annotated Outline for General Liability Insurance, FUNDAMENTALS OF COMMERCIAL INSURANCE (UMKC CLE 1995)

Selected Developments in Civil Actions, ANNUAL LAW UPDATE (MoBar CLE 1994)

Selected Other Publications

The US Model for Terrorism Insurance: an Analysis, PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND COUNTERACTING TERRORISM CONFERENCE (Lomonosov Moscow State 2007)

Insurance for Terrorism: Analyzing the US Model, ELEVENTH ANNUAL APRIA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (Asia Pacific Risk and Insurance Association 2007)

Expert Commentary, New Appleman Premium Checklists (2007) (available on LexisNexis)

White Paper on Renewal of TRIA (Terrorism Risk Insurance Act), as Reporter for the American Bar Association Tort & Insurance Practice Section Task Force on Federal Involvement in Insurance Regulation Modernization (March 6, 2006)

Regulation of Crop Insurance Agents, a chapter in Review of Insurance Regulatory Systems, a Report for the US Department of Agriculture prepared under a Federal Grant by the Center for Risk Management and Insurance Research, Georgia State University (2005)

Update on the Terrorism Risk and Insurance Act of 2002, OCCURRENCES (Newsletter of the AALS Section on Insurance Law) (Fall 2003)

Background on the ISO Terrorism Exclusions, OCCURRENCES (Newsletter of the AALS Section on Insurance Law) (Fall 2002)

Financial Services in the 21st Century: the Perspective of Insurance, Remarks from the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, 21 ANNUAL REVIEW OF BANKING LAW 315 (2002)

An American Law Professor in China: Thoughts on the Future of the Rule of Law, THE FRONTIER OF SCIENCE OF SOCIETY (May 2001) (in Chinese)

Chinese Insurance Law and the WTO, CREATING A COMPETITIVE EDGE IN INSURANCE FOR THE EMERGING ECONOMY (Asia Pacific Risk & Insurance Association Conference Papers 2001)

Access to the Chinese Insurance Market, PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE SOCIETY (International Insurance Society 2001)

Charles Evans Whittaker: In Pursuit of Perfection, 60 THE ADVANCE SHEET 1 (Newsletter of the Lawyers Association of Kansas City) (Jan. 2001)

From the Journals: Insurance Law Abstracts, 7 CONN. INS. L.J. 665 (2001), 7 CONN. INS. L.J. 313 (2000), 6 CONN. INS. L.J. 511 (2000), 6 CONN. INS. L.J. 187 (1999), 5 CONN. INS. L.J. 815 (1999), 5 CONN. INS. L.J. 475 (1998), 4 CONN. INS. L.J. 843 (1998), 4 CONN. INS. L.J. 443 (1997) (Editor)

Charles Evans Whittaker, in UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT (Salem Press 2000)

Law and Economics for the Appellate Practitioner, in Newsletter of the Appellate Advocacy Committee, Tort and Insurance Practice Section, ABA (Fall 1999)

Insurance Law and Insurance Defense, in MAGILL'S LEGAL GUIDE (Salem Press 1999)

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Internet Insights – Interesting Websites, OCCURRENCES (Newsletter of the AALS Section on Insurance Law) (Fall 1999)

Selected Recent Case Developments, OCCURRENCES (Newsletter of the AALS Section on Insurance Law) (Fall 1997)

Report on the 1996 Insurance Law Program—Mass/Toxic Torts, Insurance Law and Insurance Law Pedagogy, OCCURRENCES (Newsletter of the AALS Section on Insurance Law) (Spring 1996)

Internet Insights: Risknet - An Internet Mailing List Devoted to Risk and Insurance Issues, OCCURRENCES (Newsletter of the AALS Section on Insurance Law) (December 1995)

Selected Recent Cases, OCCURRENCES (Newsletter of the AALS Section on Insurance Law) (December 1995)

Other Publication Activities

Editor-In-Chief, THE NEW APPLEMAN ON INSURANCE (LexisNexis Matthew Bender & Co.) (2006 and continuing)

Advisory Board Member, INSURANCE LAW CENTER (2007-08)
(<http://law.lexisnexis.com/practiceareas/insurance>)

Peer Reviewer, CONNECTICUT INSURANCE LAW JOURNAL (2007-2008)

Board of Editors, CGL REPORTER (published by the International Risk Management Institute) (Fall 2004 – Spring 2006)

Legal Abstracts Advisor, CONNECTICUT INSURANCE LAW JOURNAL (2001-2006)

Contributing Editor, CONNECTICUT INSURANCE LAW JOURNAL (1997-2001)

Editor, OCCURRENCES (Newsletter of the AALS Section on Insurance Law) (1995-2000)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Domestic – Academic Presentations

Where is the National Debate on Insurance Catastrophic Risks Headed?, INSURING CATASTROPHIC LOSSES: THE STATUS OF TRIA AND PROPOSED NATIONAL DISASTER BACKSTOPS, (Co-sponsored by Wiley Rein & Fielding and the Connecticut Insurance Law Center, University of Connecticut School of Law), Washington, D.C., November 15, 2006 (invited panelist)

Lessons Learned from Abroad, CATASTROPHIC RISK INSURANCE: THE SEARCH FOR LONG-TERM SOLUTION, (Co-sponsored by Wiley Rein & Fielding and the Connecticut Insurance Law Center, University of Connecticut School of Law), Washington, D.C., March 23, 2006 (moderator)

Law and Lawyering on Television: propaganda or not?, UMKC CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES LECTURE SERIES ON CREATIVE PROPAGANDA & THE ART OF PERSUASION, Kansas City, Missouri, April 13, 2005 (invited lecture)

Planning and Executing a Model for Institutional Transformation: UMKC's Emerging Future as Case Study, 2004 National Learning to Change Conference, American Association of Higher Education, San Diego, California, April 1, 2004 (with Jennifer Spielvogel)

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Teaching with Socio-economics, Presenter, Socio-Economics, Peace and Justice, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS, SECTION ON SOCIO-ECONOMICS, Atlanta, Georgia, January 3, 2004

Insurance and Compensation after September 11th: A Dialogue with the Special Master of the Victims Compensation Fund, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS, SECTION ON INSURANCE LAW, Washington, D.C., January 5, 2003 (Moderator and Organizer)

Exclusion of Terrorist-Related Harms From Insurance Coverage: Do the Costs Justify the Benefits, Paper Presentation, CONFERENCE ON LAW & ECONOMIC OF PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR HARMS CAUSED BY TERRORISM, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., April 19, 2002

Financial Services in the 21st Century: An Insurance Perspective, Invited Presentation, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS, SECTION ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER FINANCIAL SERVICES, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 5, 2002

Using Socioeconomics in Teaching Torts, Moderator and Presenter, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS, SECTION ON SOCIO-ECONOMICS, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 3, 2002

Legal Culture and "the practice": A Postmodern Depiction of Rule of Law in America, Multimedia Presentation, UCLA Law Review Symposium: Law and Popular Culture, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California, February 23, 2001

A Socio-Economic Analysis of Insurance Policy Interpretation, Paper Presentation, TULANE CONFERENCE ON SOCIO-ECONOMICS AND BINARY ECONOMICS, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 6, 1999

An Interdisciplinary Critique of the Reasonable Expectations Doctrine, Invited Presentatoin, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS, INSURANCE LAW SECTION, San Francisco, California, January 7, 1998

Domestic – Presentations to Lawyers or Students

Renewal of TRIA, Presentation to the Leaders of various insurance committees of the Tort Trial and Insurance Section of the American Bar Association, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 4, 2006

TRIA and Prospects for the Future of Federal Involvement in Terrorism Insurance, CURRENT ISSUES IN INSURANCE REGULATION, Continuing Legal Education Program co-sponsored by the ABA Tort and Insurance Practice Section and the Bar of the City of New York, New York, New York, April 28, 2006

Dean's Panel Discussion – Communication with Administration, Panelist, ABA LAW STUDENT DIVISION, ABA ANNUAL MEETING, Chicago, Illinois, August 5, 2005

Insurance Issues, Presentation, PUBLIC POLICY DISCUSSION ON TORT REFORM: THE REASONABLE MIDDLE A TOWN HALL MEETING, A UMKC School of Law Town Hall Meeting for Legislators Lawyers, Judges, Insurance Professionals, Health Care Professionals and Doctors, Jefferson City, Missouri, February 16, 2005

NAFTA, WTO and the Midwest, Moderator, CURRENT ISSUES IN THE PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, UMKC, Kansas City, Missouri, November 7, 2003

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Point-Counterpoint—When is there Insurance Coverage for Construction Defects Under Commercial Liability Policies, Presentation with Douglas R. Richmond, HOT TOPICS IN CONSTRUCTION LAW, CONSTRUCTION LAW COMMITTEE, KCMBA, Kansas City, Missouri, November 6, 2003

Insurance Coverage for Losses from Terrorist Activity, Presentation, A NEW WORLD FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE ATTORNEYS, 10TH ANNUAL INSURANCE COVERAGE LITIGATION COMMITTEE MIDYEAR PROGRAM, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION TORTS AND INSURANCE PRACTICE SECTION, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 23, 2002

Tort Liability for Gun Violence, Debate with Larry Pratt, President of Gun Owners of America, UMKC School of Law, October 11, 2001

The Significance of State ex rel. Tracy v. Dandurand, Invited Presentation, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Torts Committee, September 27, 2001

Ethical Issues in Insurance Law – An interactive discussion using hypothetical scenarios, ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY, Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Kansas City, Missouri, June 22, 1999

Historical and Theoretical Overview: Why is Construction Defect Litigation So Complex and So Expensive?, Invited Lecture, INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION II, sponsored by the Tort and Insurance Practice Section, the Insurance Coverage Committee and the Property Insurance Committee of the American Bar Association, Marina del Rey, California, June 4, 1998 (by video tape)

An Alternative to Traditional Risk Allocation - The Warranty Approach, Invited Lecture, THE OWNER/ARCHITECT RELATIONSHIP: A MARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN OR . . . , 1997 Annual Mid-Year Conference of the Construction Owners Association of America, Chicago, Illinois, September 12, 1997

The Complex Nature of Construction Litigation, Invited Lecture, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, INSURANCE COVERAGE LITIGATION COMMITTEE OF THE TORT AND INSURANCE PRACTICE SECTION, San Francisco, California, August 3, 1997

Report on the September, 1996 National Institute on Coverage for Defective Construction, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION TORT AND INSURANCE PRACTICE SECTION INSURANCE COVERAGE LITIGATION COMMITTEE CLE MIDWINTER MEETING, San Antonio, Texas, February 21, 1997 (with Thomas W. Johnson, Jr., Esq.)

Current State of Liability Insurance Coverage Law, ESSENTIALS OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Kansas City, Missouri, December 13, 1996

Project Policies (Wrap-ups), Warranty Policies, "Buy Backs", Invited Lecture, INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION, sponsored by the Insurance Coverage Committee of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association, San Diego, California, September 27, 1996 (with Julia Molander, Esq.)

Dimensions of an Insurance Dispute Based on a Hypothetical Problem and Point and Counterpoint - Bad Faith Breach of Insurance Policy: Present and Future for Bad Faith Tort Claims, Moderator for Panel Discussion, FUNDAMENTALS OF COMMERCIAL INSURANCE LAW, Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Kansas City, Missouri, December 1, 1995

Identifying and Using Insurance Coverage in Business Litigation, CLE Seminar sponsored by Continuing Education of the Bar - California, Sacramento, June 12, 1993; Costa Mesa, June 19, 1993; San Diego, June 23, 1993

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International – Academic Presentations

The US Approach to Government Involvement in Terrorism Insurance: Advantages and Disadvantages, Invited Roundtable Presentation, THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON SECURITY ISSUES AND COUNTER TERRORISM, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia, October 26, 2007

The US Model for Terrorism Insurance: A Government Industry Partnership, Invited Plenary Presentation, THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON SECURITY ISSUES AND COUNTER TERRORISM, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia, October 25, 2007

Insurance for Terrorism: Analyzing the US Model, Presenter, ELEVENTH ANNUAL ASIA PACIFIC RISK AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, Taipei, Taiwan, July 24, 2007

Rule of Law in East Asia: Barriers to Development of Civil Society, Invited Presentation, Freeman Foundation Symposium, East Asia – The United States: A Search for Common Values, SALZBURG SEMINAR, Salzburg, Austria, June 11, 2007

Advanced Interactive Teaching Techniques Workshop, Designer and Presenter, CEELI Legal Education Program, Amman, Jordan, March 9-11, 2007

Ambiguity and Insurance Policy Interpretation, Presenter, NINTH ANNUAL ASIA PACIFIC RISK AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, Tokyo, Japan, August 1, 2006

Interactive Teaching Techniques Workshop, Designer and Presenter, CEELI Legal Education Program, Amman, Jordan, December 14-18, 2005 (with Douglas Godfrey)

Harry Potter and the Law, Moderator, Panel Organizer, and Presenter, THE POWER OF STORIES: INTERSECTIONS OF LAW, CULTURE & LITERATURE, Gloucester, England, July 26, 2005

Rule of Law in China: An Empirical Study of Taxi Driver Opinions About Traffic Accident Dispute Resolution, Presentation of Work in Progress, Peking University School of Law, Beijing, China, May 24, 2005

The Indemnity Principle: Evolution from a Financial to a Function Paradigm, Presenter, EIGHTH ANNUAL ASIA PACIFIC RISK AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, Seoul, Korea, July 21, 2004

U.S. Insurance Law, Lecturer, Peking University School of Law, Beijing, China, May 26 & 29, 2004

Industry-Government Partnership for Terrorism Insurance: A Risk-Based Analysis, Presenter, SEVENTH ANNUAL ASIA PACIFIC RISK AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, Bangkok, Thailand, July 22, 2003

Issues in Emerging Insurance Markets, Moderator, SEVENTH ANNUAL ASIA PACIFIC RISK AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, Bangkok, Thailand, July 22, 2003

The Chinese Insurance Market in Transition, Moderator, SIXTH ANNUAL ASIA PACIFIC RISK AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, Shanghai, China, July 23, 2002

Exclusion of Terrorist-Related Harms From Insurance Coverage: Do the Costs Justify the Benefits, Presenter, SIXTH ANNUAL ASIA PACIFIC RISK AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, Shanghai, China, July 23, 2002

Chinese Insurance Law and the WTO, Presenter, FIFTH ANNUAL ASIA PACIFIC RISK AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, Bangalore, India, July 16, 2001

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Living and Teaching in China, Presentation, Panel Discussion, and Leader of Break-Out Sessions, China Fulbright Orientation, Washington, D.C., June 8-9, 2001

Law in Chinese Culture as Reflected in the Resolution of Traffic Accident Claims, Presenter, LAW IN CHINESE CULTURE, sponsored by the Humanities Research Center, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, December 10, 2000

Legal Enforcement of Chinese Insurance Law: A Contextual Assessment and Case Study, Presenter, FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASIA PACIFIC RISK AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, Perth, Australia, July 19, 2000

An American Legal Perspective on Magistrate Bao, Presenter, NANKAI UNIVERSITY/ FUBRIGHT CONFERENCE ON LAW AND DISORDER, Lecture, Tianjin, China, May 20, 2000

The Rule of Law: Structural and Cultural Dimensions of the American Legal System, Invited Lecture, SINO-AMERICAN CONSTITUTION AND RULE OF LAW SYMPOSIUM, sponsored by, Sichuan University Law School, Sichuan University Foreign Languages and Culture Department, and the U.S. Consulate, Chengdu, China, April 11, 2000

An American Law Professor in China: Comments on the Future of Rule of Law, Invited Lecture, SEMINAR ON THE REVIEW AND PROSPECT OF THE LEGALITY CONSTRUCTION IN THE 20TH CENTURY IN CHINA, sponsored by the Chinese University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China, April 5, 2000

American Legal Teaching Methods, Invited Lecture to Faculty of Nankai University, Faculty of Tianjin University, and Judges of Tianjin High Court, Nankai University, Tianjin, China, March 24, 2000

The Rule of Law: Reflections and Observations of an American Law Professor in China, Invited Lecture, University Services Center, Chinese University of Hong Kong, October 7, 1999

A Reassessment of the Interpretative Paradigm for the Construction of Insurance Policies, Presenter, THIRD CONFERENCE OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC RISK AND INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, Hong Kong, China, July 19, 1999

International – Presentations to Professionals or Students

Insurance Law: US and China Comparisons, Invited Presentation, Jilin University Law School, Changchun, China, June 1, 2007

Terrorism and Insurance: An American Perspective, Invited Presentation, Zhejiang University School of Law, Hangzhou, China, May 30, 2007

Fundamentals of US Insurance Law, Invited Presentation, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, Chongqing, China, May 28, 2007

US Insurance Law from a Comparative Perspective, Invited Presentations, Peking University Law School, Beijing, China, May 25, 2007

U.S. Insurance Law from a Comparative Perspective, Lecture, Peking University School of Law, Beijing, China, May 22, 2005

Chinese Insurance Law, Lecture for U.S. Students in the UMKC Summer Study-Abroad Program, Peking University School of Law, Beijing, China, May 22, 2005

Industry-Government Partnership for Terrorism Insurance: A Risk-Based Analysis, Thirty-Ninth Annual Seminar and Research Roundtable of the International Insurance Society, Inc., New York, New York, July 16, 2003

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Access to the Chinese Insurance Market, Thirty-Seventh Annual Seminar and Research Roundtable of the International Insurance Society, Inc., Vienna, Austria, July 11, 2001

WTO and Chinese Insurance Law, Invited Presentation, WTO AND CHINA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES, sponsored by Connecticut Insurance Law Center and the University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China, October 16, 2000

Civil Procedure in the American Legal System, Fulbright Guest Lecture, Dalian University of Foreign Languages, Dalian, China, May 29, 2000

American Legal Education: Form, Process and Substance, Fulbright Guest Lecture, Dalian University of Foreign Languages, Dalian, China, May 26, 2000

Comparative Perspectives on Legal Education, Invited Lecture, with Dr. Prof. Shikai ("Peter") Hu

Tianjin University of Commerce, Tianjin, China, May 9, 2000

Nankai University Eightieth Anniversary Commemorative Lecture Series, Tianjin, China, November 5, 1999

Comparative Legal Systems: Benefits to be Considered and Mistakes to be Avoided, Invited Lecture

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China, April 14, 2000

Nankai University, Tianjin, China, March 28, 2000

American Insurance Law: Fundamental Principles and Considerations for Chinese Law, Fulbright Guest Lecture, Guangxi University, Nanning, China, March 21, 2000

The American Legal System: Strengths, Weaknesses and Possible Lessons for China

Fulbright Guest Lecture, Guangxi University, Nanning, China, March 21, 2000; Jinan University, Guangzhou, China, November 15, 1999; Zhongshan University, Guangzhou, November 12, 1999

Invited Lecture, Speakers Program Bureau, United States Embassy Public Affairs Office, at the American Center for Educational Exchange, Beijing, China, January 6, 2000

American Tort Law: Assignment of Blame, Compensation for Injuries, and Punishment for Wrong-Doing, Fulbright Guest Lecture, Zhongshan University, Guangzhou, China, November 12, 1999

Legal Reasoning and the Economic Paradigm, Guest Lecture at Chinese University of Hong Kong, October 8, 1999

The Coase Theorem: Comments on the Application of the Economic Paradigm to Law, Guest Lecture to Economics Faculty and Graduate Students, Nankai University, Tianjin, China, September 24, 1999

Law and American Culture, Guest Lecture, Nankai University Foreign Languages Department, Tianjin, China, September 24, 1999

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SELECTED SERVICE

University of Missouri – Kansas City

UMKC Council (as Vice Provost) (2005-06)
Taskforce on International Activities (2005)
Chancellor's Cabinet (as Vice Provost) (2003-2004)
Chancellor's Extended Cabinet (advising Chancellor on transformation process) (2000-2004)
Taskforce on Faculty Roles and Rewards (2002-04)
Faculty Senate (2000)
Grievance Hearing Panel (1996-99, 2001-03)
Council on Planning and Evaluation (1994-99)
Student Computer Fee Committee (1998-99)

University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law

International Programs Committee (Chair 2006-08)
Curriculum Committee (2001-03, 2007-08)
Faculty Recruitment Committee (Chair, 2005-07)
Executive/Policy and Planning Committee (2002-05)
Inclusion and Empowerment Committee (Chair, 2000-02)
Ad Hoc Committee on Review of Director of Legal Research and Writing (2000-01)
Student Affairs and Readmissions Committee (Chair, 2002-03)
Communications and Information Technology Committee (2001-02)
Douglas Stripp Distinguished Professorship Search Committee (1998-99)

Fulbright Senior Specialist Program, Peer Reviewer, Law Discipline (2001-03)

Allianzas, Board of Advisors (2001-03)

SELECTED CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Lexis-Nexis/Matthew Bender & Co., Appleman on Insurance

Advising on how to update 60+ volume treatise and working to assemble teams for Board of Editors and writing team

Reviewer, Aspen Law and Business Publishing

Reviewed draft books on Law and Economics and Insurance Law and Policy

Consultant, Lexis-Nexis/Matthew Bender & Co., Insurance Law Classification Scheme

Reviewed and made recommendations for classification scheme to be used in the electronic database

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participant, ABA Site Evaluation Workshop, Chicago, Illinois, February 18, 2006

A one-day workshop for Site Evaluation Team members and administrative personnel from schools planning for a site visit.

Participant, ABA Annual Questionnaire Workshop, Chicago, Illinois, September 2005

A one-day workshop on the new software package used for the Annual Questionnaire.

Jeffrey Ellis Thomas

Grant Recipient, Curriculum Development for Interdisciplinary Courses Studying the Creative Process, UMKC Center for Creative Studies, University of Missouri – Kansas City, 2005

Received a \$7200 grant to develop a course entitled “Narrative and the Art of Legal Persuasion” with faculty from Creative Writing and Film studies. Course development is underway.

Participant, Leadership Development Program, President’s Academic Leadership Institute, University of Missouri System (2002-2003)

A year-long, interactive program with 35 academic leaders from the four University of Missouri campuses consisting of a retreat to assess leadership styles, enhance leadership skills, and work on actual problems with other leaders; day-long workshops every three months on topics of interest to the participants; and monthly luncheon meetings to discuss common concerns and share ideas and advice.

Fellow, Salzburg Seminar: Law as a Catalyst of Change in Asia, Salzburg, Austria, December 4-11, 2002

The Seminar is a leading forum for promoting global dialogue on issues of pressing international concern. This session was about the rule of law and its role as a catalyst of change in Asia. Faculty included academics and lawyers from China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Japan and the U.S. Fellows included representatives from Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Iran, Japan, the U.S., and Viet Nam

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Association of American Law Schools

Insurance Law Section (past Chair, Program Chair, Newsletter Editor; Board member 1995-2004)
Torts, Socio-Economics, Law & Economics, Law & Anthropology, Law & Social Sciences

American Bar Association

Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section
Taskforce on Federal Involvement in Insurance Regulation Modernization (2004-07)
Taskforce on Student Outreach (2003-06)
Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee, Vice Chair (2004-06)
Legal Education and Admissions Section

American Law and Economics Association, Member (2002-05)

American Society of Comparative Law, Delegate (2004-05, 2007-08)

Asia Pacific Risk and Insurance Association, President (2007-08)

Vice President – Finance and Operations
Vice President – Programs (2005-06)
Board of Governors (2002-05)
Member, Journal Preparation Committee (2002-03)
Member, Nomination Committee (2002-05)

J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Board Member, Kansas City Chapter (2003-08)

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Insurance Law & Torts Committees

Lawyers Association of Kansas City, Executive Board (2004-08)

State Bar of California, Member (since 1987) [Inactive status]