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I. Professional

Yale University

Sterling Professor of Law and Legal History, since 2001; emeritus, since 2015  
Chancellor Kent Professor of Law and Legal History, 1990-2001

Trinity Hall, Cambridge University, Honorary Fellow, from 2000

University of Chicago

Max Pam Professor of American and Foreign Law, 1980-90  
Professor of Law, Assistant Professor of Law, 1971-80

Admitted to the bar:

District of Columbia (1969)  
England: Of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law (1970)  
Florida (1971)

Listed in: Who's Who in America

Who's Who in American Law  
Who's Who in American Education  
Who's Who in the World

Languages: fluent German, read French & Italian

Visiting Professor:

NYU Law School (2010)  
Cambridge University, Arthur Goodhart Professor in Legal Science (1997-98)  
Stanford Law School (1985-86)  
University of Michigan Law School (summer 1976)

Visiting Fellow:

Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (2014)  
Trinity Hall, Cambridge University (1997-98)  
All Souls College, Oxford University (1977)  
Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, Frankfurt (1977; 1969-70)  
Max Planck Institute for Criminal Law, Freiburg (1973) (Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung Fellow)

Teaching subjects:

Wealth transfer law: wills, trusts, estates, and fiduciary administration  
Pension and employee benefit law (ERISA)  
English, European, and American legal history  
Comparative law (emphasizing modern German law and legal institutions)  
Fiduciary law  
Civil procedure

## II. Degrees

M.A. 1990 (hon.), Yale University

Ph.D. 1971, Cambridge University (Trinity Hall).

Thesis: "The Criminal Process in the Renaissance" (awarded Yorke Prize)

LL.B. 1969, Cambridge University; first class honours;

Trinity Hall Prize in English law; Scholar of Trinity Hall

LL.B. 1968, Harvard Law School; magna cum laude; editor, Harvard

Law Review, vol. 80, articles editor, vol. 81; Frank Knox Fellow, 1968-69; Fellow in  
Foreign and Comparative Law, 1968-71

A.B. 1964, Columbia University (economics)

#### IV. Memberships

American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 1987)  
American Bar Association (sections: Legal Education; Real Property, Trust & Estate)  
American College of Employee Benefits Counsel (elected honorary member, 2019)  
American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (elected 1985)  
American Historical Association  
American Law Institute (elected 1983)  
American Society for Legal History  
American Society of Comparative Law  
Association internationale de droit judiciaire (elected 1984)  
British Academy (FBA) (corresponding fellow, elected 2012)  
Connecticut Bar Association (section: Estates & Probate), retired  
International Academy of Comparative Law (elected 1984)  
International Academy of Estate and Trust Law (elected 1985)  
Selden Society  
Society of Legal Scholars (UK), retired

#### V. Public Service

Uniform Law Commission (National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws),  
Commissioner, since 1984; gubernatorial appointments, from Illinois, 1984-91,  
Connecticut, since 1991; reporter, Uniform Prudent Investor Act (1991-94); co-reporter,  
Uniform Transfer-on-Death Security Registration Act (1987-89); drafting committees:  
Uniform Custodial Trust Act (1987); Articles II & VI, Uniform Probate Code revisions  
(1989, 1990); Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act (1993); reporter, Uniform Principal  
and Income Act (1997); Uniform Management of Public Employee Retirement Systems  
Act (1997); Uniform Trust Code (2000); Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional  
Funds Act (2006); Uniform Statutory Trust Entity Act (2009); Uniform Directed Trust  
Act (2017); Uniform Fiduciary Income and Principal Act (2018); Uniform Electronic  
Wills Act (2019)

American Law Institute, Associate Reporter, Restatement (Third) of Property: Wills and Other  
Donative Transfers (1990-2011); Adviser, Restatement (Third) of Trusts (1987-2011)

Joint Editorial Board for the Uniform Trust and Estate Acts (formerly Joint Editorial Board for  
the Uniform Probate Code), Uniform Law Commission representative (since 1985)

William Nelson Cromwell Foundation, trustee (since 2004)

National Academy of Social Insurance, Panel Member, Uncharted Waters: Paying Benefits from  
Individual Accounts in Federal Retirement Policy (2003-05)

U.S. Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law, Member, Study Groups on Trusts and Decedents' Estates (1984-1998)

## VI. Books

History of the Common Law: The Development of Anglo-American Legal Institutions (Wolters Kluwer: Aspen Publishers 2009) (with Renée L. Lerner & Bruce P. Smith) (2d ed. forthcoming 2027)

Pension and Employee Benefit Law (with David Pratt, Susan Stabile & Andrew Stumpff) (6th ed., Foundation Press 2015) (prior eds., 2010, 2006, 2000, 1995; 1990)

History of the Yale Law School: The Tercentenary Lectures (with A. Kronman et al.) (Yale Univ. Press 2004)

The Origins of Adversary Criminal Trial (Oxford Univ. Press 2003, paperback 2005) (awarded 2006 Biennial Coif Book Award for outstanding American book on law)

Uniform Statutes on Trusts and Estates: 2009-10 Edition (with Lawrence Waggoner) (Foundation Press 2009) (previous editions, 2008-2009, 2005-06, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001; *sub nom.* Selected Statutes on Trusts and Estates, 1995, 1994, 1992, 1991, 1989, 1987)

The Privilege Against Self-Incrimination: Its Origins and Development (with R.H. Helmholtz et al.) (Univ. Chicago Press 1997)

Comparative Criminal Procedure: Germany (West Pub. Co., American Casebook Series 1977)

Torture and the Law of Proof: Europe and England in the Ancien Régime (Univ. Chicago Press 1977; paperback edition with new introduction, 2006)

Prosecuting Crime in the Renaissance: England, Germany, France (Harvard Univ. Press 1974; reprint edition 2005); Korean edition, (Korean Institute of Criminology 2012); excerpted in part and published in translation as “Die Carolina” in F.C. Schroeder, ed., Die Carolina: Die Peinliche Gerichtsordnung Kaiser Karls V. von 1532 (Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, Darmstadt 1986)

## VII. Articles

### Pension and Investment Law

ERISA's Role in the Demise of Defined Benefit Pension Plans in the United States, *Journal of Elder Law* (2023)

Trust Law as Regulatory Law: The Unum/Provident Scandal and Judicial Review of Benefit Denials under ERISA, *101 Northwestern Univ. Law Review* 1315 (2007)

"Social Security and the Private Pension System," in *In Search of Retirement Security: The Changing Mix of Social Insurance, Employee Benefits, and Individual Responsibility* (T. Ghilarducci et al. eds.) (National Academy of Social Insurance 2005)

"What's Wrong with Employee Stock Pension Plans," in *Enron and Other Corporate Fiascos: The Corporate Scandal Reader* (Nancy B. Rapoport et al. eds., 2d ed. 2009) (reproducing testimony presented to U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, Jan. 24, 2002)

What ERISA Means by "Equitable": The Supreme Court's Trail of Error in *Russell, Mertens*, and *Great-West*, *103 Columbia Law Review* 1317 (2003), substantially republished in *NYU Review of Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation* (2004)

Trust-Investment Law in the United States: Main Themes of the Uniform Prudent Investor Act, *Shintaku No. 189* (Feb. 1997) (in Japanese)

The Uniform Prudent Investor Act and the Future of Trust Investing, *81 Iowa Law Review* 641 (1996); republished in *Modern International Developments in Trust Law* (D. Hayton, ed.) (1999)

The New American Trust-Investment Law, *8 Trust Law International* 123 (1994)

Reversing the Nondelegation Rule of Trust-Investment Law, *59 Missouri Law Review* 104 (1994) (William Fratcher memorial issue)

The Supreme Court Flunks Trusts, [1990] *Supreme Court Review* 207 (1991)

The Conundrum of Fiduciary Investing under ERISA, in *Proxy Voting of Pension Plan Equity Securities* 128 (D. McGill, ed.) (Wharton School: Pension Research Council 1989)

ERISA's Fundamental Contradiction: The Exclusive Benefit Rule (with Daniel R. Fischel), *55 Univ. Chicago Law Review* 1105 (1988)

“Social Investing of Pension Funds and University Endowments: Unprincipled, Futile, and Illegal,” in *Disinvestment: Is it Legal, Is it Moral? Is it Productive?* (National Legal Center for the Public Interest, 1985)

Social Investing and the Law of Trusts (with Richard Posner), 79 *Michigan Law Review* 72 (1980)

Market Funds and Trust-Investment Law II (with Richard Posner), 1977 *American Bar Foundation Research Journal* 1

The Revolution in Trust Investment Law (with Richard Posner), 62 *American Bar Association Journal* 887 (1976)

Market Funds and Trust-Investment Law (with Richard Posner), 1976 *American Bar Foundation Research Journal* 1

#### Trust and Estate Law

“Because Property Became Contract: Understanding the American Nonprobate Revolution,” in *The Changing Role of Property Law: Rights, Values and Concepts*, Nordveit, Ernst, ed. (Northampton, UK, Edward Elgar, 2023)

Absorbing South Australia’s Wills Act Dispensing Power in the United States: Emulation, Resistance, Expansion, 38 *Adelaide Law Review* 1 (2017)

“Why the Rule in *Saunders v. Vautier* is Wrong,” in *Equity and Administration* 189 (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2016) (P.G. Turner, ed.)

Destructive Federal Preemption of State Wealth Transfer Law in Beneficiary Designation Cases: *Hillman* Doubles Down on *Egelhoff*, 67 *Vanderbilt Law Review* 1665 (2014) (ACTEC Foundation Symposium on “The Federal Role in Private Wealth Transfer”)

Major Reforms of the Property Restatement and the Uniform Probate Code: Reformation, Harmless Error, and Nonprobate Transfers, 38 *ACTEC Law Journal* 1 (2012) (Trachtman Lecture 2012)

Burn the Rembrandt? Trust Law’s Limits on the Settlor’s Power to Direct Investments, 89 *Boston Univ. Law Review* 375 (2010)

Why Did Trust Law Become Statute Law in the United States?, 58 *Alabama Law Review* 1069 (2007) (Meador Lecture 2006)

Questioning the Trust-Law Duty of Loyalty: Sole Interest or Best Interest? 114 Yale Law Journal 929 (2005) (2006 Green Bag award, best written major article)

The Rise of the Management Trust, 143 Trusts & Estates Magazine 52 (Oct. 2004), republished in 4 Trusts *Trimestrale di Approfondimento Scientifico e Professionale* 338 (2005) (in Italian)

Mandatory Rules in the Law of Trusts, 98 Northwestern Univ. Law Review 1105 (2004) (Hess Memorial Lecture of the Ass'n of the Bar of the City of New York, April 2002)

Curing Execution Errors and Mistaken Terms in Wills: The Restatement of Wills Delivers New Tools (and New Duties) for Probate Lawyers, 18 Probate & Property 28 (Jan./Feb. 2004); substantially republished in 51 Yale Law Report 36 (Sum. 2004)

The Uniform Trust Code: Codification of the Law of Trusts in the United States, 15 Trust Law International 69 (2001)

The Secret Life of the Trust: The Trust as an Instrument of Commerce, 107 Yale Law Journal 165 (1997); republished in *Modern International Developments in Trust Law* (D. Hayton, ed.) (1999)

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Will Contests, 103 Yale Law Journal 2039 (1994) (review)

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Taking a Look at the Pluses and Minuses of the Practice, *Trusts & Estates Magazine* 10-18 (Dec. 1989)

The Twentieth-Century Revolution in Family Wealth Transmission, 86 *Michigan Law Review* 722 (1988)

The Twentieth-Century Revolution in Family Wealth Transmission and the Future of the Probate Bar, 1988 *Probate Lawyer* 1 (American College of Probate Counsel)

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#### Comparative Law

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Trashing "The German Advantage," 82 *Northwestern Univ. Law Review* 763 (1988)

Comparative Civil Procedure and the Style of Complex Contracts, 35 *American Journal of Comparative Law* 381 (1987); republished in *Der komplexe Langzeitvertrag/The Complex Long-Term Contract* 445 (F. Nicklisch, ed.) (C.F. Müller Verlag, Heidelberg 1987); republished in German as *Zivilprozessrechtsvergleichung und der Stil komplexer Vertragswerke*, 86 *Zeitschrift für vergleichende Rechtswissenschaft* 141 (1987)

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Judging Foreign Judges Badly: Nose Counting Isn't Enough, 18 *Judges' Journal* 4 (Fall 1979)

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### Legal History

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(2013 *Green Bag* award, best written major article)

"The Demise of Trial in American Civil Procedure: How It Happened, Is It Convergence with European Civil Procedure?," in *Truth and Efficiency in Civil Litigation: Fundamental Aspects of Fact-finding and Evidence-Taking in a Comparative Context* (C.H. van Rhee & Alan Uzelac, eds. 2012)

"Bifurcation and the Bench: The Influence of the Jury on English Conceptions of the Judiciary," in *Judges and Judging in the History of the Common Law and Civil Law: From Antiquity to Modern Times* 67 (Paul Brand & Joshua Getzler eds. 2012)

- “Blackstone on Judging,” in *Blackstone and His Commentaries* 65 (Wilfrid Prest ed. 2009)
- “The Legal History of Torture,” in *Torture: A Collection* 93 (Sanford Levinson ed.) (Oxford Univ. Press 2004)
- Review, *The Trial in History* (Vol.1, M. Mulholland & B. Pullan eds., Vol. 2, R.A. Melikan ed.), 119 *English Historical Review* 192 (Feb. 2004)
- “Trinity Hall and the Relations of European and English Law from the Fourteenth to the Twenty-First Centuries,” in *The Milestones Lectures* (Cambridge, England 2001)
- The Prosecutorial Origins of Defence Counsel in the Eighteenth Century: The Appearance of Solicitors, 58 *Cambridge Law Journal* 314 (1999) (awarded the Sutherland Prize, American Society for Legal History, 2000)
- “The Later History of Restitution,” in *Restitution Past, Present and Future: Essays in Honour of Gareth Jones* 57-62 (Oxford 1998)
- The Historical Foundations of the Law of Evidence: A View from the Ryder Sources, 96 *Columbia Law Review* 1168 (1996)
- The Historical Origins of the Privilege Against Self-Incrimination at Common Law, 92 *Michigan Law Review* 1047 (1994)
- Chancellor Kent and the History of Legal Literature, 93 *Columbia Law Review* 547 (1993)
- On the Myth of Written Constitutions: The Disappearance of Criminal Jury Trial, 15 *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy* 119 (1992); published in translation, 17 *Yonsei Law Review* (Sept. 2007) (South Korea); 1996 *Nueva Doctrina Penal* 45 (Argentina)
- Culprits and Victims, *Times* (London) Literary Supplement, Oct. 11, 1991 (review)
- The Twilight of Amateur Law Enforcement, 9 *Law & History Review* 398 (1991) (review)
- “The English Criminal Trial Jury on the Eve of the French Revolution,” in *The Trial Jury in England, France, Germany: 1700-1900* (Comparative Studies in Continental and Anglo-American Legal History) (Duncker & Humblot, Berlin 1987)
- “The Constitutio Criminalis Carolina in Comparative Perspective: An Anglo-American View,” in *Strafrecht, Strafprozess und Rezeption* (P. Landau & F.-C. Schroeder eds.) (Frankfurt 1984)

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“Introduction,” Sir William Blackstone, *Commentaries on the Laws of England, Volume III* (Univ. Chicago Press, reprint ed. 1979; reprinted 2002)

Understanding the Short History of Plea Bargaining, 13 Law & Society Review 261 (1979)

Torture and Plea Bargaining, 46 Univ. Chicago Law Review 4 (1978); republished in Spanish as “*Tortura Y Plea Bargaining*,” in *El Procedimiento Abreviado* (J.B. Maier & A. Bovino eds.) (Buenos Aires 2001); substantially republished in *The Public Interest* (Winter 1980) at 43; latter version republished in *The Public Interest on Crime and Punishment* (N. Glazer ed. 1984)

The Criminal Trial Before the Lawyers, 45 Univ. Chicago Law Review 263 (1978)

The Historical Origins of the Sanction of Imprisonment for Serious Crime, 5 Journal of Legal Studies 35 (1976)

Fact-Finding in the English Court of Chancery: A Rebuttal, 83 Yale Law Journal 1620 (1974)

The Origins of Public Prosecution at Common Law, 17 American Journal of Legal History 313 (1973)

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