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LEGAL ACADEMIA

American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.
Professor of Law (2007-); Director of Business Law Programs (2008-); Visiting
Professor (2006-2007)

Teaching areas: contracts; commercial law (including secured transactions, sales,
international sales, electronic commerce, bankruptcy, and payment systems);
international, comparative, and civil law; legal history

Chair, Steering Committee, International Academy of Comparative Law, XVIIIth
Quadrennial Congress 2010 (2007-)

Chair, Contracts Section, Association of American Law Schools (Jan. 2005-Jan. 2006)

Board of Editors, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW (2007-)

Board of Faculty Advisors, Center for International Commercial Arbitration and
Dispute Settlement, American University (2009-)

Previous Full-Time Appointments: Tulane Law School, New Orleans (prof., 2004-
2007); Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington (prof., 2002-2004; visiting
prof., summer 2001); Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of
Law (assoc. prof., 2001-2002; asst. prof., 1996-2001)

Visiting Professor Appointments: College of William & Mary School of Law (spring
2001); Boston University School of Law (fall 2000)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Hogan & Hartson LLP, Washington, D.C.
Associate (1992-1996). Litigation and arbitration of international and domestic
business disputes, including matters involving contract issues, high technology,
cable television, patents, intellectual property, international trade, and insurance
coverage; appellate litigation; counseling institutions of higher education

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
Law clerk to the Honorable John M. Duhé Jr. (1991-1992)

EDUCATION

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, La.
Juris Doctor *summa cum laude* May 1991
Senior Managing Editor, *Tulane Law Review*

Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* in History, May 1988; Teacher Preparation Program
National Merit Scholar

PUBLICATIONS

Hunting Promissory Estoppel, in *MIXED JURISDICTIONS COMPARED* ch. 10, at 281-321 (Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh Studies in Law Vol. 6, Vernon Valentine Palmer & Elspeth Christie Reid eds. 2009)

Contract Regulation, With and Without the State: Ruminations on Rules and Their Sources, 55 AM. J. COMP. L. 723 (2008), *published jointly in* BEYOND THE STATE: RETHINKING PRIVATE LAW ch. 13, at 301-20 (Nils Jansen & Ralf Michaels eds.) (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008) (comment on Jürgen Basedow) (presented at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg, July 13, 2007)

Chapter 13, *Conditions*, and Chapter 14, *Breach* (both with Randy Barnett), in RANDY BARNETT, *CONTRACTS: CASES AND DOCTRINE* 857-91 (4th ed., Aspen Publishers 2008); *id.* at 839-75 (3d ed. 2003); *id.* at 925-51, 969-84 (2d ed., Aspen Law & Business 1999)

Chapter 13, *Conditions*, and Chapter 14, *Breach* (the latter with Randy Barnett), in RANDY BARNETT, *TEACHER'S MANUAL—CONTRACTS: CASES AND DOCTRINE* 483-506 (4th ed., Aspen Publishers 2008); *id.* at 459-89 (3d ed., Aspen Law & Business 2003); *id.* at 393-422 (2d ed., Aspen Law & Business 1999)

Molecular Federalism and the Structures of Private Lawmaking, 14 IND. J. GLOBAL LEGAL STUD. 419 (2007) (presented at the Second International Workshop on Comparative Research in Law and Political Economy, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Nov. 2006)

Go Out and Look: The Challenge and Promise of Empirical Scholarship in Contract Law, 80 TUL. L. REV. 1009 (2006) (introduction to 2006 AALS Contracts Section Symposium)

Private Lawmaking, 64 OHIO ST. L.J. 371 (2003) (lead article), *translated in part into Mandarin Chinese as* 民间立法何以被称为法律, 6 J. SHANDONG U. 1 (Jiang Shi-bo trans., 2006), *and translated in full as* 民间立法, 6 FOLK LAW 537 (Jiang Shi-bo trans., 2007)

Closing the Deal in Contracts: Introducing Transactional Skills in the First Year, 34 U. TOL. L. REV. 689 (2003) (transcript of presentation to AALS Contracts Section)

FORMS UNDER REVISED ARTICLE 9 (ABA 2002) (contributor, as part of a task force of the Uniform Commercial Code Committee, Section of Business Law, American Bar Association)

Language and Formalities in Commercial Contracts: A Defense of Custom and Conduct, 54 SMU L. REV. 617 (2001) (in Symposium on Revised Articles 1 and Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code)

The Law of Contract and the Concept of Change: Public and Private Attempts to Regulate Modification, Waiver, and Estoppel, 1999 WIS. L. REV. 607 (1999) (lead article)

Roman Law After the Fall of Rome, H-NET REVIEWS IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES < <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=25820942436877> > (Oct. 25, 1999) (reviewing PETER STEIN, ROMAN LAW IN EUROPEAN HISTORY (1999))

Comparative Law in Action: Promissory Estoppel, the Civil Law, and the Mixed Jurisdiction, 15 ARIZ. J. INT'L & COMP. L. 695 (1998) (lead article), reprinted in full in LOUISIANA: MICROCOSM OF A MIXED JURISDICTION (Vernon V. Palmer ed., Carolina Academic Press 1999)

The Case of Natural Obligations, 56 LA. L. REV. 423 (1995)

Ancient Law and Modern Eyes, 69 TUL. L. REV. 1631 (1995) (rejoinder)

Possession: A Brief for Louisiana's Rights of Succession to the Legacy of Roman Law, 66 TUL. L. REV. 1853 (1992)

Comment, *Disclosure of Medical Information Under Louisiana and Federal Law*, 65 TUL. L. REV. 169 (1990)

Recent Development, *Coliseum Square Association v. City of New Orleans: Streets for Rent, or Public Things and the Doctrine of Inalienability*, 64 TUL. L. REV. 1280 (1990)

**WORKS
IN PROGRESS**

INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN GOODS (with Martin Davies) (under contract with Oxford University Press, publication expected 2011)

The New Social Contracts (examining international contracts providing for human rights protections in the production of goods)

Toward a Unified Transnational Theory of Specific Performance (presented at the annual meeting of the AALS, Washington, D.C., Jan. 4, 2006)

**LAW
REFORM**

Member, American Law Institute (elected Oct. 18, 2002)

Members Consultative Group for:

RESTATEMENT (THIRD) OF RESTITUTION AND UNJUST ENRICHMENT (in progress)

PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF SOFTWARE CONTRACTS (approved May 2009)

RESTATEMENT (THIRD) OF AGENCY (published 2006)

Joint Review Committee, Uniform Commercial Code Article 9 (observer; in progress)

Member, Louisiana State Law Institute (member of the Council 2004-2008)

Uniform Commercial Code Subcommittee on Article 1, American Bar Association (Chair, 2000-2004; member from 1996). Chaired subcommittee during the conclusion of the revision of UCC Article 1, the beginning of passage in the states, and the education of the bar regarding the revisions. Reports and projects include numerous publications in the COMMERCIAL LAW NEWSLETTER; citations available upon request.

BARS

U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fourth, Fifth, and D.C. Circuits; U.S. District Court for Arizona; Maryland (inactive); Louisiana (inactive); District of Columbia (inactive)

LANGUAGES

Some reading and speaking knowledge of French, Italian, and Latin

PERSONAL

Born in Louisiana on January 5, 1966

Married to Jane L. Snyder

Children: Abigail H. Snyder (b. Jan. 15, 2000), Caroline A. Snyder (b. Feb. 26, 2002)
Coach, Montgomery Soccer, Inc.

Member, Yale Alumni Schools Committee (Montgomery County, Md.)

Beth El Conservative Congregation