

## **Curtis Bridgeman**

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### **Academic Appointments**

#### **Willamette University College of Law**

**Roderick and Carol Wendt Professor of Business Law**, 2013 – Present  
(named Wendt Professor in 2018)

#### **Dean of College from 2013-2020**

Duties as Dean: Chief Executive Officer for the College of Law  
Managed budget, faculty, and staff for College of Law  
Set Strategic Priorities for the College of Law  
Part of Senior Leadership Team for University  
Led Fundraising and Alumni Engagement Efforts for College of Law  
Represented College of Law with External Stakeholders

**Courses:** Contracts I, Commercial Law courses, Philosophy of Law courses

#### **Florida State University College of Law**

#### **Associate Dean for Academic Affairs**, 2011—2013

Duties: Associate Dean of Faculty  
Scheduling of Classes  
Managed Faculty Workload, Including Committee Assignments  
Academic Counseling for Students on Academic Probation  
Worked with Associate Dean of Students on Student-Conduct Issues  
Assisted with Promotion and Tenure Process  
Assisted with Review of Junior Faculty  
Filled in for Dean in University Leadership Roles as Needed  
Assisted Dean with Strategic Planning  
Small Role in Budgeting, Especially in Second Year  
Represented Law School with Outside Groups as Needed

**Professor (first Assistant Professor, then Associate Professor), 2004--2013 Corry  
Professor of Law, 2007--2013**

**Courses Taught:**

Contracts I and II  
Secured Transactions  
Creditors' Rights  
Business Associations  
Jurisprudence  
Philosophy of Private Law

**Honors and Awards:**

"Guardian of the Flame Award" 2009-2010, Florida State University (2009).  
University Graduate Teaching award, 2009-2010, Florida State University (2009).  
"Professor of the Year" Chosen by FSU's first-year students three times (2005,  
2006, 2008).  
Named James Edmund and Margaret Elizabeth Henessey Corry Professor of Law,  
Florida State University (2007).

**Other Teaching Experience**

**University of Illinois College of Law** (Visiting Professor, Fall 2007)

Courses: Philosophy of Private Law Seminar

**Vanderbilt University** (Taught as Graduate Student, 1997-2000)

Courses: Intro to Ethics, Intro to Philosophy

**The University of Alabama in Huntsville** (Adjunct Professor, 1998)

Courses: Engineering Ethics

**Publications**

*The Failure of Individual Autonomy to Explain Modern Contract Law*, work in progress.

*Twenty-First Century Contract Law is a Law of Agreements, not of Debts*, forthcoming in THE  
YALE LAW JOURNAL FORUM (2019).

*Are Mortgage Contracts Promises?*, In COMMERCIAL CONTRACT LAW: TRANSATLANTIC  
PERSPECTIVES, Cambridge University Press (2013)

*Do Promises Distinguish Contract From Tort?* (with John C. P. Goldberg), 45 *Suffolk University Law Review* 873 (2012).

*Civil Recourse or Civil Powers?*, 39 *FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW* 1 (2011).

*The Morality of Jingle Mail: Moral Myths About Strategic Default*, 46 *WAKE FORREST LAW REVIEW*, 123 (2011).

*Bullshit Promises* (with Karen Sandrik), 76 *TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW* 379 (2009).

*Contracts as Plans*, 2009 *UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW* 341 (2009).

*Why Contracts Scholars Should Read Legal Philosophy: Formalism, Positivism, and the Specification of Rules in Contract Law*, 29 *CARDOZO LAW REVIEW* 1443 (2008).

*Reconciling Strict Liability and Corrective Justice in Contract Law*. 74 *FORDHAM UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW* 3013 (2007).

*Default Rules, Penalty Default Rules, and New Formalism*, 33 *FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW*. 683 (2006).

*Misrepresented Intent in the Context of Unequal Bargaining Power*, 2006 *MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW* 993 (2006).

*Allegheny College Revisited: Cardozo, Consideration, and Formalism in Context*, 39 *UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS LAW REVIEW* 149 (2005).

*Liberalism and Freedom from the Promise Theory of Contract*, 67 *MODERN LAW REVIEW* 684 (2005).

*Corrective Justice in Contract Law: Is There a Case for Punitive Damages?*, 56 *VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW* 237 (2003).

### **Select Presentations**

*The Morality of Jingle Mail: Moral Myths About Strategic Default*, University of North Carolina Faculty Workshop (2011).

*Are Mortgage Contracts Promises?*, Transatlantic Perspectives on Contract Law conference at Sheffield University (2011).

*Bots, Airline Miles, and the DMCA: Tortious Interference With Contractual Relations in a World of Standard-Form, End-User Consumer Contracts*, Georgetown Law School Conference on Contract and Promise (2011).

*Contract, Tort, and Promise* (with John C.P. Goldberg). In Suffolk Law School symposium on the 30th anniversary of CONTRACT AS PROMISE. (2011).

*Civil Recourse or Civil Powers?* In Florida State University symposium on civil recourse theory. (2011).

*The Morality of Jingle Mail: Moral Myths About Strategic Default*, Georgetown Law School Conference on Contract and Promise (2010)

*Variation by Agreement Under Article 2*, ABA Business Law Section BA Annual Meeting (San Francisco) (2010).

*The Value of Assurances: A (Virtuously Circular Explanation)*. Georgetown Law School Conference on Contract and Promise (2009).

Contracts as Plans. Workshop delivered at Vanderbilt University Law School Faculty Colloquia Presentation (2008).

*Enforcing Exchanges, Not Relationships: Acting Together and the Duty of Good Faith in Contract Law*. Workshop delivered at University of Pittsburgh School of Law Faculty Colloquia Presentation (2008).

*Why Contracts Scholars Should Read Legal Philosophy: Formalism, Positivism, and the Specification of Rules in Contract Law*. Workshop delivered at University of Illinois College of Law Faculty Colloquia Presentation (2007).

*Misrepresented Intent in the Context of Unequal Bargaining Power*. In Michigan State University symposium on The Role of Bargaining Power in Contract Law (2006).

*Formalism and Positivism in Contract Law: The Role of Contracts in Guiding Conduct*. Workshop delivered at Cardozo, Yeshiva University, Faculty Colloquia Presentation (2006).

*Formalism and Positivism in Contract Law: The Role of Contracts in Guiding Conduct*. Workshop delivered at University of Florida, Levin College of Law Faculty Colloquia Presentation (2006).

*Strict Liability and the Fault Standard in Corrective Justice Accounts of Contract*. Paper presented at Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, Stanford University (2005).

*Discharge, not Forgiveness: the Decision not to Enforce Contracts After Bankruptcy.* In "A Debtor World: Interdisciplinary Academic Symposium on Debt" at University of Illinois College of Law (2005).

*Comment on Eric Posner's "There Are No Penalty Default Rules,"* In Florida State University College of Law Penalty Default Rules Symposium (2005).

*They Just Don't Make Formalism the Way They Used To: New Formalism vs. Classical Formalism in Contract Law.* Workshop delivered at Florida State University College of Law Faculty Workshop Series (2005).

*Kripkeholmes and Contract Querformance.* In Society for Evolutionary Analysis of the Law conference. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Society for Evolutionary Analysis of the Law, Vanderbilt University (2003).

## **Education**

**Vanderbilt University, J.D., 2003.**

### **Honors and Awards:**

Bennett Douglas Bell Memorial Award, Vanderbilt University (2003).

John W. Wade Scholar, Vanderbilt University (2003).

Lightfoot, Franklin & White Best Oralist Award, Vanderbilt University (2003).

Myron Penn Laughlin Recent Development Award, Vanderbilt University (2003).

VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW Articles Editor, VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW (2003)

**Vanderbilt University, Ph.D., M.A., Philosophy, 2001**

**University of Alabama in Huntsville, B.A., 1996**

## **Other Professional Experience:**

**Judicial Clerk,** The Honorable Gilbert Merritt of the sixth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals in Nashville, TN, 2003-2004

**Summer Associate,** General Litigation, Corporate/transaction, & Bankruptcy, Harwell Howard Hyne Gabbert & Manner, Nashville TN, 2001 & 2002

**Summer Associate and Part-Time Associate,** General Litigation, Bass, Berry & Simms, PLC, Nashville TN, 2002.

**Summer Associate**, General Litigation, Corporate/Transaction, Sherrard & Roe,  
Nashville, TN, 2001.

### **Personal Interests**

Outdoor sports such as golf, cycling, and boating; reading; home projects (most anything with tools); baking.