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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EMPLOYMENT

Columbia Law School

Charles Evans Gerber Professor of Law, 2014-present
Harvey R. Miller Professor of Law and Economics, 2009-12
Professor, 2007-09; Associate Professor, 2003-07; John M. Olin Fellow, 2002-03

University of Chicago Law School

Paul H. and Theo Leffmann Professor of Commercial Law, 2013-2014
Professor, Fall 2012; Visiting Professor, Spring 2008

Hon. Antonin Scalia, Supreme Court of the United States

Law Clerk, 2001-02

Hon. Richard A. Posner, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Law Clerk, 2000-01

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, J.D., High Honors, 2000

Articles Editor, U. Chi. L. Rev., 1998-99; Staff, 1997-98
Order of the Coif; John M. Olin Prize; Joseph Henry Beale Prize

University of Chicago, Department of Economics, Ph.D., 2003; M.A., 1997

Thesis: "Bankruptcy Decision Making: An Empirical Study of Small-Business Bankruptcies"
Teaching Assistant for Gary S. Becker, James J. Heckman, and Jose Scheinkman
State Farm Foundation Dissertation Award; Bradley Foundation Scholarship

University of Utah, Honors B.S. (Economics and Accounting), *summa cum laude*, 1994

Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship; Honors Baccalaureate Scholarship;
full-tuition scholarship

TEACHING

Courses

Bankruptcy
Contracts
Corporate Finance

Seminars

Advanced Topics in Corporate Reorganization
Empirical Law & Economics
Law & Economics

PUBLICATIONS

Books

BAIRD AND JACKSON ON BANKRUPTCY, 5th edition (Foundation Press: 2020) (with Barry E. Adler and Anthony J. Casey)

ECONOMICS OF BANKRUPTCY (Edward Elgar Press: Edward R. Morrison, ed., 2012)

Articles

Business Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring

Valuing Firms in A World Of Pandemic-Induced Bankruptcies, in Law360.com (June 9, 2020) (with Andrea Okie and Kerri Leonhardt)

Bankruptcy's Role in the COVID-19 Crisis (with Andrea C. Saavedra), in LAW IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 (Columbia Law School: Katharina Pistor, ed., 2020)

Beyond Options (with Anthony J. Casey), in HANDBOOK ON CORPORATE BANKRUPTCY (Edward Elgar Press: Barry Adler, ed., forthcoming)

Valuation Disputes in Corporate Bankruptcy, 166 U. PENN. L. REV. 1819 (2018) (with Kenneth M. Ayotte)

Rules of Thumb for Intercreditor Agreements, 2015 UNIV. ILL. L. REV. 721

Creditor Control and Conflict in Chapter 11, 2 J. LEGAL ANAL. 511 (2009) (with Kenneth M. Ayotte)

Modified version published in ENTERPRISE LAW: CONTRACTS, MARKETS, AND LAWS IN THE US AND JAPAN (Edward Elgar Press: Zenichi Shishido, ed.)

Bargaining around Bankruptcy: Small Business Distress and State Law, 38 J. LEGAL STUD. 255 (2009)

Bankruptcy's Rarity: An Essay on Small Business Bankruptcy in the United States, 5 EUR. CO. & FIN. L. REV. 172 (2008)

Who Needs Bankruptcy Law?, in 1000 WORDS OR LESS: SESQUICENTENNIAL ESSAYS OF THE FACULTY OF COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL (Columbia Law School: Elizabeth S. Scott, ed., 2008)

Bankruptcy Decision Making: An Empirical Study of Continuation Bias in Small Business Bankruptcies, 50 J. L. & ECON. 381 (2007)

Serial Entrepreneurs and Small Business Bankruptcies, 105 COLUM. L. REV. 2310 (2005) (with Douglas G. Baird)

Bankruptcy Decision Making, 17 J. LAW, ECON. & ORG. 356 (2001) (with Douglas G. Baird)

Financial Contracts and the Bankruptcy Code

Rolling Back the Repo Safe Harbors, 69 BUS. LAWYER 1015 (2014) (with Mark J. Roe and Christopher S. Sontchi)

Financial Contracts and the New Bankruptcy Code: Insulating Markets from Bankrupt Debtors and Bankruptcy Judges, 13 AM. BANKR. INST. L. REV. 641 (2005) (with Joerg Riegel)

Derivatives and the Bankruptcy Code: Why the Special Treatment?, 22 YALE J. REG. 91 (2005) (with Franklin R. Edwards)

Modified version published in SYSTEMIC FINANCIAL CRISES (World Scientific Press: Douglas D. Evanoff and George G. Kaufman, eds., 2005)

Consumer Bankruptcy, Housing, and Mortgage Policy

Race and Bankruptcy: Explaining Racial Disparities in Consumer Bankruptcy, 63 J. L. & ECON. 269 (2020) (with Belisa Pang and Antoine Uettwiller)

Consumer Bankruptcy Pathologies, 173 J. INSTIT. & THEORET. ECON. 174 (2017) (with Antoine Uettwiller)

“Coasean Bargaining in Consumer Bankruptcy,” in RONALD H. COASE (Univ. Chicago Law School: Omri Ben-Shahar, ed., 2014)

Mortgage Modification and Strategic Behavior: Evidence from a Legal Settlement with Countrywide, 104 AM. ECON. REV. 2830 (2014) (with Christopher Mayer, Tomasz Piskorski, & Arpit Gupta)

A New Proposal for Loan Modifications, 26 YALE J. REG. 417 (2009) (with Christopher Mayer & Tomasz Piskorski)

Bankruptcy and Financial Institutions

Dodd-Frank for Bankruptcy Lawyers, 19 AM. BANKR. INST. L. REV. 287 (2011) (with Douglas G. Baird)

Discussion remarks, *Legal Aftershocks of the Global Financial Crisis, Panel 3: Bankruptcy & Restructuring of Financial Institutions*, 6 N.Y.U. J. L. & BUS. 241 (2010)

Is the Bankruptcy Code an Adequate Mechanism for Resolving the Distress of Systemically Important Institutions?, 82 TEMPLE L. REV. 449 (2009)

General Bankruptcy Law

Extraterritorial Avoidance Actions: Lessons from Madoff, 9 BROOKLYN J. CORP., FIN & COMM. L. 268 (2014)

Timbers of Inwood Forest, *the Economics of Rent, and the Irrelevance of Supreme Court Precedent*, in BANKRUPTCY STORIES (Foundation Press: Robert K. Rasmussen, ed., 2007)

Adversary Proceedings in Bankruptcy: A Sideshow, 79 AM. BANKR. L. J. 951 (2005) (with Douglas G. Baird)

Other

Comment, *Judicial Review of Discount Rates Used in Regulatory Cost-Benefit Analysis*, 65 U. CHI. L. REV. 1333 (1998)

Off-Balance Sheet Risks: What Are They and Why is Their Disclosure Important?, 11 J. ACCT. EDUC. 313 (1993)

Impact of the Salt Lake City Airport on the Utah Economy, 53 UTAH ECON. & BUS. REV. 1 (1993)
(with Boyd L. Fjeldsted)

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

Business Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring

“Restructuring vs. Bankruptcy” (with Jason Roderick Donaldson, Giorgia Piacentino, and Xiaobo Yu) (available on SSRN)

“How Large are Bankruptcy Distress Costs: Evidence from Judicial Assignments” (with Belisa Pang) (in progress)

Consumer Finance and Bankruptcy

“Home Equity Mitigates the Financial and Mortality Consequences of Health Shocks: Evidence from Cancer Diagnoses” (with Arpit Gupta, Scott Ramsey, and Catherine Fedorenko) (available on SSRN)

“Manipulating Random Assignment: Evidence from Consumer Bankruptcies in the Nation’s Largest Cities” (with Belisa Pang and Jon Zytneck) (available on SSRN)

“Health and Financial Fragility: Evidence from Car Crashes and Consumer Bankruptcy” (with Arpit Gupta, Larry Cook, Heather Keenan, and Lenora Olson) (available on SSRN)

Older Drafts of Modified Projects

“Chrysler, GM and the Future of Chapter 11” (available on SSRN)

“Optimal Timing and Legal Decisionmaking: The Case of the Liquidation Decision in Bankruptcy” (with Douglas G. Baird) (available on SSRN)

GRANTS

National Science Foundation, “Understanding the Determinants of Household Default Decisions in the Mortgage Crisis,” September 2011-August 2015, with Christopher Mayer & Tomasz Piskorski, SES 1124188, \$347,811

Pew Charitable Trusts, Conference on Strategies to Improve the Housing Market, “Analysis of Second Liens and a New Proposal,” 2012, with Christopher Mayer & Tomasz Piskorski, \$25,000

AWARDS

2018 Willis L.M. Reese Prize for Excellence in Teaching, Columbia Law School

2012 Judge Wesley Steen Law Review Writing Prize, presented by the American Bankruptcy Institute, for *Dodd-Frank for Bankruptcy Lawyers* (with Douglas G. Baird)

2009 Par Excellence Award, presented by the University of Utah Alumni Association and Young Alumni Board

AMICUS BRIEFS

Signatory, Amicus Curiae Brief of Bankruptcy Law Professors in Support of Appeal and Reversal, *In re Irving H. Picard, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC*, 2nd Circuit, Case No. 17-2992 (Jan. 17, 2018)

Signatory, Brief of Amicus Curiae Bankruptcy Scholars in Support of Brief for Defendants-Appellants Transeastern Lenders, Group 1, *In re Touse, Inc.*, 11th Circuit, Case No. 17-11545 (Jun. 6, 2017)

Signatory, Brief of Bankruptcy Law Professors as Amici Curiae in Support of Petitioner, *Husky International Electronics, Inc. v. Ritz*, Supreme Court of the United States, Case No. 15-145, 2015 WL 9488261 (Dec. 28, 2015)

Signatory, Brief of Amici Curiae Bankruptcy Scholars in Support of Plaintiff-Appellant in Support of Reversal, *In re TOUSA, Inc.*, 11th Circuit, Case No. 11-11071, 2011 WL 3006869 (May 2, 2011)

Signatory, Brief of Amici Curiae in Support of Appellant, *Lucent Technologies, Inc. v. Shubert*, 3rd Circuit, Case No. 07-2659, 2007 U.S. 3rd Cir. Briefs LEXIS 2146 *(Oct. 3, 2007)

POLICY WORK

Co-Organizer, Bankruptcy Scholars Working Group on the COVID-19 Crisis, 2020

Co-Reporter, Advisory Committee on Financial Contracts, Derivatives, and Safe Harbors, American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) Commission to Study the Reform of Chapter 11, September 2012-April 2014

Co-Author, "A Proposal for Amending Chapter 12 to Accommodate Small Business Enterprises Seeking to Reorganize" (January 2010) (with members of the Small Business Working Group, National Bankruptcy Conference)

Testimony, "Promoting Bank Liquidity and Lending Through Deposit Insurance, Hope for Homeowners, and Other Enhancements" (February 3, 2009) (before the Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives)

Co-Author, “A New Proposal for Loan Modifications” (January 2009) (with Christopher Mayer and Tomasz Piskorski)

Author, “Small Business Bankruptcy and the Bankruptcy Abuse and Consumer Protection Act of 2005” (September 22, 2008) (commissioned by the Small Business Administration pursuant to Government Contract No. SBAHQ-06-A-0023)

SELECTED CASE STUDIES AND CLE MATERIALS

“Safe Harbors for Financial Contracts: Proposed Reforms and Unanswered Questions” (prepared for NYU’s 2015 King/Seligson Bankruptcy Workshop)

“Sufficient Conditions for Valuation in Fraudulent Transfer Actions” (prepared for NYU’s 2013 King/Seligson Bankruptcy Workshop)

“The Legal Architecture of Delphi’s Emergence” (prepared for the 2012 TMA Distressed Investing Conference)

“General Growth Properties: Stage 2” (prepared for the 2011 TMA Distressed Investing Conference)

“Circuit City’s Perfect Storm” (prepared for the 2010 TMA Distressed Investing Conference)

“Chrysler, GM, and the Future of Chapter 11” (prepared for NYU’s 2009 King/Seligson Bankruptcy Workshop)

“Vertis/American Color Graphics: First (Not Last?) Dual Prepack Merger” (prepared for the 2009 TMA Distressed Investing Conference)

“Westpoint Stevens: A Clash of Titans” (prepared for the 2008 TMA Distressed Investing Conference)

RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conferee, National Bankruptcy Conference, 2007-present
Chair, Capital Markets and UCC Committee, 2020-present

Member, Advisory Committee on Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Judicial Conference of the United States, 2010-2016 (appointed by Chief Justice Roberts)

RECENT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Co-Director, Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy, 2011-12, 2014-present

Faculty Director, Columbia Law School Executive Education, 2015-present

Chair:

Advisory Committee
Columbians in Teaching Steering Committee
Online and Hybrid Teaching Boot Camp Committee

Co-Director, Columbia-Amsterdam-Leiden Summer Program in American Law, 2006-12, 2014-present

Co-Chair, Global Business Forum (2016-2018, 2020), sponsored by Freshfields and the Richard Paul Richman Center at Columbia University

Member, Board of Directors, COLUMBIA BUSINESS LAW REVIEW, 2005-2012, 2015-present

Member, JSD Committee: Giuseppe Dari-Mattiacci (University of Amsterdam), Adi Marcovich Gross (in progress), Maya Shaton (in progress)

Member, Ph.D. Dissertation Committees at Columbia Business School for Joshua Mitts (now at Columbia Law School), Arpit Gupta (NYU Stern), Stav Gaon (Citigroup), and Nan Chen (Moody's)

RECENT ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editor: JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES, 2013-present
AMERICAN LAW & ECONOMICS REVIEW, 2010-12

Referee: AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY LAW JOURNAL, HARVARD LAW REVIEW, INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF LAW AND ECONOMICS, JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY, JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES, JOURNAL OF FINANCE, JOURNAL OF LAW AND ECONOMICS, JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY, LAW AND SOCIAL INQUIRY, MANAGEMENT SCIENCE, REVIEW OF FINANCE, YALE LAW JOURNAL

AALS Service: Creditors' and Debtor's Rights Section (Chair, 2017-18; Board Member, 2015-18); Law and Economics Section (Chair, 2008; Chair-Elect, 2007; Secretary, 2005)

ALEA Service: Program Chair (2015), Director (2013-present), Area Organizer (2012)

CELS Service: Area Organizer (2019)

RECENT INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

"Restructuring vs. Bankruptcy"
Third Conference on Law and Macroeconomics, October 2020
Columbia Law School, October 2020

“Bankruptcy’s Role in the COVID-19 Crisis”

ECGI COV-19 Corporate Governance Conference, April 2020

“Over 10 Years After Madoff: Lessons Learned and What to Avoid Going Forward “

New York City Bar Association, January 2020

“Puerto Rico’s Bankruptcy”

Federal Bar Council, 2019 Fall Bench & Bar Retreat, November 2019

“Manipulating Random Assignment: Evidence from Consumer Bankruptcies in the Nation’s Largest Cities”

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, November 2019

Columbia Law School, October 2019

“Speeding Up Solvency: Bankruptcy Reform in India”

Columbia Business School Conference, Mumbai, India, January 2019

“Race and Bankruptcy”

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, April 2019

UC Hastings College of Law, January 2019

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, November 2018

Columbia Law School, September 2018

University of Southern California Law School, February 2018

“Valuation Disputes in Corporate Bankruptcy”

University of Pennsylvania Law School, October 2017

Columbia Law School, September 2017

RECENT COMMENTARY ON ACADEMIC WORK

New Challenges for Law and Economics, Columbia Law School, 2020 (Albert Choi and Kathryn Spier, “The Economics of Class Action Waivers”)

14th Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (CELS), Claremont McKenna College, 2019 (Adam Badawi and Elisabeth de Fontenay, “Contractual Complexity in Debt Agreements: The Case of EBITDA”)

Young Bankruptcy Scholars’ Work-in-Progress Workshop, Brooklyn Law School, 2018 (Abbye Atkinson, “Rethinking Credit as Social Provision;” Sadie Blanchard, “An(other) Autopsy of Cooperation: The Case of Reinsurance”)

NBER Law & Economics Mid-Year Meeting, 2018 (Edward Stiglitz, “Folk Theories and Constitutional Values”)

Young Bankruptcy Scholars’ Work-in-Progress Workshop, Brooklyn Law School, 2017 (Jared Ellias, “An Empirical Study of Bankruptcy Claims Trading;” Chris Bradley, “The Deadbeat Debtors of Debtors in Bankruptcy”)

AFFILIATIONS, SHORT-TERM VISITS, AND OTHER POSITIONS HELD

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Division of Public Health Sciences (Seattle, WA),
Affiliate Investigator, Cancer Prevention Program, 2013-present

University of Amsterdam Business School, Center for Law & Economics, Visiting Professor in
Financial Markets and Corporate Governance, Nov. 2013

University of Granada (Spain), Department of Economic Theory and History, Visiting Scholar,
Spring 2011

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz (New York, N.Y.), Summer Associate, 1999

Jackson & Kelly (Washington, D.C.), Summer Associate, 1995

Bureau of Economic and Business Research (Salt Lake City, Utah), Research Associate, 1993-94

JUDICIAL CITATIONS

Valuation Disputes in Corporate Bankruptcy, 166 U. PENN. L. REV. 1819 (2018) (with Kenneth M. Ayotte)

- *Transwestern Pipeline Co. v. Arizona Dep't of Revenue*, No. 1 CA-TX 19-0006, 2020 WL 4529622 (Ariz. Ct. App. Aug. 6, 2020)

Extraterritorial Avoidance Actions: Lessons from Madoff, 9 Brooklyn J. Corp., Fin & Comm. L. 268 (2014)

- *In re Picard, Tr. for Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC*, 917 F.3d 85 (2d Cir. 2019)
- *In re Ampal-Am. Israel Corp.*, 562 B.R. 601 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2017)
- *In re Arcapita Bank B.S.C.(c)*, 575 B.R. 229 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2017)

Financial Contracts and the New Bankruptcy Code: Insulating Markets from Bankrupt Debtors and Bankruptcy Judges, 13 AM. BANKR. INST. L. REV. 641 (2005) (with Joerg Riegel)

- *In re Nat'l Gas Distributors, LLC*, 556 F.3d 247 (4th Cir. 2009)
- *In re Peregrine Fin. Grp., Inc.*, 510 B.R. 190 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 2014)
- *McKittrick v. Nat'l Fuel Mktg.*, No. ADV 11-3039, 2011 WL 2078527 (Bankr. D. Or., May 25, 2011)
- *In re Nat'l Gas Distributors, LLC*, 369 B.R. 884 (Bankr. E.D.N.C. 2007)

Creditor Control and Conflict in Chapter 11, 2 J. LEGAL ANAL. 511 (2009) (with Kenneth M. Ayotte)

- *In re Jevic Holding Corp.*, 787 F.3d 173 (3d Cir. 2015)