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**James Edmund and Margaret Elizabeth Hennessey Corry Professor of Law
Florida State University College of Law**

Appointed Assistant Professor 2004; Named Corry Professor 2007
Primary Teaching Responsibilities: Contracts, Commercial Law, Creditors'
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Chosen "Professor of the Year" by FSU's first-year students all three times award
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Judicial Clerkship

The Honorable Gilbert Merritt of the Sixth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals in
Nashville, TN 2003-2004.

Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN

J.D., May 2003
Bennett Douglas Bell Memorial Award
Myron Penn Laughlin Recent Development Award
John W. Wade Scholar
VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW Articles Editor
Lightfoot, Franklin & White Best Oralist Award

Vanderbilt University Graduate School, Nashville, TN

Ph.D. in philosophy, August 2001
Dissertation: *Practical Reasoning Through Coherent Goal Specification*
Directed by Elijah Millgram
M.A. in philosophy, May 2001

Works in Progress

*Enforcing Exchanges, Not Relationships: Acting Together and the Duty of Good
Faith in Contract Law*

*Discharge, not Forgiveness: the Decision not to Enforce Contracts After
Bankruptcy*

Publications

Bullshit Promises (with Karen Sandrik), 76 TENN. L. REV. XX (2009).

Contracts as Plans, 2009 U. ILL. L. REV. 341 (2009).

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

Reconciling Strict Liability and Corrective Justice in Contract Law, 74 FORDHAM L. REV. 3013 (2007).

Misrepresented Intent in the Context of Unequal Bargaining Power, 2006 MICH. ST. L. REV. 993 (2006) (symposium).

Default Rules, Penalty Default Rules, and New Formalism, 33 Fla. St. U. L. Rev. 683 (2006) (symposium).

Allegheny College Revisited: Cardozo, Consideration, and Formalism in Context, 39 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 149 (2005).

Liberalism and Freedom from the Promise Theory of Contract, 67 MODERN LAW REVIEW 684 (2004).

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

Paper Presentations

Enforcing Exchanges, Not Relationships: Acting Together and the Duty of Good Faith in Contract Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law Faculty Colloquia Presentation, 9/9/08

Discharge, not Forgiveness: the Decision not to Enforce Contracts After Bankruptcy, at “A Debtor World: Interdisciplinary Academic Symposium on Debt” at University of Illinois College of Law, 5/3/05

Contracts as Plans, Vanderbilt University, Faculty Colloquia Presentation, 1/14/08; University of Illinois College of Law Faculty Colloquia Presentation, 9/22/08

Why Contracts Scholars Should Read Legal Philosophy: Formalism, Positivism, and the Specification of Rules in Contract Law, University of Illinois College of Law Faculty Colloquia Presentation, 8/23/07

Formalism and Positivism in Contract Law: The Role of Contracts in Guiding Conduct, Cardozo, Yeshiva University, Faculty Colloquia Presentation 11/13/06; University of Florida, Levin College of Law Faculty Colloquia Presentation, 1/27/06

Misrepresented Intent in the Context of Unequal Bargaining Power, Michigan State University symposium on The Role of Bargaining Power in Contract Law, 3/31/06

They Just Don't Make Formalism the Way They Used To: New Formalism vs. Classical Formalism in Contract Law, 6/18/05, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting; 5/25/05 Florida State University College of Law Faculty Workshop Series

Strict Liability and the Fault Standard in Corrective Justice Accounts of Contract, 5/28/05, Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum

Comment on Eric Posner's "There Are No Penalty Default Rules," 3/25/05, Florida State University College of Law Penalty Default Rules Symposium

Kripkeholmes and Contract Querformance, 10/18/02, Society for Evolutionary Analysis of the Law conference

Other Teaching Experience

Visiting Professor, University of Illinois College of Law, August 2007
Philosophy of Contract Law Seminar

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 1997-2001
Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, Logic

The University of Alabama in Huntsville, Huntsville, AL, Summer 1998
Engineering Ethics

Other Work Experience

Bass, Berry, & Simms, PLC
Nashville, TN, summer and fall 2002
Summer associate and part time, general litigation

Harwell Howard Hyne Gabbert & Manner
Nashville, TN, summer 2001 and 2002
Summer associate, general litigation, corporate/transaction, & bankruptcy

Sherrard & Roe
Nashville, TN summer 2001
Summer associate, general litigation, corporate/transaction