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

Appointed Assistant Professor 2004; Named Corry Professor 2007; Named
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs May, 2011
Primary Teaching Responsibilities: Contracts, Commercial Law, Corporations,
Jurisprudence, Philosophy of Private Law, Creditors' Rights
Received University Graduate Teaching award, 2009-2010
Received "Guardian of the Flame Award" 2009-2010; one person per college
recognized for teaching and service
Chosen "Professor of the Year" by FSU's first-year students in 2004-2005, 2005-
2006, and 2008-2009

Works in Progress

The Value of Assurances: A (Virtuously Circular Explanation)

*Bots, Airline Miles, and the DMCA: Tortious Interference With Contractual
Relations in a World of Standard-Form, End-User Consumer Contracts*

Contract, Tort, and Promise (with John C. P. Goldberg, as a contribution to
Suffolk Law School symposium on 30th anniversary of Charles Fried's
CONTRACT AS PROMISE)

Civil Recourse or Civil Powers? (a contribution to symposium on civil recourse
theory at FSU College of Law)

Publications

The Morality of Jingle Mail: Moral Myths About Strategic Default (forthcoming,
WAKE FOREST L. REV. (2011)).

Bullshit Promises (with Karen Sandrik), 76 TENN. L. REV. 379 (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

Contract, Tort, and Promise (with John C.P. Goldberg) Suffolk Law School symposium on the 30th anniversary of CONTRACT AS PROMISE, 3/25/11.

Civil Recourse or Civil Powers? FSU symposium on civil recourse theory, 2/11/11.

The Morality of Jingle Mail: Moral Myths About Strategic Default, Georgetown Law School Conference on Contract and Promise, 9/25/10; UNC workshop 11/3/11.

Variation by Agreement Under Article 2, ABA Business Law Section, ABA Annual Meeting (San Francisco), 8/7/2010

The Value of Assurances: A (Virtuously Circular Explanation), Georgetown Law School Conference on Contract and Promise, 9/12/09

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

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

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