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EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., 1971

Indiana University, A.B. (*Magna Cum Laude*), 1967

EMPLOYMENT

2006 – Present	<u>David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor of Law</u> , University of Virginia School of Law
Fall, 2003	<u>Visiting Professor of Law</u> , Harvard Law School.
1988 - 2006	Held two different Endowed Chairs, University of Virginia School of Law.
1984-1988	<u>Professor of Law</u> , University of Virginia School of Law.
1983-1984	<u>Visiting Professor of Law</u> , University of Virginia School of Law.
1974-1983	<u>Assistant, Associate and Professor of Law</u> , University of Maryland School of Law.
Spring, 1974	<u>Visiting Assistant Professor of Law</u> , Case Western Reserve University School of Law.
1971-1973	<u>Associate</u> , Mazer & Lesemann, Hackensack, New Jersey. General civil practice.

Courses Taught: Business and Governmental Tort Liability, Complex Insurance Litigation, Environmental Law, Environmental Liability, Evidence, Insurance, Mass Torts, Products Liability, Tort Theory, Torts

Honors and Awards: Honorary Fellow, American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel (elected 2015).

Awarded 2012 Liberty Mutual Prize by Boston College Law School, recognizing legal scholarship in property and casualty insurance law.

Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 2009).

The Roger and Madeline Traynor Faculty Award, 2008. The Traynor Award is given biennially to a senior member of the University of Virginia Law School faculty for "excellence in legal scholarship."

Distinguished Faculty Achievement Certificate, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, for "outstanding achievement in teaching, research, and public service," 2001.

Robert B. McKay Award, American Bar Association Torts and Insurance Practice Section, for "outstanding contributions to Tort and Insurance Law," 2000.

All-University of Virginia Outstanding Professor Award, 2000.

Delivered The Monsanto Lecture in Tort Law and Jurisprudence, Valparaiso Law School, 1992.

Delivered the Simon E. Sobeloff Lecture, University of Maryland Law School, 1991.

Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, 1967.

Bar Admissions: Maryland (1977); Virginia (1988)
(admitted in New Jersey, 1971, resigned without prejudice, 1994).

Specialized Experience

1987 – Present: Consulting Counsel in major insurance coverage matters, including business interruption, directors and officers liability, employment liability, environmental liability, commercial property, products liability, and toxic tort liability insurance claims.

1992- Present: Arbitrator, in commercial liability insurance and Dalkon Shield claims.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

INSURANCE LAW AND REGULATION: CASES AND MATERIALS (The Foundation Press 6th ed. 2015) (co-authored with Daniel Schwarcz).

THE FORMS AND FUNCTIONS OF TORT LAW (The Foundation Press, 4th ed. 2012).

INSURANCE LAW AND REGULATION: CASES AND MATERIALS (The Foundation Press, 1st-5th eds. 1990- 2010).

THE LIABILITY CENTURY: INSURANCE AND TORT LAW FROM THE PROGRESSIVE ERA TO 9/11 (Harvard University Press, 2008).

A CONCISE RESTATEMENT OF TORTS (American Law Institute, 2000) [Editor].

ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY INSURANCE LAW (Prentice Hall Law & Business, 1991).

DISTRIBUTING RISK: INSURANCE, LEGAL THEORY, AND PUBLIC POLICY (Yale University Press, 1986).

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Classification Risk and Its Regulation, in P. Siegelman & D. Schwarcz (ed's), RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON THE ECONOMICS OF INSURANCE LAW 290 (2015) (co-authored with Pierre-Andre Chiappori).

Jefferson's Fire Insurance Policy and Monticello's Reconstruction of Slavery, 19 GREEN BAG 2D 11 (2015).

Tribute to Judge Guido Calabresi, 70 ANN. SURVEY OF AMER. LAW 19 (2015) (with publication date of 2014).

Prosser and His Influence, 6 J. OF TORT LAW 27 (2015) (with publication date of 2013) (co-authored with G. Edward White).

Self-Proving Causation, 99 VA. L. REV. 1811 (2013).

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Liability for Bad Faith and the Principle without a Name (Yet), 19 CONN. INS. L. J. 1 (2013).

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Catastrophic Oil Spills and the Problem of Insurance, 64 VAND. L. REV. 1769 (2011).

Lessons Learned from the History of Corporate Liability Insurance in the United States, 35 GENEVA PAPERS ON RISK AND INSURANCE 364 (2010).

Custom, Noncustomary Practice, and Negligence, 109 COLUM. L. REV. 1784 (2009).

Stable Divisions of Authority, 44 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 963 (2009).

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Insufficient Analysis of Insufficient Activity, 108 MICH L. REV. FIRST IMPRESSIONS 24 (2009), <http://www.michiganlawreview.org/assets/fi/108/abraham.pdf>

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Perspectives on Defamation Litigation in the United States, in Paul Gewirtz, (ed.) SPECIALIZED RESEARCH IN PERSONALITY RIGHTS LAW AND TORT LAW (China Legal System Press 2006) (in Chinese).

Twenty-First-Century Insurance and Loss Distribution in Tort Law, in M. Stuart Madden (ed.), EXPLORING TORT LAW (2005).

Liability Insurance and Accident Prevention: The Evolution of an Idea, 64 MD. L. REV. 573 (2005).

Liability for Acts of Terrorism under U.S. Law, in Bernhard A. Koch (ed.), TERRORISM, TORT LAW, AND INSURANCE: A COMPARATIVE SURVEY (2004).

The Genie and the Bottle: Collateral Sources under the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund, (with Kyle Logue) 53 DEPAUL L. REV. 591 (2003).

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Cleaning Up the Environmental Liability Insurance Mess, 27 VALPARAISO L. REV. 601 (1993) (The 1992 Monsanto Lecture at the Valparaiso University Law School).

Collective Justice in Tort Law, 78 VA. L. REV. 1481 (1992) (with G. Robinson).

What Is a Tort Claim: An Interpretation of Contemporary Tort Reform, 51 MD. L. REV. 172 (1992) (The 1991 Simon E. Sobeloff Lecture at the University of Maryland Law School).

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"Second Generation" Issues in Environmental Liability Insurance Litigation, 3 ENVTL. CLAIMS J. 309 (1991).

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Statutory Interpretation and Literary Theory: Some Common Concerns of an Unlikely Pair, in S. Levenson and S. Mailloux (eds.) INTERPRETING LAW AND LITERATURE (1988) [reprinted from 32 RUTGERS L. REV. 676 (1979)].

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Observations on Medical Malpractice: A Look At Performance Patterns Among Attorneys and Physicians [with S. Kirson], Nov. 1980 MARYLAND MEDICAL JOURNAL.

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Medical Malpractice Reform: A Preliminary Analysis, 36 MD. L. REV. 489 (1977).

The Public's Emerging Right to Know, Oct. 1975 MD. B. J. 38.

Review Essays and Book Reviews

Review of Merkin & Steele, INSURANCE AND THE LAW OF OBLIGATIONS, 5 J. EUROPEAN TORT LAW 356 (2014).

Principle and Pragmatism in the Compensation Debate [review essay on J. Stapleton, DISEASE AND THE COMPENSATION DEBATE], 7 OXFORD J. LEGAL STUD. 302 (1987).

The Costs of Attitudes [review essay on G. Calabresi, IDEALS, BELIEFS, ATTITUDES AND THE LAW], 95 Yale L.J. 1043 (1986).

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Review of Roberto M. Unger, KNOWLEDGE AND POLITICS and LAW IN MODERN SOCIETY 94 MLN 1202 (1979).

SELECTIVE COMMISSION AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Council, American Law Institute, (1996-Present).

American Law Institute, Advisor, Restatement of the Law of Liability Insurance (2010-Present).

American Law Institute, Advisor, Restatement of Torts (Third): Liability for Physical and Emotional Harm (1998-2012).

American Law Institute, Advisor, Restatement of Torts (Third): Products Liability (1992-97).

EXPERT TESTIMONY IN LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

(does not include confidential proceedings)

Georgia Pacific Consumer Products et al. v. NCR Corporation et al, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan (Expert Report Submitted December 5, 2014; Supplemental Reports subsequently submitted, testified at trial December 4, 2015).

Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company et al. v. Certain Underwriters at Lloyds of London, Superior Court of Delaware, New Castle County (Expert Affidavit submitted November 14, 2013; Deposed July 9, 2014).

The Continental Insurance Company v. United States Fire Insurance Company and Associated Electric & Gas Services, Limited, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California (Expert Report Submitted December 9, 2013).

SP Syntax LLC v. National Union Fire Insurance Company et al., Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County (Expert Report Submitted February 22, 2013).

Federal-Mogul Corporation v. Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (Expert Report submitted March 20, 2013; Rebuttal Report subsequently submitted; Deposed June 24, 2013).

Appleton Papers, Inc. and National Cash Register Corporation v. George A. Whiting Paper Co., et al., U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin (Expert Report submitted under seal November 25, 2011; Rebuttal Report under seal subsequently submitted; Deposed under seal, January 17, 2012; testified under seal, February 27, 2012).

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