

David G. Epstein

Positions Held

George E. Allen Chair Professor, University of Richmond Law School, June 2010 to June 2025
Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law, June 2003 to June 2010.
Counsel, Haynes and Boone, Dallas, Texas, June 2003 to June 2010.
Charles E. Tweedy, Jr Chair in Law, University of Alabama Law School, August 1998 to June 2003
Partner, King & Spalding, Atlanta, Georgia, May 1989 to August 1998.
Dean and Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute Professor of Law, Emory University Law School, May 1985 to May 1989.
Fulbright & Jaworski Professor of Law, University of Texas Law School, May 1982 to May 1985.
Dean, University of Arkansas Law School, May 1979-May 1982.
Professor of Law, University of Texas Law School, May 1975-May 1979.
Associate Professor of Law, University of North Carolina May 1973-May 1974.
Assistant Professor Law, University of North Carolina, May 1970 to May 1973.
Associate, Streich, Lang, Phoenix Arizona, June 1967-May 1970.
Clerkship, Law Clerk to Honor Ruel Walker, Judge, Texas Supreme Court, June 1966 to June 1967

Visiting Positions

January 2022 to June 2022, Pro bono Visiting Professor, North Carolina Central University Law School
August 2014 to December 2014, Visiting Professor, University of North Texas Law School.
January 2011 to June 2011, Visiting Professor, Georgetown Law Center.
January 2005 to June 2005, Visiting Professor, Georgetown Law Center.
January 2003 to June 2003, Visiting Professor, Georgetown Law Center.
August 2002 to December 2002, Visiting Professor New York University Law School.
January 2002 to June 2002, Bruce W. Nichols Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard Law School.
July 2001 to August 2001, Visiting Professor, University of Texas Law School.
July 1977 to August 1977, Visiting Professor, Brigham Young University Law School.
July 1976 to August 1976, Visiting Professor, University of Illinois Law School.
May 1976 to July 1976, Visiting Professor, University of Michigan Law School.
July 1975 to August 1975, Visiting Professor, Washington University Law School.
January 1974 to June 1974, Visiting Associate Professor, University of Chicago Law School.
January 1972 to June 1972, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, University of Michigan.

Education

Harvard Law School, LL.M 1969
University of Texas, LL.B .1966, B.A. 1964

Text Books and Treatise

CORE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE CONCEPTS (3d ed West Academic Publishing 2026)(with Wayne Barnes, Paula Franzese, and Kevin Tu)
CONTRACTS: MAKING AND DOING DEALS (7th ed West Academic Publishing 2026 (with Bruce Markell and Larry Ponoroff)
BANKRUPTCY: DEALING WITH FINANCIAL FAILURE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES (5th ed West Academic Group 2021)(with Bruce Markell, Steve Nickles and Larry Ponoroff
BUSINESS STRUCTURES (6th ed West Academic Group 2024)(with Richard Freer, Michael Roberts and George Shepherd)
DEBTOR-CREDITOR: CREDITOR REMEDIES AND DEBTOR RIGHTS UNDER STATE AND NON-BANKRUPTCY FEDERAL LAW (2009 West)(with Steve Nickles)
NINE QUESTIONS: SECURED DEBT DEALS IN THE 21ST CENTURY (Thompson West 2003)(with Steve Nickles and Edwin Smith)
DEBT (West Publishing Co. 1994)(with Steve Nickles)
BANKRUPTCY (West Publishing Co. 1992)(with Steve Nickles and James J. White)(3 volume treatise for lawyers)
BASIC UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE TEACHING MATERIALS (3d ed West Publishing Co.1988)(with James A. Martin, William Henning and Steve Nickles)
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS (3d ed West Publishing Co. 1987)(with Jonathan Landers and Steve Nickles)
BUSINESS REORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY CODE (West Publishing Co. 1980)(with Myron Sheinfeld)

Law Review Articles

"RR v. MH and Karl Llewellyn, =Steve Goodman and John Prine" Nw U Online L. Rev. (2025)
"Better Than a Discharge", 71 Syr.L.Rev.444 (2021) (student co-author)
"The Fourth Circuit, 'Suem,' and Reverse Veil Piercing in Delaware, 70 S.C.L.Rev. 1189-1222 (2019)(student co-author)
An "APP" for Third Party Beneficiaries, 91 Wash.L.Rev. 1663-1703 (2016)(student co-authors)
Not Just Anna Nicole Smith: "Cleavage" in Bankruptcy, 31 Emory Bankruptcy Developments J. 15-53 (2014)(student co-authors)
Fifty Shades of Grey: Uncertainty About Extrinsic Evidence and Parol Evidence After All These UCC Years, 45 Arizona State L. J., 925-948 (2013)(student co-authors)
Extrinsic Evidence, Parol Evidence and the Parol Evidence Rule, 44 New Mexico L. Rev. 49-98 (2014)(student co-authors)
Contract Law's Two "P.E.'s": Promissory Estoppel and the Parol Evidence Rule, 62 Baylor L. Rev. 3978-432 (2010)(student co-authors)

Reliance on Oral Promises: Statute of Frauds and Promissory Estoppel, 42 Texas Tech L. Rev. 913-42 (2010)(student co-authors)
A Surprising Book, 12 Green Bag 103-111 (2010)
Bearded Ladies Walking on the Brooklyn Bridge, 59 Ark.L.Rev. 267-308 (2006)(student co-author)
BAPCPA and Commercial Credit: Who Do You Trust, 10 North Carolina Banking Institute Journal 570-86 (2006)
New Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy and New Lundin on BAPCPA Chapter 13 Bankruptcy: An Essay Disguised as a Book Review About a New Treatise Disguised as a Supplement, 1 Charleston L.Rev. 37-50 (2006)
Recoupment: Apples, Oranges and Fruit Basket Turnover, 58 SMU L. Rev. 51-76 (2005)(student co-author)
"Real World" and "Academic Questions About Section 365(b), 13 American Bankruptcy Institute L.Rev. 617-40 (2005)
Where Did Chapter 13 Come From and Where Should It Go? 10 American Bankruptcy Institute L. Rev. 741-65 (2002)
The Practical Scholar, 76 New York University L. Rev. 1304-1308 (2001)
Collateral Valuation Arguments After Associates Commercial Corp. v. Rash, 7 Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice 205-15 (1998)
The National Bankruptcy Review Commission's Section 365 Recommendations and the Larger "Conceptual" Issues, 102 Dickinson L.Rev. 679-701 (1998)
The Thin Red Line: An Analysis of the Role of Legal Assistants in the Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Process, 23 The Journal of the Legal Profession 15-50 (1998)
Don't Go and Do Something Rash About Cram Down Interest Rates, 49 Ala. L.Rev. 435-70 (1998)(student co-author)
Resolving Still Unresolved Issues of Bankruptcy Law: A Fence or an Ambulance, 69 American Bankruptcy L.J. 525-40 (1995)
Post-petition Lending Under Section 364: Issues Regarding the Gap Period and Financing for Prepackaged Plans, 27 Wake Forest L. Rev. 103-122 (1992)
Consequences of Converting a Bankruptcy Case, 60 American Bankruptcy Law Journal 339-54 (1986)
Chapters 11 and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code: Observations on Using Case Authority from One of the Chapters in Proceedings Under the Other, 38 Vand. L.Rev. 901-930 (1985)(student co-author)
Chapter 13: Its Operation, Its Statutory Requirements as to Payments to and Classification of Unsecured Claims, and Its Advantages, 20 Washburn L Rev. 1-19 (1980)
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Security Transfers By Secured Parties, 4 Georgia L. Rev. 527-540 (1970)
Bank Participation Agreements as Securities, 87 Banking L.J. 99-109 (1970)

“Proceeding Under the Uniform Commercial Code, 30 Ohio State L.J. 787-809 (1969)
Products Liability: Defenses Based on the Plaintiff’s Conduct, 1968 Utah L. Rev. 267-85
Inheritance Rights of an Adopted Child in Texas, 6 Houston L. Rev. 350-58 (1968)
Strict Liability in Tort – A Modest Proposal, 70 West Virginia L. Rev. 1-19 (1967)
Limitations on the Scope of Practice of Osteopathic Physicians, 32 Missouri L. Rev. 364-74 (1967)
Personal Injuries From Defective Products: Some “Dots” and “Dashes”, 9 Arizona L. Rev. 163-186 (1967)

Student Guides

LAW SCHOOL LEGEND SERIES AUDIO ON BANKRUPTCY 3D ED 2024
LAW SCHOOL LEGEND SERIES AUDIO ON BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS 3D ED 2025
BANKRUPTCY AND RELATED LAW IN A NUTSHELL (11th ed West Academic Publishing 2026)
PRINCIPLES OF BANKRUPTCY LAW (2d ed West Academic Publishing 2017)(with Steve Nickles)
A SHORT AND HAPPY GUIDE TO BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS (West Academic Publishing 3d ed 2025)
A SHORT AND HAPPY GUIDE TO CONTRACTS (West Academic Publishing 3d ed 2024)(with Bruce Markell and Larry Ponoroff)
LAW SCHOOL LEGEND SERIES AUDIO ON CONTRACTS 6TH ED 2024
STUDENTS’ GUIDE TO ARTICLE 9 AND RELATED STATUTES (West 2010)(with student co-authors)

Teaching

In addition to law school courses in bankruptcy, commercial law concepts, consumer law, contracts, corporations, property, sales and secured credit, I have taught an interdisciplinary course on civil litigation with a business school professor and a philosophy professor, a course on decision-making for University of Alabama and Stillman College undergraduate students that was the subject of a front page article in the Sunday, December 30, 2000, New York Times, a course on legal issues that a religious congregation leader might encounter (“God and Caesar”) for graduate students in the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, and “Baseballs, Body Parts and Rosa Parks”, a course on how law evolves, to meet scientific developments and societal changes to undergraduates at Southern Methodist University and Richmond. I have taught at continuing legal education programs in every state other than Alaska, Hawaii, and New Hampshire. I have been doing synchronous online teaching since 2008 when I developed an International Bankruptcy class for the American College of Bankruptcy which was offered at seven law schools.. In 2013, Ken Randall started iLaw which offered various online courses to law schools, and I was the first iLaw teacher.

Awards

Teaching awards at seven law schools

National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges' Excellence in Education Award,

Commercial Law League of America's Lawrence P. King Award

Elected Member American Law Institute; American College of Bankruptcy; International Insolvency Institute, National Bankruptcy Conference