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#### **Current Position:**

Harry A. Bigelow Distinguished Service Professor, University of Chicago Law School

# University and Other Activities

Chair, National Bankruptcy Conference (2020-present)

President, American Law and Economics Association (2013-2014)

Vice President, American Law and Economics Association (2012-2013)

Secretary-Treasurer, American Law and Economics Association (2011-2012)

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (since 1996)

Member, National Bankruptcy Conference (since 1993)

Vice-Chair, National Bankruptcy Conference (1997-2005)

Scholar in Residence, American College of Bankruptcy (2009-2013)

Director, American College of Bankruptcy (2005-2009)

Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy (since 2003)

Treasurer, South East Chicago Commission (2010-2011)

Vice President, South East Chicago Commission (2003-2011)

Board of Directors and Member of Executive Committee, South East Chicago Commission (1991-2011)

Board of Directors, American Law Deans Association (1997-99)

Board of Directors, American Law and Economics Association (1992-1995; 2008-2010)

Treasurer, The Renaissance Society (2002-2004)

Board of Directors, The Renaissance Society (1992-2004)

Chair, Faculty Retirement Oversight Committee (2020-)

Member, Faculty Retirement Oversight Committee (2014-16)

Chair, Committee on Awards and Prizes (2009-2011)

Chair, Standing Committee on Academic Fraud, University of Chicago (2005-2007)

Chair, Arts Planning Council, University of Chicago (2001-2003)

Chair, Committee on Patents, Software and Intellectual Property, University of Chicago (1989-92)

Member, Council on Research, University of Chicago (1989-92)

Chair, Library Board, University of Chicago (1989-92)

#### **Positions**

Visiting Professor of Law, Yale University (2000)

Dean, University of Chicago Law School (1994-99)

Robert Braucher Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard University (1993)

Harry A. Bigelow Professor of Law, University of Chicago (1988-1996)

Visiting Professor of Law, Stanford University (1987-88)

Professor of Law and Associate Dean, University of Chicago Law School (1984-87)

Assistant Professor of Law, University of Chicago Law School (1980-83)

Law clerk to the Hon. Dorothy W. Nelson, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1980)

Law clerk to the Hon. Shirley M. Hufstedler, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1979)

## Degrees

LL.D. h.c., University of Rochester, October 1994

J.D., Stanford Law School, June 1979; Order of the Coif; Managing Editor, 31 Stanford Law Review

B.A. in English, Yale College, June 1975 (conferred summa cum laude)

## **Publications of Douglas G. Baird**

The Unwritten Law of Corporate Reorganizations (Cambridge University Press forthcoming 2022)

Cases, Problems, and Materials on Contracts (Foundation Press 11th edition 2019) (with Dawson, Harvey, and Henderson)

Elements of Bankruptcy (Foundation Press 6th edition 2014)

Reconstructing Contracts (Harvard University Press 2013)

Cases, Problems, and Materials on Contracts (Foundation Press 10th edition 2013) (with Dawson, Harvey, and Henderson)

Elements of Bankruptcy (Foundation Press 5th edition 2010)

Economics of Contract Law (Edward Elgar 2007) (editor)

Contracts Stories (Foundation Press 2007) (editor)

Elements of Bankruptcy (Foundation Press 4th edition 2006)

Elements of Bankruptcy (Foundation Press 3d edition 2001)

- Cases, Problems, and Materials on Contracts (Foundation Press 9th edition 2008) (with Dawson, Harvey, and Henderson)
- Cases, Problems, and Materials on Bankruptcy (Foundation Press 3d edition 2000) (with Adler and Jackson)
- Game Theory and the Law (Harvard University Press 1994) (with Gertner and Picker)
- The Elements of Bankruptcy (Foundation Press revised edition 1993)
- The Elements of Bankruptcy (Foundation Press 1992)
- Cases, Problems, and Materials on Security Interests in Personal Property (Foundation Press 1984) (with Jackson)
- Cases, Problems, and Materials on Security Interests in Personal Property (2d ed. Foundation Press 1987) (with Jackson)
- Cases, Problems, and Materials on Bankruptcy (Little, Brown 1985) (with Jackson)
- Cases, Problems and Materials on Bankruptcy (2d ed. Little, Brown 1990) (with Thomas Jackson)
- Bankruptcy—Past, Present, and Future, 94 The Advocate 13 (Spring 2021) (with Isgur)
- A Cause for Distress? Ways the Federal Income Tax Pushes Taxpayers into Bankruptcy, Taxes 73 (March 2021) (with Sexton, Hoffenberg & Swartz)
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- Law and War in the New World: *Last of the Mohicans*, *The Spy*, and *The Pioneers* in Cannons and Codes: Law, Literature, and America's Wars (Alison LaCroix, Jonathan Masur, and Martha Nussbaum eds) (2021)
- Absolute Priority and its Discontents, Tijdschrift voor Belgisch Handelsrecht / Revue de Droit Commercial Belge 717 (June 2020)
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- The Creditors' Bargain—Past, Present, and Future, in Research Handbook on Corporate Bankruptcy Law (Barry Adler ed.) (2020)
- Unlikely Resurrection: Richard Posner, Promissory Estoppel, and *The Death of Contract*, 86 U. Chi. L. Rev. 1037 (2019)
- Money and Art in Edward Bellamy's *Looking Backward*, in Power, Prose, and Purse: Law, Literature, and Economic Transformations (Alison LaCroix, Saul Levmore, and Martha C. Nussbaum eds) (2019)
- The Bankruptcy Partition, 166 U. Penn. L. Rev. 1675 (2018) (with Casey & Picker)
- Pari Passu Clauses and the Skeuomorph Problem in Contract Law, 67 Duke L.J. Online 84 (2017)
- "Economics of Contract Law," The Oxford Handbook of Law and Economics, vol. II, pp. 3-19 (Francesco Parisi, ed.) (2017)
- Bankruptcy's Quiet Revolution, 91 Am. Bankr. L.J. 593 (2017)

Priority Matters, 165 U. Penn. L. Rev. 785 (2017)

Chapter 11's Expanding Universe, 87 Temple L. Rev. 975 (2015)

The Rights of Secured Creditors After Rescap, 2015 Il. L. Rev. 849

One-and-a-Half Badges of Fraud, Practical Lawyer 41 (August 2014)

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