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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Mississippi Christian University School of Law

Jackson, MS

Assistant Professor of Law

2024–Present

Teaching Torts; Business Associations; Bankruptcy

CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Scott W. Everett, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Judicial Law Clerk

2023–2024

Hon. John P. Gustafson, BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL, SIXTH CIRCUIT

Judicial Law Clerk

2021–2023

Hon. John P. Gustafson, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

Judicial Law Clerk

2020–2023

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Forum Shopping After Purdue Pharma, 78 BAYLOR L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2026).

The Birth of Creditor Qualified Immunity, 114 KY. L.J. 499 (2026) [[SSRN](#)].

The Unscheduled Creditor in a Chapter 7 Case with Assets, 35 LOY. CONSUMER L. REV. 145 (2023) [[SSRN](#)].

The Benefits of Hindsight: Determining Whether a Receipt of Benefits Is a Necessary Element of the Fraud Exception to Discharge, 31 AM. BANKR. INST. L. REV. 103 (2023) [[SSRN](#)].

A Purchase or a Loan? Rethinking the Transactions Private Equity-Backed Oil and Gas Companies Encounter in Uncharted Waters, 5 OIL & GAS, NAT. RESOURCES, & ENERGY J. 41 (2019), reprinted in Vol. 56, No. 2 ROCKY MTN. MIN. L. FDN. J. 407 (2020) [[SSRN](#)].

Commentary

Does Section 1325(b)(1)(A) Hold Your Interest?, The Academy of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees (July 10, 2023).

Cui Pro Bono?, The Academy of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees (April 17, 2022).

Objections to Claims: Two of These Creditors Are Not Like the Others, The Academy of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees (June 13, 2021).

An Analysis of Pennsylvania's Supreme Court Case: Briggs v. Southwestern Energy Production Co., OIL & GAS, NAT. RESOURCES, & ENERGY J. BLOG (Apr. 25, 2020).

Works in Progress

Chartered by Bankruptcy: Fiduciary Duties and the Federal Entity

Locking in Capital Through a Reorganization

The Home Court Stays at Home?

Bankruptcy Contracts and Contracts in Bankruptcy

Origins and Evolution of the Automatic Stay

A Fresh Look at the Fresh Start: Local Loan Co. v. Hunt

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Innovation and Impact: A Tribute to Juliet Moringiello, The Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) (January 6, 2026).

Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference, Moderator, Judicial Townhall (November 14, 2025).

Chicago-Harvard-Wharton Insolvency & Restructuring Conference, *Forum Shopping After Purdue* (September 12, 2025).

Southeastern Association of Law Schools, *Contractual Consent in Bankruptcy* (July 28, 2025).

Guest Lecturer for Professor H. DeWayne “Cooter” Hale, Creditors’ Rights, SMU Dedman School of Law (Spring 2024).

Starting Out Right, Young Lawyers Committee of the Bankruptcy Section of the State Bar of Texas, *Basics of the Bankruptcy Automatic Stay* (January 19, 2024).

Mineral Lawyers Society of Oklahoma City, *11 U.S.C. § 365: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases* (April 8, 2019).

SERVICE

Mississippi College School of Law

Public Service Law Center, *Director* (2024–Present)

Faculty Appointments Committee, *Member* (2024–Present)

Strategic Planning Committee, *Member* (2024–Present)

Course Evaluation Task Force, *Member* (2025)

Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition, *Coach* (2025–2026)

Olivier v. City of Brandon, 607 U.S. 552 (2026), *Practice Judge for Respondent* (2025)

Boone v. Rankin Cty. Pub. Sch. Dist., 140 F.4th 697 (5th Cir. June 18, 2025), *Practice Judge for Defendant-Appellee/Cross-Appellant* (2025)

Atkins v. Hopkins, 137 F.4th 286 (5th Cir. May 12, 2025), *Practice Judge for Defendant-Appellant* (2025)

Brookwood Develop., LLC. v. City of Ridgeland, No. 24-60017 (5th Cir. Nov. 20, 2024) (per curiam), *Practice Judge for Defendants-Appellees* (2024)

Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition, *Practice Judge* (2025)

NYC Bar & American College of Trial Lawyers National Moot Court Team, *Practice Judge* (2024)

Elliot Cup Moot Court Competition

Judge (2024)

Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition

Brief Grader (2024)

SELECTED AWARDS

National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, 15th Annual Next Generation Program (“NextGen”), Class of 2025.

The Hon. John C. Ford American Inn of Court, William J. Rochelle Jr. Chapter 11 Practice Course, “Fab 5” distinction given to the top five students, THE BENCHER, September/October 2024.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Local Rules Advisory Committee, Uniform Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Courts for the Northern and Southern District of Mississippi (2026–Present)

Dean of Faculty and Member of Executive Committee, American Board of Certification (2025–Present)

Member, American Bankruptcy Institute

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Preston J. Dugas, PLLC	Fort Worth, TX
<i>Law Clerk</i>	Summer 2020

Oklahoma Corporation Commission	Oklahoma City, OK
<i>Externship</i>	Fall 2019

The University of Oklahoma College of Law	Norman, OK
<i>Research Assistant for Professor Monika U. Ehrman</i>	2018–2020

Lathrop Gage LLP	Denver, CO
<i>Summer Associate</i>	Summer 2019

The University of Oklahoma College of Law	Norman, OK
<i>Research Assistant for Professor Monika U. Ehrman</i>	Summer 2018

Oklahoma County Public Defender’s Office	Oklahoma City, OK
<i>Legal Intern for the Office of the Guardian Ad Litem</i>	Summer 2018

EDUCATION

The University of Oklahoma College of Law	Norman, OK
Juris Doctor, <i>with distinction</i>	2020

The University of Oklahoma	Norman, OK
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy	2017

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas	2021
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State Bar of Ohio	2021
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State Bar of Oklahoma	2025
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