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Personal:

Born: Zanesville, Ohio, 1935
Family: Married, Beverley Trott Knapp, 1958 (dec. 1995)
Two daughters, five grandchildren

Education:

B.A., Denison University, Granville, OH, 1956 (first in graduating class)
Rotary International Scholar, University of Sydney, 1957
J.D., New York University School of Law, 1960 (first in graduating class)

Employment:

Associate Attorney, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, NYC, 1960-64
Assistant Professor of Law, NYU School of Law, 1964-67
Associate Prof. of Law, NYU Law, 1967-70
Prof. of Law, NYU Law, 1970-88
Max E. Greenberg Professor of Contract Law, NYU Law, 1988-1998, Emeritus, 1998-
Associate Dean, NYU Law, 1977-82
Visiting Prof. of Law, University of Arizona School of Law, fall term 1973
Vis. Prof. of Law, Harvard Law School, 1974-75
Vis. Prof. of Law, University of California Hastings College of the Law, 1996-97
Distinguished Professor of Law, U.C. Hastings College of the Law, 1998-2000
Joseph W. Cotchett Distinguished Professor of Law, U.C. Hastings, 2000-2015
Emeritus Joseph W. Cotchett Dist. Prof. of Law, U.C. Hastings, 2015 –
Vis. Prof. of Law, Brooklyn Law School, fall term 2003
Vis. Prof. of Law, University of Copenhagen School of Law, fall term 2004

Subjects Taught:

Currently teaching: Contracts, Contracts II
Have also taught: Perspectives on Contract Law, Case Studies in Contract Law,
Commercial Law, Sales, Negotiable Instruments, Secured Transactions, Trusts &
Estates, Lawyering, Legal Institutions

Principal Publications:

Books:
Problems in Contract Law, Wolters Kluwer/Aspen (orig. pub. by Little, Brown)
First-year Contracts casebook, now in its eighth edition. Sole author of
first edition (1976); co-author with Prof. Nathan M. Crystal of second
(1987) and third (1993) eds.; co-author with Profs. Crystal and Harry G.

Prince of fourth (1999), fifth (2003), sixth (2007), seventh (2012) and eighth (2016) eds.

Commercial Damages, Matthew Bender.

Looseleaf treatise, designed for professional use, published by Matthew Bender, 1986. Original editor-in-chief and author of two chapters. Also served 1986-96 as editor-in-chief of related Matthew Bender periodical, *Commercial Damages Reporter*.

Articles:

Enforcing the Contract to Bargain, 44 N.Y.U. L. Rev. 673 (1969)

Sex Discrimination by Law: A Study in Judicial Perspective (with John D.

Johnston), 46 N.Y.U. L. Rev. 675 (1971)

Protecting the Buyer of Previously Encumbered Goods, 15 Ariz. L. Rev. 861 (1973)

Reliance in the Revised Restatement: The Proliferation of Promissory Estoppel, 81 Colum. L. Rev. 52 (1981)

Judgment Call: Theoretical Approaches to Contract Decision-Making, 1988 Ann. Surv. Am. L. 307 (pub. as part of papers of NYU 1988 Conference, see below)

Rescuing Reliance: The Perils of Promissory Estoppel, 49 Hastings L.J. 1191 (1998)

Taking Contracts Private: The Quiet Revolution in Contract Law, 71 Fordham L. Rev. 761 (2002)

An Offer You Can't Revoke, 2004 Wis. L. Rev. 309

Opting Out or Copping Out? An Argument for Strict Scrutiny of Individual Contracts, 40 Loyola L.A.L. Rev. 95 (2006)

Blowing the Whistle on Mandatory Arbitration: Unconscionability as a Signaling Device, 46 San Diego L. Rev. 609 (2009)

Contract Law Walks the Plank: Carnival Cruise Lines, Inc. v. Shute, 12 Nev. L. J. 553 (2012)

Cases and Controversies: Some Things to Do with Contracts Cases, 88 Wash. L. Rev. 1357 (2013)

Is There a "Duty to Read"?, 66 Hastings L.J. 1083 (2015)

Book Reviews:

The Promise of the Future (and Vice Versa): Some Reflections on the Metamorphosis of Contract Law (reviewing E. Allan Farnsworth, *Contracts*), 82 Mich L. Rev. 932 (1984)

Chapters:

Contract Law, in Alan B. Morrison ed., *Fundamentals of American Law* (New York: Oxford Univ. Press 1996)

Unconscionability in American Contract Law: A Twenty-First-Century Survey, in DiMatteo, Zhou, Saintier, & Rowley eds., *Commercial Contract Law – Transatlantic Perspectives* (Cambridge Univ. Press 2013)

Is There a 'Duty to Read'?, in Braucher, Kidwell & Whitford eds., *Revisiting the Contracts Scholarship of Stewart Macaulay* (Hart Pub. 2013)

Conferences:

AALS Conference on Contracts, Dallas, TX, 1986 (speaker)
Conference on Contract Law: From Theory to Practice, N.Y.U. Law School 1988 (co-organizer and moderator)
AALS Conference for New Contracts Teachers, Ithaca, NY, 1989 (speaker)
AALS Conference on Contract Law, Washington, D.C., 1999 (speaker)
Wisconsin Law Review Symposium on Freedom *from* Contract, Milwaukee, WI, 2004 (commentator)
ABA Business Law Section Conference, Nashville, TN 2005 (speaker)
AALS Conference on Contract Law, Montreal, Quebec, 2005 (speaker)
Second International Contracts Conference, Texas Wesleyan Univ. School of Law, Fort Worth, TX 2006 (panel moderator)
Fourth International Contracts Conference, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento CA 2008 (panel moderator)
Fifth International Contracts Conference, UNLV Law School, Las Vegas, NV 2010 (panel member and honoree)
Conference on Current Issues in Commercial Contracts: Transatlantic Perspectives, School of Law, Univ. of Sheffield, England, 2011 (speaker)
Empirical and Lyrical: Revisiting the Contracts Scholarship of Stewart Macaulay, Conference at the University of Wisconsin Law School, 2011 (speaker)
Eighth International Contracts Conference, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, Fort Worth TX 2013 (panel moderator)
Twelfth International Contracts Conference, Southwestern School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, 2017 (panel moderator)

Honors:

Phi Beta Kappa
Order of the Coif
Member, American Law Institute
Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award, at Fifth International Contracts Conference, UNLV Law School, Las Vegas NV 2010