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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LAW, SAN FRANCISCO (formerly UC Hastings)	2012 – Present
	<i>Geoffrey C. Hazard Jr. Distinguished Professor of Law</i>	2018 – Present
	<i>Professor of Law</i>	2012 – 2018
	<i>Horace O. Coil Chair in Litigation</i>	2025 – Present
	<i>James Edgar Hervey Chair in Litigation</i>	2017 – 2025
	<i>Harry & Lillian Hastings Research Chair</i>	2014 – 2017
	<i>Founding Director, Center for Litigation and Courts</i>	2021 – Present
	<i>Associate Dean for Research (two terms)</i>	2016 – 2020
	WILLIAM & MARY LAW SCHOOL, <i>Associate Professor of Law</i>	2009 – 2012
	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW, <i>Assistant Professor of Law</i>	2006 – 2009
	TEL AVIV LAW SCHOOL, <i>Visiting Professor of Law</i> (overload, in person)	Spring 2027
	RADZYNER LAW SCHOOL, <i>Visiting Professor of Law</i> (overload, by Zoom)	Spring 2026
	BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL, <i>Visiting Professor of Law</i> (overload, by Zoom)	Spring 2022

McGEORGE LAW SCHOOL, <i>Visiting Professor of Law</i> (overload, in person)	Spring 2016
DUKE LAW SCHOOL, <i>Visiting Associate Professor of Law</i> (podium, in residence)	Fall 2008
LEWIS & CLARK LAW SCHOOL, <i>Visiting Scholar</i> (in residence)	Summer 2008

EXPERTISE	Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Comparative Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws
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REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS	<i>A Critical Appraisal of Judicial Restraint</i>	
	ANNUAL REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL SCIENCE (expected 2028) (peer reviewed)	
	THE EVOLVING STATE OF AMERICAN PROCEDURAL EXCEPTIONALISM	
	Edward Elgar (Scott Dodson & Margaret Woo eds. expected 2027)	
	RULES OF COURT IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT	
	Springer (Scott Dodson & C.H. van Rhee eds. expected 2027)	
	<i>Restoring Chevron Deference by Statute</i>	
	75 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 1603 (2026) (Administrative Law Symposium)	
	75 DUKE LAW JOURNAL ONLINE 1 (2025)	
	<i>Twiqbal: Past, Present, and Future</i>	
	114 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1119 (2026) (symposium)	
	<i>Transcultural Courts</i>	
	15 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 3 (2025) (peer reviewed)	
	<i>The Complexities of Consent to Personal Jurisdiction</i>	
	113 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 333 (2025)	

<i>The Supreme Court and Public Opinion</i>	
111 IOWA LAW REVIEW 117 (2025)	

<i>Personal Jurisdiction and Federalism</i>	
103 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1 (2025)	

Why Do In-State Plaintiffs Invoke Diversity Jurisdiction?

49 LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 1283 (2024) (refereed)

How Economic Downturns Affect Legal Markets

31 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL LEGAL PROFESSION 247 (2024) (refereed) (w/ Bilsborough)

The Missing Millions: Cy Pres in Federal Securities Class Actions

74 EMORY LAW JOURNAL 1 (2024) (with Joe Grundfest)

Rule 4 and Personal Jurisdiction

99 NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW 1 (2023)

The Making of the Supreme Court Rules

90 GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 866 (2022)

Cooperativism in the American Adversarial Tradition

40 CIVIL JUSTICE QUARTERLY 283 (2021) (refereed)

Article III and the Political Question Doctrine

116 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 681 (2021)

Personal Jurisdiction in Comparative Context

68 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 701 (2020) (refereed)

Beyond Bias in Diversity Jurisdiction

69 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 267 (2019)

Plaintiff Personal Jurisdiction and Venue Transfer

117 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1463 (2019)

Should the Rules Committees Have an Amicus Role?

104 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2018)

Personal Jurisdiction and Aliens

116 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1205 (2018) (with Bill Dodge)

Personal Jurisdiction and Aggregation

113 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1 (2018)

Jurisdiction and Its Effects

105 GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL 619 (2017)

A Negative Retrospective of Rule 23

92 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 917 (2017) (symposium)

The Gravitational Force of Federal Law

164 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 703 (2016)

An Opt-In Option for Class Actions

115 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 171 (2016)

Joint and Several Jurisdiction

65 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 1323 (2016) (with Phil Pucillo)

THE LEGACY OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Cambridge University Press (Scott Dodson ed. 2015) (edited volume)

Party Subordination in Federal Litigation

83 GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 1 (2014)

NEW PLEADING IN THE 21ST CENTURY: SLAMMING THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE DOORS?

Oxford University Press (2013) (monograph)

Rethinking Extraordinary Circumstances

106 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 377 (2012)

106 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW COLLOQUY 111 (2011)

Hybridizing Jurisdiction

99 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1439 (2011)

The Complexity of Jurisdictional Clarity

97 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2011)

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109 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 53 (2010)

Comparative Convergences in Pleading Standards

158 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 441 (2010)

Mandatory Rules

61 STANFORD LAW REVIEW 1 (2008)

A Darwinist View of the Living Constitution

61 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW 1319 (2008)

In Search of Removal Jurisdiction

102 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 55 (2008)

BOOKS**[11 titles, 48 editions]****THE RED BOOK OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

KDP (8 annual editions from 2019 – Present) (casebook)

THE GRAY BOOK OF CONFLICT OF LAWS

KDP (5 annual editions from 2022 – Present) (casebook)

THE ORANGE BOOK OF CIVIL PROCEDURE: A STUDENT GUIDE

KDP (8 annual editions from 2019 – Present) (coursebook)

THE BLACK BOOK OF FEDERAL COURTS

KDP (9 annual editions from 2018 – Present) (casebook)

THE JUDGES' BOOK, VOLUMES 1 – 10

UC Law SF (Scott Dodson ed. 2017 – Present) (annual edited series)

RULES OF COURT IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

Springer (Scott Dodson & C.H. van Rhee eds. expected 2027)

THE EVOLVING STATE OF AMERICAN PROCEDURAL EXCEPTIONALISM

Edward Elgar (Scott Dodson & Margaret Woo eds. expected 2027)

INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF CIVIL PROCEDURE – UNITED STATES

Wolters Kluwer (2025) (treatise)

THE LEGACY OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Cambridge University Press (Scott Dodson ed. 2015, 2d ed. 2022) (edited volume)

NEW PLEADING IN THE 21ST CENTURY: SLAMMING THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE DOORS?

Oxford University Press (2013) (monograph)

CIVIL PROCEDURE: MODEL PROBLEMS AND OUTSTANDING ANSWERS

Oxford University Press (2011 & 2d ed. 2012) (coursebook)

ARTICLES AND
CHAPTERS [89]*A Critical Appraisal of Judicial Restraint*

ANNUAL REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL SCIENCE (expected 2028) (peer reviewed)

Restoring Chevron Deference by Statute

75 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 1603 (2026) (Administrative Law Symposium)

75 DUKE LAW JOURNAL ONLINE 1 (2025)

Twiqbal: Past, Present, and Future

114 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1119 (2026) (symposium)

Assessing Judicial Efficiency in U.S. Courts

JUDICIAL EFFICIENCY REVISITED 165 (Alan Uzelac ed. Zagreb University 2026)

The U.S. Supreme Court and Public Opinion

ITALIAN-SPANISH JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW (expected 2026) (peer reviewed)

A Procedural Giant

77 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LAW JOURNAL 1 (2026) (special issue) (festschrift essay)

Book Review

74 INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW QUARTERLY 1011 (2025) (peer reviewed)

Transcultural Courts

15 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 3 (2025) (peer reviewed)

The Complexities of Consent to Personal Jurisdiction

113 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 333 (2025)

The Supreme Court and Public Opinion

111 IOWA LAW REVIEW 117 (2025)

Personal Jurisdiction and Federalism

103 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1 (2025)

Personal Jurisdiction and the Fifth Amendment

17 CONLAWNOW 1 (2025) (peer reviewed)

Reforming Jury and Judicial Selection: A Preliminary Report

32 VOIR DIRE 6 (2025) (peer reviewed)

Judicial Jurisdiction and Competence

COMPARATIVE CIVIL PROCEDURE 134 (Edward Elgar 2025) (with Sebastian Spinei)

Why Do In-State Plaintiffs Invoke Diversity Jurisdiction?

49 LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 1283 (2024) (refereed)

How Economic Downturns Affect Legal Markets

31 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL LEGAL PROFESSION 247 (2024) (refereed) (w/ Billsborough)

The Missing Millions: Cy Pres in Federal Securities Class Actions

74 EMORY LAW JOURNAL 1 (2024) (with Joe Grundfest)

Constitutional Allocations of Judicial Authority

5 COMPARATIVE PROCEDURAL LAW & JUSTICE, ch. 1 (IAPL 2024)

Introduction to Part V

5 COMPARATIVE PROCEDURAL LAW & JUSTICE (IAPL 2024) (with others)

The Culture of Forum Shopping in the United States

57 THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER 307 (2024) (peer reviewed)

When Does State Law Affect Federal Jurisdiction?

43 REVIEW OF LITIGATION 117 (2024)

Rule 4 and Personal Jurisdiction

99 NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW 1 (2023)

Personal Jurisdiction, Comparativism, and Ford

51 STETSON LAW REVIEW 187 (2022) (symposium)

The Making of the Supreme Court Rules

90 GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 866 (2022)

Videoconferencing and Legal Doctrine

51 SOUTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW 9 (2021) (symposium)

Texas v. Pennsylvania and the Political-Question Doctrine

2021 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW ONLINE 141

Article III and the Political Question Doctrine

116 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 681 (2021)

Cooperativism in the American Adversarial Tradition

40 CIVIL JUSTICE QUARTERLY 283 (2021) (refereed)

In-State Plaintiff Invocation of Diversity Jurisdiction: Theories

ACADEMIA LETTERS No. 844 (2021) (refereed)

A Critique of Jurisdictionality

39 REVIEW OF LITIGATION 355 (2020)

Book Review: The Conservative Case for Class Actions

54 LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW 522 (2020) (peer-reviewed book review)

Personal Jurisdiction in Comparative Context

68 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 701 (2020) (refereed)

The Zooming of Federal Civil Litigation

104:3 JUDICATURE 13 (2020) (peer reviewed) (with Lee Rosenthal & Chris Dodson)

The Irrelevance of Jurisdictionality in Fort Bend County v. Davis

1 COURTS & JUSTICE LAW JOURNAL 16 (2019) (peer reviewed)

Jam v. International Finance Corp.

113 AMERICAN JOURNAL INTERNATIONAL LAW 805 (2019) (peer reviewed) (w/ C. Keitner)

Beyond Bias in Diversity Jurisdiction

69 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 267 (2019)

Accountability and Transparency in U.S. Courts

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN CIVIL JUSTICE 273 (Thomson Reuters 2019)

Plaintiff Personal Jurisdiction and Venue Transfer

117 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1463 (2019)

A Model Code of Conduct for Student-Edited Law Journal Submissions

67 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 734 (2018) (refereed) (with Jacob Hirsch)

Personal Jurisdiction and Aliens

116 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1205 (2018) (with Bill Dodge)

Should the Rules Committees Have an Amicus Role?

104 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2018)

Jurisdiction in the Trump Era

87 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 73 (2018) (symposium)

Personal Jurisdiction and Aggregation

113 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1 (2018)

Defending Jurisdiction

59 WILLIAM & MARY LAW REVIEW ONLINE 85 (2018)

The 2016 Presidential Election: The Next Four Years and Beyond

44 HASTINGS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW QUARTERLY 255 (2017) (symposium) (with others)

A Negative Retrospective of Rule 23

92 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 917 (2017) (symposium)

Jurisdiction and Its Effects

105 GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL 619 (2017)

Joint and Several Jurisdiction

65 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 1323 (2016) (with Phil Pucillo)

The Gravitational Force of Federal Law

164 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 703 (2016)

An Opt-In Option for Class Actions

115 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 171 (2016)

Literary Justice

18 GREEN BAG 2D 429 (2015) (peer-reviewed symposium) (with Ami Dodson)

A Revolution in Jurisdiction

THE LEGACY OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG 137 (Cambridge University Press 2015)

Ginsburg, Optimism, and Conflict Management

THE LEGACY OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG 233 (Cambridge University Press 2015)

Pleading and the Litigation Marketplace

99:2 JUDICATURE 11 (Autumn 2015) (refereed)

Atlantic Marine and the Future of Party Preference

66 HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL 675 (2015) (symposium)

Mapping Supreme Court Doctrine: Civil Pleading

VIMEO (March 2014) (with Colin Starger)

Party Subordination in Federal Litigation

83 GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 1 (2014)

The Short Paper

63 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 667 (2014) (peer reviewed)

Mapping Supreme Court Doctrine: Civil Pleading

7 FEDERAL COURTS LAW REVIEW 275 (2014) (peer reviewed) (with Colin Starger)

Parsing Judicial Activism

16 GREEN BAG 2D 457 (2013) (peer-reviewed symposium)

Presuit Discovery in a Comparative Context

6:2 JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 51 (2012) (refereed)

A New Look at Dismissal Rates in Federal Civil Cases

96 JUDICATURE 127 (2012) (refereed)

Structuring Jurisdictional Rules and Standards

65 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW EN BANC 31 (2012) (with Elizabeth McCuskey)

Rethinking Extraordinary Circumstances

106 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 377 (2012)

106 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW COLLOQUY 111 (2011)

Global Civil Procedure Trends in the Twenty-First Century

34 B.C. INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW 1 (2011) (with Jim Klebba)

Hybridizing Jurisdiction

99 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1439 (2011)

The Complexity of Jurisdictional Clarity

97 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2011)

Federal Pleading and State Presuit Discovery

14 LEWIS & CLARK LAW REVIEW 43 (2010) (symposium)

New Pleading, New Discovery

109 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 53 (2010)

Comparative Convergences in Pleading Standards

158 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 441 (2010)

Justice Souter and the Civil Rules

88 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 289 (2010)

In Search of Removal Jurisdiction

102 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 55 (2008)

Mandatory Rules

61 STANFORD LAW REVIEW 1 (2008)

The Failure of Bowes v. Russell

43 TULSA LAW REVIEW 631 (2008) (symposium)

Appreciating Mandatory Rules: A Reply to Critics

102 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW COLLOQUY 228 (2008)

A Darwinist View of the Living Constitution

61 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW 1319 (2008)

The Challenge of Comparative Civil Procedure

60 ALABAMA LAW REVIEW 133 (2008) (solicited review essay)

[*A History of the Eighth Circuit*](#)

67 ARKANSAS HISTORICAL QUARTERLY 310 (2008) (peer-reviewed book review)

[*The Forum Defendant Rule in Arkansas*](#)

2007 ARKANSAS LAW NOTES 73 (peer reviewed)

[*Jurisdictionality and Bowles v. Russell*](#)

102 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW COLLOQUY 42 (2007)

[*Pleading Standards after Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*](#)

93 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW IN BRIEF 135 (2007)

[*Subclassing*](#)

27 CARDOZO LAW REVIEW 2351 (2006)

[*Constitutional Thematics and the Peculiar Federal Marriage Amendment*](#)

20 B.Y.U. JOURNAL OF PUBLIC LAW 223 (2006) (symposium)

[*The Peculiar Federal Marriage Amendment*](#)

36 ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL 783 (2004)

[*Dignity: The New Frontier of State Sovereignty*](#)

56 OKLAHOMA LAW REVIEW 777 (2003)

[*Vectoral Federalism*](#)

20 GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 393 (2003)

[*The Metes and Bounds of State Sovereign Immunity*](#)

29 HASTINGS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW QUARTERLY 721 (2002)

[*Habeas Review of Perfunctory State Court Decisions on the Merits*](#)

29 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW 223 (2002)

[*Assessing the Practicality & Constitutionality of Alaska's Split-Recovery Punitive Damages Statute*](#)

49 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 1335 (2000) (student note)

**WHITE
PAPERS [2]**[*A More Perfect Jury: Jury Selection*](#)

Center for Litigation and Courts (Nov. 2024) (with others)

[*Report on Class-Action Settlement Distributions in the Northern District of California*](#)

Center for Litigation and Courts (May 2023) (with Brandon Prince & Vaughn Walker)

**OTHER
PUBLICATIONS [61]**[*Abuse of Court*](#)

CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CIVIL PROCEDURE (Edward Elgar forthcoming 2027)

[*The Complexities of Consent to Personal Jurisdiction*](#)

10 JUDGES' BOOK 3 (2026)

[*Personal Jurisdiction and Federalism*](#)

10 JUDGES' BOOK 17 (2026)

[*Personal Jurisdiction and the Fifth Amendment*](#)

10 JUDGES' BOOK 29 (2026)

[*Leading Cases*](#)

16:1 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW (forthcoming 2026)

[*Fuld Preview: AALS Panel on Mallory and More*](#)

TRANSNATIONAL LITIGATION BLOG (May 25, 2025) (with others)

[*An Academic's View of Supreme Court Advocacy*](#)

ABA LITIGATION SECTION, APPELLATE PRACTICE POINTERS (Jan. 10, 2025)

[*When Does State Law Affect Federal Jurisdiction?*](#)

9 JUDGES' BOOK 47 (2025)

Leading Cases

15:1 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 162 (2025)

Leading Cases

15:2 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 35 (2025)

[*Cy Pres in Federal Securities Class Actions*](#)

9 JUDGES' BOOK 35 (2025)

[*The Culture of Forum Shopping in Civil Litigation*](#)

9 JUDGES' BOOK 25 (2025)

[*Rule 4 and Personal Jurisdiction*](#)

8 JUDGES' BOOK 17 (2024)

[*Why Do In-State Plaintiffs Invoke Diversity Jurisdiction?*](#)

8 JUDGES' BOOK 29 (2024)

[*Class-Settlement Distribution and Accountings*](#)

8 JUDGES' BOOK 11 (2024)

Leading Cases

13 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 309 (2023)

[*The Making of the Supreme Court Rules*](#)

7 JUDGES' BOOK 95 (2023)

[*Article III and the Political-Question Doctrine*](#)

6 JUDGES' BOOK 15 (2022)

[*Personal Jurisdiction After Ford*](#)

6 JUDGES' BOOK 5 (2022)

[*Introduction*](#)

6 JUDGES' BOOK 1 (2022)

Leading Cases

12 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 397 (2022)

[*A Critique of Jurisdictionality*](#)

5 JUDGES' BOOK 21 (2021)

[*The Zooming of Federal Civil Litigation*](#)

5 JUDGES' BOOK 29 (2021)

[*The Zooming of Federal Legal Practice*](#)

84 TEXAS BAR JOURNAL 450 (May 2021)

Leading Cases

11 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 184 (2021)

Leading Cases, Legislation

10 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 106 (2020)

Beyond Bias in Diversity Jurisdiction

4 JUDGES' BOOK 15 (2020)

Plaintiff Personal Jurisdiction and Venue Transfer

4 JUDGES' BOOK 23 (2020)

Leading Cases, Legislation

9 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 146 (2019)

Personal Jurisdiction and Aliens

3 JUDGES' BOOK 29 (2019)

Leading Cases

9 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 358 (2019)

Personal Jurisdiction and Aggregation

3 JUDGES' BOOK 21 (2019)

Jurisdiction and Its Effects

2 JUDGES' BOOK 15 (2018)

Leading Cases

8:1 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 165 (2018)

Plaintiff Personal Jurisdiction and Venue Transfer

S.F. DAILY JOURNAL 5 (Aug. 15, 2018)

Leading Cases, Legislation

8:2 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 314, 352 (2018)

The Supreme Court, the Rules Committees, and amicus practice

SCOTUSBLOG (May 16, 2018) (invited academic highlight)

Leading Cases

7 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 322 (2017)

How to Apply Diversity Jurisdiction in a Multiparty Case

1 JUDGES' BOOK 25 (2017)

Certifying an Op-In Class under Rule 23

1 JUDGES' BOOK 21 (2017)

California's View of "Related To" Specific Jurisdiction

2016 CALIFORNIA LITIGATION REVIEW 91 (2017)

Certifying an Op-In Class under Rule 23

DAILY JOURNAL 24 (Nov. 8, 2017)

Forum-Selection Clauses After Atlantic Marine

78 THE ADVOCATE 21 (2017)

Jurisdiction

3 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN GOVERNANCE 153 (Stephen L. Schechter ed. 2016)

Preface

5 JOURNAL OF LAW (2 NEW VOICES) 17 (2015)

[The Tolling Effect of the Federal Supplemental-Jurisdiction Statute](#)

SCOCABLOG (Oct. 8, 2014)

When Does a Legal Malpractice Action “Arise Under” Federal Patent Law?

40 ABA SUPREME COURT PREVIEW 165 (2013)

[The Ackermann Rule in California Federal Courts](#)

THE RECORDER (Nov. 9, 2012)

[Squeezing Class Actions](#)

SCOTUSBLOG (Aug. 30, 2011) (symposium)

[What Kinds of Appellate Deadlines are Jurisdictional?](#)

38 ABA SUPREME COURT PREVIEW 107 (2010)

What Kinds of Statutory Restrictions are Jurisdictional?

37 ABA SUPREME COURT PREVIEW 34 (2009)

Temporary Restraining Order

2 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION 726 (David Schultz ed. 2009)

[The Importance of E-Discovery](#)

43 ARKANSAS LAWYER 14 (2008)

Adequate and Independent State Grounds

1 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT 26 (David Tanenhaus ed. 2008)

Abstention

1 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT 11 (David Tanenhaus ed. 2008)

Appellate Jurisdiction

1 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT 83 (David Tanenhaus ed. 2008)

[Judicial Activism](#)

29 NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 19 (2004) (op-ed)

Extending the Robertson Presumption to Leased Vehicles

64 TEXAS BAR JOURNAL 966 (2002)

BLOGGING[Managing Editor](#), UC HASTINGS FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP BLOG (2017 – 2020)Permablogger, [SCOCABLOG](#) (2014 – 2016)Guest Blogger, [SCOTUSBLOG](#) (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2018); PRAWFSBLAWG (2008); CIVIL PROCEDURE PROF BLOG (2007, 2011)

CITATION METRICS

Westlaw JLR TE(“scott dodson”): >980 hits, >111 hits above the line (as of Jan. 1, 2026)

[Google Scholar](#): >2,275 citations, h-index = 28, i10-index = 44 (as of June 1, 2026)Ranked in Leiter’s Top-10 Most-Cited Civil Procedure Scholars for [2010–14](#) and [2016–20](#)

58 court citations to non-treatise/textbook works, including the U.S. Supreme Court; all U.S. Courts of Appeals except the Eighth, D.C., and Federal Circuits; and the Alabama, Florida, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin supreme courts (as of Jan. 1, 2026)

More than 100,000 downloads on SSRN and Scholarship Repository (as of Jan. 1, 2026)

33 publications in Q1 journals (as ranked by Scimago)

GRANTS

Robert L. Habush Endowment, American Association for Justice (2025) (\$25,000 grant)
 “The Evolving State of American Procedural Exceptionalism”

Robert L. Habush Endowment, American Association for Justice (2024) (\$10,000 grant)
 “Ninth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop”

Robert L. Habush Endowment, American Association for Justice (2022) (\$10,000 grant)
 “Why Do In-State Plaintiffs Invoke Diversity Jurisdiction?”

Robert L. Habush Endowment, American Association for Justice (2020) (\$15,000 grant)
 “The Making of the Supreme Court Rules”

AWARDS / HONORS

Appellate Advocacy Award, National Civil Justice Institute (2025) (with Josh Davis)

Mary Kay Kane Award for Excellence in Scholarship & Intellectual Life, UC Law SF (2024)

Leading Scholar Award, AALS Section on Litigation (2024)

Rutter Award for Teaching Excellence, UC Hastings Law (2022)

Leadership Award, UC Hastings Law (2020)

Adolph A. Tiscornia Scholarship Award, UC Hastings Law (2019)

R.W. Harrison Summer Scholarship Stipend, UC Hastings Law (2013)

SELECT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Symposium Presenter: *Restoring Chevron Deference by Statute*
Duke Law Journal Administrative Law Symposium (2026)

Roundtable Presenter: *The Modes and Forms of Judicial Restraint*
 Section on Scholarship, AALS Annual Meeting (2025)

Panelist: *Opt-Out Litigation Developments*
 ABA Class Actions National Institute, Dallas (2025)

Panelist: *Consent After Mallory*
 Section on Conflict of Laws, AALS Annual Meeting (2025)

Symposium Moderator and Discussant: *Twiqbal: Past, Present, and Future*
California Law Review Symposium: “*Iqbal* at 15” (2025)

Commentator and Discussant: *What is Civil Procedure For?*
 Conference on New Directions for Civil Procedure, American Bar Foundation (2025)

Panelist: *Forum Shopping*
 Section on Litigation, AALS Annual Meeting (2025)

Organizer and MC
 The Evolution of American Procedural Exceptionalism, UC Law SF (2025)

Presenter: *Cy Pres in Federal Securities Class Actions*
 Civil Procedure Colloquium, Texas Law School (2025)

Presenter: *Judicial Efficiency in U.S. Courts*
 International Association of Procedural Law Conference, Zagreb, Croatia (2025)

Presenter: *The Complexities of Consent to Personal Jurisdiction*
 Civil Procedure Colloquium, Berkeley Law School (2024)
 Conflict of Laws Annual Workshop (2024)

Lecture: *The U.S. Supreme Court and Public Opinion*
Conference on Supreme Courts, Brescia, Italy (2024)
Radzyner Law School, Israel (2024)
International Congress on Supreme Courts, Brasilia, Brazil (2024)

Organizer and MC
Ninth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop (2024)

Presenter: *Transcultural Courts*
International Association of Procedural Law Conference, Örebro, Sweden (2024)

Presenter: *Constitutional Allocations of Cases in Comparative Context*
Civil Procedural Law and Justice Conference, Luxembourg (2024)
Civil Procedural Law and Justice Conference, Luxembourg (2023)
Civil Procedural Law and Justice Conference, Luxembourg (2021)

Plenary Session Presenter: *Why Do In-State Plaintiffs Invoke Diversity Jurisdiction?*
Eighth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop (2023) (blind peer selection)

Presenter: *Judicial Jurisdiction and Competence*
Comparative Civil Procedure Conference, Maastricht, Netherlands (2023)

Lecture: *The Culture of Forum Shopping in the United States*
Civil Procedural Law and Justice Lecture Series, Luxembourg (2023)

Moderator: *Voice Through Dissent*
National Judicial College's Annual Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture (2023)

Roundtable Presentation: *Why Do In-State Plaintiffs Invoke Diversity Jurisdiction?*
Law & Society Conference, Lisbon, Portugal (2022)

Lecture: *Cooperativism in the American Adversarial Tradition*
James Edgar Hervey Chair Lecture, UC Hastings College of the Law (2022)
Keynote, Japan Association of the Law of Civil Procedure, Tokyo, Japan (2021)

Symposium Presentation: *Comparative Personal Jurisdiction After Ford*
Stetson Law Review Symposium: "Procedure in the Roberts Court" (2021)

Presenter: *Bias and Diversity Jurisdiction*
Civil Procedure Unavailability Workshop (2020)

Reporter: *Accountability and Transparency in U.S. Civil Courts*
International Association of Procedural Law World Congress, Kyoto, Japan (2019)

Keynote Speaker: *Personal Jurisdiction in Comparative Context*
International Conference on Civil Procedure, Rio, Brazil (2019)

Discussant: *Reforming the Federal Judiciary*
Berkeley Judicial Institute Symposium (2019)

Senior Commentator
Tenth Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop (2018)

Symposium Presenter: *Defense-Centric Jurisdiction*
Fordham Law Review Symposium: "Civil Procedure in the Trump Era" (2018)

Symposium Presenter: *A Negative Retrospective of Rule 23*
N.Y.U. Law Review Symposium: "Rule 23 at 50" (2016)

Lecture: *The Legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*
Commonwealth Club, San Francisco (2015)
Rice University (2015)

Senior Commentator
First Annual Civil Procedure Workshop (2015)

Presenter: *Party Subordination in Federal Litigation*
Branstetter New Voices in Civil Justice Workshop (2014) (blind peer selection)

Lecture: *Pleading and the Litigation Marketplace*
University of Genoa Faculty of Law, Genoa, Italy (2013)

Panelist: *On the Importance of Being Comparative*
Law & Society Annual Conference (2012)

Panel Presenter: *Twombly and Iqbal: Two Years On*
Searle Center Judicial Symposium, Northwestern University Law School (2011)

Presenter: *The Complexity of Jurisdictional Clarity*
Junior/Senior Scholars Federal Courts Workshop (2010)

Debater (as Devil's Advocate) and Winner: *The Raft Debate*
The College of William & Mary (2010)

Panel Presenter: *Comparative Convergences in Pleading Standards*
Section on Civil Procedure, AALS Annual Conference (2009)

Keynote Address: *Darwin's "Living" Constitution*
Law, Ethics & The Life Sciences Conference (2007)

Symposium Presenter: *Constitutional Thematics and the FMA*
B.Y.U. Law School Symposium: "A Federal Marriage Amendment" (2005)

A full list of more than 200 speaking engagements is available upon request.

PODCASTS

Podcast Founder, Producer, and Host, [LITIGATION BRIEFS: MEDIA SHORTS ON LAW & COURTS](#) (2021 – 2023) (37 episodes)

Podcast Guest: [Source Collect](#) (Aug. 2025); [Business Scholarship Podcast #247](#) (May 27, 2025); [Talkline](#) (May 4, 2024); [Courtroom5](#) (Jan. 16, 2023); [Good Law / Bad Law #164](#) (Dec. 6, 2019); [Ipse Dixit #154](#) (Feb. 16, 2019); [Oral Argument #182](#) (Oct. 19, 2018); [L.A. Daily Journal Appellate Podcast Series](#) (2016); [The RightsCast #1](#) (Jan. 27, 2015)

RULEMAKING

Member, Virginia Advisory Committee on Rules of Court (2009 – 2012)

SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES

Wall Street Journal
KTVU Channel 2, *The 10:00 Nightly News*
KTVU Channel 2, *The 5 O'Clock News*
KQED Radio, *The To Do List*
KCBS Radio
Bloomberg Radio
CNN Radio
Starred in the [Greatest Law School Commercial Ever](#)

A full list of more than 100 media quotes and appearances is available upon request.

**EDITORIAL
POSITIONS**

Editorial Board, [GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON CIVIL JUSTICE](#) (2026 – Present) (book series)
 U.S. Editor, [INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW](#) (2016 – Present)
 Editor in Chief, [THE JUDGES' BOOK](#) (2017 – Present)

**ASSOCIATIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS**

Foreign Member, Brazilian Institute of Law and Evidentiary Reasoning (2025 – Present)
[Council Member](#), International Association of Procedural Law (2023 – Present)
[Academic Fellow](#), National Civil Justice Institute (2019 – Present)
[Member](#), International Association of Procedural Law (2016 – Present)

**LITIGATION &
TESTIMONY**

Settlement Objector, [Doe v. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan](#), No. 3:23-cv-02865 (N.D. Cal. 2026) (personal capacity) (party modification complying with objection)

[Brief of Center for Litigation and Courts as Amicus Curiae in Support of Neither Party](#), [Riley v. Garland](#), No. 23-1270 (S. Ct. 2025) (counsel of record)

Settlement Objector, [Story v. Heartland Payment Sys.](#), No. 3:19-cv-724 (M.D. Fla. 2025) (personal capacity) (party modification complying with objection)

Settlement Objector, [Baker v. ParkMobile, LLC](#), No. 21-cv-02182 (N.D. Ga. 2025) (personal capacity) (party modification and directive from court consistent with objection)

[Brief of Center for Litigation and Courts as Amicus Curiae in Support of Respondent](#), [Enbridge Ene. L.P. v. Nessel](#), No. 24-783 (S. Ct. 2025) (counsel of record)

Expert Report of Professor Scott Dodson, [Matiko v. Barrick Gold Corp.](#), No. CV-22-00690649-0000 (Ont. Super. Ct. Just. 2024) (testifying/deposed expert) (conclusions adopted in written judicial opinion)

Settlement Objector, [Milan v. Clif Bar & Co.](#), No. 18-cv-2354 (N.D. Cal. 2024) (personal capacity) (objection sustained on the record and corrective action taken)

[Brief of Center for Litigation and Courts as Amicus Curiae in Support of Petitioners](#), [Royal Canin U.S.A., Inc. v. Wulschleger](#), No. 23-677 (S. Ct. 2024) (counsel of record) (referenced during oral argument; position on forum shopping adopted)

Amicus Brief of Center for Litigation and Courts in Support of Plaintiffs and Appellants, [Doe v. Marysville Joint Unified Sch. Dist.](#), No. S283639 (Cal. 2024) (with Leah Spero) (mentioned by counsel at oral argument)

Settlement Objector, [Smith-Washington v. TaxAct](#), No. 3:23-cv-00830 (N.D. Cal. 2024) (personal capacity) (objection sustained on the record and corrective action taken)

[Petition for Certiorari](#) and [Reply Brief](#), [Brief for Petitioner](#) and [Reply Brief](#), [Harrow v. Dep't of Defense](#), No. 23-21 (S. Ct. 2023–24) (counsel of record) ([prevailed 9-0](#))

Affidavits of Professor Scott Dodson, [In re HWA 55 Owners LLC](#), No. 2022/042 (Royal Ct. of Jersey 2022) (testifying expert)

Expert Report of Professor Scott Dodson, [Jacobs v. Equity Trust Co.](#), No. 13 CV 182283 (Ohio Ct. Comm. Pleas 2022) (testifying expert)

Declaration of Professor Scott Dodson, [In re: Roundup Prods. Liab. Litig.](#), Doc. 12911-6, No. 3:19-cv-02224-VC (N.D. Cal. 2021) (testifying expert)

[Public Comment of Scott Dodson](#) Submitted to the Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States (July 21, 2021)

Brief of the Center for Litigation and Courts as Amicus Curiae in Support of Petitioner, Canaday v. Anthem Cos., No. 20-5947 (6th Cir. 2021) (amicus curiae)

[Brief of Professor Scott Dodson](#), Fort Bend County v. Davis, No. 18-525 (S. Ct. 2019) (amicus curiae and counsel of record) (referenced during oral argument)

Aetna Inc. v. Whatley Kallas LLP, No. BC707386 (Cal. Super. Ct. 2018) (testifying expert)

[Brief of Professor Scott Dodson](#), Hamer v. Neighborhood Housing Serv. of Chi. & Fannie Mae, No. 16-658 (S. Ct. 2017) (amicus curiae and counsel of record)

Brief of Civil Procedure and Tort Law Professors, [Ramona Two Shields v. Wilkinson](#), No. 15-475 (S. Ct. 2015) (counsel of record for amici curiae)

[Brief of Professor Scott Dodson](#), Sebelius v. Auburn Reg. Med. Ctr., No. 11-1231 (S. Ct. 2012) (amicus curiae and counsel of record)

[Brief of Federal Jurisdiction Professors](#), O'Connell v. Chapman Univ., No. 10-810 (S. Ct. 2011) (counsel of record for amici curiae)

Feely v. Allstate Mut. Ins. Co., No. 2004-294-3A (Ark. Cir. Ct. 2010) (testifying expert)

In re Death of Lloyd Koch (Feb. 2008) (testifying expert)

Ark. State Bd. of Dental Examiners v. Solera (Ark. Dental Bd. 2007) (testifying expert)

[Petition for a Writ of Certiorari](#) and [Reply Brief](#), Lively v. Wild Oats Markets, Inc., No. 06-748 (S. Ct. 2006-07) (co-counsel with Stanford Litigation Clinic and Howe & Russell)

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GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER LLP, Washington, DC
Associate, Litigation and Appellate Groups, 2004 – 2006

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, Washington, DC
Attorney, Complex Litigation Unit, 2002 – 2004

GARDERE WYNNE SEWELL LLP, Houston, TX
Associate, Civil Litigation and Employment Law, 2001 – 2002

THE HONORABLE NICHOLAS G. GARAUFIS, Eastern District of New York
Judicial Clerk, 2000 – 2001

EDUCATION

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2000
Editor, Duke Law Journal

RICE UNIVERSITY, B.A. Biology, *cum laude*, 1996

BAR ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States (2004)
Texas (2001)