

## **Curtis Bridgeman**

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### **Academic Appointments**

#### **Willamette University College of Law**

**Roderick and Carol Wendt Professor of Business Law, 2013 Present**  
(named Wendt Professor in 2018)

#### **Dean of College from 2013-2020**

Duties as Dean: Chief Executive Officer for the College of Law  
Managed budget, faculty, and staff for College of Law  
Set Strategic Priorities for the College of Law  
Part of Senior Leadership Team for University  
Led Fundraising and Alumni Engagement Efforts for College of Law  
Represented College of Law with External Stakeholders

**Courses:** Contracts I, Commercial Law courses, Philosophy of Law courses

#### **Florida State University College of Law**

**Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 2011 2013**

Duties: Associate Dean of Faculty  
Scheduling of Classes  
Managed Faculty Workload, Including Committee Assignments  
Academic Counseling for Students on Academic Probation  
Worked with Associate Dean of Students on Student-Conduct Issues  
Assisted with Promotion and Tenure Process  
Assisted with Review of Junior Faculty  
Filled in for Dean in University Leadership Roles as Needed  
Assisted Dean with Strategic Planning  
Small Role in Budgeting, Especially in Second Year  
Represented Law School with Outside Groups as Needed

**Professor (first Assistant Professor, then Associate Professor), 2004--2013 Corry  
Professor of Law, 2007--2013**

**Courses Taught:**

Contracts I and II  
Secured Transactions

Business Associations  
Jurisprudence  
Philosophy of Private Law

**Honors and Awards:**

"Guardian of the Flame Award" 2009-2010, Florida State University (2009).  
University Graduate Teaching award, 2009-2010, Florida State University (2009).  
"Professor of the Year" Chosen by FSU's first-year students three times (2005,  
2006, 2008).  
Named James Edmund and Margaret Elizabeth Henessey Corry Professor of Law,  
Florida State University (2007).

**Other Teaching Experience**

**University of Illinois College of Law** (Visiting Professor, Fall 2007)

Courses: Philosophy of Private Law Seminar

**Vanderbilt University** (Taught as Graduate Student, 1997-2000)

Courses: Intro to Ethics, Intro to Philosophy

**The University of Alabama in Huntsville** (Adjunct Professor, 1998)

Courses: Engineering Ethics

**Publications**

*The Failure of Individual Autonomy to Explain Modern Contract Law*, work in progress.

*Twenty-First Century Contract Law is a Law of Agreements, not of Debts*, forthcoming in THE  
YALE LAW JOURNAL FORUM (2019).

*Are Mortgage Contracts Promises?*, In COMMERCIAL CONTRACT LAW: TRANSATLANTIC

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*Do Promises Distinguish Contract From Tort?* (with John C. P. Goldberg), 45 *Suffolk University Law Review* 873 (2012).

*Civil Recourse or Civil Powers?*, 39 *FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW* 1 (2011).

*The Morality of Jingle Mail: Moral Myths About Strategic Default*, 46 *WAKE FORREST LAW REVIEW*, 123 (2011).

*Bullshit Promises* (with Karen Sandrik), 76 *TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW* 379 (2009).

*Contracts as Plans*, 2009 *UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW* 341 (2009).

*Why Contracts Scholars Should Read Legal Philosophy: Formalism, Positivism, and the Specification of Rules in Contract Law*, 29 *CARDOZO LAW REVIEW* 1443 (2008).

*Reconciling Strict Liability and Corrective Justice in Contract Law*. 74 *FORDHAM UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW* 3013 (2007).

*Default Rules, Penalty Default Rules, and New Formalism*, 33 *FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW*. 683 (2006).

*Misrepresented Intent in the Context of Unequal Bargaining Power*, 2006 *MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW* 993 (2006).

*Allegheny College Revisited: Cardozo, Consideration, and Formalism in Context*, 39 *UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA*





**Summer Associate**, General Litigation, Corporate/Transaction, Sherrard & Roe,  
Nashville, TN, 2001.

### **Personal Interests**

Outdoor sports such as golf, cycling, and boating; reading; home projects (most anything with tools); baking.