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FACULTY WRITINGS

Lino Graglia, *City of Boerne v. Flores: An Essay on Invalidation of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act*, 68 Mississippi Law Journal 675 (1998).

Lino Graglia, *Professor Loewy's "Diversity" Defense of Racial Preference: Defining Discrimination Away*, 77 North Carolina Law Review 1505 (1999).

Calvin Johnson, *Using GAAP Instead of Tax Accounting Is a Bad Idea*, 83 Tax Notes 425 (1999).

Mark Lemley, *Could Java Change Everything? The Competitive Propriety of a Proprietary Standard (Part I)*, Journal of Internet Law, Mar. 1999, at 19 (with David McGowan). [Reprinted from 43 Antitrust Bulletin 715 (1998).]

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

The 1999 Judicial Conference of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Apr. 28-30, 1999, in Houston, was dedicated to **Charles Alan Wright**, saluted in the program as "our brightest star." The Hon. Carolyn Dineen King, chief judge of the Fifth Circuit, presented **Wright** with the dedication at the opening ceremonies. Also at the conference, **Charles Silver** was a panelist for a session on "The Law Governing Lawyers."

William Allison will speak on "Internet & Office Technology" at the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association's 12th Annual Advanced Criminal Law Short Course, June 11, 1999, in San Antonio.

Steve Bickerstaff spoke on "Shackles on the Giant: How the Federal Government Created Microsoft, Personal Computers, and the Internet" at the Telecommunications and Information Technology Summit, May 5, 1999, sponsored by UT's Telecommunications and Information Policy Institute.

Philip Bobbitt was one of the readers for Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky's Favorite Poem Project, Apr. 7, 1999, at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Lino Graglia will give a presentation on "Affirmative Action in Texas Law Schools" at a CLE seminar, "Affirmative Action in Higher Education," sponsored by the State Bar's Hispanic Issues Section, June 12, 1999, in Fort Worth.

Patrick Hazel will be part of the faculty for the Law School CLE conference, "The Jury Trial: Fundamentals from Voir Dire to Final Argument," June 24, 1999, in San Antonio.

Barbara Hines spoke on the Violence Against Women Act at the Spring Conference of the Texas chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Apr. 16, 1999, in New Orleans. At the Representing Immigrants & Strategies for Criminal Defense Lawyers Seminar in Austin, Apr. 9, 1999, **Hines** delivered

the opening remarks and gave presentations on defense strategies and on grounds of deportation for criminal conduct.

Henry Hu was quoted in the Apr. 30, 1999, Los Angeles Times on measures proposed by a group headed by Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, and SEC Chairman Arthur Levitt for the regulation of hedge funds.

Mark Lemley was quoted in The Recorder, Apr. 27, 1999, on the recording industry's effort to impose controls on the MP3 Internet music standard.

Basil Markesinis has been awarded the Insignia of Knight Commander of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, by the President of Italy, in recognition of his work in bringing different legal worlds closer together.

Roy Mersky was the commentator for a seminar entitled "Designing a Law Library for the New Millenium" in the Faculty of Law, Australian National University, May 12, 1999.

Steven Ratner travelled to Riga, Latvia, May 3-5, 1999, as part of a team of experts of the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to advise a committee of the Latvian parliament on conforming their draft law on the state language with international law. **Ratner** then travelled to Lund, Sweden, as part of a committee of experts completing recommendations for OSCE member states on enhancing minority participation in governance.

Jay Westbrook delivered a lecture on the Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency at the Victoria Law School in Wellington, New Zealand, Apr. 1, 1999. At the 1999 New Zealand Triennial Law Conference in Rototura, Apr. 8-9, 1999, **Westbrook** gave a paper on "Global Bankruptcy Reform" and was a commentator at the plenary session concerning development of commercial conventions and model laws around the world. At the Biannual INSOL Conference of the Americas in Bermuda on Apr. 29, 1999, **Westbrook** gave a talk comparing the "London Approach" to financial restructuring with Chapter 11 in the U.S., and a talk on the status and prospects of the Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency.

Charles Alan Wright attended a meeting of the ALI-ABA Committee on Continuing Professional Education in Chicago, Apr. 23-24, 1999. He was in Washington, D.C., May 7-8, 1999, to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of American Friends of Cambridge University. On May 16-21, 1999, **Wright** will be in San Francisco to preside over the 76th Annual Meeting of The American Law Institute, May 16-21, 1999.

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Jeff Civins, *Environmental Law and Practice: A Roundtable Discussion*, Texas Lawyer, Apr. 26, 1999, at 25 (with others).

LAW LIBRARY NEWS

Tobe Liebert, *A New Generation of Citators*, Texas Lawyer, May 10, 1999, at 29.