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FACULTY WRITINGS

Peter Birks, ed., *English Private Law* (2 v.; Oxford, U.K.: Oxford University Press, 2000).

Mark Gergen, *The Common Knowledge of Tax Abuse*, 54 SMU Law Review 131 (2001).

Thomas McGarity, *Republicans Deal Workers a Setback*, Dallas Morning News, Mar. 13, 2001, at 21A.

Steven Ratner, *Accountability for Human Rights Atrocities in International Law: Beyond the Nuremberg Legacy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2nd ed. 2001) (with Jason S. Abrams).

Jordan Steiker, *A Chance for Texas to Right a Death-Penalty Wrong*, Houston Chronicle, Apr. 1, 2001, at 4C.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Michael Sharlot and **Jordan Steiker** testified before the Senate Criminal Jurisprudence Committee on Apr. 4, 2001, at the request of State Senator Lucio, on bills to add life without the possibility of parole to the sentences available in capital murder cases.

Teresa Sullivan, Elizabeth Warren, and **Jay Westbrook** are the recipients of the 2000 Writing Competition Award from the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers, for their book *The Fragile Middle Class: Americans in Debt* (2000).

William Forbath gave a talk on "Judicial Independence: What Does It Mean? What Is It Good For? And When Is It Threatened? Reflections of a Historian" at the symposium on "Judicial Independence at the Crossroads: Agenda for New Research," Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 2001, sponsored by the NYU Brennan Center, the American Judicature Society, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School; his talk will be published in a book growing out of the conference.

An opinion that **Steven Goode** wrote as a special master in the case of Thurmond v. Compaq Computer Corp. has been published at 198 F.R.D. 475 (E.D. Tex. 2000).

Patrick Hazel was quoted in the Austin American-Statesman, Mar. 20, 2001, about the legal maneuvers in lawsuits concerning faulty artificial hips.

Henry Hu was quoted in the Apr. 11, 2001, New York Times story on the battle between British insurer Prudential PLC and American International Group for control of American General Corporation.

Terri LeClercq spoke at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, S.C., Jan. 30, 2001, to the attorneys from the Department of Justice, Bankruptcy Trustees. On Mar. 21, 2001, she spoke to attorneys and engineers at the Lower Colorado River Authority about reader-friendly documents. **LeClercq** was the

plenary speaker at the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Institute, Mar. 31, 2001, and spoke about personal, professional, and programmatic goals. She was invited to deliver the plenary address for the national meeting of the Institute of Legal Writing in summer 2002 at the University of Tennessee.

Brian Leiter was quoted in a story in Crain's Chicago Business, Mar. 26, 2001, on Northwestern University School of Law's attempts to climb in the rankings, and the problems confronting the institution. **Leiter** presented a paper on "Naturalism in Legal Philosophy" at the conference on "Naturalism and Other Realisms" sponsored by the Center for Law and Philosophy at Columbia Law School on April 13-14, 2001. One of the other invited papers at the conference, by Mark Greenberg (Princeton, Philosophy Dept.), was devoted to a critical discussion of **Leiter's** earlier work on naturalized jurisprudence.

Peter Spiro appeared on a panel on federalism and foreign relations at an American Enterprise Institute conference on "American Sovereignty: Issues for the New Administration and the New Decade," Apr. 4, 2001, in Washington, D.C. On Apr. 5, 2001, in Washington, D.C., he moderated a panel at the annual meeting of the American Society of International Law on the perception of international law among U.S. state and federal legislators, and also served on the program committee. **Spiro** was quoted in an Apr. 6, 2001, Washington Post article on the international law aspects of the detention of the U.S. reconnaissance plane by Chinese authorities, and he did a live interview with the Los Angeles radio station KABC on the same subject on Apr. 9, 2001.

Jordan Steiker delivered a paper entitled "Should Abolitionists Support Legislative 'Reform' of the Death Penalty?", with co-author Carol Steiker, on Mar. 30, 2001, at the Ohio State Law School's conference on "Statutory Reform and the Death Penalty." They will present the paper at the Harvard Law School's colloquium series on May 4, 2001. **Steiker** moderated a panel discussion, "Legal Perspectives on Capital Punishment," as part of the Heman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights, Apr. 19, 2001, in the Eidman Courtroom.

Jay Westbrook was quoted in the Austin American-Statesman, Apr. 1, 2001, on the consequences of the bankruptcy reform legislation working its way through Congress.

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Manuel Newburger, *The Guide to Fair Debt Collection Practices Law in the United States* (New York: Faulkner & Gray, 2000) (with B. Barron). • **Manuel Newburger** was featured in the Mar. 2001 issue of the Texas Bar Journal, in an article about his firm's innovative use of charitable contributions as alternatives in civil settlements.

LAW LIBRARY NEWS

Tobe Liebert, *Electronic Filing: Is Its Time Finally Here?*, Experience, Spring 2001, at 24.

Kumar Percy, *Internet Publishing: Transforming the Face of Legal Practice*, Experience, Spring 2001, at 25.