

# FACULTY PROMOTIONS

## Seven elevated to endowed positions

**Kent Barnett** was appointed to a J. Alton Hosch Associate Professorship. Specializing in administrative law, contracts and consumer law, he joined the law school faculty in 2012.



He recently completed his service as the reporter for the Administrative Conference of the United States' (ACUS) Revised Model Adjudication Rules (MARs) Working Group. Notably these rules, which had not been revised since their establishment in 1993, are designed to be used by all federal agencies in their hearings. The working group, comprised of academics, agency officials and practitioners, revised the rules over two years. ACUS, the independent federal agency charged with providing research and recommendations to improve the federal bureaucracy, published the final revised rules in the *Federal Register* in the fall of 2018.

Barnett's scholarship has been cited by leading administrative law casebooks and by federal courts. His articles have been published, or are forthcoming, in the *Michigan Law Review*, the *New York University Law Review*, the *Notre Dame Law Review*, the *Vanderbilt Law Review* and the *Washington Law Review*.

**Christopher M. Bruner** has been named the holder of the Stembler Family Distinguished Professorship in Business Law. He joined the School of Law in 2017, and he teaches a range of corporate and transactional subjects, including Corporations, Corporate Finance, Deals and Comparative Corporate Law.



His scholarship focuses on corporate, securities and financial law, including international and comparative dimensions of these fields. He is the author of two books, *Re-Imagining Offshore Finance: Market-Dominant Small Jurisdictions in a Globalizing Financial World* (Oxford University Press) and *Corporate Governance in the Common-Law World: The Political Foundations of Shareholder Power* (Cambridge University Press). His most recent articles include "Corporate Governance Reform in Post-Crisis Financial Firms: Two Fundamental Tensions" in the *Arizona Law Review* and "Center-Left Politics and Corporate Governance: What Is the 'Progressive' Agenda?" in the *Brigham Young University Law Review*.

A globally recognized corporate scholar, Bruner presently serves as co-editor of the Hart Publishing/Bloomsbury Professional book series *Contemporary Studies in Corporate Law*. He is also co-editing the forthcoming *Cambridge Handbook of Corporate Law, Corporate Governance and Sustainability*.

**Elizabeth Chamblee Burch** now holds the Fuller E. Callaway Chair. She joined the School of Law faculty in 2011, and her teaching and research interests include civil procedure, class actions and mass torts. She is presently conducting a study on litigants' satisfaction with women's health multidistrict litigation.



A leading authority on class actions and mass torts, Burch recently published *Mass Tort Deals: Backroom Bargaining in Multidistrict Litigation* (Cambridge University Press). She is also the co-author of the casebook *The Law of Class Actions and Other Aggregate Litigation* (with the late Richard A. Nagareda and others).

Earlier this year, she was presented with the Mangano Dispute Resolution Advancement Award for her groundbreaking scholarship in the area of multidistrict litigation settlement. She is also the recipient of other prestigious scholarly honors such as the 2016 Fred C. Zacharias Memorial Prize for Professional Responsibility Scholarship and the 2015 American Law Institute's Early Career Scholars Medal.

Her scholarship has been published in respected journals such as the *New York University Law Review*, the *Cornell Law Review*, the *Virginia Law Review*, the *Vanderbilt Law Review*, the *Washington University Law Review* and the *Boston University Law Review*.

**Andrea L. Dennis** was appointed to the John Byrd Martin Chair. Since coming to UGA in 2010, she has taught Criminal Law, Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Lawyering for Children, Children in the Legal System and Family Law.



Her scholarship explores criminal defense lawyering, race and criminal justice, criminal informants and cooperators, youth advocacy, legal socialization of youth and the cradle-to-prison pipeline. She is currently co-authoring a book titled *Rap on Trial: Race, Lyrics, and Guilt in America*. She also has published “Decriminalizing Childhood” in the *Fordham Urban Law Journal* and “Criminal Law as Family Law” in the *Georgia State University Law Review*.

Other journals carrying her work include: the *American Criminal Law Review*, the *Catholic University Law Review*, the *Columbia Journal of Law and the Arts*, the *Howard Law Journal*, *Law and Contemporary Problems*, the *Marquette Law Review*, the *Nebraska Law Review*, the *Nevada Law Journal* and the *Journal of Legal Education*.

State courts nationwide have cited her research on rap lyrics as criminal evidence, and she has been quoted in *The New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times* and *Rolling Stone* about pending cases concerning the issue.

**Melissa J. “M.J.” Durkee**, who joined the law school faculty in 2018, has been awarded a J. Alton Hosch Associate Professorship. She teaches in the areas of international, transnational and business law.



Her research focuses on global governance, particularly interactions between government and business actors that affect the content and success of international legal rules. Her most recent articles include “Interstitial Space Law” which is forthcoming in the *Washington University Law Review* and “International Lobbying Law” in the *Yale Law Journal*. Other notable journals publishing her work are: the *Stanford Law Review*, the *UCLA Law Review*, the *Virginia Law Review* and the *American Journal of International Law*.

She has spoken to academic and professional audiences on more than 40 occasions throughout the United States and internationally. She also served for three years as managing editor of *AJIL Unbound* and has held a number of leadership positions in the American Society of International Law. In fact, earlier this year, she was appointed the vice chair of the ASIL membership committee.

**Hillel Y. Levin**, who joined the law school’s faculty in 2008, has been selected to hold the Alex W. Smith Professorship. He currently leads courses on education law and policy, constitutional law, administrative law, and legislation and statutory interpretation. Levin also serves as the UGA Law in Atlanta director, overseeing the school’s growing Atlanta-based programs.



Levin’s expertise lies in education law and policy, statutory interpretation, church/state issues, constitutional law and the judicial process. His scholarship has been published in several leading law journals, and he is the author of a popular course book on statutory interpretation. His recent publications include “Increasing Vaccination Rates Without Eliminating Nonmedical Exemptions” in *The Regulatory Review*, “Qualified Immunity and Statutory Interpretation: A Response to William Baude” in the *California Law Review Online* and “Why Some Religious Accommodations for Mandatory Vaccinations Violate the Establishment Clause” in the *Hastings Law Journal*.

Levin has testified before the state legislature, and he currently serves on the advisory board of the peer-reviewed *Education Law and Policy Review*. He is also a former recipient of the law school’s Ellington Award for Excellence in Teaching.

**Camilla E. Watson** has been named the new holder of the Ernest P. Rogers Chair. She joined the School of Law faculty in 1989, and her current course load includes: Federal Income Tax, Timing Aspects of Federal Income Tax, Civil Tax Practice and Procedure, Tax Crimes and Criminal Law.



Widely published in the area of federal taxation, Watson is the co-author of the leading casebook *Federal Tax Practice and Procedure: Cases, Materials, and Problems* as well as the author of the nutshell *Tax Procedure and Tax Fraud* and *Federal Income Taxation*, which is part of the series *Model Problems and Outstanding Answers*. Among her more recent articles are: “The Future of Lower Income Students in Higher Education: Rethinking the Pell Program and Federal Tax Incentives” in the *Florida State University Law Review*, “Reforming the Tax Incentives for Higher Education” in the *Virginia Tax Review* and “SFRS and Problems in Tax Administration and Enforcement” in *Tax Notes*.

Watson has been active in the Association of American Law Schools, serving as the founding chair of the Section on Employee Benefits.