ALI Council Approves All or Part of Six Project Drafts at October Meeting

At its meetings on October 13 and October 22-23, 2020, the Council reviewed and discussed Council Drafts of seven projects and approved drafts and portions of drafts as listed below. All approvals are subject to the discussion at the meeting and the usual editorial prerogative.

The next ALI Council Meeting will be held via Zoom on January 21-22, 2021.

Children and the Law
The Council approved Council Draft No. 6, containing § 1.60 from Chapter 1, Parental Authority and Responsibilities; § 2.60 from Chapter 2, State Intervention for Abuse and Neglect; §§ 9.10 and 9.20 from Chapter 9, Religion in Public Schools; §§ 12.10 and 12.11 from Chapter 12, Pre-Adjudication; and §§ 14.20 and 14.21 from Chapter 14, Delinquency Dispositions.

Compliance, Risk Management, and Enforcement
The Council approved §§ 6.01-6.20 of Chapter 6 of Council Draft No. 4, which included principles common to enforcement by criminal prosecutors and civil enforcement officials, as well as criminal enforcement policy for misconduct by organizations. The approval excludes new material on joint defense agreements to be drafted by the Reporters in accordance with the discussion at the meeting and included in the next Council Draft.

The Council also discussed Chapter 4, Compliance Risk Management, but no vote was taken. The Reporters will revise the Chapter in accordance with the discussion for the Council’s consideration in January 2021.

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The American Law Institute and the U.S. Supreme Court, Revisited

In my Winter 2016 Director’s Letter, I looked at the U.S. Supreme Court’s use of ALI materials during the 2013 to 2015 Terms, as part of an effort to examine how the ALI’s influence extends beyond the state courts and affects the development of federal law. Now that four years have passed since my last analysis of the Supreme Court’s use of ALI materials and several new Justices have joined the Court, revisiting this topic seems worthwhile.

During the 2016 to 2019 Terms, the Supreme Court cited ALI publications in 51 separate opinions across 42 argued cases—roughly 15 percent of the total number of cases argued. (This proportion is comparable to the 16 percent of argued cases citing ALI publications during the 2013 to 2015 Terms.) Thirty-one of these 51 opinions were majorities, 17 were dissents, and three were concurrences. Eleven opinions relied on more than one ALI publication. Justice Sotomayor was the most frequent author of opinions citing ALI publications, with 10 opinions; followed by Justice Thomas and Justice Breyer with eight each, Justice Alito with seven, and Justice Ginsburg and Justice Gorsuch with five each. Every Justice cited the ALI’s work at least once.

Since 2016, Torts is the field of ALI work that the Court has cited most frequently, with 17 opinions: three citing the original Restatement, 10 the Restatement Second, two the Restatement Third, Torts: Products Liability, and two the Restatement Third, Torts: Liability for Physical and Emotional Harm. Next, there are nine opinions citing the Model Penal Code and nine opinions citing the Restatement of the Foreign Relations Law of the United

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Conflict of Laws
The Council discussed §§ 6.4, 6.5, and 6.10 of Council Draft No. 4, which contained Topic 1, General Rules, of Chapter 6 on Torts, but no approval vote was taken. Working with a small group of Council members, the Reporters will explore (i) reformulating the system set out in the black letter using a general rule of place of conduct with exceptions for common domicile and split domicile, and (ii) moving the description of the distinction between conduct-regulating issues (territorial connecting factors) and loss-regulating issues (personal connecting factors) to the commentary.

Government Ethics
The Council approved Council Draft No. 6 containing §§ 501-504, 514, and 515 from Chapter 5, Revolving Door Restrictions, and all of Chapter 6, Disclosure, subject to review of a revised draft of Chapter 6 by a small group of Council members.

Property
The Council approved Council Draft No. 3, which contained Chapters 1-5 of Division One, The Estate System, of Volume 4 (Divided and Shared Ownership), and Chapters 4-7 of Division One, Zoning of, Volume 7 (Land Use).

Student Sexual Misconduct: Procedural Frameworks for Colleges and Universities
The Council approved §§ 6.8-6.10 of Chapter 6, Formal Resolution of Sexual-Misconduct Complaints, of Council Draft No. 4. The Council also discussed but did not vote on whether to approve § 6.7, which the Reporters will revise in accordance with the discussion. There was insufficient time to discuss the remainder of the draft.

Torts: Concluding Provisions
The Council approved §§ 1-3 of Chapter 11, Liability of Medical Professionals and Institutions, in Council Draft No. 4, excluding Illustrations 5-8 in § 2. The Reporters may revise the excluded Illustrations in a future draft. There was insufficient time to discuss the remainder of the Council Draft.

States, with three citing the Restatement Fourth of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States (including two citations to a Tentative Draft), five the Restatement Third, and one the Restatement Second.

Not surprisingly, several of the citations are to Restatements involving federal law. For example, in United States Patent & Trademark Office v. Booking.com, which sadly turned out to be her final majority opinion for the Court, Justice Ginsburg cited § 15 of the Restatement Third of Unfair Competition in holding that Booking.com is not a generic term ineligible for trademark registration under the Lanham Act. And in Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela v. Helmerich & Payne International Drilling Company, the Court considered whether a nonfrivolous, but ultimately unsuccessful, claim that property was taken in violation of international law is sufficient to confer jurisdiction under the extraterritorial exception to the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976. The Court relied on the Restatement Third of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States and a Tentative Draft of the Restatement in holding that the claim must be valid, not merely nonfrivolous. In addition, the Supreme Court also considered other types of ALI projects dealing with federal law, such as the ALI’s 1969 Study of the Division of Jurisdiction Between State and Federal Courts and the 2004 Federal Judicial Code Revision Project.

The Supreme Court has also looked to our Restatements of state common law, as well as the Model Penal Code, for guidance on a range of constitutional, procedural, and statutory issues arising under federal law. On the constitutional front, for example, the Court relied on the Restatement Third of Trusts in North Carolina Department of Revenue v. The Kimberley Rice Kaestner 1962 Family Trust in holding that the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment limits a state’s ability to tax in-state beneficiaries of a trust who have no right to demand trust income and are uncertain to receive it. With respect to procedural matters, in McDougal v. Smith the Court held that the statute of limitations for a fabricated-evidence claim under § 1983 begins to run only when the defendant is acquitted, not when the fabricated evidence is used. In that case, the Court cited our Restatement Second of Torts in drawing an analogy between the fabricated-evidence claim and the common-law tort of malicious prosecution. And in statutory field, both our Restatements and Model Penal Code have been helpful for ascertaining the elements of predicate offenses like burglary referenced in statutes such as the Armed Career Criminal Act, which is a frequent issue before the Supreme Court given that the definitions of these offenses often vary among the states.

My Winter 2016 Director’s Letter also addressed criticism of the ALI’s work made by Justice Scalia in a 2015 partial concurrence and partial dissent in Kansas v. Nebraska. Justice Scalia claimed that the newer Restatements do not accurately describe the law as it is but instead reflect the Reporters’ own normative vision of what the law should be. He warned that “it cannot safely be assumed, without further inquiry, that a Restatement provision describes rather than revises current law.” This issue came up again this past June when Justice Thomas wrote a dissenting opinion in June v. SQU that quoted Justice Scalia’s criticism in discussing the Restatement Third of Rastafarianism and Unionization.

I agree that it is vital that our Restatements accurately describe the law. Even before Justice Scalia’s criticisms, we added a provision to our Style Manual requiring that a Restatement adopt a minority position “should say so explicitly and explain why.” The ALI, the Style Manual adds, “needs to be clear about what it is doing.” Such clarity makes it as easy as possible for busy judges and other readers who wish to make “further inquiry” into the case law underlying our Restatements to do so.

I like to think that it is at least in part because we have heightened our transparency and made it crystal clear where the Restatement adopts a minority or new position not well embedded in the prevailing law that both Justice Scalia and Justice Thomas continued to rely on our work. As I pointed out in my Winter 2016 Director’s Letter, Justice Scalia was the member of the Court who most cited the ALI’s work during the 2011-2015 Terms, and he cited newer Restatements as well as the older ones around the time of his opinion in Kansas v. Nebraska. As indicated above, Justice Thomas is also one of the Justices who most uses our work. And while he has cited many of our older Restatements, he has also made use of newer Restatements, too. In fact, he became only the second Justice to cite to the Fourth Series when he quoted a Tentative Draft of the Restatement Fourth of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States in his dissent in United States Patent & Trademark Office v. Booking.com in 2018.

It is gratifying to see the Supreme Court use our publications in so many ways. The trust the Justices reposit in our work is one that we can earn and safeguarded. We should continue to be very proud of our work!”

Editor’s Note: A version of this Director’s Letter that includes a bibliography of related material with links to relevant documents is posted on the News page of the ALI website: www.ali.org/news.
Fall Project Meetings Come to a Close

As 2020 comes to a close, so does ALI’s busiest time of year. Thank you to all the members and project participants who came together in this new endeavor of virtual project meetings and continue to give their time to the work of the Institute. We look forward to seeing you in person soon.

Children and the Law (Nov. 6)
The material presented in Preliminary Draft No. 7 includes two Sections related to parental authority and responsibilities (§§ 1.50-1.52), seven Sections related to dispositions in child-protection cases (§§ 2.30-2.36), additional Comments to Sections in Part II, Children in Schools (§ 5.10, Comment f; § 7.10, Comment e; and § 7.20, Comment b), and five Sections from Part III, Children in the Justice System (§§ 12.30-12.32, 14.10-14.11). This project was also on the October Council Meeting agenda. See page 1 for more information.

Compliance, Risk Management, and Enforcement (Nov. 19)
After presenting Sections to the Council in October (see page 1), project participants convened to discuss Preliminary Draft No. 7, which includes new Sections to Chapter 6 on Criminal and Civil Enforcement Against Individuals and Companies for Corporate Misconduct, Topic 4, Corporate Civil and Administrative Enforcement Policy.

Conflict of Laws (Oct. 28)
Participants discussed Preliminary Draft No. 6, which includes a new Section in Chapter 5 on Choice of Law—§ 5.04, Public Policy—and revisions of Chapter 8 on Contracts (§§ 8.01-8.11). This project was also on the October Council Meeting agenda. See page 2 for more information.

Corporate Governance (Nov. 12)
Preliminary Draft No. 1 includes Part I, Definitions (§§ 1.23-1.24) and Part II, The Objective of the Corporation (§ 2.01). A revised draft of § 2.01 was emailed to project participants after Preliminary Draft No. 1 was distributed, and is also available on the Corporate Governance project page. The next Corporate Governance (virtual) project meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2021.

Recent Books from ALI Members

Year-round, we highlight recent works authored by our members on our website and in The ALI Reporter. Here are some covers of works from our membership this year. If you have a new publication you would like to share with our membership, please email communications@ali.org.
Project Spotlight: Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Remedies

This fall, the first draft was produced and the first project meeting was held for the Torts: Remedies project. This project was launched along with two other Torts projects, Defamation and Privacy and Concluding Provisions, which once complete will be part of the nine-book collection* that will be the entirety of the Restatement of the Law Third, Torts.

Once approved by the ALI Council and membership, this project will supersede the remedies Sections of Restatement Second, Torts. The Restatement Second recognized compensatory damages, injunctions, and other remedies as appropriate in particular cases. The Restatement Third reorganizes, consolidates, and expands the project meeting was held for the Torts: Remedies project.

Third, Torts: Remedies

This Restatement puts liability issues to one side, assuming that plaintiff can prove defendant’s liability (or, in the case of preliminary injunctive relief, likelihood of liability). Similarly, this Restatement does not take a position on the question of whether a jurisdiction should recognize specific torts discussed in this Restatement, but considers only the appropriate remedy and the scope or measure of the remedy that will be restorative.

The Right to a Remedy. “This Section is much like the proposed Section number, the more obvious, this Restatement takes no position on whether the conduct is or should be a tort. Other parts of the Restatement Third, Torts, consider the standards for liability.

It is common to speak of liability rules as “substantive” when contrasting liability rules with remedial rules. This causal usage rarely causes any serious confusion, but it is useful as a shorthand for distinguishing, because the law of remedies is also substantive. Except for a few details in the law of preliminary relief, remedies law is no part of the procedural rules by which disputes are litigated. What and how much a plaintiff recovers is part of the plaintiff’s substantive entitlement and not simply a rule for processing disputes. The law of remedies determines the practical extent of plaintiff’s rights and of defendant’s liabilities, and a plaintiff’s rights under liability law are meaningless without effective remedies. As many cross-references in this Restatement may suggest, the line between remedies law and the rest of substantive law is often unclear or disputed. When it is necessary to distinguish remedies law from the rest of the substantive law, this Restatement will refer to liability rules, the law governing liability, or similar formulations.

The most common tort remedy is compensatory damages. Given their frequent use in tort litigation, compensatory damages take up a major portion of this Restatement. Compensatory damages are the dominant remedy in tort because torts often occur suddenly, without much personal injury or property damage, or the potential tortious conduct is covert. But when a potential plaintiff discovers what has happened (as with most frauds and latent injuries from harmful substances), either way, a potential plaintiff often lacks sufficient warning to obtain an injunction before the tort occurs. But when a tort is continuing or repeated, or in other circumstances in which a threatened tort can be anticipated, an injunction against the defendant is an important remedy. And some torts can be reversed, as when converted or misappropriated property is returned to its owner in replevin or pursuant to an injunction.

Many torts are professed to the defendant, and without some benefit to the defendant, restitutionary remedies are inapplicable. Punitive damages are exceptional, aimed principally at punishment and deterrence. The remaining tort remedies are specialized, or beneficial to a plaintiff only in limited situations. These various limitations leave compensatory damages as by far the most common and most important tort remedy.

Although compensatory damages are the most common remedy in tort, this Restatement also considers other appropriate remedies for tort liability.

Injunctive relief seeks to prevent future harm, including the continuing effects of a tort committed in the past. Courts enforce injunctions through the contempt power; which is used to coerce defendant’s behavior or compensate plaintiff for violations of the injunction. Declaratory judgments declare the rights and responsibilities of the parties. Declaratory judgments are implicitly coercive, because the court can follow through with an injunction if necessary.

Nominal damages are awarded to vindicate a right without regard to actual damages; they function like a declaratory judgment with respect to past events. Punitive damages award more than the sum needed to restore tort victims to their rightful position (see § 2), they are designed to punish wrongdoing and to provide greater deterrence than compensatory damages alone.

Restitutionary remedies are generally measured by an intentional tortfeasor’s unjust enrichment from the wrong. These remedies are attractive to a plaintiff when the defendant’s provable profits exceed the plaintiff’s provable damages, or when the plaintiff has a restitutionary claim to recover specific property. A plaintiff generally seeks restoration of a defendant’s profits only in these circumstances, with the result that when restitutionary remedies are available, they often award more than the recovery available or collectible as compensatory damages. The principal goal of these restitutionary remedies is to ensure that conscious wrongdoers do not profit from their wrongs. Restitutionary claims to specific property are generally administered through equitable remedies such as constructive trust or equitable lien, which give the successful plaintiff a priority in bankruptcy.

Courts may award some remedies, such as punitive damages, in addition to compensatory damages; neither the purpose nor the measure of punitive damages duplicates the purpose or measure of compensatory damages. Other remedies may be duplicative of or inconsistent with compensatory damages. An award of nominal damages is duplicative of an award of compensatory damages for the same tort, and its declaratory purpose is fully served by the award of compensatory damages. Similarly, it would be improperly duplicative for a court both to enjoin future tortious conduct and also to compensate plaintiff with compensatory damages for expected losses from the threatened tortious conduct that is now enjoined.

Compensatory damages are substitutionary; they offer a sum of money as a substitute for plaintiff’s true rightful position, a position in which the plaintiff had not been injured in the first place. Specific remedies also aim to restore plaintiffs to their rightful position, or to preserve threatened plaintiffs in that position by preventing the tort. These remedies seek to restore or preserve the rightful position in kind, rather than with an equivalent sum of money. These specific remedies include injunctions against threatened or continuing torts, injunctions to undo or repair the consequences of a tort, restitution of specific property, declaratory judgments, and constructive trusts and other specific restitutionary remedies.

Some courts and commentators refer to the award of a wrongdoer’s profits in restitution as “damages,” or as an alternate measure of damages. But that usage is both inaccurate and confusing and will never appear in this Restatement. The award of a wrongdoer’s profits, or any other restitutionary remedy, is fundamentally different from compensatory damages. In some forms, such as disgorgement, restitution is an alternate monetary remedy, but it is not an alternate measure of the plaintiff’s damages. Some restitutionary relief is specific (and traditionally available from courts of equity), and results in the plaintiff obtaining an interest in property to which defendant holds title, such as through a constructive trust.

Unlike compensatory damages, the award of punitive damages is not a measure of the plaintiff’s rightful position. But the term “damages” is not confusing in this context; in part because it is so familiar and well understood, and in part because speakers and writers who mean punitive damages never use the word “damages” without the modifier “punitive.”

Because remedies issues arise only if the injured person chooses to sue, after the parties are in court and generally after liability has been established, this Restatement will generally refer to “plaintiff” and “defendant” rather than to “actor” and similar formulations common in many other Restatements.

*ONCE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WILL SUPERSEDE RESTATEMENT OF THE LAW SECOND, TORTS.

**Published**

- Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Apportionment of Liability
- Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Liability for Physical and Emotional Harm
- Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Liability for Economic Harm
- Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Products Liability

**Current Projects**

- Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Intentional Torts to Persons
- Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Defamation and Privacy
- Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Remedies
- Restatement of the Law Fourth, Property (addressing property torts such as nuisance and trespass)
- Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Concluding Provisions

JOIN THE MCG

Now is the perfect time for interested members to join the Members Consultative Group (MCG). MCG participants will be alerted when future meetings are scheduled and when drafts are available.
Getting to Know ALI in 2020: New Members Attend Their First Project Meetings Held Virtually

The quality of the Institute’s work is rooted in the gathering of its members for untouched discussions on the most pressing legal issues of the day. ALI prides itself on the quality, depth, and breadth of its project meeting discussions, and cherishes the opportunity to bring together today’s best legal minds to carry on scholarly and scientific legal work and help clarify and simplify the law. This fall brought a new venture for the Institute, marking the completion of the first virtual-only season of project meetings. While the work of the Institute moved forward with great success, the camaraderie built in person is greatly missed.

Lydia Kay Grigsby was appointed Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims in 2014. Prior to her appointment, she served as the Chief Counsel for Privacy and Information Policy for the Senate Judiciary Committee. In 2004, Judge Grigsby was appointed counsel to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. She served six years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia from 1998 to 2004. Between 1995 and 1998, Judge Grigsby was a trial attorney with the Civil Division of the United States Department of Justice, where she litigated complex civil matters before the United States Court of Federal Claims and the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Prior to her appointment to the Department of Justice, Judge Grigsby was an associate at DLA Piper.

You attended your first ALI project meeting as a Members Consultative Group participant for Principles of the Law, Government Ethics, which took place remotely as a result of the pandemic. Although a remote project meeting cannot fully replace the experience of an in-person meeting, what did you take away from your first experience as a participant on an ALI project?

I very much enjoyed my first ALI project meeting. I was struck by the diversity of the views expressed and the experiences of the members of the consultative group. I was very pleased to see that all views expressed during the meeting were valued and considered by the participants. Having worked on legislative ethics issues earlier in my legal career, I also appreciated the opportunity to share my own experiences.

As an ALI member joining the Institute during this unique time, what ALI experience are you most looking forward to when things return to normal?

I am looking forward to attending my first Annual Meeting as an ALI member. I have attended many Annual Meetings before, but my first meeting as a member will be very special.

In this piece, we celebrate some of our newest members (July 2020 Class). Although they joined the Institute at such a unique time, they demonstrate the dedication to its mission, even in these unprecedented circumstances. Here, they share their experiences in a remote environment and thoughts on what it was like to attend their first ALI project meetings virtually.

What has been the most challenging experience adapting your work to a remote or hybrid environment?

As a longtime Lakers fan, you have witnessed a good amount of championship seasons. Does this year’s championship feel different?

I am amazed you found that out. I have been supporting the Lakers since the late 1980s and have been a basketball referee at the University of Wisconsin. This year’s championship felt different because of the lack of live fans and home-court advantage. As viewers, we also went into the postseason with very different expectations—not that different from resuming practice or teaching after a lockdown. But all in all, I am very happy that the Lakers finally have so many championships to show for their hard work.

As we close out 2020, what are you doing to stay connected to friends and family?

I do plan to use this winter to start making plans to visit friends and family after the pandemic— in the not too distant future, I hope.

What ALI experience are you most looking forward to when things return to normal?

Meeting other ALI members face-to-face. The Institute includes a lot of luminaries in the legal field—whether at the bench, at the bar, or in academia. I am especially eager to participate in Institute projects that will teach me new theoretical perspectives and that will allow me to develop a more holistic view of the legal system. What has been the most challenging experience adapting your work to a remote or hybrid environment?

I have never been a big fan of online meetings. Compared with physical gatherings, I find these meetings not as conducive to collecting information and knowledge that I have noted as an advocate in advisory roles.

Before the pandemic, we tended to overlook the large amount of information that gets communicated, often spontaneously, through social gatherings and physical interactions. Even a handshake or a hug could tell us a lot.

Peter K. Yu is Regents Professor of Law and Communication and Director of the Center for Law and Intellectual Property at Texas A&M University. Born and raised in Hong Kong, Professor Yu is a leading expert in international intellectual property and communications law. He also writes and lectures extensively on international trade, international and comparative law, and the transition of the legal systems in China and Hong Kong. He is Vice-President and Co-Director of Studies of the American Branch of the International Law Association and has served as the general editor of The WIPO Journal published by the World Intellectual Property Organization.

You attended two fall project meetings as a Members Consultative Group participant, Principles for a Data Economy and Restatement of the Law, Copyright. What did you take away from your first experience as a participant on an ALI project?

I was keenly aware of how seriously ALI members take Institute projects, and I have a very high quality of Restatements and Principles, but nothing compares to seeing firsthand how the Reporters, Advisers, and other members work behind the scenes. Even on the rare occasions when strong disagreements arise, members work collegially and collaboratively to make sure that the work product best reflects the law and its current developments.

Nadia N. Sareicki is a Georgia Reithel Professor of Law at Loyola University Chicago School of Law and Co-Director of Loyola’s Beasley Institute for Health Law and Policy. Her areas of expertise are torts, health law, and bioethics. Professor Sareicki’s research addresses issues at the intersection of these three fields, and she has published widely on subjects including law’s role in shaping the informed-consent process; the process of protecting patients’ rights to effective medical care while also accommodating health-care providers’ conscientious beliefs; tort law’s limitations in protecting the rights of patients who are at the end-of-life decisions; and the state’s role in enforcing ethical norms in medicine.

You attended two remote fall project meetings as a Members Consultative Group participant, Restatement Third of Torts: Personal and Property Rights; and Restatement Third of Torts: Remedies. What did you take away from your experience as a remote participant on an ALI project?

I am lucky to have had the opportunity to experience these two remote meetings after having participated in one meeting in person. I traveled to Philadelphia for my first ALI meeting in early March, just days before the COVID-19 lockdown began, to serve as an Adviser on Torts: Personal and Property Rights. That first experience was so inspiring, and I was thrilled to be able to continue working on the Restatement after being selected as an ALI member. The remote meetings I attended this fall really did capture so much of the in-person experience. I have been impressed by my colleagues’ ability to navigate this unique environment without losing any of the rigor, debate, and collegiality at the heart of the ALI experience.

What ALI experience are you most looking forward to when things return to normal?

I am eager to attend my first ALI Annual Meeting, and I’m hopeful that we will all be able to travel to Washington, DC next May.

What has been the most challenging experience adapting your work to a remote or hybrid environment?

As a professor, the most challenging part of the transition to remote teaching has been learning how to connect with my students in a virtual environment. I have 73 first-year students in my Torts class, and their only experience of law school has been in front of a screen. Finding new ways to engage with them—both within the classroom and via informal opportunities like office hours and coffee talks—has been a learning process. Honestly, I think this experience has made me a better teacher, because it’s made me rethink my traditional pedagogical practices and take a more innovative and creative approach.

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Lotso of Zoom calls with family and friends. I text my godchildren daily to keep in touch.

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ALI to Celebrate its New Life Members: the Class of 1996

In May, The American Law Institute will welcome a new class of Life Members—the Class of 1996. Each year, ALI members who have contributed 25 years of service to the Institute are granted Life Member status. Life Members are no longer required to pay dues or adhere to the Institute’s participation requirement, but they continue to enjoy all the rights and privileges of elected membership.

The Class of 1996 will be honored at a special celebration to honor our new Life Members and 50-Year Members. While this event was originally intended to be a luncheon held during the 2021 Annual Meeting, we are currently exploring virtual alternatives should we be unable to continue the celebration in person. New Life Members are given the opportunity to commemorate this quarter-century milestone by contributing to the 1996 Life Member Class Gift, which will be presented to the Institute by the 1996 Life Member Class Gift Committee during the event. The 1996 Life Member Class Gift campaign will be chaired by William C. Hubbard of University of Southern California School of Law.

Now in its 10th year, the Class Gift program has raised more than $1.3 million to support key aspects of ALI’s mission, including the MCO Travel Assistance program and the Judges and Public-Sector Lawyers Expense Reimbursement program—two vital components of the Institute’s efforts to minimize financial barriers to member participation.

The Class Gift initiative also provides funding for the Early Career Scholars Medal and annual conference program, which raises awareness of the Institute’s work while engaging up-and-coming legal academics. Additionally, as ALI continues to expand the breadth of its law reform endeavors, the Class Gift program helps cover some of the costs associated with maintaining the high level of quality that distinguishes the Institute’s work.

The 1996 Life Member Class Gift campaign is now underway. For more information about the campaign, please contact Senior Development Manager Kyle Jakob at 215-243-1660 or kjakob@ali.org, or to learn about ALI’s other ongoing fundraising initiatives, please visit www.ali.org/support.

1996 LIFE MEMBER CLASS

Bernard Audit, Paris, France; Universite Pantheon-Assas Paris II
Joseph F. Baca, Albuquerque, NM; New Mexico Supreme Court (Retired)
William T. Barker, Chicago, IL; Dentons US LLP
Deborah Hodges Bell, University, MS; The University of Mississippi School of Law
Anthony J. Bocchino, Philadelphia, PA; Pennsylvania Bar Foundation
Ellen B. Brantley, Office of Economic Opportunity, Kansas City, MO
Bernard Audit, Philadelphia, PA; Temple University Emmy 67, Philadelphia, PA

Practitioners 41%
Academics 29%
Judges or Justices 14%
Other 16%

Class of 1996 Facts & Figures

31 DIFFERENT STATES, DISTRICTS, OR TERRITORIES
45 DIFFERENT LAW SCHOOLS ATTENDED
8 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

12 SERVED ON THEIR LAW SCHOOL’S LAW REVIEW, INCLUDING 4 AS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
14 HELD JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS, INCLUDING 2 FOR THE U.S. SUPREME COURT
2 HAVE SERVED IN THE U.S. MILITARY, REPRESENTING ARMY AND NAVY
3 ARE ALI COUNCIL MEMBERS
1 WAS A FULLBRITHE SENIOR SCHOLAR
2 HAVE SERVED AS ALI PROJECT REPORTERS
7 HAVE SERVED AS ADVISERS TO ALI PROJECTS
7 SERVE ON ALI REGIONAL ADVISORY GROUPS
The global COVID-19 pandemic has given these important questions even greater urgency. Governments and public-health officials around the world have turned to digital data to identify anyone who was in contact with an infected individual. Even traditional tools, like temperature checks at workplaces and health surveys for travelers, involve the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information. But while personal data offers promising avenues for limiting the spread of the virus and resuming economic activity, measures like digital contact tracing have elicited strong opposition from privacy advocates, who worry that these developments endanger civil liberties and give too much power to governments and technology companies.

These Principles will be of use in addressing the difficult questions raised in a criminal case. They describe the practices and procedures necessary or useful for the assertion of those rights and the protections of those interests, and, in both narrative and checklist form, suggests steps to be taken or considered by defense counsel at the various stages.

The book is organized for easy access by both experienced practitioners and those just starting out in practice. It enables both to locate quickly the legal and practical materials needed to jump-start their work at any given stage. It is an invaluable resource for those who are called upon to defend an individual in a criminal case.

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The Institute in the Courts: Idaho Supreme Court Relies on Restatement Third of Property (Wills and Other Donative Transfers) and Restatement Third of Trusts

In Ferguson v. Ferguson, 473 F.3d 383 (Idaho 2020), the Supreme Court of Idaho relied on the Restatement of the Law Third, Property (Wills and Other Donative Transfers), and the Restatement of the Law Third, Trusts, in holding, as a matter of first impression, that no-contest provisions were generally enforceable in Idaho trust instruments, subject to various common-law limitations.

In that case, the petitioner was originally excluded as a beneficiary of his parents' original trust (“Original Trust”) but, after his father’s death, his mother, through her will, exercised a power of appointment granted in the will, thereby adding him as a beneficiary of the Survivor’s Trust.” The court rejected the trustees’ argument that the petitioner lacked probable cause to bring his Arizona petition. The state court reasoned that the mother did not owe the petitioner any fiduciary duties and that “it would not be reasonable for [him] to conclude he was entitled to an accounting from before [her] death or that she breached any fiduciary duties,” because she was the sole trustee of the Survivor’s Trust, which granted her broad discretion to distribute and use its principal during her lifetime “for any reason.”

Reversing and remanding to the magistrate court, the Supreme Court of Idaho “adopted the majority position identified in the Restatement of the Law Third, Trusts § 96, Comment e,” and held, inter alia, that “no-contest provisions are generally enforceable in Idaho trust instruments” but “their enforceability is subject to various common-law limitations.” Relying on § 96, Comment e, the court reasoned that no-contest clauses were valid and generally enforceable in most jurisdictions. Additionally, citing Restatement of the Law Third, Property (Wills and Other Donative Transfers) § 8.5, Comment c, the court noted that “the same rules and principles logically apply to trusts” as they do to wills, and Idaho had “codified common law limitations on the enforceability of no-contest provisions in wills when it adopted the Uniform Probate Code.” The court observed that, under § 8.5, and Comments b and c, there was “no-contest provisions were enforceable ‘unless probable cause existed for instituting the proceedings.’” Furthermore, “[u]no-contest provisions shall not be enforced to the extent that doing so would interfere with the enforcement or proper administration of the trust,” quoting Restatement of the Law Third, Property (Wills and Other Donative Transfers) § 8.5, Comment d.

The court determined that the district court erred in enforcing the forfeiture provision against the petitioner before addressing the question of the trust’s fiduciary duties in administering the Survivor’s Trust. The court explained that the trust’s fiduciary duties were consistent with the proper administration of the Survivor’s Trust under Idaho law, and enforcing the no-contest provision as a beneficiary in the Survivor’s Trust. The court rejected the trustees’ argument that the forfeiture provision could not interfere with the trust administration because the petitioner was not entitled to the records, given that the mother did not owe the petitioner any fiduciary duties. The court clarified that, while the mother had “virtually unlimited discretion” in using the trust assets, she did owe some limited duties to the petitioner under Restatement of the Law Third, Trusts §§ 50 and 76, and her discretion “had no bearing on the Successor Trustees’ current fiduciary duties to the beneficiaries.” In examining the trustees’ argument that the forfeiture provision was enforceable because the petitioner lacked probable cause in filing his mother’s claim, the court explained that “Idaho has never considered whether lack of probable cause is a requirement to enforce a no-contest provision.” The court declined to consider whether the petitioner had probable cause to bring his petition in probate court at this stage, noting that, “if [the petitioner] was provided records that [allowed] him to determine whether he received his full share of the Survivor’s Trust,” and, within a reasonable time, “[did] not withdraw his Arizona petition, the trial court [could] take up the issue of whether he [had] probable cause to pursue [the] action.”

The Institute is currently working on the Restatement of the Law Fourth, Trusts. To join the Members Consultative Group for this or other projects, visit the project’s page on the ALI website at www.ali.org/projects.

As a reader of The ALI Reporter, you understand how crucial The American Law Institute’s Restatements of the Law, Principles of the Law, and Model Codes are to the legal profession and to society—especially in this time of crisis. In the last year alone, ALI’s work was cited more than 2,600 times by federal and state courts, including citations in 12 U.S. Supreme Court cases in the Court’s October 2019 Term. These works would not be possible without the generous financial support of members like you. Ask yourself that you help protect and promote the rule of law by including the Institute in your year-end giving plans.

Your gift to ALI will provide critical funding to support all aspects of our work and our mission. This includes investing in new technology to advance the capabilities and effectiveness of our remote work and providing free public access to our website to ALI projects that contain guidance in the legal and policy issues we are currently facing, such as approved Chapters of our Principles of the Law, Policing, and Principles of the Law, Election Administration. Your support will also ensure that we are able to continue producing and distributing scholarly and scientific legal work at the level of excellence the Institute is known for.

You can make an end-of-year charitable contribution to ALI by completing and returning the donation form enclosed in this newsletter, visiting www.ali.org/support, or calling 215-243-1660. Your gift will help us continue our work through which we serve the legal profession, the judiciary, and society as a whole, which is needed now more than ever.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2021.
On October 15, the Council elected the following 36 persons.

Judge Braden was selected to serve as a dispute

Court of Federal Claims, has been appointed to

vacancy created by the passing of Justice Ruth

the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit,

as the 103rd Associate Justice of the Supreme

On Oct. 27,

of the University of Pennsylvania

Chao ADR joined its Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators. In addition,

Mr. Chao has been appointed the co-head of the ICDR’s International

Advocacy Committee.

Colleen V. Chien of Santa Clara Law has been chosen to join President-Elect
Joe Biden’s 20-person review committee for the Department of Commerce, which includes oversight of The United States Patent and Trademark Office.

In June, Janet DiFiore of the New York State Court of Appeals appointed the Commission to Reimagine the Future of New York’s Courts. Chaired by Henry M. Greenberg of Greenberg Traurig and comprising a distinguished group of judges, lawyers, academics, and technology experts, the Commission is charged with examining technological, regulatory, and other long-term innovations for New York Courts. Additionally, in the short-term, it was to provide recommendations for resuming in-person court operations amid the COVID-19 pandemic: In August, the Commission released its recommendations for restarting in-person grand juries, jury trials, and other related proceedings. Other ALI members who serve on the Commission include: Paul Shechtman of Bracewell; Michael A. Simons of St. John’s University School of Law; and Ari Ezra Waldman of Northeastern University School of Law.

Brian T. Fitzpatrick was named the Milton R. Underwood Chair in Free Enterprise at Vanderbilt Law School.

The National Constitution Center hosted a live podcast recording of Free and Fair with Pratita and Floyde Live: The Contested Election of 106, featuring Michael T. Morley of Florida State University College of Law in discussion with hosts Edward B. Foley of Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law and Pratita Tolson of USC Gould School of Law. Jeffrey Rosen, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, served as the moderator. Professor Franklin Roosevelt of Georgia State University College of Law also participated in the Constitution Center event, “America’s Contentious Presidential Elections: A History,” which featured discussion on key controversial and contested elections throughout American history and highlighted the present landscape of laws in the United States aimed at restoring rights and opportunities after an arrest or conviction. It is an update and refresh of the CCRC’s previous national survey, last revised in 2018.

Margaret McKeown of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit delivered the Constitution Day Lecture, “My Mother Made Me Do It: How Motherly Advice Secured Ratification of the 19th Amendment and Changed the Course of History,” at an event organized by the Stanford Constitutional Law Center.

Maria D. Melón, chief diversity officer of Sidley Austin, produced a video series, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, highlighting prominent Hispanic lawyers and promoting diversity in the legal profession. The series offered a look into the personal and professional lives of Sidley’s lawyers and clients of Hispanic and Latino descent.

Robert H. Undheim, of counsel to Shea &ter & Stirling, has received the 2020 Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award from the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility. The award is presented to individuals whose career contributions in legal ethics, disciplinary enforcement, and lawyer professionalism demonstrate the best accomplishments of lawyers.

Barry J. Nove of Paulson & Nace is the recipient of the 2020 Leonel M. R. Champion of Justice Award. The award is given to an American Association for Justice (AAJ) member who has provided distinguished service in advancing AAJ’s mission and growth, and made outstanding contributions to trial advocacy and the legal profession. The member must epitomize outstanding integrity and overall character and have demonstrated Leonel Ring’s devotion to human and civil rights.

David Orentlicher of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law won his election for a two-year term in the Nevada State Assembly. Professor Orentlicher previously served in the Indiana House of Representatives (2002-2008).
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Elena Kagan

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provides a definitive, important and complex legal issues of our time.

Sandra Guerra Thompson of the University of Houston Law Center has received the Hispanic Heritage Education in the Community Award, presented by Sylvester Turner, Mayor of Houston, TX.

Ann A. Scott Timmer of the Arizona Supreme Court was named one of 2020’s Most Influential Women in Arizona Business by Az Business and AZBig magazines.

Stacey Ann Tovino, previously of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, has joined the faculty at the University of Arizona College of Law.

Karen Roberts Washington, a mediator-arbitrator from Dallas, TX, was elected as a Life Member of the Uniform Law Commission, having served as a Texas Commissioner for 20 years.

Christian C. Wendehorst of the University of Vienna and president of the European Law Institute has joined the new Global Partnership on AI, an alliance between various countries who have nominated experts and organizations with a mission to support and guide the responsible adoption of Artificial Intelligence. Dr. Wendehorst will be leading a project to develop an agreed data governance framework for the Data Governance Committee. She also serves as a Co-Reporter for the Principles for a Data Economy project.

The Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System has designated Peter K. Yu a Regents Professor. Professor Yu directs the Center for Law and Intellectual Property and holds a joint appointment at the School of Law and the Department of Communication at Texas A&M University. He is the first professor from the School of Law to receive this system-wide honor.

If you would like to share any recent events or publications in the next ALI newsletter, please email us at communications@ali.org.

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John Theodore Roose, Washington, DC; Allen K. Harris, Oklahoma City, OK; Enrique Moreno, El Paso, TX; Jonathan A. Small, New York, NY

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The Federalist Society held the 2020 National Lawyers Convention from November 9 to 13. The event featured addresses, debates, and panel discussions from a wide variety of legal experts and scholars focusing on the theme of “The Rule of Law and the Current Crisis”. ALI members who participated include: Samuel A. Alito, Jr., Supreme Court of the United States Ashutosh A. Bhagwat, University of California, Davis School of Law Elizabeth L. Branch, United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit Brian P. Brookes, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, United States Department of the Treasury Elizabeth Chambles Burch, University of Georgia School of Law Ronald A. Cass, Carse & Associates

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Christopher A. Seeger, Seeger Weiss

David R. Strauss, United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

Amul R. Thapar, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

Eugene Volokh, University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

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President-elect Joe Biden announced members of his White House senior staff, which included Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon of Winston & Strawn as Chief of Staff to Dr. Jill Biden, and Dana Ann Remus, General Counsel of the Biden–Harris Campaign, as Counsel to the President.

UVA School of Law held a symposium exploring whether the United States should recognize a federal right to education and what that would look like. Participants discussed issues raised by UVA Law dean; Risa L. Goluboff, and Martha L. Minow of Harvard Law School served as a moderator.

Arizona State University, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law announced the creation of the Jonathan and Wendy Rose Professorship, in honor of ALI member Jonathan Rose and his wife, Wendy.

James R. Silkenat of the World Justice Project has published “Impeachment of a U.S. President” in the 2020 edition of the Middle Temple’s magazine, The Middle Templar. The article discusses the impeachment of President Trump in light of earlier impeachment trials. Mr. Silkenat argues that the Constitutional provision of impeachment should be used sparingly, but that the provision is important to America’s civic health. “The drafters of the U.S. Constitution believed an officeholder’s tyrannical conduct could so endanger the nation that addressing it could not await the next election. This concept had merit then; it still does.”

Henry E. Smith of Harvard Law School, the Reporter for Restatement of the Law Fourth, Property, has received the 2020 Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Prize from the William & Mary Law School Property Rights Project. The prize is presented annually to a scholar, practitioner, or jurist whose work affirms the fundamental importance of property rights.

Paul E. Stephan of UVA School of Law has been appointed special counsel to General Counsel Paul C. Ney, Jr., of the U.S. Department of Defense. Also, Professor Stephan and Sarah H. Cleveland of Columbia Law School served as editors to The Restatement and Beyond: The Past, Present, and Future of U.S. Foreign Relations Law (Oxford Univ. Press 2020), which provides a definitive, authoritative analysis of Restatement of the Law Fourth, The Foreign Relations Law of the United States (Treaties, Jurisdiction, and Sovereign Immunity) as a source of law. Professors Stephan and Cleveland also served as Co-Reporters for the Restatement.

E. Thomas Sullivan of the University of Vermont has been elected president of the American Bar Foundation for the 2020–2022 term.

Jeffrey S. Sutton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit delivered the talk “Fifty-One Imperfect Solutions: States and the Making of American Constitutional Law” as the Lloyd Cutler Distinguished Visitor at the American Academy in Berlin. Also, Judge Sutton and Edward Whelan served as editors to The Essential Scalia: On the Constitution, the Courts, and the Rule of Law (Crown Forum 2020). With a foreword by Associate Justice Elena Kagan of the Supreme Court of the United States, The Essential Scalia is a collection of opinions, speeches, and articles from the late U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia on some of the most important and complex legal issues of our time.

After the passing of U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the ALA released a video featuring the 10 women who have served as ABA president speaking about what Ruth Bader Ginsburg meant to them.

ALI members who were featured in the video include:

Martha W. Barnett, Holland & Knight (Retired)

Hilari Bess, Bess Institute for Diversity and Inclusion

Linda A. Klein, Baker Donelson

Carolyn E. Lunn, White & Case

Judy Perry Martinez, Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn (ABA Immediate Past President)

Roberta Cooper Rameo, Modrall Sperling

Patricia Lee Reifs, Snail & Wilmer (Current ABA President)
MDLs Go Mainstream: Mass Torts Today

On this episode, moderator Elizabeth Chamblee Burch of University of Georgia School of Law is joined by John H. Beisner of Skadden, Abbe R. Gluck of Yale Law School, and Shanin Specter of Kline and Specter.

When complex issues affect large numbers of people, MDLs are often seen as the most efficient way to consolidate and manage those cases. However, MDL cases are not only procedurally complex, but also much of what happens during a case is nuanced and known only to MDL practitioners.

The panel explores the procedural complexity of MDLs and discusses if and how the system should be reformed.

This program will also be available for CLE credit through ALI-CLE.org in January 2021.