

## **Ronald Benton Brown**

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### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

#### **NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW, since 1976**

Professor of Law with tenure, 1981-present

Associate Professor, 1979-1981

Assistant Professor, 1976-1979

Current Courses: Contracts, Property, Real Estate Transactions Law, and  
Legislation Seminar

Other Courses: Administrative Law, Advanced Real Property Law Seminar, Constitutional Law,  
Land Use Planning, Landlord-Tenant Workshop, Legislation, Legislative Clinic,  
Negotiable Instruments, Sales, and Secured Transactions

- Toastmasters at SBCL – Founder (2007) and, since then, Faculty Advisor
- Moot Court Society – Founder (1976), Faculty Advisor most years through 2016, and frequently Coach for competitive teams.
- Liaison with the Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund (The Florida Bar-related title insurer) and judge for the Fund's annual Real Property Essay Contest, 1982-2010
- Organizer and Host, Nova Law Review Symposium on the Uniform Land Transactions Act, 1996
- Over the years, chair of most important faculty committees, e.g., curriculum, dean search, tenure and contract renewal, accreditation, and self-study
  
- Graduation Speaker selected by the Graduates, December, 2016
- Graduation Speaker selected by the Graduates, December, 2011
- Graduation Speaker selected by the Graduates, December, 2010
- Advisor of the Year Award from the Student Bar Association, 2010
- Graduation Speaker selected by the Graduates, December, 2009
- Graduation Speaker selected by the Graduates, May, 2008
- Graduation Speaker selected by the Graduates, May 2007
- Graduation Speaker selected by the Graduates, May 2006
- Best Socratic Method Award from the Student Bar Association, 2006
- Best Socratic Method Award from the Student Bar Association, 2005
- Best Socratic Method Award from the Student Bar Association, 2003
- Best Socratic Method Award from the Student Bar Association, 2002
- Chief Justice of the Year Award from Moot Court, 1996
- Editors' Award from the Nova Law Review, 1996
- Outstanding Faculty Member Award from Black Law Students Association, 1994
- Outstanding Professor Award from Student Bar Association, 1991
- Outstanding Professor Award from the 1982 Graduates
- Outstanding Faculty Member Award from Student Bar Association, 1979

**EXPERT WITNESS, LEGAL CONSULTANT AND ARBITRATOR**, on occasion, since 1976

**TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, 1974-1976**

Lecturer in Law and Freedman Fellow in Legal Education

- Staff Attorney in the Legal Aid Office
- Taught Civil Trial Advocacy, Lawyering Process, and Administrative Law
- Pursued graduate legal studies

**WATERBURY LEGAL AID** – Waterbury, Connecticut, 1973-1974

Staff attorney

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT LEGAL CLINIC**, Legal Intern (1972-1973)

**RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC DEFENDER**, Legal Intern (1972)

**OTHER EXPERIENCE:**

**ENGINEERING POSITIONS** with Brown University Medical School (1970),  
Honeywell EDP (1968-1969), and Texas Instruments (1966-1968),

**EDUCATION:**

*Master of Laws*, TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, 1976

*Juris Doctor*, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, 1973

*Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering*, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, 1970

**BAR ADMISSION:**

Florida 1983

Connecticut 1973 (inactive)

**PUBLICATIONS:**

**Books and Treatises:**

**STATUTORY INTERPRETATION: THE SEARCH FOR LEGISLATIVE INTENT** (National Institute for Trial Advocacy),  
1<sup>st</sup> ed. 2004; 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2011; 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. scheduled for 2018 (with Sharon Jacobs Brown)

**ACTIONS AND REMEDIES** (Callaghan & Co., 1987)

Volume 6: Real Estate

Chapter 1: Quieting Title

Chapter 2: Slander of Title

Chapter 3: Foreclosure

Chapter 4: Ejectment

Chapter 5: Landlord and Tenant Eviction

Chapter 6: Partition

Chapter 7: Accounting

Chapter 8: Waste

**FLORIDA REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS** (Matthew Bender & Co.)

Revision Author and Editor 1985-1988

Authored:

Chapter 6B Option Contracts (1987)  
June 1988 Supplement (with Joseph Grohman and William Sklar)  
November 1987 Supplement (with Joseph Grohman and William Sklar)  
June 1987 Supplement (with Joseph Grohman and William Sklar)  
November 1986 Supplement (with Ralph Boyer, Joseph Grohman and William Sklar)  
June 1986 Supplement (with Ralph Boyer, Joseph Grohman and William Sklar)  
December 1985 Supplement (with Ralph Boyer, Joseph M. Grohman and W. Sklar)  
June 1985 Supplement (with Ralph Boyer, Joseph Grohman and William Sklar)

Revised:

Chapter 1: Statute of Frauds (1986)  
Chapter 2: The Sales Process: Broker's Contracts and Sales Regulations (1986)  
Chapter 3: Types and Essential Elements of Sales Contracts (1986)  
Chapter 4: Additional Clauses [for Sales Contracts] (1986)  
Chapter 5: Rights of Creditors (1986)  
Chapter 6: Death or Disappearance of a Party (1986)  
Chapter 6A: Contract Forms (1987)  
Chapter 7: Types of Deeds for General Use and Rules of Construction (1985)  
Chapter 8: Formalities and Proof of Execution (1985)  
Chapter 9: Delivery of Deeds, Including Escrow (1985)  
Chapter 10: Parties to the Deed (1985)  
Chapter 11: Consideration (1985 and 1987)  
Chapter 13: Land Description and Boundaries; Disputed Boundaries (1987)  
Chapter 15: Covenants for Title (1988)  
Chapter 16: Fraud, Mistake and Other Grounds for Rescission or Reformation of Deeds (1988)  
Chapter 24: Restrictive Covenants and Equitable Servitudes (1987)  
Chapter 25: Water Related Property Rights (1988)  
Chapter 30: Dedication (1985)  
Chapter 32: Mortgages (with Joseph Grohman) (1987):  
Checklists for Title Closing (including an introduction to RESPA and Truth in Lending) (1986)

**Educational Materials:**

PURCHASE OPTIONS: PROBLEMS UNIQUE TO REAL ESTATE (Center for Assisted Legal Instruction 2017) (with Joseph Grohman)

PURCHASE OPTIONS: THEIR USES IN REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (Center for Assisted Legal Instruction 2016) (with Joseph Grohman)

TITLE INSURANCE COVERAGE (CENTER FOR COMPUTER ASSISTED LEGAL INSTRUCTION 2015) (with Joseph Grohman)

TITLE INSURANCE BASICS (CENTER FOR COMPUTER ASSISTED LEGAL INSTRUCTION 2015) (with Joseph Grohman)

TITLE INSURANCE (CENTER FOR COMPUTER ASSISTED LEGAL INSTRUCTION 2014) (with Joseph Grohman) (replaced by the two lessons above in 2015).

THE MORTGAGE NOTE (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2013) (with Joseph Grohman)

THE PROTECTIONS OF A HOLDER IN DUE COURSE (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2013) (with Joseph Grohman)

THE TRAVEL OF A NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2013) (with Joseph Grohman)

NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN LOST, STOLEN OR DESTROYED (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2013) (with Joseph Grohman)

THE CAST OF CHARACTERS IN NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2013) (with Joseph Grohman)

WHO IS A HOLDER IN DUE COURSE? (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2013) (with Joseph Grohman)

WHAT'S A NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2012) (with Joseph Grohman)

MORTGAGES: THEORIES AND REDEMPTION (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2009) (with Joseph Grohman)

REAL ESTATE BROKERS: COMMISSIONS AND TYPES OF LISTING AGREEMENTS (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2008) (with Joseph Grohman)

REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE RELATIONSHIPS (Center for Computer Assisted Instruction 2007) (with Joseph Grohman)

COVENANTS OF TITLE AND TYPES OF DEEDS (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2007) (with Joseph Grohman)

STATUTORY INTERPRETATION (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2005)

OPTION CONTRACTS AND FIRM OFFERS (Center for Computer Assisted Instruction 2004) (with Jennifer Martin Joseph, Joseph Grohman and Matthew McKinnon)

ACCEPTANCE (Center for Computer Assisted Instruction 2004) (with Jennifer Martin Joseph, Joseph Grohman and Matthew McKinnon)

COVENANTS, EQUITABLE SERVITUDES AND RESTRICTIONS 5: DEFENSES to Enforcement (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2004) (with Joseph Grohman)

COVENANTS, EQUITABLE SERVITUDES AND RESTRICTIONS 4: AGAINST WHOM MAY ONE ENFORCE THE PROMISE? (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2004) (with Joseph Grohman)

COVENANTS, EQUITABLE SERVITUDES AND RESTRICTIONS 3: WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO ENFORCE COVENANTS AND EQUITABLE SERVITUDES? (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2003) (with Joseph Grohman)

COVENANTS, EQUITABLE SERVITUDES AND RESTRICTIONS 2: DETERMINING THE VALIDITY AND SCOPE OF COVENANTS AND EQUITABLE SERVITUDES (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2003) (with Joseph Grohman)

COVENANTS, EQUITABLE SERVITUDES AND RESTRICTIONS 1: CREATION (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2003) (with Joseph Grohman)

CONTRACT FORMATION I (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2002 revision) (revision author with Joseph Grohman)

CONTRACT FORMATION II (Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction 2002 revision)(revision author with Joseph Grohman)

A NEW APPROACH TO EASEMENTS, COVENANTS AND SERVITUDES: A PROGRAMMED LEARNING TEXT ON PRIVATE LAND USE CONTROLS, (On-Line Publication, Shepard Broad College of Law, 3d Ed., 2001) (with Joseph Grohman). Second edition: (2d Ed., 1998) (with Joseph Grohman); First edition: (private publication, 1979)

FUTURE INTERESTS AND REAL ESTATES: A PROGRAMMED LEARNING APPROACH (Midway Law Publishers 1989)

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF REAL PROPERTY LAW: A PROGRAMMED INTRODUCTION (Associated Faculty Press, 1982)

A PROGRAMMED INTRODUCTION TO ESTATES IN LAND AND FUTURE INTERESTS (private publication, 1978)

**Articles:**

*Letters of Intent: There Ought To Be A Law, A Uniform Law!* REAL ESTATE LAW JOURNAL, volume 45, at 370 (Winter 2016) (with Joseph Grohman)

*Using E-mail to Reinforce Learning*, THE LAW TEACHER (Fall 2005) at 9

*In Praise of the Carrot: The Lure of Extra Credit*, THE LAW TEACHER (fall 2003) at 2, reprinted in Hess, Friedland, Schwartz and Sparrow, TECHNIQUES FOR TEACHING LAW II (Carolina Academic Press 2010)

*The Phenomenon of Substitution and the Statute of Quia Emptores*, SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL, volume 46, at 699 (2002)

*Good Grief, It's the Restatement of Servitudes!* ACTIONLINE, volume XXIII, at 21 (winter 2002) (with Joseph Grohman)

*Real Property: 2001 Survey of Florida Law*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 26, at 109 (2001) (with Joseph Grohman)

*A Contracts Drafting Challenge*, THE LAW TEACHER, spring 2001, at 5, reprinted in Gerald Hess and Stephen Friedland, TEACHING THE LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM (Carolina Academic Press 2004)

*Real Property: 2000 Survey of Florida Law*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 25, at 115 (2000) (with Joseph Grohman)

*Problem Solving and Advocacy: Two Separate Skills*, THE LAW TEACHER (fall 2000) at 8

*Real Property: 1999 Survey of Florida Law*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 24, at 267(1999) (with Joseph Grohman)

*Use Legislative Simulation as a Teaching Tool*, THE LAW TEACHER (spring 1999) at 3, reprinted in Hess, Friedland, Schwartz and Sparrow, TECHNIQUES FOR TEACHING LAW II (Carolina Academic Press 2010)

*Real Property: 1998 Survey of Florida Law*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 23, at 229 (1998) (with Joseph Grohman)

*Real Estate Brokers: Shouldering New Burdens*, PROBATE & PROPERTY, May/June 1997 at 14 (with Joseph Grohman), reprinted by the American Bar Association in BEST OF THE ABA SECTIONS, volume 2, at 16 (1998)

*Real Property: 1997 Survey of Florida Law*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 22, at 269 (1997) (with Joseph Grohman)

*Goodbye Dual World: Real Estate Brokerage Changes Again, But Not Enough*, FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL, November 1997, at 54 (with Joseph Grohman)

*Buyers Beware: Statutes Shield Real Estate Brokers and Sellers Who Do Not Disclose that Properties are Psychologically Tainted*, OKLAHOMA LAW REVIEW, volume 49, at 625 (1996) (with Thomas Thurlow III)

*Real Property: 1996 Survey of Florida Law*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 21, at 279 (1996) (with Joseph Grohman)

*Whatever Happened to the Uniform Land Transactions Act?* NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 20, at 1017 (1996)

*Real Estate Brokerage: Recent Changes in Relationships and a Proposed Cure*, CREIGHTON LAW REVIEW, volume 29, at 25 (1995) (with Joseph Grohman and Manuel Valcarcel)

*Real Property: 1995 Survey of Florida Law*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 20, at 257 (1995) (with Joseph Grohman and Manuel Valcarcel)

*Real Property: 1994 Survey of Florida Law*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 19, at 215 (1994) (with Joseph Grohman)

*Real Property: 1993 Survey of Florida Law*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 18, at 389 (1993)

*Real Property: 1992 Survey of Florida Law*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 17, at 387 (1992)

*Real Property: 1991 Survey of Florida Law*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 16, at 399 (1991)

*The New Lease Law - Article 2A of the UCC*, NOVA LAW REPORTER, March, 1991, at 3

*Real Property [1990] Florida Supreme Court Survey*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 15, at 1227 (1991)

*1989 Florida Real Property Survey*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 14, at 939 (1990)

*A Cure for Scholarship Schizophrenia: A Manifesto for Sane Productivity and Productive Sanity*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 13, at 39 (1988)

*An Examination of Real Estate Purchase Options*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 12, at 147 (1987)

*Article One of the Uniform Land Transactions Act: Is Inconsistency with the U.C.C. an Unnecessary Obstacle?* SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL, volume 1981, at 585

*Two Professors Reflect on Teaching in the Law Schools*, PERSPECTIVE, winter 1981, at 6

*The U.C.C. (Sales) As an Introductory Law School Course*, JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION, volume 30, at 592 (1980)

### **Book Reviews:**

Book Review of I AM A TREE, I CAN BEND, by Stan Cohen, THE LAW TEACHER (fall 2006) at 13

Book Review of FROM EXPECTATION TO EXPERIENCE: ESSAYS ON LAW AND LEGAL EDUCATION by James Boyd White, THE LAW TEACHER (fall 2002) at 4.

Book Review of STATUTES IN COURT: THE HISTORY AND THEORY OF STATUTORY INTERPRETATION by William Popkin, LEGAL STUDIES FORUM, volume 24, at 739 (2000)

Book review of BEHIND THE SCENES: THE POLITICS OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION by Philip Schrag, NOVA LAW JOURNAL, volume 9, at 249 (1985)

Book review of A COMMON LAW FOR THE AGE OF STATUTES by Guido Calabresi, NOVA LAW JOURNAL, volume 7, at 437 (1983)

Book review of EARL WARREN: A PUBLIC LIFE by G. Edward White, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION JOURNAL, volume 68, at 1642 (December 1982)

Book review of THE LAW OF SECURED TRANSACTIONS by Barkley Clark, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION JOURNAL, volume 67, at 1342 (October 1981)

Book review of CHARITY U.S.A. by Carl Bakal, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION JOURNAL, volume 66, at 1546 (Dec. 1980)

Book review of TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT by Judge John Sirica, NOVA LAW JOURNAL, volume 4, at 335 (1980)

Book review of ZONING AND LAND USE CONTROLS, (Volumes I to V) by Patrick Rohan, and LAND USE IN A NUTSHELL by Robert Wright and Susan Webber, NOVA LAW JOURNAL, volume 3, at 335 (1979)

#### **Miscellaneous Publications:**

*Dean Lawrence M. Hyde, Jr.*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 17, at iii (1993)

*Karl Krastin*, NOVA LAW REVIEW, volume 14, at 7 (1990)

#### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:**

“Using and Promoting CALI Lessons in Your Classes” at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Law School Computing, TRANSFORMING LEGAL EDUCATION, University of Maryland School of Law, June 2008

“The Rule Against Perpetuities,” Pod Cast (with Grohman) (CALI Web Site <http://www2.cali.org/>), Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction, 2008

“Preparing for Your First Semester of Law School,” Pod Cast (with Grohman) (CALI Web Site <http://www2.cali.org/>), Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction, 2007

Exam-taking Skills, Outlines and Advice for Students,” Pod Cast (with Grohman) (CALI Web Site <http://www2.cali.org/>), Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction, 2007

“Got Gamers: Law Students and Video-gaming,” at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Law School Computing, RIP, MIX, LEARN, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, June 2006

"Computers in the Classroom, Pro and Con" at the *16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Law School Computing*, RIP, MIX, LEARN, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, June 2006

"Real Covenants and Servitudes on Land," Pod Cast (with Grohman) (CALI Web Site <http://www2.cali.org/>), Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction, 2006

Exam Taking Skills and Advice for Students, Pod Cast (with Grohman) (CALI Web Site <http://www2.cali.org/>), Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction, 2006

"Why Students Use or Don't Use CALI Lessons," at the *15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Law School Computing*, OPEN SOURCE, OPEN LAW, OPEN EDUCATION, Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law, June 2005, and also to the CALI Editorial Board, June 2005

"Why Faculty Do or Do Not Use CALI Lessons," at the *14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Law School Computing*, LAW SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY: THERE AND BACK AGAIN, A HOBBIT'S TALE, University of Washington School of Law, June, 2004

"Using CALI Tutorials Where I Disagree with the Content, Interpretation or Method of Presentation?" at the *13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for Law School Computing*, THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS, Duke University School of Law, June 2003.

"Agents in Search of Principles: the Changing Role of the Real Estate Broker," at the 1996 ABA Annual Meeting

"Real Property Law Review" (with others), for Lawyers Seeking Certification in Real Estate Law by the Florida Bar, 1986, 1987 & 1988

"Testing and Grading," (with others) for the Florida Bar Real Estate Certification Committee, 1986 and 1987

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

### **CENTER FOR COMPUTER ASSISTED LEGAL INSTRUCTION (CALI)**

Member of the Editorial Board since 2006

CALI Fellow 2011-2013 - Negotiable Instruments Authoring Group

### **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

Member of the Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, since 1973

Member of the Real Property, Trusts and Estates Law Section, since 1976

Committee on Legal Education and Uniform Acts, since 2014

Contributing Editor, *Keeping Current – Property*, PROBATE & PROPERTY (providing bi-monthly highlights of real estate cases in ¼ of the states) 2008-2012

### **THE FLORIDA BAR**

Member of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, since 1983

Member of the Model and Uniform Acts Committee 1996-2002

Consultant to the Board of Legal Education and Specialization 1986-1988

### **MAILMAN SEGAL INSTITUTE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES, NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**

Member of the Advisory Board, 1994-2010

### **UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**

Collaboration Committee, 2000-2010

Mock trial program for third-graders: co-creator, co-organizer and presenter, annually since 2000



**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**

Since 1976, member of various university committees, such as Academic Affairs, Building and Grounds, Benefits, Tuition Exchange, and Book Store, Grant Review.