

## **Arthur Best**

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**Professor, University of Denver Sturm College of Law**, since 1988. Courses taught: Advanced Torts Seminar, Evidence, and Torts.

### College of Law Service

Policy Committee, member, 1995-1999, 2002-2005, 2006-2010 (elected).

Building Committee, chair, 1999-2003 (elected).

Long-Range Planning Committee, member, 1999-2000.

Dean Search Committee, member, 1997-1998.

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 1992-1995.

“Most Engaging Professor” award, 2009

“Law Star” Excellence in Teaching Award, 2004.

"Professor of the Year" award, 1996.

### University Service

Chancellor Search Committee, member, 2004-2005

NCAA Certification Steering Committee, member; Governance and Rules Compliance Subcommittee, chair, 2000-2002.

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation Steering Committee, member, 1998-2000.

Faculty Senate President, 1998-2000.

## **Prior Employment**

New York Law School: Associate Professor, 1980-1983; Professor, 1983-88.

New York City Department of Consumer Affairs: Deputy Commissioner, 1978-1980; Special Counsel, 1973-1974.

Western New England College School of Law: Assistant Professor, 1976-1977; Associate Professor, 1977-1978.

Center for Study of Responsive Law (Washington, D.C.): Project Director, 1974-1976.

Michigan State University: Lecturer, 1973.

Federal Trade Commission: Trial Attorney, 1971-1972.

Federal Communications Commission: Attorney, Office of General Counsel, 1969-1971.

## **Education**

University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D. 1969.

Columbia College, A.B. 1966.

## **Publications**

### Books

- Basic Tort Law: Cases, Statutes, and Problems (Aspen Publishers, 2003; second edition 2007) (co-author)
- Torts Roadmap (Aspen Publishers, 1997)
- Lawyers from Denver (University of Denver, 1996) (co-editor)
- Colorado Evidence (Lexis/Nexis, annual and semi-annual editions since 1995) (co-author)
- Wigmore on Evidence Supplement (Little, Brown and Co., 1995, 1996; Aspen Publishers, 1997, 1998, and twice-yearly since 1999)
- Evidence: Examples and Explanations (Little, Brown and Co., 1994; Aspen Publishers, second edition, 1997; third edition, 1999; fourth edition, 2001; fifth edition, 2004; sixth edition, 2007; seventh edition, 2009) (Chinese language edition; Angle Publishing Co., 2002)
- Comparative Negligence (Matthew Bender & Co.) (revision author, 1988-2000)
- When Consumers Complain (Columbia University Press, 1981)

### Articles and chapters

- Student Evaluations of Law Teaching Work Well: Strongly Agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, Strongly Disagree, 38 *Southwestern L. Rev.* 1 (2008)
- Impediments to Reasonable Tort Reform: Lessons from the Adoption of Comparative Negligence, 40 *Ind. L. Rev.* 1 (2007)
- Internet Yellow Page Advertising, 55 *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* 67 (co-author) (2006)
- Manufacturers' Responsibility for Harms Suffered by Victims of Counterfeiters: A Modern Elaboration of Causation Rules and Fundamental Tort Law Policies, 8 *Currents: Int'l Trade L.J.* 43 (Summer 1999)
- Peace, Wealth, Happiness, and Small Claims Courts, 21 *Fordham Urban L. J.* 343 (1994) (co-author)
- Considering "Claims Crisis" Claims Clearly, 69 *Denv. U. L. Rev.* 1085 (1992)
- Mediating Consumer Complaints (chapter in Duffy, *et al.*, eds., *Issues in Community Mediation* (Guilford Press: 1991))
- The Limited Legitimacy of SEC Attorney Discipline: Defining the Commission's Role and Exploring Alternatives (chapter in ABA Section of Business Law, *Selected Articles on Federal Securities Law* (American Bar Association: 1991))
- Consumer Problems and ADR: An Analysis of the Federal Trade Commission-Ordered General Motors Mediation and Arbitration Program, 1990 *J. Dispute Res.* 267
- The Talismanic Use of Incomprehensible Writings: An Empirical and Legal Study of Words Displayed in TV Advertisements, 33 *St. Louis U. L. Rev.* 285 (1989)
- Monetary Damages for False Advertising, 49 *U. Pitt. L. Rev.* 1 (1987)
- Controlling False Advertising: A Comparative Study of Public Regulation, Industry Self-Policing and Private Litigation, 20 *Ga. L. Rev.* 1 (1985)

## **Publications** (continued)

### Articles and chapters

- Current Consumer Complaint Research: Suggestions for its Context and Focus (chapter in American Bar Association Special Committee on Dispute Resolution, *Consumer Dispute Resolution: Exploring the Alternatives* (1983))
- Shortcomings of Administrative Agency Lawyer Discipline, 31 *Emory L. J.* 535 (1982)
- Seller's Choice: Common Problems and Rare Litigation (chapter in Gambitta, *et al.*, eds., *Governing Through Courts* (Sage Publications: 1981))
- Consumer Response to Unsatisfactory Purchases: A Survey of Perceiving Defects, Voicing Complaints and Obtaining Redress, 11 *Law & Society Rev.* 701 (1977) (co-author)
- Consumers Complain – Does Business Respond? 55 *Harvard Business Rev.* 93 (vol. 4, 1977) (co-author)
- Governmental Facilitation of Consumerism: A Proposal for Consumer Action Groups, 50 *Temple L. Q.* 253 (1977) (co-author)

### **Panel Appearances and Paper Presentations**

- Association of American Law Schools Conference on New Ideas for Intentional Teaching, June 2006 (Use and Abuse of Student Evaluations of Teaching).
- South Dakota Bar Association “Hearsay for Professionals” Continuing Legal Education presentation, June 2006.
- Colorado and Denver Bar Associations “Evidentiary Foundations” Continuing Legal Education presentation, September 2005.
- Association of American Law Schools Conference on Evidence Law, June 2002 (unintended evidence law consequences of tort reform statutes and judicial decisions).
- American Bar Association Section of Business Law, March 2000 (evidence issues related to electronic commerce).
- Product Counterfeiting Protection (trade conference), Amsterdam, June 1999 (manufacturers’ potential tort liability to victims of counterfeiters’ products).
- Product Counterfeiting Protection (trade conference), San Francisco, January 1999 (manufacturers’ potential tort liability to victims of counterfeiters’ products).
- Colorado Judicial Department Small Claims Court Seminar, October, 1997 (empirical studies of small claims courts).
- Colorado Association of Municipal Judges, October, 1997 (developments in evidence law).
- Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C., November, 1990 (advertising regulation).
- Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., October, 1989 (resolution of buyer-seller disputes in the automobile industry).
- HALT, An Organization of Americans for Legal Reform, Conference on "Affordable Legal Services, California's Non-lawyer Solution," San Francisco, September 1989 (resolution of disputes concerning legal services).
- Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting, Madison, Wisconsin, June 1989 (FTC-ordered mediation of buyer-seller automobile disputes).

### **Panel Appearances and Paper Presentations** (continued)

Cornell Law School faculty seminar, July 1988 (disclaimers in television advertising).

### **Research Grants**

University of Denver College of Law summer research grants, 1989-2008.

University of Denver Hughes Grant, 1991, to study the Denver Small Claims Court.

National Institute for Dispute Resolution grant, 1985-86, to study Better Business Bureau arbitration of automobile buyer-seller disputes.

New York Law School summer research grants, 1983-87.

### **Public Service**

Journal of Legal Education, Editorial Board member, since 2007.

Association of American Law Schools, Planning Committee for 2006 Conference on New Ideas for Intentional Teaching, member, 2005.

American Bar Association, Law School Accreditation Inspector, University of Cincinnati (2004), St. Louis University (2005), University of Georgia (2005), University of Alabama (2007), University of North Dakota (team chair, 2007), American University Washington College of Law (team chair, 2010 inspection).

Association of American Law Schools, Membership Inspector, St. Louis University, 2005; University of Georgia, 2005.

Michigan Supreme Court Board of Law Examiners, author of torts bar exam essay questions, since 1996.

Association of American Law Schools, Evidence Section Advisory Board, member, 1997-2000.

Colorado Lawyers for the Arts, Board of Directors, member, 1997-1999.

### **Bar Memberships**

Admitted to practice in Colorado and New York.

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