



# **Fifty Years in the Conflicts Vineyard**

**In celebration of Symeon C. Symeonides, Alex L. Parks  
Distinguished Chair in Law & Dean Emeritus.**

**Co-hosted by Willamette University College of Law and the  
Conflict of Laws Section of the Association of American  
Law Schools.**

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**MAY 8-9, 2024**

**OREGON CIVIC JUSTICE CENTER**

**WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY**

**790 STATE STREET**

**SALEM, OREGON**

# Time

# Event

# Speakers

All panel discussions, breakfasts, and lunches will be held in Room 213. In-person and virtual attendance by registration only. Please [register here](#). Application for CLE credit pending.

## Tuesday

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7:00 p.m.

Welcome Dinner for  
Speakers

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## Wednesday

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8:30 a.m. - 9:00  
a.m.

Continental Breakfast

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9:00 a.m.

Opening Remarks

[Brian Gallini](#), Dean & Professor of Law, Willamette University College of Law

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9:15 a.m. - 11:00  
a.m.

Restating Conflicts

[Kermit Roosevelt](#), David Berger Professor for the Administration of Justice,  
University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School

[Patrick Borchers](#), Lillis Family Professorship in Law Professor, Creighton  
University School of Law

[Lea Brilmayer](#), Howard M. Holtzmann Professor of Law Emerita, Yale Law  
School

[James Nafziger](#), Thomas B. Stoel Professor of Law, Willamette University College  
of Law

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11:15 a.m. - 1:00  
p.m.

Codifying Conflicts

[Katharina Boele-Woelki](#), Chair & Dean, Claussen Simon Foundation Professor of  
Comparative Law, Bucerius Law School, Germany

[Nikolaos Davrados](#), Professor of Law & Assistant Director of Center of Civil Law  
Studies and International Programs, Louisiana State University Law

[Ronald J. Scalise](#), John Minor Wisdom Professor of Civil Law, Tulane University  
Law School

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1:00 p.m. - 2:15  
p.m.

Lunch

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2:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Comparing Conflicts  
[Mathias Remann](#), Hessel E. Yntema Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School  
[Yuko Nishitani](#), Professor, Kyoto University Graduate School of Law, Japan  
[Thomas Main](#), William S. Boyd Professor of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law

4:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Party Autonomy  
[Joseph Singer](#), Bussey Professor of Law, Harvard Law School  
[John Coyle](#), Reef C. Ivey II Distinguished Professor of Law & Associate Dean for Faculty Development, University of North Carolina School of Law  
[Hannah Buxbaum](#), Vice President for International Affairs, John E. Schiller Chair in Legal Ethics and Professor of Law, Indiana University Bloomington Maurer School of Law

7:15 p.m. Symposium Dinner

## Thursday

8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Methodology  
[Christopher Whytock](#), Professor of Law, University of California, Irvine School of Law  
[Anthony Colangelo](#), Professor of Law, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law  
[Louise Ellen Teitz](#), Distinguished Research Professor of Law, Roger Williams University School of Law  
[Francisco Garcimartin Alférez](#), Professor and Chair of Private International Law, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain

11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Judicial Jurisdiction and Judgments  
[Linda Silberman](#), Clarence D. Ashley Professor of Law Emerita, New York University School of Law  
[Aaron Simowitz](#), Associate Professor of Law, Willamette University College of Law  
[Marta Pertegás](#), Professor of Law and Chair on Private International Law and Transnational Law, Maastricht University, The Netherlands  
[William Dodge](#), John D. Ayer Chair in Business and Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Law, University of California, Davis School of Law

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Personal Reflections

[John W. DeGravelles](#), U.S. District Judge, Middle District of Louisiana  
[David Kenagy](#), Former Associate Dean, Willamette University College of Law  
[Warren Binford](#), W.H. Lea Endowed Chair for Justice in Pediatric Law, University of Colorado  
[Jeffrey Dobbins](#), Associate Dean for Academic Affairs & Professor of Law, Willamette University College of Law  
[Carsten Fode](#), Honorary Professor of Law, Aarhus University, Denmark  
[Olivia Courogen](#), '22, Attorney, Buchalter, Former Research Assistant  
[Mike Bennett](#), '70, Former Associate Vice President, Willamette University

4:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Concluding Remarks

[Brian Gallini](#), Dean & Professor of Law, Willamette University College of Law  
[Symeon C. Symeonides](#), Alex L. Parks Distinguished Professor of Law & Dean Emeritus, Willamette University College of Law

# Symeon C. Symeonides, Alex L. Parks Distinguished Chair in Law & Dean Emeritus

Symeon C. Symeonides was born and raised in Lythrodontas, Cyprus, and studied law in Greece, graduating with the highest grade in the history of the University of Thessaloniki Law School—a perfect 10. He also holds an LLM and an SJD from Harvard, and three honorary doctorates. He joined Willamette in 1999 as Dean of the College of Law and served in that capacity until 2011. Previously, he taught at the University of Thessaloniki (1976–78), and Louisiana State University (1978–99), where he was the Judge Albert Tate Professor of Law (1987) and vice chancellor (1991-97).

Symeonides has published 30 books and 135 articles, some of which appear in Chinese, French, German, Greek, Italian, or Spanish. His work has been cited by the supreme courts of the United States, the United Kingdom, and Israel (22 times). Reviewers of his work referred to him as “the conflicts giant”, “the father of choice of law in the twenty-first century”, and “the world’s leading expert on US and comparative conflicts law”. His last book has been characterized as “a worthy successor” of Joseph Story’s classic *Commentaries* (1834) and “an asset for the discipline . . . worldwide”. Reviewers of his previous books characterized them as “brilliant contributions to legal theory”, “original”, “masterful”, “indispensable”, “cogent”, “penetrating” and “path breaking”. His work has been honored with two Lifetime Achievement awards, five scholarly prizes, and the Aristeion of the Republic of Cyprus, the highest civilian honor in that country.

Symeonides has served as president of the International Association of Legal Science and the American Society of Comparative Law. He is a member of the Academy of Europe (*Academia Europaea*), titular member of the International Academy of Comparative Law and the *Institut de Droit International*, and life member of the *Groupe Européen de Droit International Privé* and the American Law Institute.

Symeonides record in law reform includes drafting the Louisiana codification on Conflict of Laws, the Oregon codification for tort conflicts, a draft Code of Private International Law for Puerto Rico, and an international model law on internet conflicts, which was unanimously adopted by the *Institut de Droit International*. He spent six months in Brussels, chairing five working groups drafting new laws for the European Union, and later participated in drafting and negotiating two international convention under the auspices of The Hague Conference on Private International Law. He also provided legislative advice to the EU Parliament and several foreign governments. He currently serves as an Adviser for the Third Restatement on Conflict of Laws.

