

About the Authors

John E. Murray, Jr., Esq.

Dr. Murray passed away in 2015, after work on this edition had started. He was widely regarded as the foremost authority in the United States on the law of contracts. He was the principal author of the biannual supplements to the landmark multiple-volume treatise, *Corbin on Contracts* (Lexis Publishing). His own single-volume treatise, *Murray on Contracts* (Lexis Publishing, 5th ed. 2011), is used by law students and practicing attorneys across America and has been cited as authority in judicial opinions by numerous courts, including the United States Supreme Court. Dr. Murray was also the author of the one-volume desk edition of *Corbin on Contracts*.

In addition to his contract treatises, he was the author of numerous books and law review articles on commercial law, including *Sales, Leases and Electronic Commerce: Problems and Materials on National and International Transactions* (West Group, 4th ed. 2013) (co-authored with H. Flechtner). Dr. Murray was a life member of the American Law Institute.

Aside from serving as a partner in the Pittsburgh-based law firm of Murray, Hogue and Lannis, Dr. Murray was chancellor and professor of law at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, where the law school's Dr. John E. Murray Pavilion is named in his honor. He previously served as dean and professor of law at both the University of Pittsburgh and Villanova University, and as acting dean at Duquesne University's School of Law.

Dr. Murray received numerous awards and honorary degrees, including, among many others, the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award for his scholarship in contract law from the International Conference on Contracts (composed of professors of contract law throughout the country); the Vectors/Pittsburgh Man of the Year

Award; the Art Rooney Sr. Award; the B'nai B'rith Great American Award; the St. Thomas More Society Award; the Leadership Award from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Red Cross; and honorary degrees from three universities. In 2012, Dr. Murray awarded the first Dr. John and Liz Murray Excellence in Scholarship award to the esteemed jurist Richard Posner of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Public broadcasting's WQED and *Pittsburgh* magazine named Dr. Murray one of the top 100 Pittsburghers of the 20th Century. While continuing to teach and write, Dr. Murray served as president of Duquesne University from 1988 to 2001, capping what the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* called an "extraordinary tenure" that set "a standard of excellence and achievement that is truly remarkable and may prove hard to equal." The *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* noted that Duquesne University's turnaround under Dr. Murray has been called "the miracle on the Bluff" (*Tribune-Review*, February 20, 2005) (the "Bluff" is the steep bank where the university sits).

Dr. Murray received his J.D. from Catholic University of America and his Doctorate of Juridical Science from the University of Wisconsin.

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Mr. Murray is a partner in the firm of Murray, Hogue and Lannis. He is the author of the biannual supplements to the landmark contract law treatise, *Corbin on Contracts*, and is currently updating the single-volume desk edition to *Corbin on Contracts*. He has updated numerous chapters of Lexis's Current Legal Forms series, including the chapter on sale of goods, franchising, equipment leasing, patent license agreements, and joint ventures. He has updated chapters in Lexis's Commercial Loan Documentation Guide and Equipment Leasing treatise. He is also one of Lexis's authors for its Emerging Issues Analysis, and is a Lexis pioneer author for its Lexis Practice Advisor, designed to provide practical advice on drafting for corporate counsel.

Mr. Murray has represented numerous businesses and individuals in all manner of contract transactional matters and litigation disputes, including, among many others, General Motors Corporation, Bayer

Corporation, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Alcoa, Nissan North America, Avery Dennison, companies of the Marmon Group, Mazda Motors of America, General Reinsurance, Lanxess Corporation, TWA, Kawasaki Motors, Nova Chemicals, and Electrolux.

Mr. Murray is assisting in the redrafting of the recommended contract-law jury instructions for the *Pennsylvania Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions*, published by PBI Press.

Mr. Murray has been course planner for numerous contract law seminars and has been a presenter at contract law seminars for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

He is a member of the Allegheny County and Pennsylvania bar associations. He received his B.A., summa cum laude, in 1981, and his J.D in 1984 from the University of Pittsburgh.

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