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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Economics; 1986; University of Chicago
LL.M. in Taxation; 1972; New York University
J.D.; 1969; University of Michigan Law School
A.B.; 1966; Oberlin College
Graduated; 1961; Phillips Exeter Academy

POSITIONS (ECONOMICS):

Retired from Economics Department Faculty on January 1, 2025. Awarded Professor Emeritus status by the University.

Returned to Full-time Faculty, August 19, 2017. Appointed Department Chair, June 6, 2014. Appointed Interim Department Chair, August 1, 2013. Promoted to Full Professor, August 20, 2002. Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Economics, Wayne State University, August 1995 – January 2000. Director of M.A. Program, June 1993 - August 1995. Granted tenure, Department of Economics, effective August 29, 1993. Promoted to Associate Professor, August 27, 1991. Assistant Professor, September 1987 - August 1991. Appointed Regular Member of Graduate Faculty, September 1, 1990.

Postdoctoral Fellow and Instructor, Law and Economics, Carnegie-Mellon University, Department of Social and Decision Sciences, June 1985 - July 1987.

POSITIONS (LAW):

Attorney and Consultant, private practice, Chicago, Illinois, 1978 - 1982.
Attorney, Howrey & Simon, Washington, D.C., 1974 - 1978.
Attorney, Cahill Gordon & Reindel, New York, New York, 1972 - 1974.
Attorney, Law, Buchen, Weathers, Richardson & Dutcher, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1970 - 1971.
Law Clerk for Judge Charles L. Levin, Michigan Court of Appeals, 1969 - 1970.

Licensure: Admitted to the practice of law in Michigan, New York, and the District of Columbia (inactive in New York and the District of Columbia). I maintain my license in Michigan only to do occasional pro bono work.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:

Member, American Economic Association
 Member, American Law and Economics Association
 Member, National Association of Forensic Economists
 Member, Society of Empirical Legal Studies
 Member, Western Economic Association

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

At Carnegie-Mellon University, I developed a new course in the Economic Analysis of Law. At Wayne State University, I developed two courses of a Ph. D. sequence in Labor Economics, and a new course for law students in Statistics and the Law. I have also taught Intermediate Microeconomics and Principles of Economics.

DISSERTATION:

"An Empirical Investigation of Turnover in the Market for Lawyers," under the supervision of Sherwin Rosen, Chair, B. Peter Pashigian and Charles Kahn of the University of Chicago.

WORKING PAPERS:

"A Lotka-Volterra Model for the Anesthesia Provider Market," Liang Hu, Stephen J. Spurr, and Xiao Xu, October 2018.

"The Economics of Jury Duty," Stephen J. Spurr, October 2021.

"Insurers, Plaintiff's Lawyers, and Subrogation," Stephen J. Spurr, June 2021.

PUBLICATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES:

Chapters and Books

Essay on "Collateral Estoppel," for *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics and the Law* (London: Macmillan, 1996).

Economic Foundations of Law (Mason, Ohio: Southwestern/Thomson Learning, 2006).

Economic Foundations of Law, 2nd ed. (London: Routledge Press, 2010).

Economic Foundations of Law, 3rd ed. (London: Routledge Press, 2019).

Articles in Refereed Journals:

"How the Market Solves an Assignment Problem: The Matching of Lawyers with Legal Claims," 5 *Journal of Labor Economics* 502-532 (October 1987).

"A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Referral Practices Among Lawyers," 13 *Law and Social Inquiry* 87-109 (1988).

"Sex Discrimination in the Legal Profession: A Study of Promotion," 43 *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 406-417 (April 1990).

"An Economic Analysis of Collateral Estoppel," 11 *International Review of Law and Economics* 151-165 (June 1991).

"The Impact of Advertising and Other Factors on Referral Practices, with Special Reference to Lawyers," 21 *RAND Journal of Economics* 235-246 (Summer 1990).

"Tax Rates, Tax Compliance, and the Reporting of Long-Term Capital Gains," (Steven Klepper, Daniel Nagin and Stephen Spurr), 46 *Public Finance* 236-251 (1991).

"Alcoholic Beverage Server Liability and the Reduction of Alcohol-Involved Problems," (Harold D. Holder, Kathleen Janes, James Mosher, Robert Saltz, Stephen J. Spurr, and Alexander C. Wagenaar), 54(1) *Journal of Studies on Alcohol* 23-36 (January 1993).

"The Proposed Market for Human Organs," 18(1) *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 189-202 (1993).

"Turnover and Promotion of Lawyers: An Inquiry into Gender Differences," (Stephen J. Spurr and Glenn T. Sueyoshi), 29(3) *Journal of Human Resources* 813-842 (1994).

"The Shortage of Transplantable Organs: An Analysis and a Proposal," 15(4) *Law & Policy* 355-395 (1993).

"The Effect of Performance on a Worker's Career: Evidence from Minor-League Baseball," (Stephen J. Spurr and William Barber), 47(4) *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 692-708 (1994).

"Medical Malpractice in Michigan: An Economic Analysis," (Stephen J. Spurr and Walter Simmons), 21(2) *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 315-346 (Summer 1996).

"The Duration of Litigation," 19(3) *Law & Policy* 285-315 (July 1997).

"The Duration of Personal Injury Litigation," 19 *Research in Law and Economics* 223-246 (Greenwich, Conn.: JAI/Elsevier, 2000).

"Physicians and the Risk of Medical Malpractice: The Role of Prior Litigation in Predicting the Future," (Gail A. Jensen, Stephen J. Spurr, Derek A. Weycker and Maria Bulycheva), 39(3) *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance* 267-289 (1999).

"The Role of Nonbinding Alternative Dispute Resolution in Litigation," 42(1) *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 75-96 (May 2000).

"The Baseball Draft: A Study of the Ability to Find Talent," 1(1) *Journal of Sports Economics* 66-85 (February 2000).

"The Effect of Care Quality on Medical Malpractice Litigation," (Stephen J. Spurr and Sandra Howze), 41 *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance* 491-513 (2001).

"The Future of Capital Punishment: Determinants of the Time from Death Sentence to Execution," 22(1) *International Review of Law and Economics* 1-23 (July 2002).

"AIDS and the Market for Nurses," David E. Kalist and Stephen J. Spurr, 23 *Research in Labor Economics* 185-214 (2004).

"Estimating Episode Lengths When Some Observations Are Probably Censored," Allen C. Goodman, Janet R. Hankin, David E. Kalist, Yingwei Peng, and Stephen J. Spurr, 23(13) *Statistics in Medicine* 2071-2087 (July 15, 2004).

"The Effect of State Laws on the Supply of Advanced Practice Nurses," David E. Kalist and Stephen J. Spurr, 4 *International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics* 271-281 (2004).

"The Practice Boundaries of Advanced Practice Nurses: An Economic and Legal Analysis," Michael J. Dueker, Ada K. Jacox, David E. Kalist and Stephen J. Spurr, 27(3) *Journal of Regulatory Economics* 309-330 (2005).

"Baseball Errors," David E. Kalist and Stephen J. Spurr (2006) "Baseball Errors," *Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports*: Vol. 2: No. 4, Article 3. Available at: <http://www.bepress.com/jqas/vol2/iss4/3>

"Lesser Included Offenses," Ram Orzach and Stephen J. Spurr, 28(4) *International Review of Law and Economics* 239-245 (December 2008).

"Immigration and Nurses," David Kalist, Stephen J. Spurr and Tatsuma Wada, 49(3) *Industrial Relations* 406-428 (July 2010).

“Cooperation and Conflict between Very Similar Occupations: The Case of Anesthesia,” David E. Kalist, Noelle A. Molinari, and Stephen J. Spurr, 6(2) *Health Economics, Policy & Law* 237-264 (2011).

“The Effects of a Statute (BAPCPA) Designed to Make it More Difficult For People to File for Bankruptcy,” Stephen J. Spurr and Kevin Ball, 87(1) *American Bankruptcy Law Journal* 27-50 (2013).

“The Effect of Medical Malpractice Liability on Rate of Referrals Received by Specialist Physicians,” Xiao Xu, Stephen J. Spurr, Bin Nan, and A. Mark Fendrick, 8(4) *Health Economics, Policy & Law* 453-475 (October 2013).

“Predicting Recidivism of Juvenile Offenders,” David E. Kalist, Daniel Y. Lee, and Stephen J. Spurr, 15(1) *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy* 329-351 (January 2015).

“The Growth of Subrogation and the Future of Personal Injury Litigation,” 36(6) *Journal of Insurance Regulation* 1-26 (2017).

“The Effects of Subrogation on Personal Injury Litigation and Deterrence of Tortfeasors,” 54(3) *Tort, Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal* 867-882 (2019).

“Subrogation and its Consequences for Tort Litigation,” 67 *International Review of Law and Economics* (2021) (0144-8188)

PAPERS PUBLISHED IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

"Discussion" (Comment on Papers by Douglas Rebne and Janet Spitz), in *IRRA Proceedings of the Forty-fourth Annual Meeting*.

PUBLICATIONS FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE:

Book Review, “Our Fur-Fathers of Southwest Alaska,” Bev Sims and Dianne Zitnik, in 33(1) *Alaska History Journal* 57-58 (Spring 2018)

In Search of the Kuskokwim, and Other Great Endeavors: the Life and Times of J. Edward Spurr (Kenmore, Washington: Epicenter Press, 2010).

"The Shortage of Transplantable Organs," in 2(1) *ACLU Writes* (Newsletter of the Michigan Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union) 3-7 (February 1993).

“The Value of Life in Tort Litigation: The Advent of the Economic Approach,” (Geoffrey L. Gillis and Stephen J. Spurr) 75(6) *Michigan Bar Journal* 540-543 (June 1996).

“Estimating Determinants of Multiple Treatment Episodes for Substance Abusers,” Allen C. Goodman, Janet R. Hankin, David E. Kalist, Yingwei Peng, and Stephen J. Spurr, 4 *Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics* 65-77 (2001).

“Easterbrook, Posner and Economic Approaches to the Law,” and “Milton Friedman and the ‘Chicago School’ of Economics,” essays written for *Encyclopedia of the Midwest*, Andrew R.L. Cayton, Richard Sisson, and Christian Zacher, eds., Institute for Collaborative Research and Public Humanities, Ohio State University.

PRESENTATIONS:

“The Effects of Subrogation on Personal Injury Litigation and Deterrence of Tortfeasors,” Western Economic Association, San Francisco, June 30, 2019.

“The Growth of Subrogation and the Future of Personal Injury Litigation,” Western Economic Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, June 28, 2018.

“The Growth of Subrogation and the Future of Personal Injury Litigation,” 5th Economic Analysis of Litigation Workshop, Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany, June 16, 2018.

“An Update on the Market for Lawyers,” Annual Meetings of the Western Economic Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 29, 2015.

“The Market for Lawyers Revisited,” WSU Department of economics seminar, April 9, 2015.

“The Fruits of our Labor: Wages, Income Mobility, Female Careers and the Birth Rate,” Harold Hotelling Memorial Lecture, Lawrence Technological University, November 7, 2013.

“How the Parties Involved Respond to Changes in Bankruptcy Law,” meetings of Michigan Political Science Association, Chicago, April 14, 2012.

Member of Panel on Affirmative Action, March 29, 2007, 2-4 P.M., Hilberry Rooms A and B, WSU Student Center.

“An Analysis of the Anesthesia Market: Cooperation and Conflict between Anesthesiologists and CRNAs,” Oakland Center, Oakland University, November 10, 2006

“An Analysis of the Anesthesia Market: Cooperation and Conflict between Anesthesiologists and CRNAs,” Douglas Fraser Center for Workplace Studies, Wayne State University, March 7, 2005.

“An Analysis of the Anesthesia Market: Cooperation and Conflict between Anesthesiologists and CRNAs,” 31st Annual Conference, Eastern Economic Association, New York, New York, March 4, 2005.

“The Practice Boundaries of Nurse Anesthetists: An Economic and Legal Analysis,” The Humanities Center, Wayne State University, December 7, 2004.

“The Practice Boundaries of Nurse Anesthetists: An Economic and Legal Analysis,” 30th Annual Conference, Eastern Economic Association, Washington, D.C., February 20, 2004.

“The Practice Boundaries of Nurse Anesthetists: An Economic and Legal Analysis,” 77th Annual Conference, Western Economic Association, Seattle, Washington, July 7, 2002.

“Statistical Discrimination and Professional Sports: The Drafts in Baseball and Basketball,” 76th Annual Conference, Western Economic Association, San Francisco, California, July 7, 2001.

“The Future of Capital Punishment,” Center for Legal Studies Lecture Series, Wayne State University, April 11, 2001.

“Baseball Errors: An Economic and Statistical Analysis,” 75th Annual Conference, Western Economic Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, July 1, 2000.

“An Economic and Legal Analysis of the Practice Boundaries of Advanced Practice Nurses,” Center for Legal Studies Lecture Series, Wayne State University, January 14, 1999.

“The Baseball Draft: A Study of the Ability to Find Talent,” 73rd Annual Conference, Western Economic Association, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, June 30, 1998.

“The Importance of Care Quality in Medical Malpractice Litigation,” Center for Legal Studies Lecture Series, Wayne State University, November 19, 1996.

Other Professional Participation:

Discussant, IRRA session on "Gender Differences in Employment Opportunity: Occupations, Promotion, and Position Content," held in New Orleans, Louisiana, January 3, 1992.

RESEARCH SUPPORT:

Grants:

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation, "Medical Malpractice Liability and Physician Referrals," approved for funding on January 13, 2009. I did this research with Xiao Xu of the University of Michigan as a Co-Principal Investigator.

Awarded a small grant from Douglas A. Fraser Center for Workplace Issues, in the College of Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs, in January 2000. The title of the proposal was "The Practice Boundaries of Nurse Anesthetists: An Economic and Legal Analysis."

Awarded a grant from the Richard J. Barber Fund for Interdisciplinary Legal Research, in January 2000. The title of the proposal was "The Future of Capital Punishment: Determinants of the Time from Death Sentence to Execution."

Investigator, "Comorbidities, Time to Treatment and Episode Costs," with Allen Goodman, Principal Investigator, July 1997 - June 2000.

Awarded a grant from the Richard J. Barber Fund for Interdisciplinary Legal Research, in January 1998. The title of the proposal was "An Economic and Legal Analysis of a Turf Battle: the Practice Boundaries of Advanced Practice Nurses". I did this research with Ada K. Jacox as a Co-Principal Investigator.

Awarded a grant from the Richard J. Barber Fund for Interdisciplinary Legal Research, in July 1995. The title of the proposal was "The Role of Care Quality in Medical Malpractice Litigation." I did this research with Gail A. Jensen as a Co-Principal Investigator.

Awarded a grant from the Richard J. Barber Fund for Interdisciplinary Legal Research, in July 1993. The title of the proposal was "The Role of Mediation in Medical Malpractice Litigation." I did this research with Gail A. Jensen as a Co-Principal Investigator.

Awarded a grant by the Michigan Health Care Education and Research Foundation, March 15, 1993. The title of this proposal was "Medical Malpractice: the Michigan Experience." I did this research with Gail A. Jensen as a Co-Principal Investigator.

American Bar Foundation, "Referral Practices of Attorneys," small grant, 1/1/84 - 12/31/84.

SERVICE:

Administrative Appointments at Wayne State University:

Appointed Chair, June 6, 2014. Appointed Interim Chair, August 1, 2013.
Member of Faculty Council, 2004-2006.

Member of Executive Committee of Graduate Council, appointed by Interim Vice-President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School George E. Dambach on June 30, 1999.

Member of University Commission on the Present and Future Status of Ph.D. Programs, September 15, 1998 - 2003.

Member of Advisory Board, Fraser Center for Workplace Issues, July 2, 1998 - 2005.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Economics, August 22, 1995 - January 11, 2000.

Appointed to Review Advisory Panel for the Law School, August 1994 - 1995.

Elected to Economics Department Personnel Committee, May 1993 - present.

Member, C & I.T. Strategic Planning Commission, February 1994 - May 1994.

Member, Advisory Committee for Center for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies, February 1994 - 1996.

Director, M.A. Program, June 1993 - August 21, 1995.

Elected to Economics Chair Review Committee, March 1993 - September 1993.

Appointed to Social Studies Subcommittee, University Middle School, February 1993 - present.

Appointed to Advisory Committee for Selection of a Dean for the Law School, December 1991 - February 1993.

Chair, Computer Committee, 1988 - 1992.

Director of Graduate Placement, 1988 - 1993.

Economics Department Liaison, University Libraries, 1987 - 1992.

Undergraduate Committee, Economics Department, 1987 - 1989.

Salary Committee, Economics Department, 1988-2017 and 2023-2034.

Preliminary Examination Committee for Microeconomic Theory, and for fields of Labor Economics and Industrial Organization.

Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2021

Other Professional Service and University Awards:

Referee for the following journals: *American Economic Review*, *Berkeley Electronic Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Corruption and Reform*, *Economic Inquiry*, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *Industrial Relations*, *International Review of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Economic Education*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports*, *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, *Journal of Sports Economics*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Southern Economic Journal*.

Referee, *National Science Foundation*.

Research Analyst, CNA Corporation, May 2007 – May 2014

Member of Panel on Liability and Professional Responsibility of Accountants and Lawyers, Practising Law Institute, 1973.

Affiliated Scholar, American Bar Foundation, 1983-1986.

Nominated by Economics Department for Probus Award, 1990, 1991, and 1992.
University Career Development Chair, 1996-1997
Preliminary Round Judge, Henry M. Campbell Moot Court Competition,
University of Michigan Law School, November 13, 2002; November 6, 2004.

REFERENCES: provided upon request.