

ND Law School makes its mark on the study of fiduciary law

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A cohort of Notre Dame Law School faculty have made important recent contributions to the study of fiduciary law — a field of growing interest that focuses on relationships in which people (fiduciaries) represent others (their beneficiaries), exercising power over their person, property, or joint undertakings.

Notre Dame scholars are featured prominently in the just-published *Oxford Handbook of Fiduciary Law* [\[link: https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-oxford-handbook-of-fiduciary-law-9780190634100?cc=us&lang=en&\]](https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-oxford-handbook-of-fiduciary-law-9780190634100?cc=us&lang=en&), edited by Notre Dame Law School's Paul Miller [\[link: /directory/paul-miller/\]](https://law2.wm.edu/faculty/bios/fulltime/ejcriddle.php), in collaboration with Evan Criddle [\[link: https://law2.wm.edu/faculty/bios/fulltime/ejcriddle.php\]](https://law2.wm.edu/faculty/bios/fulltime/ejcriddle.php) of William & Mary Law School and Robert Sitkoff [\[link: https://hls.harvard.edu/faculty/directory/10813/Sitkoff\]](https://hls.harvard.edu/faculty/directory/10813/Sitkoff) of Harvard Law School. The Oxford Handbook of Fiduciary Law contains no less than 48 chapters, covering fiduciary law from a wide variety of perspectives.



Included in the volume are six chapters by Notre Dame faculty:

- A chapter on [fiduciary remedies](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3185158) [\[link: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3185158\]](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3185158), by Samuel Bray [\[link: /directory/samuel-bray/\]](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3113465)
- A chapter on fact-based fiduciary relationships by Daniel Kelly [\[link: /directory/daniel-kelly/\]](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3119136)
- A chapter on [fiduciary principles in charities and other nonprofits](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3113465) [\[link: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3113465\]](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3113465), by Lloyd Hitoshi Mayer [\[link: /directory/lloyd-mayer/\]](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3119136)
- Chapters on the [identification of fiduciary relationships](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3119136) [\[link: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3119136\]](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3119136), and [new frontiers in private fiduciary law](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3119136) [\[link: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3119136\]](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3119136), by Paul Miller [\[link: /directory/paul-miller/\]](https://law2.wm.edu/faculty/bios/fulltime/ejcriddle.php); and
- A chapter on [fiduciary principles in corporate law](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3374505) [\[link: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3374505\]](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3374505), by Julian Velasco [\[link: /directory/julian-velasco/\]](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3374505).

The *Oxford Handbook of Fiduciary Law* is unparalleled in the depth and breadth of the coverage it provides of the field, and the editors believe that it will have a significant impact on future scholarship. Commenting on the publication of the book, Professor Miller said, “We are excited to have shepherded the development of this major new resource on fiduciary law. I am personally very grateful to have had superb collaborators in Professors Criddle and Sitkoff, and I am also very proud of, and grateful for, the fantastic contributions of my Notre Dame colleagues.”

The *Oxford Handbook of Fiduciary* is just the most recent of the contributions Notre Dame scholars have made to fiduciary law, many of which now enjoy important support from the [Notre Dame Program on Private Law](https://www.brooklaw.edu/faculty/directory/facultymember/biography?id=andrew_gold) [\[link: /faculty-scholarship/interdisciplinary-studies/program-on-private-law/\]](https://www.brooklaw.edu/faculty/directory/facultymember/biography?id=andrew_gold).

Other contributions include leadership of the annual Fiduciary Law Workshop, the largest gathering of fiduciary law scholars in North America. Now approaching its seventh iteration, the Fiduciary Law Workshop was founded by [Professor Andrew Gold](https://www.brooklaw.edu/faculty/directory/facultymember/biography?id=andrew_gold) [\[link: https://www.brooklaw.edu/faculty/directory/facultymember/biography?id=andrew_gold\]](https://www.brooklaw.edu/faculty/directory/facultymember/biography?id=andrew_gold), of Brooklyn Law School and Professors Miller and Velasco of Notre Dame Law School. Notre Dame hosted the first workshop in 2013. Another is the annual International Fiduciary Law Conference, which draws scholars from around the world. Miller is one of the co-organizers of this event, and Velasco is a regular participant. The International Fiduciary Law Conference was hosted most recently by Hong Kong University in December, and it will be held next at Trinity College, University of Cambridge.

There are more exciting developments on the horizon, too. Miller and Velasco will be heading to Notre Dame's [Kylemore Abbey Global Centre](https://www.brooklaw.edu/faculty/directory/facultymember/biography?id=andrew_gold) [\[link: https://www.brooklaw.edu/faculty/directory/facultymember/biography?id=andrew_gold\]](https://www.brooklaw.edu/faculty/directory/facultymember/biography?id=andrew_gold), in Connemara, Ireland, in June to host a workshop on fiduciary principles and legal ethics, and Miller will participate in a symposium on the Future of Fiduciary Law organized by the William & Mary Law School in February 2020.

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