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Professor Henning received a B.A. from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga in 1972, a J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1976, and an LL.M. from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1982. He served on the faculties of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law and the University of Alabama School of Law before moving to Texas A&M in 2015, and he is now an emeritus member of both faculties. In 2002, he was awarded the Spurgeon Smithson Award, presented annually by the Trustees of The Missouri Bar Foundation for outstanding contributions to the legal profession by a member of The Missouri Bar.

In 1994, Professor Henning was appointed to serve as a Commissioner with the Uniform Law Commission (ULC). In 2001, while continuing his teaching responsibilities, he became the ULC's Executive Director, a position he held until 2007. Although no longer Executive Director, Professor Henning continues his work with the ULC as a Life Member. He is currently Vice-Chair of the ULC's Committee on the UCC, a member of the Permanent Editorial Board for the Uniform Commercial Code, and a member of a committee that is studying the entire architecture of the UCC to determine whether amendments are necessary in light of emerging technologies (spoiler alert – they are). He previously served as chair of a committee that drafted amendments to Articles 2 and 2A of the UCC, and as a member of a committee that drafted amendments to Article 9. He has also served the ULC as a member of its executive committee and as chair of one of the organization's divisions.

Professor Henning is a member of the American Law Institute, the American Bar Association (he is active in the ABA's Business Law Section), and he is a Fellow of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. He also is a member of the U.S. State Department's Advisory Committee on Private International Law, and he served on the U.S. Delegation to Working Group VI of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, which developed the UN Model Law on Secured Transactions.

Professor Henning has published widely in the field of commercial law and beyond. He has authored or co-authored numerous books, including *Understanding Sales and Leases of Goods*, 3rd ed. and *Understanding Secured Transactions*, 5th ed. (he also co-authored all prior editions of both *Understanding* books), as well as a chapter on the Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act in Hawkland's Uniform Commercial Code Series. He has also authored or co-authored numerous law review articles, including *Even Some*

International Law is Local: Implementation of Treaties through Subnational Mechanisms, 60 Va. J. Int'l L. 1 (2020) (lead article in 60th anniversary edition), *A Proposal for a National Tribally Owned Lien Filing System to Support Access to Capital in Indian Country*, 18 Wyo. L. Rev. 2 (2018), *Article 9 and the Characterization and Treatment of Tenant Security Deposits*, 25 U.A.L. Rev. 999 (2013); *Freedom of Contract vs. Free Alienability: An Old Struggle Emerges in a New Context*, 46 Gonzaga L. Rev. 353 (2011); *The Uniform Law Commission and Cooperative Federalism: Implementing Private International Law Conventions through Uniform State Laws*, 2 Elon L. Rev. 39 (2011); *A Unified Rationale for Section 2-607(3) Notification*, 46 S.D.L. Rev. 573 (2009); *Amended Article 2: What Went Wrong?*, 11 Duq. Bus. L.J. 131 (2009); and *Voluntarism in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina: The Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act*, with J. Hodge and R. Pepe, 1 AMA Journal of Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness, No. 1, p. 44 (2007).

Professor Henning has also made numerous presentations, including *How Young Lawyers Can Become Involved in Law Reform* (inaugural speaker in the Gonzaga Law School Faculty Speaker Series, Spokane, October 2019), *Professor William Henning and the Most Impactful Organization You Never Heard Of* (podcast for the Capital Center for Law and Policy, 2019), *Remedies Under UCC Article 2* (New England Law School, Boston, 2012); *Creating a Legal Infrastructure to Support Tribal Economic Development* (Property and Environment Research Center, Bozeman, 2012); *Making the Case: Tips for Using (or Being) a UCC Expert Witness* (ABA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2013); *Things We Like, and Dislike, About Article 9 of the UCC* (Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Amelia Island, 2012); *UCC Article 2 and Related Issues* (New England Law School, Boston 2012); *International Business Regulation* (Southeastern Association of Law Schools, West Palm Beach, 2010); *Principles of the Law of Software Contracting: The ALI Passed It. Now What?* (Southeastern Association of Law Schools, West Palm Beach, 2009).