AUSTIN, TEXAS (March 5, 2018) – The Tarlton Law Library at The University of Texas School of Law recently published the oral history interview of Jay Westbrook.


Jay Westbrook is the Benno C. Schmidt Chair of Business Law at the University of Texas School of Law. He is a distinguished scholar in the field of bankruptcy and a pioneer in the area as it relates to empirical research and international and comparative studies. A member of the American Law Institute, the National Bankruptcy Conference, and the American College of Bankruptcy, he serves as a consultant to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. He was the United States Reporter for the ALI’s Transnational Insolvency Project and co-head of the United States delegation to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) conference that created the Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency. He is an emeritus director of the International Insolvency Institute and a director and former president of the International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law. He has been the recipient of outstanding contribution awards from the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, the International Insolvency Institute, and the American College of Bankruptcy and has twice been named the Outstanding Teacher at the University of Texas School of Law. He co-authored The Law of Debtors and Creditors, As We Forgive Our Debtors: Bankruptcy and Consumer Credit in America, The Fragile Middle Class, and A Global View of Business Insolvency Systems.

This interview continues Tarlton’s mission to document the history of the School of Law and the legal history of Texas and the United States. The project began in 1986 when a grant from the Texas Sesquicentennial Commission funded five oral history interviews. Since that time, over twenty interviews have been published with School of Law faculty and alumni.

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