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Melissa B. Jacoby is the Graham Kenan Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and, for Spring 2016, the Robert M. Zinman Scholar for the American Bankruptcy Institute. She teaches bankruptcy, lending transactions, and contracts. In 2015, her research on corporate bankruptcy and secured credit won the Grant Gilmore Award from the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers and the Chadbourn Award from UNC Law. She was the inaugural winner, in 2009, of the Byrd Award for teaching at UNC Law. Jacoby is an elected member of the American Law Institute, the National Bankruptcy Conference, and the American College of Bankruptcy, for which she also is a member of the Board of Regents. For her professional service contributions, she won UNC Law's Pro Bono Publico Award for Faculty member of the year in 2012. Jacoby clerked for the Honorable Robert E. Ginsberg of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Honorable Marjorie O. Rendell of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She also worked on a wide spectrum of bankruptcy policy and reform issues, principally as a staff attorney for the National Bankruptcy Review Commission. She graduated with honors from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, as well as Penn's College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in history.

Financial Services, Education/Learning, Legislative Office, Judiciary, Program Development, Public Policy

Local Government Law, Local Government State , Bankruptcy, Commercial Law

Elected Fellow and Member of Board of Regents American College of Bankruptcy, Elected Member of the American Law Institute, Elected Member of the National Bankruptcy Conference

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J.D. Law

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B.A. History

Grant Gilmore Award

2015 Grant Gilmore Award for Superior Writing in the Field of Commercial Finance, American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers

Chadbourn Award

2015 The Chadbourn Award is named for James H. Chadbourn, editor-in-chief of the North Carolina Law Review in 1930-1931, a member of the UNC Law faculty from 1931-1936, and a co-author of leading texts in civil procedure, federal court, and evidence. In 1933, while at UNC, Chadbourn bravely authored a controversial work titled "Lynching and the Law." This award honors a faculty member's distinguished law journal article.

Byrd Award

2009 The Byrd Award is conferred upon a teacher whose courses are principally in the 1L curriculum, who teaches small classes or clinics or who employs a vigorous and creative classroom approach. As an expert in bankruptcy, contracts, corporate reorganization and secured transactions, Jacoby has a gift for presenting challenging material clearly to her students. She is known for her high expectations of students and praised for providing constructive feedback in her writing courses.

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