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### **Bio**

Dean Polden is a well-known scholar in the areas of employment law and legal education. He has practiced law, principally in the areas of federal antitrust law and employment law, in the federal and state courts. Dean Polden has participated in antitrust cases in the Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court and has argued cases involving claims of price-fixing, monopolization and attempts to monopolize before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is co-author (with U.S. District Court Judge Mark Bennett) of *Employment Relationships: Law and Practice*, published by Aspen Publishing Company. He also is the author of several law review articles on topics of federal antitrust and securities law and legal education. His 1989 article on standing to sue in private antitrust litigation was cited by the United States Supreme Court.

Previous to being appointed Dean in 2003, Polden served as Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Memphis (1993-2003) where he taught courses in corporate law, antitrust law, federal securities regulation and employment law. In addition, he served as Associate Dean (1991-1993) and Professor of Law (1976-1993) at Drake University School of Law.

### **Areas of Specialization**

Corporations Law  
Employment Law  
Antitrust Law  
Securities Regulation

### **Affiliations and Honors**

- American Law Institute (elected 1993)
- Life Member, American Bar Foundation
- Fellow, College of Labor and Employment Lawyers
- Member, Standing Committee of the ABA's Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
- Member, Association of American Law Schools

### **Courses Taught**

[Corporate Governance Seminar](#)  
[Law of Nonprofit Organizations](#)

### **EDUCATION**

B.B.A., Economics, George Washington University, 1970  
J.D., Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, 1975, cum laude