# JOHN D. KNOPF

University of Connecticut One University Place Stamford, Connecticut 06901 Tel: (203) 251-8568 john.knopf@uconn.edu

#### **CURRENT POSITION**

- School of Business PMBA Academic Director, University of Connecticut, 2016 to present.
- School of Business CITI Interim Academic Director, University of Connecticut, 2019 to present

#### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- University of Connecticut Associate Professor, 2010 to present.
- Stamford Campus School of Business Director, University of Connecticut, 2014 to 2020.
- University of Connecticut Assistant Professor, 2004 to 2009.
- Seton Hall University Associate Professor, 2002 to 2004.
- Pace University Assistant Professor, 1995 to 2002.
- New York University Visiting Assistant Professor, 1994 to 1995.
- Gothenburg University Visiting Assistant Professor, 1992 to 1994.
- New York University Adjunct Assistant Professor or Instructor, 1986 to 1992.
- Towson State University Instructor, 1981 to 1983.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

 Wrote Expert Opinion Letters and/or Conducted Training for the following clients: AT&T Wireless, Bankers Trust, Booz Allen Hamilton, Credit Suisse First Boston, D.E. Shaw, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers, ING, Metropolitan Life, McKinsey & Co., Moore Capital Interwoven, Morgan Stanley, Salomon Smith Barney, World Bank, Republic National Bank, Fragomen Del Rey & Bernsen, Merrill Lynch, UBS Warburg, and Verizon.

#### **EDUCATION**

- New York University Ph.D. 1993. Major: Finance; Minor: Statistics and OR.
- New York University M.Phil. 1987. Major: Finance.
- Loyola College M.B.A. 1981. Concentration: Finance.
- Ithaca College B.A. 1979. Major: Economics; Minor: Mathematics

# EDITORIAL AND REFEREE ACTIVITY

- Editorial Boards: UConn School of Business Magazine, Journal of Emerging Market Finance
- Ad Hoc Referee, Journal of Banking and Finance, European Financial Management, Journal of Empirical Finance, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Financial Review, International Review of Economics, Journal of Financial Services Research, Journal of Financial Stability.

### HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Ackerman Scholar In recognition of significant and continuing all-round academic productivity School of Business, University of Connecticut, 2009 2011.
- Summer Research Grant School of Business, University of Connecticut, 2010.
- Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Research Grant School of Business, University of Connecticut, 2008.
- Readers' Choice Best Paper Award European Financial Management, 2007.
- CIBER Research Grant School of Business, University of Connecticut, 2005.
- Seton Hall University Provost Award for Best Research Paper, 2004.
- Lubin School Summer Research Grant Pace University, 1998.
- Lubin Faculty Scholarly Research Award Pace University, 1996.
- Gothenburg School of Economics Research Grant Gothenburg University, 1994.
- Bankförskings Institute Research Grant Wallenberg Fund, 1993.
- Beta Gamma Sigma Stern School of Business, New York University, 1987.
- Outstanding Teacher Award Stern School of Business, New York University, 1986-87.

# MEMBERSHIPS

- Financial Management Association.
- American Finance Association.
- World Affairs Forum Stamford, Connecticut Former Chair, Board of Directors
- Business Council of Fairfield County
- Beta Gamma Sigma

# PUBLICATIONS

- "Do Managers Seek Control and Entrenchment," with P. Borochin. *Journal of Corporate Finance*, April 2021.
- *Lead Article*. "The Role of the Chief Legal Officer in Corporate Governance," with R. Bird and P. Borochin. *Journal of Corporate Finance*, October 2015.
- Lead Article. "The Impact of Local Knowledge on Banking," with R. Bird. Journal of Financial Services Research, August 2015.
- "Bank Failure and CEO Compensation," with W. Dolde. In J. Barth, C. Lin, and C. Wihlborg, eds., *Research Handbook for Banking and Governance*, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2012.
- "Do Disability Laws Impair Firm Effectiveness?" *American Business Law Journal*, with R. Bird, Spring 2010.
- "Impact of Corporate Ownership and Governance on Risk-Taking and Returns at Real Estate Investment Trusts," with W. Dolde. *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*, 2009.
- "IPOs, Clustering, Indirect Learning, and Filing Independently," with H. Colaco, C. Ghosh and J. Teall. *Journal of Banking and Finance*, Vol. 33, 2009.
- Lead Article. "Do Wrongful Discharge Laws Impair Firm Performance?" with R. Bird. Journal of Law and Economics, May 2009.
- "Inside Shareholders' Effective Tax Rates and Dividends," with M. Holmen and S. Peterson. *Journal of Banking and Finance*, September 2008.
- "European Integration and Executive Compensation Structures: Results from Bargaining and Merger Activity," with J. Teall, Emerald Press, 2008.

- "Trading-off Corporate Control and Personal Diversification through Capital Structure and Merger Activity," with M. Holmen and S. Peterson. *Journal of Business, Finance and Accounting* November/December 2007.
- *Readers' Choice Best Paper Award.* "Managerial Stock Option and the Hedging Premium," with N. Hagelin, M. Holmen and B. Pramborg. *European Financial Management*, September 2007.
- "Minority Shareholder Protections and the Private Benefits of Control for Swedish Mergers," with M. Holmen, *Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis*, March 2004.
- "Shareholder Wealth, Risk-Taking and Thrift Institution Governance," with V. Gargalas and J. Teall. *Journal of Financial and Economic Practice*, Fall 2003.
- "The Price and Volatility Sensitivities of Managerial Stock Option Portfolios and Corporate Hedging," with J. Nam and J. Thornton, *Journal of Finance*, Vol. 57, 2002.
- "The Impact of SEC Registration Requirements for IPOs on Underpricing," with J. Teall, *Journal of Research in Finance*, Vol. 3, 2000.
- "The IPO Effect and Measurement of Risk," with J. Teall, *Journal of Financial and Strategic Decisions*, Vol. 12, 1999.
- "Dividends and Conflicts Between Equityholders and Debtholders with Weak Monitoring: The Case of India," with S. Gangopadhyay in J. Doukas, V. Murinde and C. Wihlborg, eds., *Financial Sector Reform and Privatization in Transition Economies*, Elsevier Science Publishers B.V., 1998.
- "Thrift Size, Risk-Taking and Return Performance," with J. Teall, *Managerial Finance*, Vol. 23, 1997.
- "Risk Taking Behavior in the Thrift Industry: Ownership Structure and Regulatory Changes," with J. Teall, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, Vol. 20, 1996.
- Government Regulations: The U.S. Experience," with J. Teall in S. Gangopadhyay, W. Wadhwa, and C. Wihlborg, eds., *Enabling Financial Markets: Institutions and Regulations*, Allied Publications Limited, UNDP New Delhi, 1996.

# PRESENTATIONS

- Midwest Finance Association, 2020 (Accepted), "Do Boards Have Style? Evidence from Director Style Divergence and Board Turnover," with R. Bird, P. Borochin, L. Ma.
- Journal of Corporate Finance Special Issue Conference, 2020, "Do Managers Seek Control and Entrenchment," with P. Borochin.
- Southern Finance Association, 2019, "Do Boards Have Style? Evidence from Director Style Divergence and Board Turnover," with R. Bird, P. Borochin, L. Ma.
- Financial Management Association, 2019, "Do Boards Have Style? Evidence from Director Style Divergence and Board Turnover," with R. Bird, P. Borochin, L. Ma.
- Financial Management Association, 2016, "Optimal Thrift Insider Ownership," with P. Borochin.
- Financial Management Association, 2014, "The Value of the Chief Legal Officer to the Firm," with R. Bird and P. Borochin.
- University of Connecticut Law School, 2014, "The Value of the Chief Legal Officer to the Firm," with R. Bird and P. Borochin.
- Academy of Legal Studies in Business, 2013, "The Impact of Labor Mobility on Bank Performance," with R. Bird.

- University of Gothenburg, 2011, "Opacity Risk and Ownership Structure of S&Ls," with W. Dolde.
- Multinational Finance Conference, 2011, "IPO Amendments and Offer Price Reactions," with C. Ghosh and H. Colaco.
- Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2010, "The Impact of Labor Mobility on Bank Performance," with R. Bird.
- European Financial Management Association, 2009, "The Information Content of the Length of the IPO Registration Period," with H. Colaco, C. Ghosh, and J. Teall.
- Centre for European Policy Studies, 2008, "CEO Compensation in Europe— Influences from the US."
- Financial Management Association, 2008, "The Information Content of the Length of the IPO Registration Period," with H. Colaco, C. Ghosh, and J. Teall.
- Academy of Legal Studies in Business, 2008, "Do Disability Laws Impair Firm Effectiveness?" with R. Bird.
- University of Connecticut at Stamford Faculty Colloquium Series, 2007, "Do Wrongful Discharge Laws Impair Firm Performance?" with R. Bird.
- Potsdam University, The New Business of Banking in Europe Regional Identity vs. International Competition, 2007, "Impact of Corporate Ownership and Governance on Thrift Risk-Taking and Returns," with W. Dolde.
- University of Connecticut Department of Economics, 2007, "Do Wrongful Discharge Laws Impair Firm Performance?" with R. Bird.
- Swedish Network for European Studies in Economics and Business, 2007, "European Integration and Executive Compensation Structures: Results from Bargaining and Merger Activity," with J. Teall.
- Financial Management Association, 2007, "IPOs and the Degree of Independence," with H. Colaco and J. Teall.
- Eastern Finance Association, 2007, "IPOs and the Degree of Independence," with H. Colaco and J. Teall.
- Seton Hall University, 2007, "IPOs and the Degree of Independence," with H. Colaco and J. Teall.
- University of Connecticut, 2006, "Impact of Corporate Ownership and Governance on Thrift Risk-Taking and Returns," with W. Dolde.
- Financial Management Association, 2006, "Impact of Corporate Ownership and Governance on Thrift Risk-Taking and Returns," with W. Dolde.
- Academy of Legal Studies in Business, 2006, "Do Wrongful Discharge Laws Impair Firm Performance?" with R. Bird.
- Financial Management Association, 2006, "Inside Shareholders' Effective Tax Rates and Dividends," with M. Holmen and S. Peterson.
- European Financial Management, 2006, "Inside Shareholders' Effective Tax Rates and Dividends," with M. Holmen and S. Peterson.
- Financial Management Association, 2005, "Managerial Stock Option and the Hedging Premium," with N. Hagelin, M. Holmen and B. Pramborg.
- Financial Management Association, 2004, "The Impact of Controlling Shareholder Diversification on the Firm," with M. Holmen and S. Peterson.
- Financial Management Association, 2002, "The Impact of Large Shareholders and Managerial Self-Interest on Corporate Capital Structure: An Empirical Study of Swedish Firms," with M. Holmen and S. Peterson.

- European Finance Association, 2000, "Corporate Governance: An Analysis of Insider Ownership, Dual Class Shares and Pyramids," with M. Holmen.
- European Financial Management Association, 2000, "Corporate Governance: An Analysis of Insider Ownership, Dual Class Shares and Pyramids," with M. Holmen.
- European Financial Management Association, 1999, "The Effect of Dual Ownership and Target Shares on Shareholder Wealth: An Empirical Study of Swedish Mergers," with M. Holmen.
- Southern Finance Association, 1999, "The Impact of SEC Registration Requirements on IPO Underpricing," with J. Teall.
- Financial Management Association, 1999, "The Effect of Dual Ownership and Target Shares on Shareholder Wealth: An Empirical Study of Swedish Mergers," with M. Holmen.
- European Finance Association, 1998, "The Dividend Decision: An Empirical Examination of Swedish Firms," with S. Peterson.
- Australian Finance and Banking Association, 1998, "The Effect of Dual Ownership and Target Shares on Shareholder Wealth: An Empirical Study of Swedish Mergers," with M. Holmen.
- Financial Management Association, 1997, "Efficiency, Non-Traditional Activities and Control in the S&L Industry," with I. Hasan and J. Teall.
- Eastern Finance Association, 1997, "Risk Measurement and the Pricing of IPOs," with K. Sutrick and J. Teall.
- European Financial Management Association, 1996, "The Impact of Large Shareholder and Managerial Self-Interest on Corporate Capital Structure: An Empirical Study of Swedish Firms," with S. Peterson.