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Academic Appointments

George Washington University Law School 2020 - Present

Associate Professor, Fundamentals of Lawyering (July 2023 – Present)

Visiting Associate Professor, Fundamentals of Lawyering (July 2020 – June 2023)

Courses: Fundamentals of Lawyering I & II

Service: Faculty Advisor, Sandra Day O'Connor Inn of Court (July 2023 – present);
Faculty Advisor, Robert H. Jackson Inn of Court (July 2020 – June 2023)
Member, Intellectual Life Committee (2024 – present)
Member, Academic Integrity Committee (2024 – present)
Member, Clerkship & Judicial Engagement Committee (2022 – 2024)
Member, Student Wellness Committee (2022 – 2024)

Grants: Received research grants in Summer 2021 and Summer 2023

Fordham Law School 2019 - 2020
Adjunct Professor

Education

Fordham Law School 2013
J.D., *cum laude*

Fordham Urban Law Journal, Notes & Articles Editor, Vol. XL; Staff Editor, Vol. XXXIX

Dean's List, 2011–13

Ruth Whitehead Whaley Scholar

Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award

Stonehill College 2007
B.A., Political Science

Research Interests

Judicial administration and reform, judicial appointments, legal history, civil procedure, and federal courts

Publications

Articles

Circuit Capture and the National Court of Appeals

97 TEMPLE L. REV. ____ (forthcoming 2025)

[\[ssrn\]](#)

Judging Biden

75 SMU L. REV. FORUM 150 (Feb. 2022)

[\[ssrn\]](#)

Has All Heck Broken Loose? Examining Heck’s Favorable-Termination Requirement in the Second Circuit after *Poventud v. City of New York*

42 FORDHAM URB. L. J. 451 (Dec. 2014)

[\[ssrn\]](#)

Works in Progress

Breaking the Ginsburg Rules (drafting in progress)

Credentialing (research in progress)

Working Papers

The Confirmation Death Spiral

[\[ssrn\]](#)

Op-Eds

Judges Who Refuse to Retire Under Trump Are Not “Playing Politics”

Balls and Strikes, Dec. 10, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Democratic Cowardice, Republican Islamophobia Threaten Historic Court Pick

TRT World, May 10, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Blue Slip Abuse Will Only Make Judge-Shopping Problem Worse

Daily Journal, Sept. 15, 2023

Biden Should Pick Up Pace on Choosing Judges Before Window Closes

Bloomberg Law, July 25, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

Presentations and Media Appearances

Presentations

Circuit Capture and the National Court of Appeals

Presenter, Thirteenth Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop
The George Washington University Law School
Washington, DC (Mar. 9, 2024)

Circuit Capture and the National Court of Appeals

Presenter, Junior Faculty Forum
University of Richmond School of Law
Richmond, VA (May 23, 2023)

Selected News Articles

Trump's Victory has some Liberal Judges Reversing Their Retirement Plans

CNN, Dec. 5, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

House Democrats Split on Bill to Add Judges After Trump Win

Bloomberg Law, Dec. 5, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Judge Called 'Political Hack' for Unretiring After Trump Win

Bloomberg Law, Dec. 4, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

2 Federal Judges Rescind Senior Status After Trump Win. Might More Follow?

The National Law Journal, Dec. 2, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

What's the Deal with the "Deal" that Senate Democrats Made on Judicial Nominations?

Balls and Strikes, Nov. 21, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

From Champagne to Speeches, Would-Be Trump Supreme Court Justices Draw Conservative Buzz

CNN, Nov. 21, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Ohio Judge Reverses Senior Status Plans Post-Election

Law360, Nov. 12, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Trump Readies to Name 'Fearless' Conservative Judges in Second Term

Reuters, Nov. 8, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Half of All Federal Judges Could be Trump Appointees by End of His Next Term

Newsweek, Nov. 7, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Where May Vacancies for Trump Arise? These GOP-Appointed Circuit Judges Qualify for Senior Status

The National Law Journal, Nov. 6, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Trump, GOP Poised to Add More Conservatives to Federal Courts

Roll Call, Nov. 6, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

GOP Will Get a Crack at the Judiciary, But First, Lame Duck

Law360, Nov. 6, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

The Next President is Poised to Inherit the Fewest Judicial Vacancies in Generations

NBC News, Oct. 5, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Biden Faces Hurdles to Match Trump on Judicial Appointments

Roll Call, Aug. 28, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

High Court's First Asian Justice May Be Byproduct of Trump

Bloomberg Law, Aug. 8, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Biden Favors Younger Judges in Shift from Previous Democrats

Bloomberg Law, July 24, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Wilmette Resident Nancy Maldonado Confirmed to Seventh Circuit

The Chicago Tribune, July 8, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Biden Passes 200th Judicial Confirmation Milestone as Election Looms

Reuters, May 22, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Biden Faces Political Dilemma on Stalled Muslim Judge Nominee

Bloomberg Law, May 14, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Dueling Bills Highlight Partisan Divide Over 'Judge Shopping'

Law360, Apr. 15, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Muslim Lawyers Recoil at GOP Attacks on Historic Court Pick

Bloomberg Law, Mar. 29, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Senator Kennedy's Judicial Pop Quizzes Trip Up Nervous Nominees

Bloomberg Law, Feb. 28, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Clinton, Obama Circuit Judges Shun Retirement as Election Looms

Bloomberg Law, Jan. 10, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Biden Secures 150th Judicial Confirmation with US Senate Votes

Reuters, Nov. 7, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

All-Biden Court Shows Partisan Shift in How Judges Get Confirmed

Bloomberg Law, Oct. 23, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

Color of Justice: All-White Benches Persist in US District Courts

Bloomberg Law, Sept. 5, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

Senate Confirms Bradley N. Garcia to Appeals Court in DC

Roll Call, May 15, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

Biden Circuit Nominee Remains in Limbo as Feinstein Returns

Bloomberg Law, May 11, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

Wave of Federal Judges Ditch Bench for Lucrative Big Law Jobs

Bloomberg Law, Mar. 16, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

Biden Nominee Failed Senator’s Constitutional Pop Quiz. Here’s What Ex-Judges Had to Say

The National Law Journal, Jan. 31, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

Democrats Renew Push to Confirm Biden’s Pick for Federal Courts

Roll Call, Jan. 23, 2023

[\[www\]](#)

Joe Biden has a Chance to Rebalance America’ Judiciary

The Economist, Nov. 24, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

Schumer Said to Prioritize Judges When Lame Duck Begins

Bloomberg Law, Nov. 10, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

Federal Judge Lee, Former Barrington Resident, Appointed to Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

The Chicago Tribune, Sept. 22, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

In Departure from Trump Era Nominations, Biden Relies Less on Feeder Judges

The National Law Journal, Aug. 17, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

Progressive Groups Say Democrats Need to Move Faster on Judicial Nominees

The National Law Journal, July 8, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

Midterms Pressure Biden, Senate on Circuit Court Appointments

Bloomberg Law, June 29, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

Ninth Circuit Judge Urges Biden, Nevada Senators to Pick State AG's Wife as Successor

Reuters, Apr. 14, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

More Diverse Appointments Are Set to Reshape America's Judiciary

The Economist, Jan. 15, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

Fifth Circuit Judge Gregg Costa to Resign, Creating Second Vacancy for Biden

The National Law Journal, Jan. 13, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

Biden's Flurry of Nominations Will Bring Generations of Diversity to Federal Courts

The Los Angeles Times, Dec. 22, 2021

[\[www\]](#)

In One Year, Joe Biden Has Confirmed More Lifetime Judges than Decades of Presidents

HuffPost, Dec. 21, 2021

[\[www\]](#)

Federal Courts Aren't Royal Ones

The Wall Street Journal, Dec. 8, 2021

[\[www\]](#)

Pooler and Cabranes to Take Senior Status, Opening Two Seats on Second Circuit Bench

The New York Law Journal, Oct. 7, 2021

[\[www\]](#)

Biden Takes Time Weighing Next Pick for D.C. Circuit

Bloomberg Law, Sept. 2, 2021

[\[www\]](#)

Are Judicial Picks with Defender Past Unfairly Criticized? Yes, and It's Not New, Experts Say

The New York Law Journal, July 16, 2021

[\[www\]](#)

Video Interviews

Schumer Presses to Confirm Federal Judges, as Clock Ticks Down on Dem Majority

NY1, Dec. 12, 2024

[\[www\]](#)

Biden Looks to Keep Up Brisk Pace Filling U.S. Courts

Reuters, Feb. 2, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

Podcasts

Judicial Nominations and Confirmations with Professor John P. Collins

NYU J. of Leg. & Pub. Pol'y

LawsFlaws Podcast, Mar. 18, 2022

[\[www\]](#)

Experience

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

2014 – 2019

Associate, Litigation Group, New York, NY

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

2013 – 2014

Law Clerk, Chambers of Judge Andrew J. Peck

U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York

Fall 2012

Intern, Criminal Division

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Summer 2012

Intern, Chambers of Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska

Spring 2012

Royal Courts of Justice, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Summer 2011

Intern, Chambers of Lord Chief Justice Declan Morgan

Bar Admissions

Southern District of New York

2014

Eastern District of New York

2014

New York (active)

2014

Personal

Before law school, I umpired professionally in Minor League Baseball's Gulf Coast and New York-Penn Leagues. I like reading about history, exercising, golfing, cooking (with an emphasis on smoking and baking), and watching British crime dramas. I am a life-long New York Mets fan and novice Tottenham Hotspur supporter, for my sins.