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ACADEMIC AND PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

The George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC

Associate Professor, Fundamentals of Lawyering Program

July 2022 – Present

Visiting Associate Professor, Fundamentals of Lawyering Program

July 2019 – June 2022

Professorial Lecturer in the Law, Legal Research and Writing

January 2014 – June 2019

- Teach two sections of Fundamentals of Lawyering—a six-credit, year-long required course that trains first-year law students to serve clients by developing essential skills in legal research and writing, client service, problem-solving, appellate writing, oral advocacy, lawyering skills, and professional identity formation.
- Supervise and mentor a team of upper-class students (“Dean’s Fellows”) who assist in the administration of the Fundamentals of Lawyering program.
- Serve as a faculty advisor for the George Washington Law School Inns of Court program, which focuses on professional identity formation, the development of non-analytical legal skills, and self-evaluation to craft a meaningful legal career.
- Lead the Client Research Memorandum Team to develop content for the program-wide Client Research Memorandum – the graded writing assignment for the fall semester.
- Mentored hundreds of students as the leader of their smallest academic section, helping them adjust to life at law school, prepare for the practice of law, and navigate the start of their careers.

Williams & Connolly LLP, Washington, DC

Associate

November 2010 – August 2018

Summer Associate

Summer 2007

- Engaged in all major aspects of trial and appellate level litigation, developing particular strengths in interviewing and preparing witnesses to testify, drafting briefs and motions to trial and appellate courts, arguing before adjudicators, examining witnesses at trial and in deposition, and managing case teams.
- Drafted briefs to the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Sixth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits and drafted numerous briefs in federal and state courts, including dispositive motions, motions in limine, motions for summary judgment, pre-trial motions, trial briefs, motions for directed verdict, jury instructions, post-trial motions, and appellate briefs.
- Litigated issues related to a broad range of substantive areas, focusing on complex civil litigation, government investigations, appellate, and pro bono matters, including civil and criminal antitrust, contract disputes, securities litigation, False Claims Act liability, Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA) liability, federal preemption of state law pharmaceutical regulations, trade secret, and fraud. Representative matters include:
 - *U.S. ex rel. O’Donnell v. Bank of America*, 15-496, 15-499 (2d. Cir.), 12-cv-1422 (S.D.N.Y.) Key member of the trial and appellate teams through which we ultimately obtained a complete victory for the client in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit on appeal of a \$1.2 billion jury verdict after a six-week trial for alleged violations of FIRREA.
 - *U.S. ex rel. Chase v. Sunrise Senior Living*, No. 16-16670 (11th Cir.), No. 8:10-cv-01061-JSM-TGW (M.D. Fla.) – Defended Sunrise Senior Living against alleged False Claims Act violations, winning a motion to dismiss in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida and obtaining an affirmance on appeal to United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

- *Marsh v. Genentech Inc.*, Nos. 11-2373/2385/2417/2419 (6th Cir.) Obtained affirmance of dismissal after drafting brief to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit arguing that Genentech was immune from state law claims for its biologic Raptiva by virtue of its FDA approval for the drug.
- Obtained asylum for two teenage girls who escaped kidnapping in El Salvador by preparing the girls to testify, questioning them at their hearing, and creating a substantial evidentiary file, including medical records from El Salvador, photographs and drawings of the home where they were held during their kidnapping, expert witness reports from leading D.C.-area trauma experts, and statements from witnesses in El Salvador.

Hon. Eugene Siler, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, London, KY
Law Clerk

October 2009 – August 2010

Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, New York, NY
Summer Associate

June – September 2009

Hon. Amul Thapar, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, London, KY
Law Clerk

June 2008 – May 2009

City-YUWA Partners, Tokyo, Japan
Summer Associate

Summer 2006

EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC
 J.D. and LL.M. in International and Comparative Law, May 2008
 Hong Kong Institute in Transnational Law, Summer 2006
Justin Miller Award for Intellectual Curiosity
Duke Law Journal, Senior Research Editor
Research Assistant, 2006 – 2008

Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, IN
 B.A. with Highest Distinction in Political Science, May 2005
 Worked full-time throughout college as a waitress at Caesar's Indiana Riverboat Casino

PUBLICATIONS, LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, & WORK IN PROGRESS

Presentation at the Capital Area Legal Writing Conference: Client-Centered Counsel: Teaching Future Lawyers to Put the "Client" in Brilliant Service, with Co-presenter Prashant Khetan (May 29, 2025)

Presentation to the GW Law Christian Legal Society: Discerning How to Serve the Lord as a Law Student and Lawyer (Feb. 24, 2024)

EXCITED UTTERANCE, THE EVIDENCE AND PROOF PODCAST: *Should Evidence Law Include Apologies?* (Apple Podcasts, February 2, 2022)

It Is Better To Be Safe When Sorry: Advocating a Federal Rule of Evidence that Excludes Apologies, 69 U. KAN. L. REV. 201 (2020).

Making Sense of the State Action Doctrine, 51 SANTA CLARA L. REV. 885 (2011), with John Niles and Lauren Tribble

Managing Complex Litigation in the Bankruptcy Context, “Bet the Company” Litigation 2009: Best Practices for Complex Cases Course Handbook, Ch. 5 (PLI), with Jack Stern

Guest Lecturer on Federal Jurisdiction at Northern Kentucky University’s Chase College of Law (Winter 2009)

Note, *Rendering Turner Toothless: The Supreme Court’s Decision in Beard v. Banks*, 57 DUKE L.J. 1209 (2008)

Taught the seminar component of Introduction to American Law to foreign LL.M. students as teaching assistant to Professor Thomas Metzloff at Duke University School of Law for the Fall Semester 2007

Taught First Year Seminar to new students in conjunction with Introduction to American Politics class taught by Dr. Thomas Kotulak at Indiana University Southeast from September 2004 through May 2005

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

My current research explores the effects of rules and procedure, including the kinds of evidence considered by courts, on issues of fairness and justice, particularly as these values affect underprivileged individuals and groups. My teaching interests include legal research and writing, professional identity formation, trial and appellate advocacy, and evidence.

ADMISSIONS

California, District of Columbia, United States Supreme Court, United States Courts of Appeals for the Sixth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits, United States District Court for the District of Columbia