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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, *Washington, DC*
Lyle T. Alverson Professor of Law, August 2023-present

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, *Winston-Salem, NC*

University Chair, 2022-2023

Howard L. Oleck Professor of Business Law, 2017-2022

Director of Business Law Program, 2015-2022

Wake Forest University Leadership Development Program 2016-2017

Director, London Summer Program, Summer 2016

Professor of Law, 2012-2017

Associate Professor of Law, 2009-2012

Assistant Professor of Law, 2006-2009

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FRANCIS KING CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW, *Baltimore, MD*

Visiting Professor of Law, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

LENOVO, *Washington, DC*

Senior Counsel, 2005-2006

INVISTA, *Wilmington, DE*

Senior Counsel, 2003-2005

WILMER HALE, *Washington, DC*

Associate, 2001-2003

SUPREME COURT OF DELAWARE, *Wilmington, DE*

Law Clerk to the Honorable Chief Justice E. Norman Veasey, 1999-2000

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SIMMONS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, *Winston-Salem, NC*

Executive Director/Co-Founder, 1996-present

Manage award-winning nonprofit organization, on a volunteer basis, that provides college consulting services and mentoring to vulnerable students. For over three decades, SMF has assisted over a thousand students in their pursuit of higher education. Oversee strategic planning, fundraising, recruiting, partnerships, community outreach, and other operational functions.

SYSTEMS INTEGRATION & MANAGEMENT, *Arlington, VA*

President/CEO, March 2013-July 2015.

Managed 120+ employee, multi-office, small business providing services to the U.S. Department of Defense. Services included Data Center Operations, Network Security, Systems Administration, and Enterprise Service Help Desk. Held top secret security and facility clearance. Oversaw all operational functions including strategic planning, negotiations, compliance, budgeting, customer relations, subcontractor relations, and personnel. Among other contracts, SIM held a multiyear \$90 million contract to operate the US Navy's Enterprise Service Help Desk, supporting approximately 670,000 remote customers, both active and reserve troops, worldwide. The Help Desk consistently achieved a 97% customer satisfaction rating.

RED PIANO TOO ART GALLERY, *Saint Helena Island, SC*

Co-Owner, 2013-2020

Community art gallery representing over 150 artists: fine, self-taught, and craft.

**LICENSES &
CERTIFICATIONS**

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE DIRECTORS,
NACD Directorship Certification®

VC UNIVERSITY

Independent Director Initiative Certification

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR ASSOCIATION, Member

MARYLAND BAR ASSOCIATION, Member

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, *United Kingdom*

LLM, International Economic Law, June 2001

Thouron Fellow

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL OF LAW, *Philadelphia, PA*

J.D., May 1999

Senior Editor, *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law*

Honors: Thouron Award & Fontaine Fellowship

Cross-registered at the Wharton School of Business, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, and FELS School of Government

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, *Winston-Salem, NC*

B.A. in Economics and History, *magna cum laude*, May 1996

Double major completed in 3.5 years

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, *Stanford, CA*

American Economics Association Summer Program, Summer 1995

**SCHOLARSHIP
BOOKS &
CHAPTERS**

Books

WE HELP OURSELVES: THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LEON H. SULLIVAN
(forthcoming book under contract with Univ. of California Press)

POTENTIAL ON THE PERIPHERY: COLLEGE ACCESS FROM THE GROUND UP (a study that contextualizes the experience of one college access organization within the broader realm of existing education practice, academic theory, and public policy) (Rutgers Univ. Press 2018)

Chapters

Cross-Selling Gatekeepers, in THE RESEARCH HANDBOOK OF AGENCY AND INTERMEDIATION (Deborah DeMott & Tan Cheng-Han eds.) (forthcoming Elgar Publishing 2026)

Pipelines to Broaden Law School Admissions, in BUILDING AN ANTIRACIST LAW SCHOOL, LEGAL ACADEMY, AND LEGAL PROFESSION (Conway, Roberts, & Austin eds.) (forthcoming Univ. of California Press 2026)

A Holistic Model for Student Success in STEM (with J. Adams, D. Bright, J. Jackson), in SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY: RESEARCH FROM SOUTH AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES (Willie Pearson & Vijay Reddy eds.) (Springer 2021)

Judging the Public Benefit Corporation, in THE CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISE LAW (Benjamin Means & Joseph Yockey eds.) (Cambridge Univ. Press 2018)

**LAW REVIEW
ARTICLES**

Business Law

Profits with Principles, COLUM. J. TRANS. L. (forthcoming 2026)

Cross-Selling Governance, VA. L. & BUS. REV. (forthcoming 2026)

Corporate Evolution, 46 CARDOZO L. REV. 1245 (2025)

Political Risk Management, 64 WM. & MARY L. REV. 707 (2023) (reprinted in 65 CORP. PRACTICE COMMENTATOR (2023))

Selective Patronage, 46 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 331 (2023)

The Federal Option: Delaware as a De-Facto Agency, 96 WASH. L. REV. 935 (2021)

Forgotten Gatekeepers: Executive Search Firms and Corporate Governance, 54 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 807 (2019)(reprinted in 62 CORP. PRACTICE COMMENTATOR 749 (2021))

Chief Legal Officer 5.0, 88 FORDHAM L. REV. 1741 (2020)

Chancery's Greatest Decision: Historical Insights on Civil Rights and the Future of Shareholder Activism, 76 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 1259 (2019)

Delaware's Global Threat, 41 J. CORP. L. 1 (2015)

The Corporate Immune System: Governing from the Inside-Out, 2013 ILL. L. REV. 1131 (2013)

Innkeepers: A Unifying Theory of the In-house Counsel Role, 41 SETON HALL L. REV. 77 (2011) (with James D. Dinnage)

Corporate Governance Reform as a Credence Service, 5 J. BUS. & TECH L. 113 (2010)

The Under-examination of In-house Counsel, 11 TRANSACTIONS TENN. J. BUS. L. 145 (2010)

Taking the Blue Pill: The Imponderable Impact of Executive Compensation Reform, 62 S.M.U. L. REV. 299 (2009) (excerpted in Thomas W. Joo, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE: THEORY, LAW, AND POLICY (Carolina Academic Press (2009))).

Branding the Small Wonder: Delaware's Dominance and the Market for Corporate Law, 42 U. RICH. L. REV. 1129 (2008)

Higher Education & Political Participation

Urban Removal: Reshaping Urban Landscapes through a Responsive Communitarian Lens, 29 CORNELL J. OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY 885 (2020)

Class Dismissed: Rethinking Socio-Economic Status and Higher Education Attainment, 2014 ARIZ. ST. L. J. 231 (2014)

Muted Deterrence: The Enhanced Attribution of Tort Liability to U.S. Higher Education Institutions for Student Safety, 22 TORTS L. J. 75 (2014) (Australian peer-reviewed journal)

For-Profits and the Market Paradox, 48 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 333 (2013)

Lost in Transition: The Implications of Social Capital for Higher Education Access, 87 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 205 (2011)

Picking Friends from the Crowd: Supreme Court Amicus Participation as Political Symbolism, 42 CONN. L. REV. 185 (2009)

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Civil Rights and Corporate Governance Aiding and Abetting

OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Sleeping giants awake: Target boycotts and the legacy of civil rights leader Leon H. Sullivan, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER (July 26, 2025) (Op-Ed).

Retiree Exploitation? Debunking the Retirement Business Theory, JOTWELL (February 2024) (reviewing Natalya Shnitser, *The 401(k) Conundrum in Corporate Law*, 13 HARV. BUS. L. REV. 289 (2023); B.C. L. Sch. Legal Stud. Rsch. Paper No. 613, available at [SSRN](https://ssrn.com))

Improving Diversity Disclosures, JOTWELL (February 16, 2023) (reviewing Atinuke O. Adediran, *Disclosing Corporate Diversity*, 109 Va. L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2023), available at [SSRN](https://corp.jotwell.com/improving-diversity-disclosures/)), <https://corp.jotwell.com/improving-diversity-disclosures/>.

The Pandemic's Testing of Stakeholder Governance, JOTWELL (May 23, 2022) (reviewing Stavros Gadinis and Amelia Miazad, *A Test of Stakeholder Capitalism*, __ J. CORP. L. __ (forthcoming, 2021)

Corporate Law in Paradise, JOTWELL (February 23, 2021) (reviewing William Moon's, *Delaware's New Competition*, 114 NW. U. L. REV. 1403 (2020))

The Fire This Time, MEDIUM (October 3, 2020) (reviewing Elwood Watson's, *KEEPIN' IT REAL: ESSAYS ON RACE IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICA* (Univ. of Chicago Press 2019))

History Lessons: Explaining the Origins of Corporate Charter Competition, JOTWELL (March 5, 2020) (reviewing Sarath Sanga's, *On the Origins of the Market of the Corporate Law* (SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3503628>))

Modern ESG and Past Civil Rights Activism Compared, COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL'S BLUE SKY BLOG (August 28, 2019)

Responsibility for Flawed Corporate Cultures?, JOTWELL (April 5, 2019) (reviewing Jennifer G. Hill, *Legal Personhood and Liability for Flawed Corporate Cultures* (Sydney Law School Research Paper No. 19/03, 2019))

Corporate Political Activism 5.0, JOTWELL (April 20, 2018) (reviewing Elizabeth Pollman & Jordan M. Barry, *Regulatory Entrepreneurship*, 90 S. CAL. L. REV. 383 (2017))

The Impact of Business Courts (Outside of Delaware), JOTWELL (February 22, 2017) (reviewing Jens Dammann, *Business Courts and Firm Performance* (U. Tex. Research Paper No. 564, 2017))

For Stronger K-16 Bridge, Reform College Counseling, EDUCATION WEEK, June 9, 2011, at 22 (invited commentary)

Re-examining In-House Counsel Liability, CLE materials prepared for Ass'n of Corporate Counsel for Eastern North Carolina and North Carolina Bar Ass'n, April 26, 2011

Administration's Higher Education Goals Unattainable without K-16 Bridge, THE HUFFINGTON POST, February 25, 2011 (Op-Ed)

Biggest Triumphs, Biggest Mistakes, outline materials prepared for 2010 Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Workshop for New Law Teachers, Washington, DC, June 17-19, 2010

Rhetoric won't likely lead to reform, WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL, March 7, 2009, at A11 (Op-Ed)

**COURSES
TAUGHT**

Contracts I
Contracts II
Article 2: Sales
Business Associations
Advanced Corporations: Corporate Governance, Law, Theory & Policy (Seminar)
Practical Introduction to the In-House Counsel Role (Co-Taught)
Higher Education and the Law (Seminar)
Comparative Corporate Law (London Summer Program)
History of the Common Law (London Summer Program)

**LAW SCHOOL
SERVICE**

Chair, Library Committee (2025-present)
Faculty Appointments Committee (2025-present)

Intellectual Life Committee (2023-present)
Peer Review Committee (2023-2025)
Intensive Clinical Placement Committee (2024-present)
Bar Passage Committee (2023-2024)
Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee (2017-2020)
Chair, Curriculum Committee (2015-2017)
Budget Committee (2016-2018)
Academic Rules Committee (2015-2017)
Dean's Advisory Board (2012-2013)
Information Services Committee (2010-2011)
Judicial Clerkship Committee (2009-2010)
Young Alumni Forum Advisory Committee (2008-2009)
Career Services Advisory Committee (2007-2008)

**UNIVERSITY
SERVICE**

University Gallery and Art Collections Advisory Committee (2020-2023)
Retirement Planning Committee (2018-2023)
Race, Inequality and Policy Initiative (RIPI) (2020-2023)
Financial Advisory Committee (2015-2016)
Faculty Senate Athletics Committee (2015-2016)
Faculty Senate Representative (2012-2016)
Wake Forest University Institute for Public Engagement Advisory Board
(2010-2015)
Wake Forest University Institute for Public Engagement Director Search Committee
(2009-2010)
Wake Forest Alumni-in-Admissions Volunteer (2006-present)

**OTHER
ACADEMIC
SERVICE**

JOTWELL CORPORATE LAW SECTION (online journal),
Contributing Editor (2016-2024)
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS
Executive Committee Member, Section on Business Associations (2013-2015,
2022-present)
New Scholars Workshop Planning Committee (2017-2018)
Member, Section on Education
Member, Section on Contracts
Member, Section on International Law
Member, Section on New Law Professors (2007-2010)
SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS (SEALS)
Moderator Committee (2011-2015)

**COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY FOUNDATION, Council of Advisors (2025-present)
DELAWARE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION,
Campaign Executive Committee, Community Division Chair (2025-present)
SIMMONS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, Executive Director (1996-present)
CROSBY SCHOLARS, Board Member (2020-2023)
ASHEVILLE ART MUSEUM, Board of Trustees (2020-2022)
CHILDREN'S THEATRE OF WINSTON-SALEM, Board Member (2007-2011)

**PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES**

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE DIRECTORS (2021-present)
THOURON AWARD U.S. SELECTION COMMITTEE (2020-2025)
BOARD OF ADVISERS, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
Advisory Board Member (2020-2022)
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF DELAWARE (STRIDE)

Advisory Board Member (2018-2020)
CHIEF JUSTICE JOSEPH BRANCH INN OF COURT (2013-2023)
AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION, Fellow (2010-present)
AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE (2009-present)
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (2007-present)
MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION (1999-present)
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR ASSOCIATION (2002-present)

**HONORS &
AWARDS**

- *Winston-Salem Chronicle* Community Service Award 2016
- MERIT Hall of Fame Award 2015
- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (elected 2010)
- American Law Institute (elected December 2009)
- Dr. Sadie T.M. Alexander Distinguished Graduate Award 2004, Univ. of Pennsylvania Law School Black Law Students Association.
- MBNA Foundation's "Best Practices in Education Award" 2002, an annual award given to the MBNA Foundation's top grantees. 1 of 9 recipients out of 400 hundred programs considered.
- Thouron Award (2000-2001)
- Fontaine Fellowship (1996-1999)

**SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS,
KEYNOTE
ADDRESSES &
SPEAKER SERIES**

Selected Presentations

Presenter, "Profits with Principles," Boston College Law School, Boston, MA, October 20, 2025

Organizer, GW Spring 2024 Corporate Roundtable, "Corporate Governance in the Global South," Washington, D.C., March 21, 2025

Presenter, "Divestment and Voice," Drexel University, Klein School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, March 13, 2025

Organizer, GW Fall 2024 Corporate Roundtable, "Delaware Business Courts as a Public Good," Washington, D.C., October 25, 2024

Presenter, The Sixth World Conference on Remedies to Racial & Social Inequality, Cape Town South Africa, September 4, 2024

Presenter, "Corporate Backlash," George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C., April 1, 2024.

Panelist, Ethical Tech Initiative, Advancing Diversity Event, The George Washington Law School, Washington, DC, March 19, 2024.

Presenter, "Corporate Backlash," BYU Winter Deals Conference, Park City, Utah, March 14-15, 2024.

Discussant, Berle XVI: The Corporation at the Intersection of Law and Information Conference, Seattle University Law School, Seattle, Washington, March 8-9, 2024.

Discussant, "Can Companies Help?: Furthering Racial Equity Through

Corporate & Securities Laws and Disclosures, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 3, 2024.

Presenter, “Corporate Codes: Pursuing Profits and Principles,” “Corporate Law, Corporate Governance and Sustainability,” “ESG and Corporate Sustainability: Global Perspectives on Regulatory Reform,” sponsored by the Dean Rusk International Law Center and the Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA, October 16, 2023.

Moderator and Co-Organizer, Manuel F. Cohen Lecture with Commissioner Kristin Johnson, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission with distinguished guests Dan Berkowitz, Richard Jones, Jonathan Marcus, and Sandra Lee, The George Washington Law School, Washington, D.C., October 12, 2023.

Presenter, “Affirmative Action Under Siege,” Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS) Equity & Innovation Summit, Queens University, Charlotte, NC, February 21, 2023 (virtual)

Presenter, “Political Risk Management,” George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C., February 8, 2023.

Commentator, 2022 Southeastern Junior/Senior Conference, Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, FL, December 2-3, 2022

Discussant, Institute for Law and Economics Program, Delaware Business Entity Legislative Process, Richards, Layton & Finger P.A., Wilmington, DE, November 9, 2022

Discussant, Organizations and Social Impact Workshop, UC Berkeley Law, Berkeley, CA, November 7, 2022

Presenter, “Political Risk,” VC University Independent Director Initiative, UC Berkeley Law, Berkeley, CA, August 16-17, 2022

Presenter, “Selective Patronage,” Berle XIII: Inclusive Corporate Leadership Conference, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, May 19-20, 2022

Presenter, “Political Risk Management,” Tulane Corporate and Securities Roundtable, Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 18-19, 2022

Commentator, “Barbarians Inside the Gates” by Zohar Goshen and Reilly S. Steel, BYU Winter Deals Conference, Park City, Utah, March 9-10, 2022

Presenter, “Political Risk Management,” BYU Winter Deals Conference, Park City, Utah, March 9-10, 2022

Presenter, “Political Risk,” Institute for Law and Economics Workshop, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA, December 9, 2021

Panelist, “Uncovering Inequity and College Access,” Race, Inequality & Policy Initiative, Wake Forest University, February 24, 2021 (virtual)

Moderator, “How Can Corporate Governance Promote Racial Equity?,” Conference on Racial Equity in Corporate Governance, Institute for Law and Economics Workshop, University of Pennsylvania Law School, January 14, 2021 (virtual)

Presenter, “The Federal Option: Delaware as a De Facto Agency,” Organizations and Social Impact Workshop, Berkeley/Duke Law, November 6, 2020 (virtual)

Presenter, “Reconsidering Corporate Purpose,” Delaware Court of Chancery Judicial Retreat, October 2, 2020 (virtual)

Presenter, “Representation Matters: Art, Space, and Racial Restitution”
An Exploration of the Cochran Collection, Hanes Gallery, Wake Forest University, September 30, 2020 (virtual)

Panelist, “How to Practice Anti-Racist School Counseling and College Advising,”
National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) Town Hall, August 26, 2020 (virtual)

Presenter, “The Federal Option: Delaware as De Facto Agency,” Delaware’s Emerging Competition and the Future of Corporate Law Symposium sponsored by University of Maryland Law Review, Baltimore, MD, February 28, 2020

Presenter, “Chief Legal Officer 5.0,” Corporate Lawyer Colloquium, co-sponsored by Fordham Law Review and the Stein Center for Law and Ethics, New York, NY, October 11, 2019

Presenter, “Potential on the Periphery: College Access from the Ground Up,” Milford Senior High School, Milford, DE, May 15, 2019

Presenter, “Potential on the Periphery: College Access & Academic Success Discussion Panel,” Bookmarks Bookstore & Café, April 1, 2019, Winston-Salem, NC

Presenter, “Urban Removal: Reshaping Urban Landscapes through a Responsive Communitarian Lens,” Fourth National People of Color Law Scholarship Conference, American Univ. Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., March 24, 2019

Presenter, “Potential on the Periphery: College Access from the Ground Up,” Malaprops Book Store & Cafe, Asheville, NC, March 12, 2019

Presenter, “Chancery’s Greatest Decision,” Civil Rights and Shareholder Activism symposium sponsored by Washington & Lee Law Review, Lexington, VA, February 15, 2019

Presenter, South Africa/United States Partnership Workshop, “Inequality: Programs & Polices,” Cape Town, South Africa, July 5-6, 2018

Moderator, American Association of Law Schools (AALS) New Law Teachers Workshop, Washington, DC, June 7-9, 2018

Presenter, “Entrepreneurship Initiatives in Poor Communities: Economic Inclusion or Exclusion,” International Meeting on Law and Society, Mexico City, Mexico, June 22-26, 2017

Co-Convenor, "Reducing Achievement Gaps in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM): Promising International Research, Policies and Practices Conference," sponsored by Georgia Tech University and National Science Foundation (NSF), Arlington, VA, May 22-23, 2017

Presenter, "Judging the Public Benefit Corporation," Conference on THE CAMBRIDGE HANDBOOK OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISE LAW, Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, Indiana, March 3-4, 2017

Participant, University of California-Irvine School of Law Summit, "The Complexities and Opportunities: Achieving Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Law Schools and the Legal Profession," Irvine, CA, October 9-10, 2016

Discussant, "Small Business Finance," Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL, August 9, 2016

Panelist, "Campus Climate," Carolina Advising Corps Advisor Summit, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC July 26, 2016

Presenter, "Social Capital and Higher Education Access," Carolina Advising Corps, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC June 29, 2015

Presenter, "Delaware's Global Threat," National Business Law Scholar's Conference, Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, NJ June 4, 2015

Presenter, "College 101," Partnership Village Transitional Housing Program, Greensboro, NC, May 26, 2015

Commentator, Law and Entrepreneurship Conference Annual Retreat, University of Georgia Law School, March 21, 2015

Presenter, "Delaware's Global Threat," Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC March 19, 2015

Presenter, "Delaware's Global Threat," Washington & Lee School of Law, Lexington, VA February 9, 2015

Panelist, "More Than Big Law: Navigating the Non-Corporate Career Path," 27th Annual Sadie T.M. Alexander Commemorative Conference, University of Pennsylvania Law School, January 26, 2015

Presenter, University of California-Irvine School of Law Summit, "Renewing the Search for The Faces at the Bottom of the Well," Irvine, CA October 5-6, 2014

Discussant, "Corporate Compliance," Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL, August 2014

Discussant, "What is the Role of Trust in the Marketplace?," Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL, August 2014

Presenter, "Social Capital," National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC), Charlotte, NC, May 28, 2014

Presenter, “Muted Deterrence: The Enhanced Attribution of Tort Liability to U.S. Higher Education Institutions for Student Safety,” Australian Torts Forum, University of Sydney Law School, December 14, 2013

Discussant, “The Future of Fiduciary Duties,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Palm Beach, FL, August 9, 2013

Presenter, “For-Profits and the Market Paradox,” University of South Carolina Law School, Columbia, SC, March 5, 2013

Presenter, “Class Dismissed,” American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., February 15, 2013

Symposium Organizer/Presenter, “For-Profits,” Wake Forest University Law School Symposium, “Privatizing the Public Good: Emerging Trends in K-16 Education.” Winston-Salem, NC, October 26, 2012

Panel Organizer/Presenter, “Higher Education Access for America’s Vulnerable Students,” National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, October 6, 2012

Presenter, American Education Research Association (AERA) Research Conference “Access, Competition, and For-Profit Colleges,” co-sponsored by The Research Network on Racial & Ethnic Inequality, Terry Sanford Institute, Duke University, Durham, NC, September 21-22, 2012

Presenter, “Information is Power: Executive Compensation Disclosures in the Wake of the Financial Crisis,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL, August 3, 2012

Presenter, “Class Dismissed: Higher Education Access and Socio-Economic Status” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, June 7, 2012

Presenter, “The Corporate Immune System: Governing from the Inside-Out,” University of Illinois School of Law Symposium “In the Boardroom: Corporate Governance Reform Meets the Real World,” Champaign, IL, March 8-9, 2012

Panelist, “Social Capital and the Law,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, SC, July 27, 2011

Presenter, “Lost in Transition: The Implications of Social Capital for Higher Education Access,” Carolina College Advising Corps, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Chapel Hill, NC, July 18, 2011

Presenter, “Lost in Transition: The Implications of Social Capital for Higher Education Access,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, June 4, 2011

Presenter, “The Higher Education Access Pattern,” IHELG Houston Higher Education Law Roundtable, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas, May 18-20, 2011

Participant, Secondary School Working Group, U.S. Department of Education, President, Greg Darnieder, Senior Advisor to the Secretary on the College Access Initiative, Washington, D.C., May 2, 2011

Presenter, Ass'n of Corporate Counsel of Eastern North Carolina and North Carolina Bar Ass'n CLE, Raleigh, NC, April 26, 2011

Moderator, "Losing to Win: Race and Intercollegiate Athletics," Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, April 13-14, 2011

Discussant, George Washington Center for Corporate Law, Economics, and Finance (C-LEAF) Junior Faculty Workshop, Washington, DC, April 1-2, 2011

Presenter, "The Implications of Social Capital on Higher Education Access," Thursday's at Starling Hall Speaker Series, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, October 7, 2010

Panelist, "Race and Public Education," Third Annual National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall Law School, Newark, NJ, September 11, 2010

Panelist, "Executive Compensation in Recessionary Times," Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Employee Benefits Mini-Workshop, Palm Beach, FL, August 3, 2010

Panelist, "Biggest Triumphs, Biggest Mistakes," 2010 Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Workshop for New Law Teachers, Washington, DC, June 17-19, 2010

Presenter, "Innkeepers: The Elusive Theory of In-House Counsel," Wake Forest University School of Law, Faculty Development Speaker Series, Winston-Salem, NC, April 29, 2010

Presenter, "Innkeepers: The Elusive Theory of In-House Counsel," William and Mary Law School, Williamsburg, VA, April 2, 2010

Presenter, "The Implications of Social Capital on the Higher Education Access Debate," University of South Carolina Law School, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference, Columbia, SC, March 26, 2010

Presenter, "The Elusive Theory of In-house Counsel," Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Corporate Roundtable Workshop, Palm Beach, FL, August 5, 2009

Presenter, "Corporate Reform as a Service," Roundtable on Corporate Governance and Securities Law Responses to the Financial Crisis, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD, April 17, 2009

Presenter, "Taking the Blue Pill: Executive Pay, Politics, and the Credence Characteristics of Corporate Reform," LSU Law Center Workshop, Baton Rouge, LA, October 30, 2008

Presenter, "Taking the Blue Pill: Corporate Governance as a Credence Good," Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference, Durham, NC, April 12, 2008

Presenter, "Branding the Small Wonder: Delaware's Differentiation Advantage and the Market for Corporate Law," Southeastern Association of Law Schools New Scholars Workshop, Amelia Island, FL, July 30, 2007

Presenter, “Reconsidering Extra-Legal Responses To Promote Academic Achievement and Access To Higher Education Among Underrepresented And Vulnerable Groups,” 18th Annual Sadie T.M. Alexander Commemorative Conference, “Exploring Emerging Issues in Class Inequality,” University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA, February 2006

Panelist, Charting Your Own Course Foundation 7th Annual Corporate Career Conference, Lansdowne, VA, September 2004

Keynote Addresses

Keynote Speaker, Texas Tech Law School, Martin Luther King Celebration, Lubbock, TX, January 23, 2023

Keynote Speaker, 5th Annual ARK Educational Resource Center Volunteer & Student Awards Banquet, Georgetown, DE, June 22, 2019

Keynote Speaker, *Tenacious Education in Pursuit of Equity*, 31st Annual Conference of the METCO Directors’ Association, Norwood, MA, December 4, 2015

Keynote Speaker, Commencement Address, Seaford High School, Seaford, DE, June 5, 2015

Keynote Speaker, “Imagine the Possibilities: Legal as a Strategic Partner,” Bridgeway CustomerConnect Live! Conference, Orlando, FL, October 23, 2012

Keynote Speaker, Delaware Department of Education, School Improvement Annual Awards Banquet, Dover, DE, May 2005

Keynote Speaker, Christina School District, Celebration of Mentors/Tutors Banquet, Wilmington, DE, May 2005

Keynote Speaker, Delaware State Parent Advisory Council 27th Annual Parent Training Conference, Wilmington, DE, February 2005

Speaker Series

Interviewer, Thomas L. Sager Distinguished Speaker Series with Marilyn T. McClure-Demers of Nationwide, Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC, November 3, 2022

Interviewer, Thomas L. Sager Distinguished Speaker Series with Keir D. Gumbs of Broadridge, Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC, September 29, 2022

Interviewer, Thomas L. Sager Distinguished Speaker Series with Claire DeMatteis of Delaware Department of Correction, Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC, February 27, 2020

Interviewer, Thomas L. Sager Distinguished Speaker Series with Ramona Romero of Princeton University, Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC, October 30, 2019

Interviewer, Thomas L. Sager Distinguished Speaker Series with Veta Richardson of Assoc. of Corporate Counsel (ACC), Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC, September 19, 2019

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