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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI

Assistant Professor of Law, June 2024–present

Courses Taught: Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, Corporate Compliance
Service: Co-Director, Kelley Institute for Ethics and the Legal Profession, Faculty Advisory
Committee (2026–2027); Appointments Committee (2025–2026); Curriculum Committee
(2024–2025)

New York University School of Law, New York, NY

Acting Assistant Professor of Law, August 2022–May 2024

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY

Adjunct Professor of Law, August 2021–December 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Essays:

Whiteness as Property in the Legal Profession, 95 FORDHAM L. REV. (forthcoming 2027) (invited).

Seeing the People in Corporate Law, 52 J. CORP. L. (forthcoming 2026) (invited).

Betraying Corporate Clients, 40 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS (forthcoming 2026).

Illegal Corporate Cultures, 75 DUKE L.J. 1 (2025).

Ethics & Independence in Trump's War on Biglaw, 16 CAL. L. REV. ONLINE 69 (2025) (with Christopher D. Hampson).

Corporate Lawyers, Disloyalty, and the Opioid Crisis, 74 DEPAUL L. REV. 495 (2025) (invited).

Discovery as a Compliance Problem (with J. Travis Laster), 50 J. CORP. L. 53 (2024).

The Case for Downsizing the Corporate Attorney-Client Privilege, 75 UC LAW J. 373 (2024)

No Better Instrument: The Necessity of Notice and an Opportunity to be Heard in New York City Nuisance Abatement Law, 37 CARDOZO L. REV. 1091 (2016).

Blog Posts & Opinion Pieces:

Discovery as a Compliance Problem, CLS BLUE SKY BLOG, Feb. 13, 2025.

Corporate Lawyering and Corporate Lawyers' Disloyalty, PROMARKET, Dec. 6, 2024.

DEI as Cultural Commitment in an Era of Backlash, ABI JOURNAL, July 2024 (with Christopher D. Hampson).

Third Party Releases and the Moral Limits of Finality in Bankruptcy Court, YALE J. ON REG. NOTICE & COMMENT, June 28, 2024.

In Re Grand Jury, Shareholder Primacy, and the "Lawyer in the Room" Problem in Corporate Attorney-Client Privilege, YALE J. ON REG. NOTICE & COMMENT, March 19, 2023.

City eviction law is not just unfair, it's unconstitutional, CRAIN'S NEW YORK BUSINESS, March 14, 2016.

Works in Progress:

Soft Agency Costs

Corporate Trauma and Corporate Purpose (with Veronica Root Martinez)

Death on a Film Set: A Parable of Culture, Contract, and Carcerality (with Brittany Farr)

Capturing Legal Elites (with Christopher D. Hampson)

Carceral Bankruptcy (with Christopher D. Hampson and Sandeep Dhaliwal)

The Antisocial Corporation and the Administrative State (with Haiyun Damon-Feng)

EDUCATION

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY

J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, *Order of the Coif*, May 2016

Academic: Top 5%, concentrations in Constitutional Law and Litigation

Honors: Symposia Editor, *Cardozo Law Review*; Dean's Distinguished Scholars Program; Dean's Honor Roll; Dean's Merit Scholarship.

Activities: *Cardozo Law Review* (Symposia Editor); Research Assistant to Richard Bierschbach

American University, Washington, DC

B.A. in Theatre, *Cum Laude*, May 2010

Honors: Dean's Scholarship; Dean's List; Kennedy Center Irene Ryan Award Nominee

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, New York, NY

Litigation Counsel, January 2022–July 2022

Litigation Associate, September 2016–December 2021

Represented clients in litigation practice focused on fiduciary duty litigation arising out of bankruptcy as well as white collar criminal and regulatory defense. Maintained active pro bono criminal defense and immigration practice focused on capital defense, compassionate release, asylum, and appellate habeas matters.

Her Justice, New York, NY

Akin Gump Legal Extern, July–December 2018

Managed a docket of divorce, child custody, child support and immigration matters on behalf of low-income women in New York City.

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY

Research Assistant to Professor Richard Bierschbach, Summer 2015–Spring 2016

The Honorable Patty Shwartz, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Newark, NJ

Alexander Fellow, Fall Semester 2015

Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY

Civil Action Practice Legal Intern, Summer 2014

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Betraying Corporate Clients

National Business Law Scholars Conference, UNLV Law, May 27, 2026

Big 10 Early Career Scholars Workshop, University of Nebraska Law, October 27, 2025

Amsterdam Centre on the Legal Professions and Access to Justice Lecture Series, University of Amsterdam, October 2, 2025

Summer Virtual Compliance Workshop, August 5, 2025

Illegal Corporate Cultures

Compliance Forum, Duke Law School, January 23, 2026

Q&A with Sam Buell, Duke Law Journal, Duke Law School, January 21, 2026

National Business Law Scholars, UCLA School of Law, June 26, 2025

ComplianceNet, Fordham University School of Law, May 28, 2025

Elon University School of Law Faculty Workshop, March 17, 2025

Michigan State University College of Law Faculty Workshop, February 19, 2025

Northeastern Junior Scholars Conference, March 2, 2024

NYU Lawyering Scholarship Colloquium, July 6, 2023

Rust, *Boeing*, and *Death by Safety Culture* (with Brittany Farr)

Giffords Law Center & Buffalo Law Review Symposium, September 27, 2024

Corporate Lawyers, Disloyalty, and the Opioid Crisis

Clifford Symposium, DePaul University, June 7, 2024
NYU Lawyering Scholarship Colloquium, April 9, 2024

Discovery As a Compliance Problem (with J. Travis Laster)

Corporate & Securities Litigation Workshop, Vanderbilt University, September 8, 2023

The Case for Downsizing the Corporate Attorney-Client Privilege

NYU Scholarship Clinic, April 17, 2023
Business Scholarship Podcast, March 31, 2023
Ipsa Dixit Podcast, March 2, 2023
NYU Lawyering Scholarship Colloquium, December 9, 2022

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Brian Baxter, *SpaceX Details Legal Fees as IPO Proceeds Without Law Chief*, Bloomberg Law (June 4, 2026) <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/in-house-counsel/spacex-details-big-legal-fees-as-ipo-proceeds-without-law-chief-1>

Em Stack & Andrew Kaczynski, *New court doc asserts former Obama WH counsel advised Jeffrey Epstein during critical reputational and legal battles*, CNN (Jan. 20, 2026) <https://www.cnn.com/2026/01/20/politics/kfile-invs-epstein-estate-kathy-ruemmler-privilege-log-vis>

Akila Quinio, *Citi probe did not interview women who complained about executive's conduct*, FINANCIAL TIMES (Oct. 29, 2025) <https://www.ft.com/content/be4ab80a-40f8-4cb2-81a3-cde101b5fa7a>

Chris O'Malley, *Prof's Stinging Conclusion: Lawyers for Purdue Pharma Were 'Overzealous Accomplices in Corporate Misconduct'*, LAW.COM (Oct. 29, 2024) <https://www.law.com/corpcounsel/2024/10/29/profs-stinging-conclusion-lawyers-for-purdue-pharma-were-overzealous-accomplices-in-corporate-misconduct/>

Sujeet Indap, *How culpable are external lawyers in corporate wrongdoing?*, FINANCIAL TIMES (Oct. 14, 2024) <https://www.ft.com/content/ae4a6d05-9ca4-42a5-b5b9-9478cdb2fec5>

Luc Cohen, *Bankman-Fried Charges Showcase U.S. Prosecutor's Growing Role in Crypto Enforcement*, REUTERS (Dec. 14, 2022) <https://www.reuters.com/legal/bankman-fried-charges-showcase-us-prosecutors-growing-role-crypto-enforcement-2022-12-14/>

Sarah N. Lynch, *Ex-Trump Lawyer Appears Before Grand Jury as U.S. Probes Swirl*, REUTERS (March 24, 2023) <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/attorney-former-president-trump-appears-before-grand-jury-2023-03-24/>

PAST AWARDS AND SERVICE

- *NYU Law Lawyering Scholarship Colloquium*, Co-Chair, 2023-2024
- *Akin Gump 2018 Pro Bono Counseling Matter of the Year*. Awarded for successfully facilitating the evacuation of derivative asylee clients from the Democratic Republic of Congo after clients faced political persecution for their mother's prior statements against then-President Joseph Kabila.
- *Coach, Mock Trial and Moot Court Teams*, The Bronx High School of Science
- *Benjamin N. Cardozo Writing Award*: Awarded to the author of the best student work published in a Cardozo Journal

BAR ADMISSIONS

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Southern District of New York; State Bar of New York