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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Michigan State University College of Law**, East Lansing, MI  
*Assistant Professor of Law*, June 2024–present

**New York University School of Law**, New York, NY  
*Acting Assistant Professor of Lawyering*, 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:*

*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 symposium piece).

- Featured in the *Financial Times*
- Featured on *Law.com*

*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)

- Featured on the *Business Scholarship Podcast*
- Featured on the *Ipse Dixit* podcast
- Cited in MCCORMICK ON EVIDENCE

*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:***

*Betraying Corporate Clients*

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

*Trump's Legal Elite Capture* (with Christopher D. Hampson)

*Private Equity Bankrupts the Eighth Amendment*

**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*

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*

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  
*Ipsse Dixit* Podcast, March 2, 2023  
NYU Lawyering Scholarship Colloquium, December 9, 2022

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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/>

### **AWARDS AND SERVICE**

- Kelley Institute for Ethics and the Legal Profession, Leadership Team, 2024-present
- Michigan State University College of Law Curriculum Committee, 2024-2025
- *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