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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER, Houston, TX

Associate Professor of Law and Business (with tenure), 2020 – present

Assistant Professor of Law, 2015 – 2020

All-University Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship, 2020

All-University Teaching Excellence Award, 2019

Professor of the Year, Order of the Barons, 2018 – 2019

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, New York, NY

Postdoctoral Fellow in Corporate Governance, 2014 – 2015

Fellow, Millstein Center for Global Markets and Corporate Ownership, 2014 – 2015

Editor-at-Large, Columbia Law School Blog on Corporations and Capital Markets, 2014

Associate-in-Law, Postdoctoral Research Scholar, and Lecturer-in-Law, 2012 – 2014

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA

Research Director, Project on Corporate Political Spending, Fall 2015

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, VA

J.D., May 2009

Editor-in-Chief, Virginia Law Review

Roger and Madeleine Traynor Prize (graduation award for best written work)

Robert E. Goldsten Award for Distinction in the Classroom

Order of the Coif

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Charlottesville, VA

B.A., Government and Political Philosophy, Policy, and Law (PPL), *with high distinction*, May 2006

Jefferson Scholar (full merit scholarship)

Echols Scholar (honors program)

Lawn Resident

PUBLICATIONS

The Religious Conversion of Corporate Social Responsibility, 70 EMORY LAW JOURNAL (forthcoming 2021) (with Elizabeth Sepper)

Some Realism about Corporate Crime, 83 LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS 113 (2020)

The Untenable Case for Keeping Investors in the Dark, 10 HARVARD BUSINESS LAW REVIEW 1 (2020) (with Lucian Bebchuk, Robert J. Jackson, Jr., and Roberto Tallarita)

Corporate Disestablishment, 105 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 595 (2019)

Winner, Association of American Law Schools' Scholarly Papers Competition

The Trouble with Corporate Conscience, 71 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW 1655 (2018)

Corporations, Unions, and the Illusion of Symmetry, 102 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 1969 (2016)

The Freedom of Business Association, 115 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW 461 (2015)

Conscience, Incorporated, 2013 MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW 1565

Reviewed in Paul Horwitz, *Beyond Contraceptive Mandate Doctrinalism*, JOTWELL: THE JOURNAL OF THINGS WE LIKE (LOTS), 2014

Note, *Incarceration, Accommodation, and Strict Scrutiny*, 95 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 2053 (2009)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Separation of Ownership and Morality (in progress)

Disestablishing Religious Hospitals, JOURNAL OF LAW, MEDICINE & ETHICS (forthcoming 2021) (with Elizabeth Sepper) (invited symposium)

Adolf Berle's Corporate Conscience, UNIVERSITY OF SEATTLE LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2021) (with Elizabeth Sepper) (invited symposium)

Facts and Values in Corporate Legal Theory, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON CORPORATE PURPOSE AND PERSONHOOD (Elizabeth Pollman & Robert Thompson eds., forthcoming 2021)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

The Separation of Ownership and Morality

University of Houston Law Center, March 2021

National Business Law Scholars Conference, June 2020

The Religious Conversion of Corporate Social Responsibility

University of California, Davis, School of Law, March 2021

Disestablishing Religious Hospitals

George Washington University Law School, March 2021

Facts and Values in Corporate Legal Theory

University of Pennsylvania Law School, September 2020

Some Realism about Corporate Crime

Duke University School of Law, November 2019

The Untenable Case for Keeping Investors in the Dark

Roundtable on Corporate Political Accountability, February 2019

Corporate Disestablishment

Association of American Law Schools' Scholarly Paper Presentation, January 2019

University of Michigan Law School, April 2018

University of Virginia School of Law, February 2018

University of Houston Law Center, January 2018

The Trouble with Corporate Conscience

University of Florida Levin College of Law, November 2017

University of Iowa College of Law, October 2017

University of Houston Law Center, August 2017

Corporations, Unions, and the Illusion of Symmetry

SMU Dedman School of Law, August 2016
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, August 2016
University of Houston Law Center, January 2016
Columbia Law School, November 2015

The Freedom of Business Association

University of North Carolina School of Law, November 2014
University of Maryland School of Law, November 2014
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, November 2014
University of Houston Law Center, November 2014
Columbia Law School, February 2014

Conscience, Incorporated

University of Virginia School of Law, February 2014
Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, December 2013
Symposium on Religious Institutionalism, DePaul College of Law, September 2013
Columbia Law School, August 2013

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee: Cambridge University Press; Law and Social Inquiry; Journal of Law, Religion and State; Polity; Social Theory and Practice; American Journal of Political Science

Law School: Faculty Scholarship and Advancement Committee (2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18)
Clinical Hiring Committee (2016-17, 2017-18)
Clerkship Committee (2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21)
Curriculum Committee (2018-19, 2019-20)
Executive Committee (2019-20, 2020-21)
Committee on Faculty Diversity (2021)

University: Faculty Senate, Member (2020-23)
Graduate & Professional Studies Committee of the Faculty Senate, Member (2020-23)

External: AALS Section on Business Associations, Executive Committee (2021-22)
AALS Committee to Review Scholarly Papers (2019-20)
AALS Section on New Law Professors, Executive Committee (2013-14)

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL DIVISION, FEDERAL PROGRAMS BRANCH, Washington, DC
Trial Attorney, 2010 – 2012

THE HON. JERRY E. SMITH, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT, Houston, TX
Law Clerk, 2009 – 2010

HOGAN & HARTSON LLP, Washington, DC
Summer Associate, 2008

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, BUREAU OF CONSUMER PROTECTION, Washington, DC
Summer Law Clerk, 2007

Bar Admission: Virginia (2009)