

# ZACHARY BRAY

## EDUCATION

**YALE LAW SCHOOL**, New Haven, CT

J.D., June 2005

- Essays Editor, *The Yale Law Journal*. Reviewed scholarship submitted by outside faculty; selected submissions for publication; edited published articles and supervised student review teams.
- Editor, *Yale Journal on Regulation*
- Assistant Clerk, Temporary Restraining Order Project

**UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME**, Notre Dame, IN

B.A., *summa cum laude*, in Philosophy, History, May 2001

- Class Rank: 1<sup>st</sup> in College of Arts & Letters
- Oesterle Award—Outstanding Student, Philosophy Department
- Notre Dame Honors Program
- Phi Beta Kappa

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## PUBLICATIONS

*Reconciling Development and Natural Beauty: The Promise and Dilemma of Conservation Easements*, 34 HARV. ENVTL. L.REV. ---- (forthcoming 2010).

- Privately held conservation easements are one of the most important and widely-used conservation tools in contemporary America, and the total acreage they protect is now larger than some states. To date, however, legal scholars have not adequately tested or examined concerns about potentially fraudulent or inefficient conservation easements against the details of contemporary conservation easement practice. This Article provides important detail on contemporary conservation easement practice, evaluates various criticisms of current practice, and offers suggestions for reform and further study.

Comment, *Appellate Review and the Exclusionary Rule*, 113 YALE L.J. 1143 (2004).

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## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary Interests: Property, Land Use, Contracts, First Amendment

Additional Interests: Environmental Law, Employment Law, Employment Discrimination, Criminal Procedure, Constitutional Law, Federal Courts, Civil Procedure, Evidence, Tax

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## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### **MUNGER, TOLLES & OLSON, LLP**, Los Angeles, CA

Fall 2007-Present: *Litigation Associate*

- Drafted motions, briefs and petitions; took depositions and supervised other discovery matters; helped argue and prepare for argument in various state and federal district, multi-district, and appellate courts. Relevant practice areas included assorted contractual disputes, employment law, entertainment law, white-collar criminal defense, and pro bono matters.

### **U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN & WESTERN DISTRICTS OF KENTUCKY**

Fall 2006-Fall 2007: *Law Clerk for Judge Jennifer B. Coffman*

### **U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**, Houston, TX

Fall 2005-Fall 2006: *Law Clerk for Chief Judge Carolyn Dineen King*

### **O'MELVENY & MYERS, LLP**, Washington, D.C.

Summer 2004: *Summer Associate*

- Worked on various appellate and class action matters; researched issues for conference panel presentation on history and future of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

### **SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD, LLP**, Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.

Summer 2003, Summer 2004: *Summer Associate*

- Worked on various tax, employment, and appellate matters.

### **HAMDAN v. RUMSFELD RESEARCH TEAM**, Washington, D.C., and New Haven, CT

Summer 2004-Spring 2005: *Research Assistant for Professor Neal Katyal, Georgetown Law School*

- Drafted memoranda and portions of briefs related to representation of Salim Ahmed Hamdan in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, 415 F.3d 33 (D.C. Cir. 2005), *rev'd*, 548 U.S. 557 (2006).

### **YALE LAW SCHOOL**, New Haven, CT

Fall 2003: *Research Assistant for Professor Alan Schwartz*

- Drafted memoranda regarding various published and forthcoming articles and relevant case law on promissory estoppel.

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## COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**, Los Angeles, CA

Fall 2007-Present

- Pro bono state and federal court impact litigation involving preemption issues related to the federal Section 8 housing assistance program and City of Los Angeles rent control ordinance.
- Pro bono legal advice on various First Amendment issues for "Islands of L.A.," an art-research experiment dealing with interstitial urban public spaces.
- Volunteer, Obama-Biden Transition Team

### **BAR MEMBERSHIPS**, California and Kentucky

- Member, Kentucky and California Bar Associations