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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC

Visiting Assistant Professor, July 2023 – Present

- Course Taught: Corporations & American Democracy (2-credit seminar; Spring 2024 & Spring 2025)

EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, May 2017

- Duke Law Journal, *Articles Editor*
- Student Scholarship Series (student scholarly writing program)
- Research Assistant to Professor Dan Bowling

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Arts in English, *magna cum laude*, May 2012

- Departmental Honors for Thesis: *still skipping and other stories*
- College Alumni Society Poetry Prize
- Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society
- *The Penn Review*
- Write-On! (creative writing coach for third through fifth graders)

TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Business Associations; Constitutional Law; Civil Procedure; Contracts; Securities Regulation

Secondary: Corporate Governance; First Amendment; Legislation; Law of Democracy; Corporations & American Democracy Seminar

PUBLICATIONS & WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

The Corporate Democracy Cases (Job Talk Paper)

Corporate Politicking & Its Consequences, 85 MARYLAND L. REV. (forthcoming 2026)

Keeping Our Republic, 74 S.C. L. REV. 147 (2022)

Fossil Fortunes: Regulating Commercial Paleontology & Incentivizing Fossil Discovery, 50 TEX. ENVTL. L. REV. 31 (2020)

Presidential Responses to Protest: Lessons Jefferson Davis Never Learned, 122 W. VA. L. REV. 171 (2019)

Changing the First Lady's Mystique: Defining the First Lady's Legal Role & Upending Gender Norms, 13 U. MASS. L. REV. 2 (2018)

PRESENTATIONS

The Corporate Democracy Cases

- National Business Law Scholars Conference (June 2025) (under a different title)
- Duke Law Faculty Workshop (June 2025)
- Richmond Junior Faculty Forum (May 2025)
- Duke Law Junior Scholars Workshop (March 2025) (under a different title)

Corporate Politicking & Its Consequences

- University of Chicago Legal Scholarship Workshop (November 2024) (under a different title)
- Duke Law Faculty Workshop (July 2024) (under a different title)
- National Business Law Scholars Conference (June 2024) (under a different title)
- Duke Law Junior Scholars Workshop (April 2024) (under a different title)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA

Litigation Associate, September 2019 – July 2020 (PA) and October 2021 – June 2023 (DC)

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Houston, TX

Law Clerk to the Honorable Carolyn Dineen King, August 2020 – August 2021

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Law Clerk to the Honorable Eduardo C. Robreno, September 2018 – August 2019

Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Philadelphia, PA

Corporate & Securities Associate, September 2017 – August 2018

Summer Associate, May 2016 – July 2016

Teach For America—J.F. Webb High School, Oxford, NC

High School Mathematics Teacher, Eastern North Carolina Corps, June 2012 – June 2014

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania; District of Columbia