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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Stanford Law School Stanford, CA

Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law, Corporate Governance & Practice July 2025 – Present

- Teach Corporate Governance & Practice, Seminars I & II: a two-quarter advanced seminar on the economics and practice of corporate law. Topics include corporate finance, fiduciary duties, shareholder activism, creditor conflicts, and distressed investing. Overall teaching effectiveness: 4.9/5.0 (Fall 2025); 5.0/5.0 (Spring 2026).
- Manage all academic components of the LL.M. Program in Corporate Governance & Practice, including teaching, grading, course and career advising, and admissions.

EDUCATION

Stanford Law School Stanford, CA

J.D., with pro bono *distinction* June 2022

Honors: Gerald Gunther Prize for Outstanding Performance in Antitrust; Judge Thelton E. Henderson Prize for Outstanding Performance in Juelsgaard Intellectual Property & Innovation Clinic; John Hart Ely Prize for Outstanding Performance in International Criminal Law.

Journal: *Stanford Law Review* (Volume 74: Senior Editor & Articles Editor; Volume 73: Member Editor); *Stanford Journal of International Law* (Volume 56: Finance Chair; Volume 55: Member Editor).

Activities: W.A. Franke Fellow in Global Business Law; Teaching Assistant to Profs. Mike Harmon & Claudia Robles-Garcia (Financial Restructuring, Stanford GSB); Pre-Law Society (mentor).

Brown University Providence, RI

A.B. with Honors, magna cum laude*, in International Relations and Hispanic Studies* May 2017

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; honors in international relations; Mark and Betty Garrison Prize (best thesis in international relations); William L. Fichter Prize in Hispanic Studies (graduate with the highest standing).

Activities: The Bear Necessities a cappella group (business manager, performer); Hispanic Studies Department (language tutor); Middlebury College, Japanese Immersion Program (summer 2015).

TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Bankruptcy; Business Associations; Contracts; Secured Transactions.

Secondary: Civil Procedure; Federal Courts; Torts.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Private Inequity: Better Healthcare Through Business Law*, 112 IOWA L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2027).
  - Featured on the Oxford Business Law Blog.
- *Judging Business Judgment: The Federal Common Law of Bankruptcy Transactions in Chapter 11*, 43 YALE J. ON REGUL. 253 (2026).
  - Cited in *In re* Yellow Corp., No. 23-11069, 2026 WL 908516 (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 2, 2026).
  - Featured on Professor Lawrence Solum's Legal Theory Blog and the Harvard Law School Bankruptcy Roundtable.
- *Mind the Gap: Fighting Forum Shopping in Transnational Bankruptcies Under Chapter 15*, 98 AM. BANKR. L.J. 416 (2024).
  - Peer-reviewed journal of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.
- *Amending ICSID to Safeguard Indigenous Rights*, 52 GEO. J. INT'L L. 1057 (2021) (student note).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Federal Common Law at Bankruptcy's Boundary*
- *Integrated Deals, Disintegrated Rights*

PRESENTATIONS

- **"Federal Common Law at Bankruptcy's Boundary"**
  - Chicago-Harvard-Wharton Insolvency and Restructuring Conference (September 2026).
  - National Business Law Scholars Conference (2026).
- **"Integrated Deals, Disintegrated Rights"**
  - Corporate & Securities Litigation Workshop (October 2026).
- **"Private Inequity: Better Healthcare Through Business Law"**
  - UC Law San Francisco, Health Law & Policy Seminar (guest lecture) (2026).
  - University of Miami Law & Finance Workshop Series (2026).
  - BYU-Chicago Winter Bankruptcy Conference (2025).
  - Cardozo-Fordham Metropolitan Junior Scholars Workshop (2025).
  - Chicago-Harvard-Wharton Insolvency and Restructuring Conference (2025).
  - National Business Law Scholars Conference (2025).
- **"Judging Business Judgment: The Federal Common Law of Bankruptcy Transactions in Chapter 11"**
  - New York City Bar Association, Committee on Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization (2025).
  - UCLA School of Law, Business and Tax Roundtable for Upcoming Professors (2025) (one of six presenters selected for fully funded program).
  - Chicago-Harvard-Wharton Insolvency and Restructuring Conference (2024).

EXPERIENCE

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP — New York, NY
Restructuring Associate — Sept. 2024 – May 2025

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit — Las Vegas, NV
Law Clerk to the Hon. Jay S. Bybee — July 2023 – July 2024

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP — New York, NY
Corporate Associate — Sept. 2022 – May 2023
Summer Associate — June – July 2021

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP — Menlo Park, CA
Summer Associate — July – Aug. 2021; June – Aug. 2020

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York: Admitted November 2023.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Spanish (advanced); Japanese (intermediate).
Interests: Painting, listening to Hawaiian music, and singing a cappella.