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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO

Lecturer in Law and Interim Director of the Appellate Clinic, 2023–present

Lecturer in Law, 2021–2022

- Direct the Appellate Clinic, which handles criminal and civil-rights appeals in federal courts and drafts amicus briefs; teach a weekly seminar about appellate practice; supervise student advocates in client communications, briefing, and oral advocacy
- Teach Legal Practice I and II, a required course for first-year J.D. students; design and implement lesson plans; provide live and written evaluation and other feedback, especially on written work product; counsel students seeking career and law-school advice

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Charlotte, NC

Law Clerk to the Honorable Albert Diaz, 2022–2023

- Researched and drafted bench memoranda and opinions for argued cases, emergency motions, and other procedural postures
- Researched and advised on ethical issues related to the Judicial Conference’s Committee on Codes of Conduct, including its Divestiture Subcommittee

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, St. Louis, MO

Litigation Associate, 2016–2022

- Researched and drafted complex motions and memoranda, appellate briefs, petitions for writs of certiorari, and other pleadings
- Served as legal-writing coach and writing evaluator for Recruiting Committee
- Appeared before various state and federal trial and appellate courts and FINRA arbitration panels
- Represented firm in BAMSL’s Pro Bono Committee and chaired BAMSL’s LGBTQ+ Committee

Selected Litigation Experience

- *Dubikovskyy v. Goun*, No. 21-1289 (8th Cir.) (briefed, argued, and won reversal of post-trial judgment that had denied relief under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction)
- *Chen v. D'Amico*, No. 20-35241 (9th Cir.) (co-authored brief in successful appeal vacating district court's summary judgment for defendants in civil-rights case)
- *Lange v. California* (U.S.) (co-authored merits-stage amicus brief for Mothers Against Drunk Driving in Fourth Amendment case)
- *Krukus v. AARP, Inc.*, No. 18-1124 (D.D.C.) (led briefing of successful motion for summary judgment against putative nationwide consumer class action)
- *Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association v. Ross* (U.S.) (co-authored petition-stage amicus brief for Utah counties and representatives in Antiquities Act case)
- *Sharif v. Barr*, No. 19-1478 (8th Cir.) (drafted reply brief and argued appeal for pro-bono client in immigration case)

Summer Associate, 2014 and 2015

ACLU of Missouri, St. Louis, MO

Law Clerk, Fall 2015 and Fall 2016 (volunteer)

EDUCATION

Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO

J.D., Certificate in Public Interest Law, May 2016

- Selected honors: *summa cum laude*; Order of the Coif; Dan Carter-Earl Tedrow Memorial Award; Judge Amandus Brackman Moot Court Award; 2016 Voice of the Class Graduation Speaker; Judge William H. Webster Society of Scholars; CALI Awards in Property, Family Law, Corporations, and Conflict of Laws
- Selected activities: 2016 ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition Regional Champion and National Octofinalist; Wash U. Law Review Chief Notes Editor; Teaching Assistant for Legal Practice; Co-President of OUTLaw; Co-President of American Indian Law Students Association

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

M.Ed., May 2013

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

B.A., Political Science & Spanish, May 2011

- Selected honors: *magna cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa; Stephen Kertesz Prize for the best senior thesis in International Relations

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *The Pedagogical Value of Clinical Amicus Advocacy*, 75 WASH U. J.L. & POL'Y (forthcoming, 2024)
- *The Courthouse Ethics and Transparency Act: New Obligations for Federal Judges*, 107 JUDICATURE 78 (2023) (co-authored with the Hon. Albert Diaz)
- *Why Obergefell Should Not Impact American Indian Tribal Marriage Laws*, 93 WASH U. L. REV. 1577 (2016)

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- The role of amicus advocacy in recent American Indian law cases before the U.S. Supreme Court
- *Bracker* balancing and when American Indian tribal sovereignty can displace state jurisdiction post-*Castro-Huerta*

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- The Sovereignty Paradox: Tribal Self-Governance in 2019 (March 2019, panelist)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Board of Governors, Human Rights Campaign
- Board of Directors, Episcopal City Mission
- Senior Warden, Christ Church Cathedral
- Volunteer Asst. Coach, Wash. U. Moot Court Team

LICENSEURES

- Barred in Missouri and Illinois
- Admitted to E.D. Mo., W.D. Mo., C.D. Ill., 4th Cir., 8th Cir., 9th Cir., and 10th Cir.