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Course Offerings: Contract Law; Business Associations; Securities Regulation;
Corporate Finance; Venture Capital Transactions; Trade Secret Law

Honors: Academy of Management Perspectives Best Reviewer Award (2025)
University Excellence in Teaching Award (2024)
Center for Teaching Excellence Inclusive Teaching Award (2021)
Presidential Scholarship Award (2019)
Dr. John Murray Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship (2018)

Doctrinal Appointments

University of New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce School of Law, Concord, NH

Professor of Law (2024 – Present)

Associate Professor of Law (2022 – 2024)

Duquesne University, School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA

Associate Professor of Law (2021 – 2022)

Director, JD/MBA Program (2021 – 2022)

Director, Mini-MBA for Lawyers Program (2021 – 2022)

Assistant Professor of Law (2016 – 2021)

Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law (2015 – 2016)

Florida State University, College of Law, Tallahassee, FL

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law (2014 – 2015)

Scholarship

Books

PROTECTING TRADE SECRETS (Carolina Academic Press, forthcoming 2026)

CONTRACT LAW: RULES, CASES, AND PROBLEMS (2d ed., Carolina Academic Press, 2025)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS: BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS (Carolina Academic Press 2024, with John T. Rice and Douglas M. Branson)

CONTRACT LAW: RULES, CASES, AND PROBLEMS (Carolina Academic Press 2023)

A HISTORY OF FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY: FROM AMERICAN INCORPORATION TO CORPORATIONS AND CROWDFUNDING (Cambridge University Press 2022)

Articles, Essays & Book Chapters

The GENIUS Dilemma: Innovation Versus Antifraud in Stablecoin Regulation, STANFORD JOURNAL OF BLOCKCHAIN LAW & POLICY (forthcoming 2026)

The CLARITY Act: How Congress Will Transform Digital Asset Markets, REVIEW OF BANKING AND FINANCIAL LAW – BOSTON UNIVERSITY (forthcoming 2026)

Function over Form: A Statutory Framework for Digital Asset Regulation, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2026)

A Systems Approach: Teaching Intellectual Property in Our Interconnected World, in EL ROL DE LA UNIVERSIDAD EN LA PROPIEDAD INTELECTUAL (American Intellectual Property Law Association, forthcoming 2026)

Collective Phrónēsis in Equity Crowdfunding: Structuring Financial Regulation for Practical Wisdom, JOURNAL OF MARKETS & MORALITY (forthcoming 2026)

Beyond the Ivory Tower: Confronting Antisemitism, Anti-Zionism, and Free Speech Through Firsthand Observation and Engagement, ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT NETWORK RESEARCH PAPER SERIES NO. 8 (2025)

Right to Not Work: Why (Some) Unions Are Anti-Religion, 19 FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 893 (2025)

Advanced Online Continuing Legal Education, 72(3) JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 556 (2024)

Antitrust Law for Blockchain Technology, 49 JOURNAL OF CORPORATION LAW 379 (2024)

Unintended Consequences of Mandatory ESG Disclosures, 77 BUSINESS LAWYER 697 (2023)

Social Media and Democracy After the Capitol Riot, or, A Cautionary Tale of the Giant Goldfish, 73 MERCER LAW REVIEW 591 (2022)

The Gig Economy, Smart Contracts, and the Disruption of Traditional Work, 50 JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES 219 (2021, with Liya Palagashvili)

Online Onboarding: Corporate Governance Training in the COVID-19 Era, 2 ARIZONA STATE CORPORATE & BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL 1 (2021, with Ben Kahn)

Corporations Hybrid: A Case Study in Business Law Pedagogical Innovation, 56 WILLAMETTE LAW REVIEW 363 (2021, with David Tamasy)

Encouraging Entrepreneurship and Innovation through Regulatory Democratization, 57 SAN DIEGO LAW REVIEW 757 (2020)

Balancing Flexibility and Rigidity: Do Unions Make Sense in the On-Demand Economy?, in REVIVING AMERICAN LABOR, (eds. Richard Bales & Charlotte Garden, 2020, with Liya Palagashvili)

Securities Regulation and Social Media, 52 LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO LAW JOURNAL 101 (2020)

Start-up Financing 2.0, in STARTUP CREATION, 2d Ed. (ed. Fernando Pacheco-Torgal, 2020)

Unbundling Employment: Flexible Benefits for the Gig Economy, 11 DREXEL LAW REVIEW 1 (2019)

Hyperfunding: Regulating Financing Innovation, 89 COLORADO LAW REVIEW 1033 (2018)

Female Entrepreneurs and Equity Crowdfunding in the US: Receiving Less When Asking for More, 10 JOURNAL OF BUSINESS VENTURING INSIGHTS 99 (2018, with Mark Geiger)

Democratizing Startups, 68 RUTGERS UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1013 (2016)

A Place of Their Own: Crowds in the New Market for Equity Crowdfunding, 100 MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW HEADNOTES 147 (2016)

Start-up Financing, in STARTUP CREATION (ed. Fernando Pacheco-Torgal, 2016)

Bridgefunding: Crowdfunding and the Market for Entrepreneurial Finance, 25 CORNELL JOURNAL OF LAW & PUBLIC POLICY 397 (2015)

A Little Birdie Said: How Twitter Is Disrupting Shareholder Activism, 20 FORDHAM JOURNAL OF CORPORATE & FINANCIAL LAW 695 (2015)

Select Op-Eds and Blog Posts

The Golden Rule of Democracy: No Murder, WASHINGTON EXAMINER (Oct. 1, 2024).

From Fragmentation to Integration: UNH Franklin Pierce's Hybrid JD and the Future of Global IP Education, GLOBAL IP MATRIX (forthcoming Sep. 2025)

State Stablecoins: Financial Federalism or Flagrant Fraud?, CENTER SQUARE (Aug. 25, 2025)

GENIUS Act Revives Civil War-Era Banking Problem for States, BLOOMBERG LAW (Aug. 18, 2025)

Crypto Decentralization Era Takes Shape as CLARITY Act Advances, BLOOMBERG LAW (Jul. 21, 2025)

CLARITY Now: Congress Must Bring Truth to Crypto Markets, DAILY CALLER (Jun. 21, 2025)

Boulder must move beyond anti-Zionism and confront dangerous rhetoric, BOULDER DAILY CAMERA (Jun. 18, 2025)

Tokenized Stocks Get a Sandbox. Crypto Deserves a Statute, OXFORD BUSINESS LAW BLOG (Jun. 10, 2025)

Universities: No More “Blind Neutrality” When It Comes to Protesters, THE DAILY SIGNAL (Apr. 11, 2025)

The Real “Constitutional Crisis” Is Bigger Than Trump, DAILY CALLER (Apr. 4, 2025)

Delaware’s Corporate Law Reform Would Fortify Stable Governance, BLOOMBERG LAW (Mar. 18, 2025)

A New Year’s Resolution for Concord and UNH, CONCORD MONITOR (Dec. 31, 2024)

Striking the Right Balance on Campus Protests, CONCORD MONITOR (Aug. 24, 2024)

How to Integrate New Corporate Directors Online, COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL BLUE SKY BLOG (Aug. 12, 2020, with Ben Kahn)

Blockchain—Not Bitcoin—Represents the Next Step in Financial Evolution and Beyond, OXFORD BUSINESS LAW BLOG (July 24, 2020, with Joseph Stead)

Preliminary Evidence Suggests That Female Entrepreneurs Raise Less Than Their Male Counterparts via U.S. Equity Crowdfunding. Why?, OXFORD BUSINESS LAW BLOG (Nov. 28, 2018)

Hyperfunding is the Harbinger of New Corporate Finance, OXFORD BUSINESS LAW BLOG (Aug. 9, 2017)

The Gender Equity Gap, OXFORD BUSINESS LAW BLOG (Jan. 11, 2017)

A Place of Their Own: Crowds in the New Market for Equity Crowdfunding, OXFORD BUSINESS LAW BLOG (Nov. 14, 2016)

The Law and Economics of the Series A Gap, COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL BLUE SKY BLOG (Apr. 6, 2015)

Crowdfunding under Title III Doesn’t Work, But We Can Fix It, LAW & ECONOMICS PROF BLOG (Feb. 22, 2015)

Twitter Is Disrupting Shareholder Activism, COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL BLUE SKY BLOG (Jan. 14, 2015)

Recent Media Appearances

André Beganski, *Ethereum Governance Tokens Spike as SEC Backs ‘Innovation Exemption’ for DeFi Projects*, Decrypt (Jun. 10, 2025)

Challenges to Academic Freedom on College Campuses, THE LEGAL IMPACT PODCAST (Mar. 29, 2025)

Campus Protests and Free Speech, THE LEGAL IMPACT PODCAST (Sep. 23, 2024)

Groff v. DeJoy, THE LEGAL IMPACT PODCAST (Aug. 21, 2023)

California Ballot Measure Keeps “Gig” in Gig Economy, MARKETPLACE (Nov. 20, 2020)

Grant Awards

Academic Engagement Network; Institute for Humane Studies; University of Wyoming Blockchain Research Center; Hayek Fund for Scholars; Clifford Asness Foundation; John Templeton Foundation

Select Academic Service

Editorial Board Member, Academy of Management Perspectives (2025 – Present)

Senator, University of New Hampshire (2023 – Present)

Member, UNH Finance and Administration Committee (2023 – Present)

Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (2022 – Present)

Peer Reviewer, Israel Science Foundation (2025)

Advisor to multiple student associations

Secondary Appointments

Chair, Law Faculty Section, Academic Engagement Network, Washington, D.C. (2025 – Present)

Fellow, Faculty of Law, Haifa Center for Law and Technology, Haifa, Israel (2025 – Present)

Director, Program on Organizations, Business and Markets, NYU Law, Classical Liberal Institute, New York, NY (2021 – Present)

Prior Legal Practice Experience

Corporate Law Associate, Fenwick & West LLP, San Francisco, CA (2012 – 2014)

Antitrust Law Associate, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, Washington, DC (2011 – 2012)

Bar Memberships

New Hampshire Attorney No. 278598 (2024 – Present)

District of Columbia Attorney No. 1012991 (2012 – Present)

California Attorney No. 281994 (2011 – Present)

Education

J.D., University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL (2011)

Honors: Order of the Coif, Kirkland & Ellis Scholar

B.A., University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (2006)

Honors: *Magna cum laude* (English & Political Science)

Professional Development

Economics Institute for Law Professors, George Mason University Law & Economics Center, Arlington, VA (2025)

Two-week intensive program on foundational economics for law scholars, including price theory, public choice, and behavioral economics