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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, VA

Research Assistant Professor of Law

August 2023 – Present

Fellow, Karsh Center for Law and Democracy

August 2023 – Present

- Co-directing student research cohort titled Designing Democracy (with Bertrall Ross)

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, New York, NY

Juris Doctor received April 2021

- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- Hamilton Fellow
- *Columbia Law Review*, Articles Editor (2019–2021)

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, *magna cum laude*, received May 2016

Minor in Economic Policy

- Presidential Honors Scholar
- Thesis: *Transparency Rewarded: The Relationship Between Autocratic Disclosure and Official Development Assistance Inflows*

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Works-In-Progress

The Listener's Interest in Transnational Campaign Finance (forthcoming manuscript)

Chief Election Officials and Democratic Accountability (forthcoming manuscript)

Law Review Publications

The Democratic Value of "Foreign Interference" in Campaign Finance, 15 UC IRVINE L. REV. (forthcoming May 2025).

The Unique Appearance of Corruption in Personal Loan Repayments, 108 CORNELL L. REV. 1443 (2023).

A Congressional Incapacity Amendment to the United States Constitution, 76 STAN. L. REV. ONLINE 45 (2023).

Danger Signs in State and Local Campaign Finance, 74 ALA. L. REV. 415 (2022).

- Cited in *Republican Party of N.M. v. Torres*, No. 11-cv-900, 2023 WL 5310645 (D.N.M. Aug. 17, 2023).

Mail-In Ballots and Constraints on Federal Power Under the Electors Clause, 107 VA. L. REV. ONLINE 84 (2021).

- Cited in the January 6th Committee Report. See SELECT COMM. TO INVESTIGATE THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL, INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL TO THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE 7, 107 n.30 (2022), <https://january6th.house.gov/report-executive-summary>.

Note, *Hacks Dangerous to Human Life: Using JASTA to Overcome Foreign Sovereign Immunity in State-Sponsored Cyberattack Cases*, 121 COLUM. L. REV. 119 (2021).

- Cited in Petition for Writ of Certiorari at 17–18, *Broidy Capital Mgmt., LLC v. State of Qatar*, 141 S. Ct. 2704 (2021).

Self-Funded Campaigns and the Current (Lack of?) Limits on Candidate Contributions to Political Parties, 120 COLUM. L. REV. F. 178 (2020).

Amicus Briefs

Brief of Brennan Center for Justice at N.Y.U. School of Law as *Amicus Curiae* in Support of Appellant, *Fed. Election Comm'n v. Ted Cruz for Senate*, 142 S. Ct. 1638 (2022) (coauthored).

Online Pieces (Selected)

What Does a State's Secretary of State Do? Most Run Elections, a Once-Routine Job Facing Increasing Scrutiny, THE CONVERSATION (Feb. 29, 2024), <https://theconversation.com/what-does-a-states-secretary-of-state-do-most-run-elections-a-once-routine-job-facing-increasing-scrutiny-222705>.

Feinstein and McConnell Show We Need a 25th Amendment for Congress, THE HILL (Sept. 13, 2023), <https://thehill.com/opinion/4199591-feinstein-and-mcconnell-show-we-need-a-25th-amendment-for-congress>.

Cyber Ninjas and Its CEO Should Be Banned from Government Contracts, BRENNAN CENT. FOR JUST. (July 18, 2022), <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/cyber-ninjas-and-its-ceo-should-be-banned-government-contracts> (coauthored with Elizabeth Howard)

- Interviewed by iHeart Radio and local Arizona radio stations following publication.

Campaign Finance Returns to Supreme Court in Ted Cruz Case, BRENNAN CENT. FOR JUST. (Jan. 13, 2022), <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/campaign-finance-returns-supreme-court-ted-cruz-case> (coauthored with Daniel I. Weiner).

- Featured on CNN, Law and Crime, and Election Law Blog.

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

HON. EDWARD G. SMITH, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, Easton, PA
Judicial Law Clerk 2022–2023 Term

BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE AT NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Legal Fellow (Elections & Government Program)

August 2021 – September 2022

Conducted research on standing for potential election security-related litigation. Evaluated and suggested changes to regulations under consideration by the N.Y. Public Campaign Finance Board. Collaborated with White House counsel to anticipate potential legal challenges to a prospective executive order combatting dark money. Drafted federal and New York state legislative proposals for topics such as public financing and election security, some of which were incorporated into bills. Monitored dark money in 2022 election official races. Regularly wrote memoranda when needed on questions pertaining to campaign finance and other areas of law. Coauthored briefs in campaign finance cases, including an amicus brief filed in *FEC v. Cruz*.

CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER, Washington, DC

Legal Intern

Spring 2021

Contributed to research and formulation of legal arguments in federal litigation. Wrote memoranda addressing numerous campaign finance law questions. Researched the impact of the District of Columbia's new matching funds program on diversifying the candidate pool in 2020 local elections. Coauthored testimony for legislative hearings on anti-foreign interference bills in which CLC participated.

NEW YORK CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, New York, NY

Policy Intern

Fall 2020

WINSTON & STRAWN LLP, New York, NY

Summer Associate

Summer 2020

HON. ROBERT D. SACK, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT, New York, NY

Judicial Extern

Spring 2020

KNIGHT FIRST AMENDMENT INSTITUTE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY

Legal Intern

Summer 2019

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ANTITRUST DIVISION, Washington, DC

Paralegal Specialist

August 2016 – June 2018

PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, AND WORKSHOPS

“The Democratic Value of ‘Foreign Interference’ in Campaign Finance,” Junior Scholars Conference, Northeastern University School of Law (Feb. 2024).

“The Constitutional Sources of State Election Administration,” University of Virginia School of Engineering & Applied Sciences (Feb. 2024) (lecture for Cybersecurity and Elections course).

“The Democratic Value of ‘Foreign Interference’ in Campaign Finance,” Indiana University Maurer School of Law (Nov. 2023) (remote lecture for Law and Democracy course).

“Dark Money: From *Citizens United* to Today,” League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County (Aug. 2022) (remote).

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Election Law, Campaign Finance Law, Election Administration, Democratization of Money in Politics, Democratic Theory, Constitutional Law, First Amendment Law and Theory, Legislation and Regulation, Civil Procedure, Sovereign Immunity

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Member of the State Bar of New York