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EXPERIENCE

Public Citizen Litigation Group
Attorney

Washington, D.C.

August 2020 – Present

Focuses on Supreme Court and appellate litigation, particularly civil litigation involving the rights of consumers and workers, the separation of powers, and other issues of constitutional law.

Campaign Legal Center
Special Counsel for Election Integrity

Washington, D.C.

August 2020 – Present

Provides legal analysis and litigation planning on crisis scenarios in the 2020 presidential election.

Harvard Law School
Instructor

Cambridge, MA

August 2020 – Present

Course: Wargaming 2020 (with Prof. Lawrence Lessig)

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

New York, New York

June 2018 – May 2020

Courses: Contracts, Corporations

Harvard Law School
Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law

Cambridge, MA

July 2016 – June 2018

Course: Legal Research and Writing

Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans & Figel PLLC
Associate

Washington, D.C.

January 2013 – June 2016

Drafted numerous briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court, including successful petition for certiorari and merits briefs in *Jesinoski v. Countrywide Home Loans*, 574 U.S. ____ (2015), successful merits brief in *Tyson Foods, Inc. v. Bouaphakeo*, 577 U.S. ____ (2016), and merits brief in *RJR Nabisco, Inc. v. The European Community*, 579 U.S. ____ (2016). Drafted briefs before the federal courts of appeals and state supreme courts. Briefed and argued case in D.C. Circuit case involving unresolved constitutional issue as Court-appointed *amicus*. Deposed president of major Wall Street investment bank.

United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
The Honorable Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg
Law Clerk

Washington, D.C.

August 2011 – October 2012

Stanford Supreme Court Litigation Clinic
Clinic Student

Stanford, California

September 2010 – December 2010

Participated in drafting briefs in cases before the U.S. Supreme Court at the certiorari stage and at the merits stage. Assisted instructors to prepare for oral argument.

Office of the Solicitor General, State of New York
Summer Intern

New York, New York

August 2010 – September 2010

Drafted appellate briefs in state and federal court on behalf of the State of New York, including Second Circuit brief and brief in opposition to certiorari.

Kellogg, Huber, Hansen, Todd, Evans & Figel PLLC

Washington, D.C.

Summer Associate

June 2010 – August 2010

Drafted brief in successful Tenth Circuit appeal of denial of habeas petition brought by state prisoner. Drafted legal memoranda for various trial and appellate matters.

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

The Hague, Netherlands

Legal Intern

May 2009 – August 2009

Drafted briefs and memoranda in war-crimes trial for ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity during the Balkans war.

EDUCATION

Stanford Law School – J.D.

June 2011

- Gerald Gunther Prizes for Outstanding Performance in Administrative Law, Antitrust, Constitutional Law III – First Amendment, Constitutional Litigation, Economic Analysis of Law, and Regulation of the Political Process
- John Hart Ely Prize for Outstanding Performance in Comparative Constitutional Law
- STANFORD JOURNAL OF LAW, BUSINESS, & FINANCE – Editor-in-Chief
- Kirkwood Moot Court Competition – Highest-Scoring Brief
- Research Assistant, Justice Richard Goldstone, Constitutional Court of South Africa
- Public Interest Law Fellow; Fellow, John M. Olin Program in Law and Economics

New York University – Ph.D., Department of Philosophy

May 2013

- Dissertation: *The Moral Galilean Intuition: An Essay on Metaethics, Morals, and Colors*
- Committee: Thomas Nagel (Chair), Derek Parfit, Sharon Street
- Focus: Political Theory, Moral Philosophy, Metaethics

Stanford University – B.A., Philosophy; B.S., Mathematics; M.A., Philosophy

June 2002

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Disputed Presidential Elections and the Collapse of Constitutional Norms (in draft).

Personalized Choice of Private Law (in draft).

Constitutional Politics, Court Packing, and Judicial Appointments Reform (in draft).

Moral Diversity and Efficient Breach, 117 MICH. L. REV. 885 (2019).

The Error Theory of Contract, 78 MD. L. REV. 147 (2018).

Neutral Principles and Political Power: A Response to Reverse Political Process Theory, 70 VAND. L. REV. EN BANC 301 (2017).

Note, Harrington's Wake: Unanswered Questions on AEDPA's Application to Summary Dispositions, 64 STAN. L. REV. 469 (2011).

Luck, Leverage, and Equality: A Bargaining Problem for Luck Egalitarians, PHIL. & PUB. AFF., Summer 2007, at 266.

BAR ADMISSIONS

California (2013); District of Columbia (2014); Supreme Court of the United States (2016).

ACADEMIC AMICUS BRIEFS

Brief of Contract Law Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Respondents

Lamps Plus, Inc. v. Varela, 139 S. Ct. 1407 (2019).

(Lead Author and Counsel of Record)

(Cited by Kagan, J. (dissenting)).

POPULAR PRESS

Op-Ed, *The Good But Also Ominous News From the Supreme Court About Voting in Pennsylvania*, TALKING POINTS MEMO, Oct. 21, 2020.

Op-Ed, *The Partisans' Dilemma: Fix the Court, Don't Pack the Court*, THE HILL, Sept. 10, 2018.