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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

corporate reorganization and bankruptcy; corporate managerial and financial law; municipal bankruptcy; securities regulation; theory of the firm

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

THE WHARTON SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Assistant Professor, 2014 – present

- Dorinda & Mark Winkelman Distinguished Scholar, 2018 – present

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL

Harry A. Bigelow Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law, 2012 – 2014

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

BARTLIT BECK HERMAN PALENCHAR & SCOTT LLP

Special Counsel, 2012 – 2014

Associate, 2009 – 2012

Hon. Frank H. Easterbrook, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT

Law Clerk, 2008 – 2009

WACHTELL LIPTON ROSEN & KATZ

Summer Associate, 2007

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL

JD, with High Honors, 2008

- Order of the Coif
- MVP² Fellow in Law & Economics
- Ann Watson Barber Outstanding Service Award

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

BA, with High Honors in History, 2003

- White Fellow
- Robins Prize

SCHOLARSHIP

Articles and Essays

Bankruptcy's Cathedral: Property Rules, Liability Rules, and Distress

114 *Northwestern University Law Review* _ (forthcoming 2019)

The Logic and Limits of Municipal Bankruptcy Law

86 *University of Chicago Law Review* _ (forthcoming 2019)

The Bankruptcy Firm

167 *University of Pennsylvania Law Review Online* 1 (2019)

- symposium essay
- response to: Baird et al., *The Bankruptcy Partition*

Opportunism and Internal Affairs

93 *Tulane Law Review* 339 (2018)

The Janus Faces of Reorganization Law

44 *Journal of Corporation Law* 1 (2018)

Untimely Bidding in Bankruptcy Auctions

26 *Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice* 281 (2017)

- solicited essay
- with Jeff Dutson & Austin Jowers

Law and Legislation in Municipal Bankruptcy

38 *Cardozo Law Review* 1301 (2017)

States' Rights against Corporate Rights

2016 Columbia Business Law Review 595 (2017)

Corporate Rights and Organizational Neutrality

101 Iowa Law Review 499 (2016)

An Ex Ante Approach to Excessive State Debt

64 Duke Law Journal 235 (2014)

Who Does Bankruptcy? Mapping Pension Impairment in Chapter 9

33 Review of Banking & Financial Law 585 (2014)

- symposium essay

Beyond Insolvency

62 Kansas Law Review 1 (2013)

Credit Bidding and the Design of Bankruptcy Auctions

18 George Mason Law Review 99 (2010)

- with Ashley Keller

Book Chapter

Corporate Expression

CORPORATE LAW & ECONOMICS (Adam Badawi ed., forthcoming 2019)

Research in Progress

"The Empty Creditor's Empty Threat"

"Washing Tainted Assets" (with Josh Macey)

Shorter and Summary Works

"**The Janus Faces of Reorganization Law**," Harvard Law School Bankruptcy Roundtable (February 20, 2018)

"**Excessive State Debt: A New Approach to a Growing Problem**," Penn Wharton Public Policy Initiative Issue Brief 4:9 (November 2016)

"**Federalism and Federal Corporate Rights**," The CLS Blue Sky Blog (June 23, 2016)

"**Neutral Principles in the Attribution of Corporate Rights**," The CLS Blue Sky Blog (April 1, 2015)

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Economic Analysis of Law [*undergraduate*]
Foundations of Business Law [*PHD*]
Law and Social Values [*undergraduate*]
Law of Corporate Management and Finance [*undergraduate; MBA*]
Legal Research and Writing [*JD*]
Public Entity Bankruptcy [*JD*]
Securities Regulation [*undergraduate; MBA*]

Recognition

Rapaport Family Award (2017)

- awarded annually to one Wharton faculty member (of ~ 240) for outstanding teaching in the undergraduate core

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTARY

“Bankruptcy’s Cathedral”

- National Business Law Scholars Conference (June 2019) [scheduled]
- Canadian Law & Economics Association (September 2018)
- Academy of Legal Studies in Business (August 2018)
- UC Hastings College of Law (June 2018)

“The Logic and Limits of Municipal Bankruptcy Law”

- Indiana University (Kelley) (March 2018)
- University of Pennsylvania (Wharton) (October 2017)

“Opportunism and Internal Affairs”

- Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (June 2018)
- Canadian Law & Economics Association (September 2017)
- Academy of Legal Studies in Business (August 2017)
- Trento Summer School in Adaptive Economics (June 2017)
- Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business (November 2017)

“The Janus Faces of Reorganization Law”

- Canadian Law & Economics Association (September 2017)
- University of Pennsylvania (Wharton) (September 2017)
- Academy of Legal Studies in Business (August 2017)

“States’ Rights against Corporate Rights”

- National Business Law Scholars Conference (June 2016)

“Corporate Rights and Organizational Neutrality”

- Canadian Law & Economics Association (September 2015)
- National Business Law Scholars Conference (June 2015)

“Law and Legislation in Municipal Bankruptcy”

- American Law & Economics Association (May 2015)
- Brooklyn Law School (November 2014)

“An Ex Ante Approach to Excessive State Debt”

- University of Pennsylvania (Wharton) (December 2013)
- University of Connecticut School of Law (November 2013)
- Tulane University Law School (November 2013)
- University of Chicago Law School (July 2013)

Symposia, Commentary, and Invited Panels

- Credit, Restructuring, Distressed Investing & Turnaround Conference, University of Chicago (Booth) (March 2019) [scheduled]
- Bankruptcy’s New Frontiers, University of Pennsylvania Law School (October 2017)
- Financial Regulation, University of Pennsylvania (Wharton) (April 2017)
- Cities that Cope—Confronting Financial Challenges in the Urban Landscape, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (March 2017)
- The Supreme Court’s Recent Bankruptcy Cases, Association of American Law Schools (January 2017)
- Distressed Municipal Financing—Navigating Uncharted Waters, Boston University Law School (February 2014)

BAR ADMISSION

Illinois [inactive]

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