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### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

business organization and reorganization; municipal bankruptcy and finance; theory of the firm; securities regulation

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

#### **The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania**

Assistant Professor, 2014 – present

#### **University of Chicago Law School**

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

### OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP**

Special Counsel, 2012 – 2014

Associate, 2009 – 2012

#### **Hon. Frank H. Easterbrook**

United States 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

#### **Wesleyan University**

BA, with High Honors in History, 2003

## SCHOLARSHIP

### *Articles and Essays*

#### **The Logic and Limits of Municipal Bankruptcy Law**

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

#### **Opportunism and Internal Affairs**

93 *Tulane Law Review* \_\_ (forthcoming 2018)

#### **The Janus Faces of Reorganization Law**

44 *Journal of Corporation Law* \_\_ (forthcoming 2018)

#### **Defining the Firm in and out of Bankruptcy**

166 *University of Pennsylvania Law Review Online* \_\_ (forthcoming 2018) [solicited]

#### **Untimely Bidding in Bankruptcy Auctions** [with Jeff Dutson & Austin Jowers]

26 *Norton Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice* 281 (2017) [solicited]

#### **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) [solicited]

#### **Beyond Insolvency**

62 *Kansas Law Review* 1 (2013)

#### **Credit Bidding and the Design of Bankruptcy Auctions** [with Ashley Keller]

18 *George Mason Law Review* 99 (2010)

### *Research in Progress*

“State Sovereignty and the Bankruptcy Power”

“Bankruptcy Control Rights”

“Against Corporate Purpose”

*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)

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTARY**

- “Opportunism and Internal Affairs,” Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics Annual Meeting, HEC Montréal, June 21–23, 2018 [scheduled]
- “The Logic and Limits of Municipal Bankruptcy Law,” Faculty Workshop, Kelley School of Business (Indiana University), March 30, 2018
- “What Bankruptcy Can (and Can’t) Do for Struggling Cities and Towns,” The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, October 27, 2017
- Commentary on Douglas G. Baird, Anthony J. Casey & Randal C. Picker, “The Bankruptcy Partition,” Symposium: Bankruptcy’s New Frontiers, University of Pennsylvania Law School, October 21, 2017
- “Opportunism and Internal Affairs,” Canadian Law & Economics Association Annual Meeting, University of Toronto, September 16, 2017
- “The Janus Faces of Reorganization Law,” Canadian Law & Economics Association Annual Meeting, University of Toronto, September 16, 2017
- “The Janus Faces of Reorganization Law,” Faculty Workshop, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, September 14, 2017
- “The Janus Faces of Reorganization Law,” Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, August 10, 2017
- “Opportunism and Internal Affairs,” Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, August 7, 2017
- “Opportunism and Internal Affairs,” Federalist Society Junior Scholars Colloquium, Annapolis, MD, June 24, 2017
- “Opportunism and Internal Affairs,” Trento Summer School in Adaptive Economics, Università degli Studi di Trento, June 16, 2017

- Commentary on Carola Frydman & Eric Hilt, “Investment Banks as Corporate Monitors in the Early 20th Century United States,” The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, April 8, 2017
- Panelist, Introduction to the Municipal Bond Market, Symposium: Cities that Cope—Confronting Financial Challenges in the Urban Landscape, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, March 31, 2017
- “Opportunism and Internal Affairs,” Federalist Society Faculty Conference, San Francisco, CA, January 5, 2017
- Panelist, The Supreme Court’s Recent Bankruptcy Cases, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 4, 2017
- “Opportunism and Internal Affairs,” Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business, Durham, NC, November 11, 2016
- “States’ Rights against Corporate Rights,” National Business Law Scholars Conference, University of Chicago Law School, June 23, 2016
- “Corporate Rights and Organizational Neutrality,” Canadian Law & Economics Association Annual Meeting, University of Toronto, September 26, 2015
- “Corporate Rights and Organizational Neutrality,” National Business Law Scholars Conference, Seton Hall Law School, June 4, 2015
- “Law and Legislation in Municipal Bankruptcy,” American Law & Economics Association Annual Meeting, Columbia University, May 16, 2015
- “Corporate Rights and Organizational Neutrality,” Federalist Society Faculty Conference, Washington, DC, January 3, 2015
- “Law and Legislation in Municipal Bankruptcy,” ABI Bankruptcy Scholars’ Workshop, Brooklyn Law School, November 21, 2014
- “Who Does Bankruptcy?,” Symposium: Distressed Municipal Financing—Navigating Uncharted Waters, Boston University Law School, February 7, 2014
- “An Ex Ante Approach to Excessive State Debt,” Faculty Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, July 25, 2013

## 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 for outstanding teaching in the undergraduate core

## BAR ADMISSIONS

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit  
United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois  
Illinois [inactive]