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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2017–present	BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW Professor of Law (2022–present) Associate Dean for Faculty Development (2022–present) Associate Professor of Law (2020–2022) Assistant Professor of Law (2017–2020) Graduation Award for Best First-Year Professor (Classes of 2024, 2022, 2021, 2020) E. Nathaniel Gates Distinguished Professor Award (2025) Co-Director, Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy (2019–2025)
Fall 2025	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW Adjunct Professor of Law
2015–2017	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL Harry A. Bigelow Teaching Fellow & Lecturer in Law

EDUCATION

2011	NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW , J.D., <i>summa cum laude</i> Law Review Alumni Association Award – Prize for second-highest GPA Order of the Coif Robert B. McKay Prize – Prize for excellence in constitutional law Furman Academic Scholar – Awarded for promise in legal academia Butler Scholar – Top ten students after four semesters Pomeroy Scholar – Top ten students after two semesters NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW, Articles Editor
2008	SWARTHMORE COLLEGE , B.A. in Political Science, <i>Highest Honors</i> <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> Joshua Lippincott Fellowship – Awarded for promise in law school

CLERKSHIPS

2014–2015	SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES The Honorable Sonia Sotomayor
2011–2012	UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE D.C. CIRCUIT The Honorable Janice Rogers Brown

BOOKS

Forthcoming *SIDEWALK NATION: THE LIFE AND LAW OF AMERICA'S MOST OVERLOOKED RESOURCE* (under contract with Harvard University Press)

ACADEMIC ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

Forthcoming *Sidewalk Living*, 67 WILLIAM & MARY LAW REVIEW ____ (invited symposium contribution)

2025 *Decentering Property in Fourth Amendment Law*, 92 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW 705 (with Matthew Tokson)

2024 *Sidewalk Government*, 122 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 613
Reviewed in: Sarah Schindler, *Who Controls the Sidewalks?*, JOTWELL, Nov. 23, 2022
Reprinted in: ZONING & PLANNING LAW HANDBOOK (Patricia E. Salkin, ed., 2025)

2024 *Legislating Courts*, 92 UMKC LAW REVIEW 613 (invited symposium contribution)

2022 *Judges, Judging and Otherwise*, 106 JUDICATURE 27 (invited essay)

2021 *Property Law for the Ages*, 63 WILLIAM & MARY LAW REVIEW 561 (with Lior Jacob Strahilevitz)
Referenced in: JESSE DUKEMINIER, ET AL., PROPERTY (10th ed. 2022)

2021 *Reallocating Redevelopment Risk*, 73 FLORIDA LAW REVIEW 1081

2021 *Courts Beyond Judging*, 46 BYU LAW REVIEW 719
Excerpted in: JESSICA BULMAN-POZEN & MIRIAM SEIFTER, STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CASES AND PRINCIPLES (1st ed. 2025)

2020 *Lumping, Fairness, and Single People*, 2020 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW ONLINE 27 (invited symposium essay)

2020 *A Knock on Knick's Revival of Federal Takings Litigation*, 72 FLORIDA LAW REVIEW 419 (with Stewart E. Sterk)
Referenced in: JESSE DUKEMINIER, ET AL., PROPERTY (10th ed. 2022)
Reprinted in: ZONING & PLANNING LAW HANDBOOK (Patricia E. Salkin, ed., 2021)

2019 *Taking Data*, 86 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW 77
Referenced in: JESSE DUKEMINIER, ET AL., PROPERTY (10th ed. 2022)

2017 *Land Use Federalism's False Choice*, 68 ALABAMA LAW REVIEW 707

- 2016 *Courts, Constituencies, and the Enforcement of Fiduciary Duties in the Nonprofit Sector*, 77 UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH LAW REVIEW 281 (with Joseph Mead)
- 2013 *Judicial Deference and Institutional Character: Homeowners Associations and The Puzzle of Private Governance*, 81 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI LAW REVIEW 839
- 2011 *Chevron's Regrets: The Persistent Vitality of the Nondelegation Doctrine*, 86 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 316 (student note)

SELECTED OP-EDS AND MEDIA

- 2024 *The Crisis in the Courts*, Panelist, THE NEW REPUBLIC, January 17, 2024
- 2023 *NYC Sidewalk Obligations Must Go Beyond Construction*, LAW360, August 7, 2023
- 2023 *We Need a Department of Sidewalks*, SLATE, July 12, 2023
- 2022 *NYC Mayor Eric Adams' Rat Plan is a New Tax on Trash*, NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL, Oct. 28, 2022

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Denominators

Municipal Civil Disobedience

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW

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| Spring 2018–present | Property Law |
| Fall 2018–present | State & Local Government Law |
| Fall 2025–present | Critical Perspectives on Land Use (Seminar) |
| Winter 2019–present | Lawyering in DC |
| Fall 2019–Fall 2022 | Elements of Law |

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| Fall 2025 | Property Law |
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| 2015–2017 | Legal Research and Writing |
| Spring 2017 | Land Use & Social Policy (Seminar) |

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

SIDEWALK GOVERNMENT	William & Mary Law Review Volume 66 Symposium (February 2025) State & Local Government Works-in-Progress Conference at ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (November 2024) Property Works-in-Progress Conference at Boston University Law School (November 2024) Association for Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting (June 2024) Cardozo School of Law Faculty Brown Bag Workshop (June 2024) Cardozo School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop (March 2024)
<i>Decentering Property in Fourth Amendment Law</i>	Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference at William & Mary Law School (September 2024) Cardozo School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop (October 2023)
<i>Sidewalk Government</i>	New York City Bar Association Transportation Committee (April 2023) International and Comparative Urban Law Conference at UBC School of Law (July 2022) Cardozo School of Law Faculty Brown Bag Workshop (July 2022)
<i>Property Law for the Ages</i>	Association for Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting (May 2021) University of Chicago Law School Works-in-Progress Workshop (April 2021) Cardozo School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop (January 2021) Cardozo School of Law Faculty Brown Bag Workshop (August 2020)
<i>Reallocating Redevelopment Risk</i>	Local Government Works-in-Progress Workshop at Cardozo Law School (November 2020) Cardozo School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop (October 2020)
<i>A Knock on Knick</i>	ABA Section on Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law Professors' Corner (February 2020)
<i>Lumping, Fairness, and Single People</i>	Coase-Sandor Institute for Law and Economics at the University of Chicago (November 2019)
<i>Courts Beyond Judging</i>	University of Wisconsin Law School Public Law in the States Conference (June 2021) University of Richmond School of Law Junior Faculty Forum (May 2019) NYU School of Law Furman Scholars Workshop (February 2019) Property Works-in-Progress Conference at Boston University Law School (October 2018) State & Local Government Works-in-Progress Conference at Fordham Law School (September 2018) Cardozo School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop (April 2018)

<i>Taking Data</i>	Southeastern Association of Law Schools New Scholars Workshop (August 2018) Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (June 2018) University of Richmond School of Law Junior Faculty Forum (May 2018) AALS New Voices in Property Law Panel (January 2018) Cardozo School of Law Junior Faculty Workshop (September 2017)
<i>Land Use Federalism's False Choice</i>	The University of Chicago Law School Works-in-Progress Workshop (September 2016) Southeastern Association of Law Schools Prospective Law Teachers' Workshop (August 2016)

WORK EXPERIENCE

2012–2014	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL DIVISION Trial Attorney, Federal Programs Branch Special Commendation for Outstanding Service (2014)
2011	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL Summer Law Intern
2010	JENNER & BLOCK Summer Associate, Washington D.C.
2010	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL DIVISION Summer Law Intern, Appellate Staff
2009	NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL, OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL Legal Intern

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2021–present	Member, Association of Urban Law Scholars
2020–present	Mentor, Law Clerks for Diversity
2023, 2019	External Examiner, Constitutional Law in the American Polity, Swarthmore College
2019	Member, New York City Charter Revision Task Force, NYC Bar Association

BAR ADMISSIONS

2013	New York State
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