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EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York

J.D., May 1999, *magna cum laude*

Honors: Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar; Order of the Coif; Maurice Goodman Memorial Prize (outstanding scholarship and character); Edward Weinfeld Prize (distinguished scholarship in procedure); Judge Rose L. & Herbit Rubin Law Review Prize (outstanding Law Review Note); Morton Geller Award (outstanding contribution to Law Review)

BROWN UNIVERSITY, Providence, Rhode Island

A.B., American Civilization and Human Biology, May 1994

Honors: Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society
Brown University National Scholar

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York

Max Freund Professor of Litigation & Advocacy

August 2019-present

Professor of Law

August 2013-present

Associate Professor of Law

August 2010-July 2013

Assistant Professor of Law

July 2007-July 2010

Courses: Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Elements of Law, Federal Courts, Race and the Law, Rights of Incarcerated People

Service: Adjuncts Committee (2010-2011; Chair, 2020-2021); Appointments Committee (2008-2010; 2015-2016; Chair, 2019-2020; Chair 2022-2023); Bar Task Force (2024-present; Chair, 2025-2027); Cardozo Center for Rights and Justice (Faculty Director, 2015-present); Clerkship & Placement Committee (2008-2010; Chair, 2014-2016; Chair, 2023-2024); Educational Policy Committee (2010-2011; Chair 2017-2019; 2024-2025); Faculty Development Committee (2011-2013; Chair, 2013-2014); Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy (Co-Director, 2025-2027); Moot Court Honor Society Advisor (2007-2008; 2018-2019) and Public Service Scholars Advisor (2007-2015)

Honors: Best Overall Professor (Awarded by Graduating Classes of 2020, 2025, and 2026); Best First Year Professor (Awarded by Graduating Classes of 2012, 2015, 2017, and 2018); INSPIRE Public Service Award (2012)

CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, Ithaca, New York

Visiting Professor of Law

January 2022-June 2022

Courses: Civil Procedure

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

KOOB & MAGOOLAGHAN, New York, New York

Of Counsel

July 2007-August 2012

Associate

November 2001-July 2007

Practiced trial and appellate level civil rights litigation, focusing on prisoners' rights and employment discrimination. Cases included individual and class actions addressing prison conditions, criminal procedure, and post-September-11th civil liberties. Counsel of record in Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662 (2009).

THE HONORABLE STEPHEN G. BREYER, UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk

July 2000-June 2001

THE HONORABLE HARRY T. EDWARDS, D.C. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk

July 1999-June 2000

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

Bivens' Lasting Legacy, __ B.U. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2026)

Harlow's Discretionary Function Test and Qualified Immunity's Footprint, 139 HARV. L. REV. 1813 (2026) (invited submission) (with James E. Pfander)

Notice Pleading's Quiet Return, 103 WASH. U. L. REV. 353 (2025)

- Recipient of Civil Justice Research Initiative's 2025 Best Publication Prize

Empiricism and Constitutional Torts, 21 ANN. REV. L. & SOC. SCI. 379 (2025) (with Joanna C. Schwartz and James E. Pfander) (invited submission)

Management's Substantive Edges, 42 REV. LITIGATION 195 (2023)

Qualified Immunity's Flawed Foundation, 111 CAL. L. REV. 201 (2023)

Asymmetric Review of Qualified Immunity, 20 J. EMPIRICAL L. STUD. 1 (2023)

New Federalism and Civil Rights Enforcement: A Progressive Platform for State and Local Governments, 116 NORTHWESTERN L. REV. 737 (2021) (with James E. Pfander and Joanna C. Schwartz)

Going Rogue: The Supreme Court's Newfound Hostility to Policy-Based Bivens Claims, 96 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 1835 (2021) (with James E. Pfander and Joanna C. Schwartz)

The Myth of Personal Liability: Who Pays When Bivens Claims Succeed, 72 STAN. L. REV. 561 (2020) (with James E. Pfander and Joanna C. Schwartz)

Measuring Selection Bias in Publicly Available Judicial Opinions, 38 REV. LITIGATION 255 (2019)

The Narrative of Costs, the Cost of Narrative, 40 CARDOZO L. REV. 121 (2018)

Qualified Immunity at Trial, 93 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 2063 (2018)

The Influence of Government Defenders on Affirmative Civil Rights Enforcement, 86 FORDHAM L. REV. 2181 (2018)

Solitary Troubles, 93 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 927 (2018)

Erie Step Zero, 85 FORDHAM L. REV. 2341 (2017)

The Second Circuit and Social Justice, 85 FORDHAM L. REV. 73 (2016) (with Matthew Diller) [commissioned by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit on the 125th Anniversary of the Court]

Reconceptualizing the Eighth Amendment: Slaves, Prisoners, and "Cruel and Unusual Punishment," 94 N.C. L. REV. 817 (2016)

Measuring the Impact of Plausibility Pleading, 101 VA. L. REV. 2117 (2015)

The Burdens of Pleading, 162 U. PA. L. REV. 1767 (2014)

Screening Out Innovation: The Unrecognized Merits of Meritless Litigation, 89 IND. L. J. 1191 (2014)

Asking the First Question: Reframing Bivens after Minneci, 90 WASH. U. L. REV. 1473 (2013) (with Lumen N. Mulligan)

Revisiting “Special Needs” Theory via Airport Searches, 106 NW. U. L. REV. 1513 (2012); 106 NW. U. L. REV. COLLOQUY 207 (2012)

Release as Remedy for Excessive Punishment, 53 WM. & MARY L. REV. 1575 (2012)

Pleading as Information-Forcing, 75 LAW & CONTEMP. PROBS. 1 (2012)

The Costs of Heightened Pleading, 86 IND. L. J. 119 (2011)

Does Qualified Immunity Matter? 8 U. ST. THOMAS L. J. 477 (2011)

Public Interest(s) and Fourth Amendment Enforcement, 2010 U. ILL. L. REV. 1461 (2010)

Measuring the Success of Bivens Litigation and Its Consequences for the Individual Liability Model, 62 STAN. L. REV. 809 (2010)

Procedural Barriers to Civil Rights Litigation and the Illusory Promise of Equity, 78 UMKC L. REV. 931 (2010)

Eighth Amendment Gaps: Can Conditions of Confinement Litigation Benefit from Proportionality Theory? 36 FORDHAM URB. L. J. 53 (2009)

BOOKS AND TREATISES

WRIGHT, KANE, HERSHKOFF, & REINERT’S LAW OF FEDERAL COURTS (West 9th Ed.) (with Helen Hershkoff) (forthcoming 2027)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Want Police Reform? Look to the States, not Courts or Congress, USA TODAY (Feb. 8, 2022) (with James Pfander and Joanna Schwartz)

Disruptors and Disruptions – Re-Centering Procedural Narrative, in A CRITICAL GUIDE TO CIVIL PROCEDURE (2022)

Supervisory Liability After Iqbal, 41 CARDOZO L. REV. 945 (2020)

We Can End Qualified Immunity Tomorrow, BOSTON REVIEW (June 23, 2020)

The Simple Way Congress Can Stop Federal Officials from Abusing Protesters, POLITICO (June 10, 2020) (with Joanna Schwartz and James Pfander)

Stop Staring at Manafort and Look at Rikers Island’s Predominant Population, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (June 6, 2019) (with Betsy Ginsberg)

One Detention Center’s Pain Is a Window on a National Plague: Jail and Prison Inmates Across America Struggle to Protect Their Rights, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (Feb. 6, 2019) (with Betsy Ginsberg)

Erie Doctrine, State Law, and Civil Rights Litigation in Federal Court, 9 CONLAWNOW 219 (2019)

We Need to Treat Solitary Confinement like the Human Rights Abuse It Is, HUFFINGTON POST (May 15, 2018), https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/opinion-reinert-solitary-confinement_us_5afb46a6e4b0779345d3c999

The Cost of Seeking Legal Clarity, Balkinization (symposium on James Pfander, CONSTITUTIONAL TORTS AND THE WAR ON TERROR (2017)), <https://balkin.blogspot.com/2017/05/the-cost-of-seeking-legal-clarity.html> (May 16, 2017)

SPEAK FREE Act Would Silence Civil Rights and Public Interest Litigants (Editorial), THE HILL (July 7, 2016)

Finding the Proper Measure for Conditions of Pretrial Confinement, Response, 161 U. Pa. L. Rev. PENNumbra 191 (2013), <http://www.pennumbra.com/responses/response.php?rid=113>

The Impact of Ashcroft v. Iqbal on Pleading, 43 URB. LAW. 559 (2011)

National Security and the Shadows of Judicial "Common Sense," 96 IOWA L. REV. BULL. 1 (2010) (essay in response to Peter Margulies, *Judging Myopia in Hindsight: Bivens Actions, National Security Decisions, and the Rule of Law*, 96 IOWA L. REV. 195 (2010))

Accounting for the Limitations of Congress' Enforcement Power, U. CHI. L. REV. LEGAL WORKSHOP (Oct. 25, 2010) (editorial in response to Richard Frankel, *Regulating Privatized Government through § 1983*, 76 U. CHI. L. REV. 1449 (2009))

The Legal System's Misuse of Epidemiology, 87 JUDICATURE 12 (2003) (with Arthur Bryant)

Epidemiology in the Legal Arena and the Search for Truth, 154 AM. J. EPID. S27 (2001) (with Arthur Bryant) (solicited work)

Note, *The Right to Farm: Hog-Tied and Nuisance-Bound*, 73 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1694 (1998)

Corruption of Previously Published Asbestos Research, 55 ARCH. ENVTL. HEALTH 75 (2000) (with David S. Egilman)

Asbestos Exposure and Lung Cancer: Asbestosis Is Not Necessary, 30 AM. J. IND. MED. 398 (1996) (with David S. Egilman)

The Asbestos TLV: Early Evidence of Inadequacy, 30 AM. J. IND. MED. 369 (1996) (with David S. Egilman)

The Origin and Development of the Asbestos Threshold Limit Value: Scientific Indifference and Corporate Influence, 25 INT. J. HEALTH SERV. 667 (1995) (with David S. Egilman)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Watching the Sky Not Fall: A Study of State Qualified Immunity Reforms (with James Pfander and Joanna Schwartz)
Empirical study of impact of state law civil rights initiatives aimed at eliminating qualified immunity defense.

Capital Sentencing in the Shadow of Enmund and Tison, 1976-2008 (with Joseph Margulies and Cassandra Stubbs)
Empirical study of all cases in which juries recommended death in jurisdictions in which capital punishment was permitted for defendants who neither killed nor intended to kill (encompassing over 4,000 death sentences)

Theorizing Unjustified Punishment
Criticizing theoretical definitions of punishment that implicitly or explicitly focus on *justified* punishment and fail to acknowledge or account for the existence of *unjustified* punishment

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE, Philadelphia, PA

Member

2023-present

Adviser, *Restatement of Law, Constitutional Torts Project*

2023-present

Elected to leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize, and otherwise improve the law.

SECOND CIRCUIT PRO BONO PANEL, New York, NY

Panel Member

2019-2022

Appointed by Second Circuit Court of Appeals to provide appellate representation to indigent litigants upon request of the court

NATIONAL CIVIL JUSTICE INSTITUTE, Washington, DC

Academic Fellow

2019-present

Selected by Board of Trustees to serve as an Academic Fellow for a national legal think tank created by pioneering members of the trial bar and dedicated to ensuring access to justice for ordinary citizens.

AMERICAN JUDICATURE SOCIETY, Des Moines, Iowa

Chair, Amicus Committee

2009-2014

Member, Board of Directors

2002-2011

Member of the Board of Directors of national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of justice and ensuring judicial independence in the United States. As Chair of Amicus Committee, responsible for evaluating requests for amicus participation and for providing feedback on briefs submitted on behalf of the organization.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS, Washington, DC

Executive Committee Member, Civil Rights Section

2012-2013

Chair, Civil Rights Section

2011-2012

Organize thematic program for Section's Annual Meeting; prepare annual newsletter.

PRACTISING LAW INSTITUTE, New York, New York

Chair, Section 1983 Program

2023-present

Co-Chair, Prison Law Program

2012, 2014

Chair, Prison Law Program

2009, 2010, 2011

Organize and facilitate comprehensive day-long program to educate attorneys and others regarding the substantive, procedural, and ethical rules governing prisoners' rights litigation.

PUBLIC JUSTICE

Chair, Iqbal Project

2009-2019

Organize, facilitate, and assist committee devoted to researching the impact of *Ashcroft v. Iqbal* in lower courts and providing legal assistance in select cases in which *Iqbal* will play a significant role.

TEMPLE BAR SCHOLAR, London, United Kingdom

Participating Scholar

October 2001

One of four young American lawyers to participate in month-long program devoted to the study of the English legal system from the perspective of advocates, judges, and academics.

TRIAL LAWYERS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE, Washington, DC

Finalist, Trial Lawyer of the Year

2006

Lead counsel for *Elmaghraby v. Ashcroft*, one of seven cases chosen as finalist for 2006 Trial Lawyer of the Year. Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, a national public interest organization, presents the award to those lawyers who have made the greatest contribution to the public interest by trying or settling a precedent-setting case.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, AND CONFERENCES

Theory Meets Practice: Partnering with Scholars to Strengthen Civil Rights Cases, National Police Accountability Project's Annual Meeting, New York, NY (April 24, 2026)

The Story of *Iqbal*, Lectures at Boston College School of Law (October 15, 2025), Gonzaga Law School (October 23, 2025), Harvard Law School (October 15, 2025), New York University School of Law (October 29, 2025), University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (November 3, 2025), and Yale Law School (April 16, 2026)

Watching the Sky Not Fall: A Study of State Qualified Immunity Reforms, AAJ Lunch and Learn (Virtual Presentation, March 17, 2026)

42d Annual Training on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Program Chair, Presenter, and Program Facilitator), PLI, New York, NY (Nov. 20, 2025)

Harlow's Discretionary Function Test and Qualified Immunity's Footprint, Harvard Law School (Boston, MA, Oct. 10, 2025)

Panel Participant, *Legality of Student and Activist Deportations*, Cardozo Law School (April 28, 2025)

Bivens, Monell, and Remedial Convergence, Gershenson Workshop, Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, MI (Feb. 27, 2025)

41st Annual Training on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Program Chair, Presenter, and Program Facilitator), PLI, New York, NY (Nov. 21, 2024)

Section 1983 and Qualified Immunity (Keynote Speaker), Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan, Detroit, MI (April 5, 2024)

40th Annual Training on Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation (Program Chair, Presenter, and Program Facilitator), PLI, New York, NY (November 30, 2023)

Nationwide Injunctions Symposium, Panel Participant, Center on Civil Justice, NYU Law School, New York, NY, (October 23, 2023)

Management's Substantive Edges, Managerial Judges @ 40, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut (November 4, 2022)

Municipal Liability: Policymakers, 39th Annual PLI Section 1983 Training, New York, New York (November 3, 2022)

Panelist, *A Roundup of Recent Federal Court Decisions*, Short Circuit Live Podcast, New York, New York (October 26, 2022)

Panelist, *Thank You Justice Stephen Breyer*, Federal Bar Association, New York, New York (October 20, 2022) (virtual event)

The Story of Iqbal, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois (October 17, 2022) (virtual appearance)

The Story of Iqbal, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois (October 6, 2022) (virtual appearance)

Moderator, Prisons and Punishment I Panel, CrimFest, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York (July 18, 2022)

Eight and Fourteenth Amendment Section 1983 Claims, District Court for the District of Nevada Pro Bono Program, Nevada, Las Vegas (July 12, 2022) (virtual event)

New Developments in the Law of Section 1983, Federal Judicial Center Court Web Lecture, Washington, D.C. (May 24, 2022) (virtual event)

Discussant, Mark Moller & Lawrence Solum, *The Article III "Party" and The Originalist Case Against Corporate Diversity Jurisdiction*, Civil Procedure Workshop, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York (May 19, 2022)

Asymmetric Review of Qualified Immunity, Colloquium on Civil Rights History, Enforcement, and Policy, Duke Law School, Durham, North Carolina (April 7, 2022) (virtual appearance)

Invited Witness, *Hearing on Examining Civil Rights Litigation Reform, Part I: Qualified Immunity*, House of Representatives Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, DC (March 31, 2022) (testimony delivered virtually)

Invited Commentator, *50 Shades of Government Immunity*, Short Circuit Podcast (February 9, 2022)

Qualified Immunity's Flawed Foundation, Cornell Law School Faculty Workshop, Ithaca, New York (February 4, 2022) (virtual appearance)

Qualified Immunity's Flawed Foundation, ABA Academy of Justice Roundtable (November 5, 2021) (virtual event)

Municipal Liability Update, 38th Annual PLI Section 1983 Training, New York, New York (October 28, 2021)

Supreme Court Preview, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York (October 25, 2021)

The Story of Iqbal, Boston University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts (October 20, 2021)

Pearson's *Wrong Turn*, Loyola University Chicago School of Law Law Review Symposium, Chicago, Illinois (April 9, 2021) (virtual event)

Going Rogue: The Supreme Court's Newfound Hostility to Policy-Based Bivens Claims, Notre Dame Law Review 2021 Symposium, Notre Dame, Indiana (January 15, 2021) (with James E. Pfander and Joanna C. Schwartz) (virtual event)

Section 1983 Pleadings Issues, 37th Annual PLI Section 1983 Trainings, New York, New York (October 16, 2020)

Panel Presenter, *Remedies in Practice*, University of Texas Symposium on Remedies in Complex Litigation, Austin, Texas (January 31, 2020) (virtual appearance)

Bivens/Malesko/Ziglar: Where Are We Going? Prison Law 2019, PLI, New York, New York (November 22, 2019)

Causation Is Everywhere, 36th Annual PLI Section 1983 Training, New York, New York (October 24, 2019)

Section 1983: Immunities, Remedies, and Defenses, Second Circuit Staff Attorney Training, New York, New York (May 23, 2019; July 20, 2017)

Supervisory Liability After Iqbal, Ten Years of *Iqbal*: Perspectives on Policy, Procedure, and Substance, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York (March 15, 2019)

The Myth of Personal Liability: Who Pays When Bivens Claims Succeed, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Faculty Workshop, New York, New York (February 20, 2019); Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Faculty Workshop, Chicago, Illinois (October 19, 2018)

The State of Mind Requirement in Section 1983 Cases, Law Clerk Video Conference on Issues in 42 U.S.C. § 1983 Litigation, Federal Bar Council, New York, New York (November 28, 2018; November 28, 2017; November 16, 2016; December 2, 2015; November 19, 2014; January 15, 2014; November 29, 2013; November 29, 2011; November 30, 2010)

Supervisory Liability and Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 35th Annual PLI Section 1983 Training, New York, New York (October 25, 2018)

Erie Doctrine, State Law, and Civil Rights Litigation in Federal Court, Erie at Eighty: Choice of Law Across the Disciplines, The Center for Constitutional Law, University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio (September 14, 2018)

Legal Strategies in Solitary Confinement Reform – Opportunities and Challenges, The Santa Cruz Academic Summit on Solitary Confinement & Health, University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, California (May 25, 2018)

Nassau County Correctional Center: A Case Study in Jail Reform Litigation, Nassau County Bar Association Civil Rights Committee, Mineola, New York (May 17, 2018)

Moderator, *Rikers Island: Present & Future*, Cardozo Law School New York, New York (April 24, 2018)

Measuring Selection Bias in Publicly Available Judicial Opinions, Judicial Efficiency Symposium, University of Texas Law School, Austin, Texas (April 21, 2018)

The Art of Pleading: Civil Rights & Employment Law After Iqbal, Eastern District of Michigan Federal Bar Association, Detroit, Michigan (March 23, 2018).

Moderator, Judicial Roundtable, The Innocence Project's Impact After 25 Years: Law, Policy and the Courts, New York, New York (November 17, 2017)

Defensive Agendas and Access to Justice, Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics Colloquium on Access to Justice and the Legal Profession in an Era of Contracting Civil Liability, Fordham Law School, New York, New York (October 27, 2017)

Anatomy of a Section 1983 Wrongful Conviction Case, 34th Annual PLI Section 19983 Training, New York, New York (October 26, 2017)

Juvenile Justice and Solitary Confinement, NYC Social Justice Post-Graduate Fellowship Program, New York, New York (August 21, 2017)

Theorizing Unjustified Punishment, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Faculty Brownbag Workshop, New York, New York (June 20, 2017)

Measuring Selection Bias in Publicly Available Judicial Opinions, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Faculty Workshop, New York, New York (April 5, 2017)

Invited Commentator, University of Michigan Prison Law Roundtable, Ann Arbor, Michigan (March 10, 2017)

Plausibility Pleading Practices: 7 Years Post-Iqbal, Red Flag or Red Herring, Federal Bar Association, Civil Rights Section, New York, New York (Feb 16, 2017)

Solitary Troubles, St. John's University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Queens, New York (February 8, 2017)

Abuse of State Power, 33rd Annual PLI Section 19983 Training, New York, New York (September 29, 2016)

Invited Commentator, Second Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, University of Washington Law School, Seattle, Washington (July 14, 2016)

Testimony on H.R. 2304, the SPEAK FREE Act of 2015, House of Representatives Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice, Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, DC (June 22, 2016)

Panel Presenter, *Solitary Confinement in New York State*, New York City Bar Committee on Corrections and Community Reentry, New York, New York (May 18, 2016)

Panel Presenter, *Developments in Civil Procedure: Civil Rights Plaintiffs and Access to Courts*, New York Law School, New York, New York (April 8, 2016)

Update on the Law of Incarcerated Persons, Wm. Matthew Byrne, Jr., Judicial Clerkship Institute, Federal Judicial Center, Malibu, California (March 18, 2016)

Solitary Troubles, Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (February 25, 2016)

Panel Presenter, *Is it Really Time to Change: Analyzing the Scope and Impact of the Recent Amendments to the Federal Rules*, New York State Bar Association Webinar (February 10, 2016)

Moderator, *Chief Justice John Roberts and Statutory Interpretation*, Benjamin N. Cardozo Law School Law Review Symposium, New York, New York (October 15, 2015)

The New Dynamics of Solitary Confinement: Has our Singular 'Experiment' Run Its Course? Criminal Law Faculty Seminar, New York University School of Law, New York, New York (October 6, 2015)

Erie Step Zero, First Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, Seattle, WA (July 16, 2015)

The Law of Incarcerated Persons, Federal Judicial Center Court Web Lecture, Washington, D.C. (May 20, 2015)

Supervisory Liability, Monell, and Prisoners' Rights, Nassau County Bar Association Civil Rights Committee, Mineola, New York (April 29, 2015)

Juveniles and Solitary Confinement, Art of Social Change, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts (April 2, 2015)

Prisoner Litigation: Pleading Standards and Causes of Action, 2015 Joint First, Second, and Third Circuit *Pro Se* Conference, New Paltz, New York (February 25, 2015)

Testimony in Opposition to Proposed Rule to Create Enhanced Supervision Housing, New York City Board of Correction, New York, New York (December 19, 2014)

Panel Presenter, *Society and Solitary Confinement: The War Within- A Panel Discussion*, New York Society for Ethical Culture, New York, New York (October 15, 2014)

Testimony in Support of Solitary Confinement Reform, Council of the City of New York, Committee on Fire and Criminal Justice Services, New York, New York (August 20, 2014)

The Use of Solitary Confinement for Juveniles in New York, New York State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights, New York, New York (July 10, 2014)

Prisoners' Rights, Second Circuit Pro Se Office Training Seminar, New York, New York (November 19, 2013; November 30, 2012; October 25, 2011; October 26, 2010)

The Burdens of Pleading, The Federal Rules at 75, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (November 15, 2013)

Measuring Iqbal, Fordham Law School Faculty Workshop, New York, New York (October 31, 2013); Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (October 25, 2013); Vanderbilt Law School Faculty Workshop, Nashville, Tennessee (April 3, 2013); Washington and Lee University School of Law Faculty Colloquium, Lexington, Virginia (March 4, 2013)

Panel Presenter, *Federal Pleading After Twombly and Iqbal*, Judicial Conference of the Fifth Circuit, Fort Worth, Texas (May 7, 2013)

Scaffolds of Subordination: Slaves, Prisoners, and "Cruel And Unusual" Punishment, University of Michigan Law School Prison Scholarship Workshop, Ann Arbor, Michigan (February 1, 2013)

Panel Presenter, *A Multiplicity of Perspectives on the War on Terror: Teaching Social Justice in the Aftermath of 9/11*, Society of American Law Teachers Conference on Teaching, Baltimore, Maryland (October 6, 2012)

The Value of Meritless Litigation, Seton Hall University School of Law Faculty Colloquium, Newark, New Jersey (October 1, 2012); Discussion Group on the Impact of Remedies on Constitutional Law, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, Florida (July 31, 2012); and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Faculty Development Conference, New York, New York (March 26, 2012)

Health Care in Prison, Prison Law 2012, Practising Law Institute, New York, New York (August 3, 2012)

Iqbal v. Ashcroft: Impact in Prisoner Civil Rights Litigation Pleading Standards and Supervisory Liability, Section 1983 Prisoner Civil Rights Litigation Training, Buffalo, New York (June 29, 2012)

Qualified Immunity Fictions, Barriers and Innovations in Civil Rights Litigation Since 9/11: Practical and Theoretical Perspectives, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas (February 3, 2012)

Moderator, *National Security and Civil Rights*, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Civil Rights Section, Washington, D.C. (January 7, 2012)

Release as Remedy for Excessive Punishment, Annual Conference of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C. (November 17, 2011)

Pleading as Information-Forcing, University of Genoa Faculty of Law, Genoa, Italy (June 10, 2011); and Access to Justice Symposium, Institute for Law & Economic Policy, Manalapan, Florida (April 8, 2011)

Prisoners' Rights Litigation, Section 1983: Civil Rights Litigation, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC (March 24, 2011)

Plausible Pleading: Ashcroft v. Iqbal and How the Circuits Are Applying the Decision to Section 1983 Cases, Section 1983: Civil Rights Litigation, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC (March 24, 2011)

Does Qualified Immunity Matter? Official Wrongdoing and the Civil Liability of the Federal Government and Officers, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota (March 18, 2011)

Substantive Case Law Update and The Impact of Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 2011 Joint First, Second, and Third Circuit Pro Se Conference, New Paltz, New York (February 10, 2011)

Roundtable Participant, *Federal Courts, Inc.?* American Constitution Society, New York, New York (February 8, 2011)

The Many Faces of Iqbal: Pleadings, Supervisory Liability and Bivens, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Civil Rights Section, San Francisco, California (January 5, 2011)

Litigating Claims After Iqbal and Twombly, American Association of Justice Teleseminar (December 15, 2010)

Pleading in a Post-Twombly and Iqbal World: Where Things Stand, Bureau of National Affairs Webinar (November 17, 2010)

The Scholarship of Paul Verkuil (Moderator), Feitschrift in Honor of Paul Verkuil, New York, New York (October 18, 2010)

Motions to Dismiss After Iqbal, National Employment Lawyers Association/New York, Fall 2010 Conference, New York, New York (October 15, 2010)

Litigating Civil Rights Claims After Iqbal, Civil Rights Training Institute, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Warrenton, Virginia (October 7, 2010)

Issues After Iqbal, Workshop for U.S. District Judges III, Federal Judicial Center, Portland, Oregon (September 22, 2010); Workshop for U.S. District Judges II, Federal Judicial Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota (July 14, 2010); Workshop for U.S. Magistrate Judges II, Federal Judicial Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico (July 9, 2010); Workshop for U.S. District Judges I, Federal Judicial Center, Washington, D.C. (May 20, 2010); Workshop for U.S. Magistrate Judges I, Federal Judicial Center, San Francisco, California (April 9, 2010)

Issues After Iqbal in Prisoners' Rights Litigation, Prison Law 2010, Practising Law Institute, New York, New York (September 1, 2010)

Motions to Dismiss Employment Claims After Iqbal, Twombly, & Swierkiewicz, National Employment Lawyers Association Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. (June 24, 2010)

Moderator, *The Content and Context of "Hate Speech": Rethinking Regulation and Remedies*, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York (May 13, 2010)

Moderator, *Acknowledging Race in a "Post-Racial" Era: Administration of Justice*, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York (April 30, 2010)

The Costs of Heightened Pleading, CUNY Law School (March 31, 2010)

Panel Presenter, *Triaging and Financing Prison Cases*, Prisoners' Rights Litigation: A Workshop for Advocates, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut (March 4, 2010)

Panel Presenter, *Access to Justice in Federal Courts*, American Constitution Society Symposium, New York University School of Law, New York, New York (January 21, 2010)

Panel Presenter, *Current Issues in Barriers to Justice*, American Constitution Society's Civil Justice Committee at the Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut (November 12, 2009)

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Panel Presenter, *Gun Regulation after the Heller Decision: What's Next?*, New York City Bar Association, New York, New York (December 11, 2008)

Eighth Amendment Gaps, Fordham Urban Law Journal Colloquium on Conditions of Confinement, New York, New York (October 24, 2008)

Panel Presenter, *Bivens, Deterrence, and the Individual Liability Model*, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Montreal, Quebec (May 30, 2008)

Panel Presenter, *Section 1983 Litigation: Deliberate Indifference*, Federal Bar Council Training, New York, New York (October 25, 2007)

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Panel Presenter, *The Use of Statistics in Disparate Treatment Cases*, for Panel at Spring 2004 Conference of National Employment Lawyers Association, New York Chapter, New York, New York (May 7, 2004)

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Counsel for a Party:

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Counsel for Amicus Curiae:

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