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CURRENT POSITIONS

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA 2011-Present
Visiting Associate Clinical Professor (Adjunct Professor 2009-2010)

- Design curriculum for and teach courses entitled “Campaign Finance Seminar,” “Money, Politics and the Supreme Court,” and “Law and Process: Privacy Torts.”

KCET, Los Angeles, CA 2011-Present
Writer

- Write bi-weekly blogs about political reform issues on the state and local level.

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES, Los Angeles, CA 2008-2011
Director of Political Reform

- Researched, wrote and edited reports concerning the election laws, including campaign finance laws, ballot initiatives, term limits, primary elections systems, and redistricting.
- Advised jurisdictions on drafting campaign finance and disclosure ordinances, and testified at commission and legislative committee hearings.
- Authored *amicus curiae* brief for the United States Supreme Court concerning the constitutionality of public campaign financing.
- Regularly spoke to the local and national press about political reform issues.
- Managed internship program of law and undergraduate students.

RUSS AUGUST & KABAT, Los Angeles, CA 2007-2008
Litigation Associate

- Researched, wrote and argued dispositive and discovery motions in intellectual property, real estate and business litigation matters in federal and state court.
- Conducted and defended depositions in intellectual property matters.
- Represented clients in pro bono matters in state court.

SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT LLP, Los Angeles, CA 2006-2007
Litigation Associate

- Represented AIDS Project Los Angeles in an arbitration.
- Represented aggrieved homebuyers against subprime lenders in a pro bono matter.
- Researched, drafted and argued dispositive and discovery motions.
- Conducted depositions.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, Santa Ana, CA 2005-2006
Law Clerk to the Honorable James V. Selna

- Drafted tentative and final court orders, and bench memoranda.

WINSTON & STRAWN LLP, Los Angeles, CA
Summer Associate

Summer 2004

- Researched and wrote memoranda for the litigation, labor and employment, bankruptcy and real estate departments.

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA
Research Assistant for Professor Allan Ides

Summer 2003 & Spring 2005

- Researched case law and drafted legal memoranda for use in pro bono cases, including a First Amendment case argued by the ACLU on behalf of a federal air marshal.
- Performed research for updates to Constitutional Law study guides and Civil Procedure textbooks.

CALIFORNIA STATE COURT, Los Angeles, CA
Judicial Extern for the Honorable Craig D. Karlan

Summer 2003

- Performed legal research and assisted in drafting court orders.

PUBLICATIONS

(Law review articles available for download at:

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=1722208)

- *We the Corporations?: The Constitutionality of Limitations on Corporate Electoral Speech After Citizens United*, 45 U.S.F. L. Rev. 307 (2012).
- *Is the Party Over? The Open Primary Process*, 44 LOY. L. REV. 463 (2011).
- *Timing Is Everything: A New Model for Countering Corruption Without Silencing Speech in Elections*, 55 ST. LOUIS U. L.J. 853 (2011).
- *Ballot Box Budgeting in California: The Bane of the Golden State or an Overstated Problem?* (co-author), 37 HASTINGS CONST. L.Q. 689 (2010).
- *Public Campaign Financing in Florida: A Program Sours* (Center for Governmental Studies 2009).
- *Public Campaign Financing: New Jersey Legislature - A Pilot Project Takes Flight* (Center for Governmental Studies 2008).
- *Public Campaign Financing: New Jersey Governor - Weeding Out Big Money in the Garden State* (Center for Governmental Studies 2008).
- *Bite Your Tongue in Europe: The European Court of Human Rights Strikes a Blow to the Freedom of Expression*, 26 LOY. L.A. INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 483 (2004).

EDUCATION

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, CA
Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, *Order of the Coif*, May 2005

Class Rank: Top 5% of the graduating class

Law Review: *Loyola of Los Angeles International & Comparative Law Review*, Senior Articles Editor

Honors & Awards: Faculty Academic Honors Scholarship
First Honors Awards for *Business Associations; Land Use; Race & Gender; and Remedies*
Dean's List (all semesters)

Activities: St. Thomas More Law Honor Society, Officer
International Law Society, Secretary
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, Student Volunteer

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, Los Angeles, CA
Bachelor of Arts, English, Minor in Economics, *Magna Cum Laude*, December 2001

Honors & Awards: Graduated as Valedictorian
Alpha Sigma Nu (National Jesuit Honors Society)
Dean's List (all semesters)

Activities: Sigma Tau Delta (English Honors Society), President
"The Loyolan," (School Newspaper), Staff Writer
"Passion," (School Newsletter focusing on Politics), Writer