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### CURRENT POSITIONS

- LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL**, Los Angeles, CA 2009-Present  
*Clinical Professor* (Adjunct Prof. 2009-10, Visiting Assoc. Clinical Prof. 2011-12, Assoc. Clinical Prof. 2012-14)
- Teach courses in the areas of Constitutional Law, First Amendment Law, Election Law, the Law of the Political Process, Torts, and Marital Property.
  - Director, Loyola's Public Service Institute (2018-Present)
  - Director, Loyola's Journalist Law School (2021-Present) (Associate Director 2019-2021)
  - Chair, Clinical Research Fellowship Committee (2021-Present)
  - Member, Research Grants and Sabbaticals (2023-Present)
  - Member, Clinical Faculty Search Committee (2022-2023)
  - Member, Clerkship Committee (2009-2022)
  - Provide legal and political commentary to international, national, and regional media outlets.
  - Give lectures hosted by educational institutions, law firms, and civic organizations
  - Faculty Advisor, *Loyola Law Review of Los Angeles*, Developments Issue 2012
  - Faculty Advisor, American Constitution Society
- CBS NEWS** 2021-Present  
*Legal Analyst*
- Provide on-air legal commentary and analysis
- MSNBC** 2021-Present  
*Columnist*
- Author opinion-editorial pieces
- PASSING JUDGMENT** 2020-Present  
*Host*
- Host a podcast about public service, politics, and the law listed in the top 1% of podcasts worldwide
- UCLA HAMMER MUSEUM** 2019-Present  
*Moderator & Panelist*
- Plan, moderate, and participate in panel discussions on legal and political topics
- KCRW**, Los Angeles, CA 2017-Present  
*Legal Analyst*
- Provide legal analysis for a weekly segment on the station
- MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL** 2023-Present  
*Alumnae Leadership Board*
- Serve as a conduit between the school and alumnae opportunities to support the work of current and future students, faculty, and alumnae.
  - Plan and participate in a career day event, "Sharing the Wisdom," for students interested in legal careers.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Academic Articles**

(Law review articles available for download at:

[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf\\_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per\\_id=1722208](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=1722208))

- *Full Disclosure: The Next Frontier of Campaign Finance Law*, 93 DENVER L. REV. 431 (2015)
- *Taking the Initiative: How to Save Direct Democracy*, 18 LEWIS AND CLARK L. REV. 1019 (2014).
- *The Original Sin of Campaign Finance Law: Why Buckley v. Valeo Is Wrong*, 47 U. RICHMOND L. REV. 881 (2013).
- *We the Corporations?: The Constitutionality of Limitations on Corporate Electioneering Communications*, 45 U.S.F. L. REV. 307 (2011).
- *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).
- *Arizona Free Enterprise Club's Freedom PAC v. Bennett*, Amicus Curiae Brief for the Center for Governmental Studies in Support of Respondents, in Nos. 10-238 and 10-239 (lead author, filed February 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* (2009), *Public Campaign Financing: New Jersey Legislature - A Pilot Project Takes Flight* (2008), *Public Campaign Financing: New Jersey Governor - Weeding Out Big Money in the Garden State* (2008), (Center for Governmental Studies).
- *Bite Your Tongue in Europe: The European Court of Human Rights Strikes a Blow to the Freedom of Expression*, Comment, 26 LOY. L.A. INT'L & COMP. L. REV. 483 (2004).

## **PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**LOS ANGELES CITY ETHICS COMMISSION**, Los Angeles, CA

*President* (appointed position subject to City Council confirmation)

2013-2018

- Administer and enforce Los Angeles City governmental ethics, campaign financing, ethics, and lobbying laws to help ensure fair and transparent government decisions.

**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 an *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.
- Researched, drafted and argued dispositive and discovery motions.
- Represented aggrieved homebuyers against subprime lenders in a *pro bono* matter.
- 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 2004

*Summer Associate*

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

**LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL**, Los Angeles, CA Summer 2003 & Spring 2005

*Research Assistant for Professor Allan Ides*

- 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 Summer 2003

*Judicial Extern for the Honorable Craig D. Karlan*

- Performed legal research and assisted in drafting court orders.

## **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:** 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