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EMPLOYMENT

Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
Walter D. Coles Professor of Law, July 2022 – present
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Empirical Research in the Law, July 2022 – present
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity, August 2022 – present

Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
Robert T. Thompson Professor of Law, July 2012 – June 2022
Associated Faculty Member, Department of History, October 2020 – June 2022

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
Professor of Law, June 2010 – June 2012
Director, Bankruptcy Client Representation Project, September 2011 – June 2012

Seattle University, Seattle, Washington
Associate Professor of Law (with tenure), July 2009 – May 2010
Associate Professor of Law, July 2006 – June 2009

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
Associate Professor of Law, July 2003 – June 2006

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, New York, New York
Business Reorganization and Restructuring Associate, August 2002 – February 2003

The Honorable Prudence Carter Beatty, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, New York, New York
Law Clerk, August 2001 – July 2002

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, New York
J.D., 2001
Executive Editor, *New York University Law Review*
Judge John J. Galgay Fellowship in Bankruptcy and Reorganization Law
Merit Scholarship

Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut
B.A. in History, 1998
Lewis P. Curtis Fellowship
Edgar J. Boell Prize

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

3. REINVENTING AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY: FINANCIAL FAILURE AND FREEDOM IN THE ENSLAVING REPUBLIC (under contract with Columbia University Press)
2. BANKRUPTCY: DEALING WITH FINANCIAL FAILURE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES (West Academic Publishing 6th ed. 2024) (with Bruce A. Markell & Lawrence Ponoroff)
1. SECURED TRANSACTIONS: PROBLEMS AND MATERIALS (West Academic Publishing 4th ed. 2021) (with Paul Barron & Mark B. Wessman)

BOOK CHAPTER

1. *Self-Representation and the Dismissal of Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Cases*, *in* BEYOND ELITE LAW: ACCESS TO CIVIL JUSTICE IN AMERICA 87 (Samuel Estreicher & Joy Radice eds., Cambridge University Press 2016)

ARTICLES, ESSAYS, AND STUDENT WORKS

26. *Specialization and the Permanence of Federal Bankruptcy Law*, 51 BYU L. REV. 833 (2026) (invited symposium contribution)
25. *Rethinking Antebellum Bankruptcy*, 95 U. COLO. L. REV. 995 (2024)
24. *Racialized Bankruptcy Federalism*, 2021 MICH. ST. L. REV. 1299 (invited symposium contribution)
23. *On Bankruptcy's Promethean Gap: Building Enslaving Capacity into the Antebellum Administrative State*, 48 FORDHAM URB. L.J. 801 (2021) (invited Cooper-Walsh Colloquium contribution)
22. *Financial Freedom Suits: Bankruptcy, Race, and Citizenship in Antebellum America*, 62 ARIZ. L. REV. 125 (2020)
21. *Federally Funded Slaving*, 93 TUL. L. REV. 787 (2019)
20. *Bankrupted Slaves*, 71 VAND. L. REV. 1071 (2018)
19. *Documenting Bankrupted Slaves*, 71 VAND. L. REV. EN BANC 73 (2018)
18. *Taking Bankruptcy Rights Seriously*, 91 WASH. L. REV. 1115 (2016)
17. *The Undue Hardship Thicket: On Access to Justice, Procedural Noncompliance, and Pollutive Litigation in Bankruptcy*, 66 FLA. L. REV. 2101 (2014)
16. *Rethinking the Principal-Agent Theory of Judging*, 99 IOWA L. REV. 331 (2013) (with Jonathan R. Nash)
15. *The Structural Exceptionalism of Bankruptcy Administration*, 60 UCLA L. REV. 384 (2012) (with Kathryn A. Watts)
14. *Does Ideology Matter in Bankruptcy? Voting Behavior on the Courts of Appeals*, 53 WM. & MARY L. REV. 919 (2012) (with Jonathan R. Nash)
13. *Reconceptualizing Present-Value Analysis in Consumer Bankruptcy*, 68 WASH. & LEE L. REV. 113 (2011)
12. *An Empirical Examination of Access to Chapter 7 Relief by* Pro Se *Debtors*, 26 EMORY BANKR. DEV. J. 5 (2009)

11. *Setting the Record Straight: A Sur-Reply to Professors Lawless et al.*, 33 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 93 (2009)
10. *Failing to Answer Whether Bankruptcy Reform Failed: A Critique of the First Report from the 2007 Consumer Bankruptcy Project*, 83 AM. BANKR. L.J. 27 (2009) (peer reviewed)
9. *The Real Student-Loan Scandal: Undue Hardship Discharge Litigation*, 83 AM. BANKR. L.J. 179 (2009) (with Michelle R. Lacey) (peer reviewed)
8. *The Utility of Opacity in Judicial Selection*, 64 N.Y.U. ANN. SURV. AM. L. 633 (2009) (invited symposium contribution)
7. *An Empirical Investigation into Appellate Structure and the Perceived Quality of Appellate Review*, 61 VAND. L. REV. 1745 (2008) (with Jonathan R. Nash) (selected for presentation at the 2007 Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum)
6. *Illness and Inability to Repay: The Role of Debtor Health in the Discharge of Educational Debt*, 35 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 505 (2008)
5. *Eliminating the Judicial Function in Consumer Bankruptcy*, 81 AM. BANKR. L.J. 471 (2007) (peer reviewed)
4. *Undue Hardship in the Bankruptcy Courts: An Empirical Assessment of the Discharge of Educational Debt*, 74 U. CIN. L. REV. 405 (2005) (with Michelle R. Lacey)
3. *On Proof of Preferential Effect*, 55 ALA. L. REV. 281 (2004), *reprinted in* 13 J. BANKR. L. & PRAC. 95 (2004)
2. Comment, *Bankruptcy Court Jurisdiction and Agency Action: Resolving the* NextWave *of Conflict*, 76 N.Y.U. L. REV. 945 (2001)
1. Note, *Beyond the Limits of Equity Jurisprudence: No-Fault Equitable Subordination*, 75 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1489 (2000)

SHORTER WORKS

6. Book Review, 64 BUS. HIST. 1739 (2022) (reviewing JUSTENE HILL EDWARDS, UNFREE MARKETS: THE SLAVES' ECONOMY AND THE RISE OF CAPITALISM IN SOUTH CAROLINA (2021)).
5. *Bankruptcy*, *in* INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES 353 (James D. Wright ed., 2d ed. 2015)
4. *Chapter 13 Discount Rates*, NORTON BANKR. L. ADVISER, Aug. 2011, at 1
3. Opinion, *Resolution Oversight*, NAT'L L.J., May 31, 2010, at 34 (with Jonathan R. Nash)
2. *Examining the Perceived Quality of Appellate Review in the Bankruptcy System*, NORTON BANKR. L. ADVISER, Aug. 2008, at 1 (with Jonathan R. Nash)
1. *Analyzing Chapter 7 Abuse Dismissal Motions Post-BAPCPA: A Reply on* Cortez, AM. BANKR. INST. J., December/January 2007, at 16

AMICUS BRIEFS

AUTHORED BRIEFS

Brief for Professor Rafael I. Pardo as Amicus Curiae in Support of Appellant and Urging Reversal, *Murphy v. United States*, No. 14-1691 (1st Cir. July 29, 2015), 2015 WL 4985562

Brief for Amicus Curiae Professor Rafael I. Pardo in Support of Neither Party, *United Student Aid Funds, Inc. v. Espinosa*, 559 U.S. 260 (2010) (No. 08-1134), 2009 WL 2875368

NON-AUTHORED BRIEFS

Brief of Amici Curiae Professors Lawrence Ponoroff and Rafael I. Pardo in Support of Respondent, *Bartenwerfer v. Buckley*, 143 S. Ct. 665 (2023) (No. 21-908), 2022 WL 5009402

Brief for Bankruptcy Law Scholars as Amici Curiae Supporting Petitioner, *Law v. Siegel*, 571 U.S. 415 (2014) (No. 12-5196), 2013 WL 4769424

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

Hearing of the Senate Impeachment Trial Committee on the Articles Against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., 111th Congress (September 16, 2010)

An Undue Hardship? Discharging Educational Debt in Bankruptcy: Hearing Before the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law of the House Committee on the Judiciary, 111th Congress (September 23, 2009)

PRO BONO REPRESENTATION

Thurman v. United Student Aid Funds, Inc., No. 2:12-cv-00779 (W.D. Wash. filed May 3, 2012)

Thurman v. United Student Aid Funds, Inc., No. 2:12-cv-00080 (W.D. Wash. filed Jan. 12, 2012)

Thurman v. United Student Aid Funds, Inc. (*In re* Thurman), Case No. 97-10126, Adv. No. 11-01352 (Bankr. W.D. Wash. filed Apr. 18, 2011)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

2026

Federalizing Slavery Through the Bankruptcy Power, Frank W. Koger Bankruptcy Symposium, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri (June 6, 2026)

2025

Antebellum Bankruptcy Specialization, Annual Conference of the Association of Business Historians, Queen's University Belfast (June 20, 2025)

Publicizing Bankruptcy Through the Antebellum Partisan Press, Conference on *Learning About the Law: Historical Perspectives on Public Legal Education for Laypersons and Underprivileged Groups*, University of Helsinki (May 21, 2025)

2024

Antbellum Bankruptcy Specialization, BYU Law Review Symposium, *Who Governs Debt's Dominion?*, J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University (November 1, 2024)

Rethinking Antebellum Bankruptcy, Center on Law and the Economy, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University (April 9, 2024)

2023

Reinventing the Bankruptcy Power, Duke University School of Law (April 19, 2023)

Reinventing the Bankruptcy Power, Annual Meeting of the Business History Conference, Detroit, Michigan (March 18, 2023)

2022

The Color of Bankruptcy: Slavery, *Bankruptcy, and Financial Freedom*, Center on Race, Law and Justice, Fordham University School of Law (March 30, 2022)

2021

Racialized Bankruptcy Federalism, Faculty Workshop, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (October 25, 2021)

Racialized Bankruptcy Federalism, Faculty Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (September 23, 2021)

Bank Creditors, Slave Mortgages, and the Making of Modern Bankruptcy Law, Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians (April 15–18, 2021) (virtual)

2020

On Bankruptcy's Promethean Gap: Building Enslaving Capacity into the Antebellum Administrative State, Board of Judges Meeting and Winter Education Program, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California (December 11, 2020) (virtual)

On Bankruptcy's Promethean Gap: Building Enslaving Capacity into the Antebellum Administrative State, Faculty Workshop, Michigan State University College of Law (December 2, 2020) (virtual)

On Bankruptcy's Promethean Gap: Building Enslaving Capacity into the Antebellum Administrative State, Fordham Urban Law Journal Cooper-Walsh Colloquium, *The Impact of Financial Crisis on Urban Environments: Past, Present, and Future* (October 16, 2020) (virtual)

On Bankruptcy's Promethean Gap: Building Enslaving Capacity into the Antebellum Administrative State, Roundtable on Slavery and Business History, Business History Collective (October 14, 2020) (virtual)

2019

The Bankruptcy Slave Trade: A Conversation with Professor Rafael Pardo, Annual Meeting of the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section, Washington, D.C. (October 31, 2019)

Financial Freedom Suits: Bankruptcy, Race, and Citizenship in Antebellum America, Conference on *Business Beyond the Business Cycle: Crises, Resilience and Risk Management c.1850-2000*, Centre for Business History in Scotland, University of Glasgow (August 28, 2019)

Federally Funded Slaving, Annual Meeting of the Business History Conference, Cartagena, Colombia (March 16, 2019)

2018

Federally Funded Slaving, Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Lecture and Workshop Series, University of Florida Levin College of Law (August 27, 2018)

2017

Bankrupt Slaves, Colloquium on Legal and Constitutional History, New York University School of Law (November 29, 2017)

2016

Unmet Legal Needs: Bankruptcy, Conference on *Beyond Elite Law: Access to Civil Justice in America*, New York University School of Law (April 28, 2016)

2015

Taking Bankruptcy Rights Seriously, Faculty Colloquium, University of Houston Law Center (March 30, 2015)

2014

The Undue Hardship Thicket: On Access to Justice, Procedural Noncompliance, and Pollutive Litigation in Bankruptcy, Research Symposium on Student Loans, Suffolk University Law School (April 11, 2014)

2013

Mistake and Misbehavior in Undue Hardship Discharge Litigation, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Boston, Massachusetts (June 2, 2013)

Mistake and Misbehavior in Undue Hardship Discharge Litigation, Frank W. Koger Bankruptcy Symposium, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri (May 31, 2013)

Rethinking the Principal-Agent Theory of Judging, Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association, Vanderbilt University Law School (May 17, 2013) (co-presented with Jonathan R. Nash)

Issues Arising in Undue Hardship Discharge Litigation, Federal Judicial Center Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges I, New Orleans, Louisiana (April 17, 2013)

Rethinking the Principal-Agent Theory of Judging, Faculty Colloquium, University of Florida Levin College of Law (February 1, 2013)

2012

Rethinking the Principal-Agent Theory of Judging, Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (November 16, 2012) (co-presented with Jonathan R. Nash)

Rethinking the Principal-Agent Theory of Judging, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Law and Economics Association, University of Toronto Faculty of Law (September 28, 2012) (co-presented with Jonathan R. Nash)

The Structural Exceptionalism of Bankruptcy Administration, Faculty Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (March 21, 2012)

The Structural Exceptionalism of Bankruptcy Administration, Faculty Colloquium, Temple University Beasley School of Law (March 14, 2012)

2011

Ideological Voting in Bankruptcy, Annual National Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois (April 2, 2011) (co-presented with Jonathan R. Nash)

Ideological Voting in Bankruptcy, Faculty Colloquy Series, University of Richmond School of Law (January 28, 2011)

Ideological Voting in Bankruptcy, Faculty Colloquium, Emory University School of Law (January 26, 2011)

2010

Ideological Voting in Bankruptcy, Fifth Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Yale Law School (November 6, 2010) (co-presented with Jonathan R. Nash)

Students in Financial Distress, Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, New Orleans, Louisiana (October 15, 2010)

Ideological Voting in Bankruptcy, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Law and Economics Association, University of Colorado Law School (October 9, 2010) (co-presented with Jonathan R. Nash)

Ideological Voting in Bankruptcy, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Law and Economics Association, University of Toronto Faculty of Law (October 2, 2010) (co-presented with Jonathan R. Nash)

Reconceptualizing Present-Value Analysis in Consumer Bankruptcy, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Law and Economics Association, University of Toronto Faculty of Law (October 2, 2010)

2009

Reconceptualizing Present-Value Analysis in Consumer Bankruptcy, Faculty Workshop, University of California, Irvine School of Law (December 3, 2009)

Reconceptualizing Present-Value Analysis in Consumer Bankruptcy, Faculty Colloquium, University of Washington School of Law (November 23, 2009)

The Real Student-Loan Scandal: Undue Hardship Discharge Litigation, Seattle Economics Council, Seattle, Washington (October 14, 2009) (inaugural speaker for 2009-2010 season)

Reconceptualizing Present-Value Analysis in Consumer Bankruptcy, Faculty Colloquium, Emory University School of Law (September 9, 2009)

An Empirical Examination of Access to Chapter 7 Relief by Pro Se Debtors, Harvard-Texas Joint Conference on Commercial Law Realities, University of Texas School of Law (March 28, 2009) (in absentia)

2008

An Empirical Examination of Access to Chapter 7 Relief by Pro Se Debtors, Research Conference on Access to Civil Justice: Empirical Perspectives, New York University School of Law (November 13, 2008)

The Real Student Loan-Scandal: Undue Hardship Discharge Litigation, Faculty Workshop, Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (October 22, 2008)

An Empirical Examination of Access to Chapter 7 Relief by Pro Se Debtors, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Law & Economics Association, Northwestern University School of Law (October 4, 2008)

The Real Student Loan-Scandal: Undue Hardship Discharge Litigation, 2008 Washington Bankruptcy Judges Conference, Blaine, Washington (September 19, 2008)

The Real Student Loan-Scandal: Undue Hardship Discharge Litigation, Third Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Cornell Law School (September 12, 2008) (poster session)

An Empirical Investigation into Appellate Structure and the Perceived Quality of Appellate Review, Annual Fall Symposium of the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, Ashland, Oregon (August 26, 2008) (co-presented with Jonathan R. Nash)

The Real Student Loan-Scandal: Undue Hardship Discharge Litigation, Houston Higher Education Finance Roundtable, University of Houston Law Center (May 19, 2008)

An Empirical Investigation into Appellate Structure and the Perceived Quality of Appellate Review, Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association, Columbia Law School (May 16, 2008)

The Utility of Opacity in Judicial Selection, NYU Annual Survey of American Law Symposium, *Tradeoffs of Candor: Does Judicial Transparency Erode Legitimacy?*, NYU School of Law (March 11, 2008)

2007

The Real Student Loan-Scandal: Undue Hardship Discharge Litigation, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Law & Economics Association, University of Minnesota School of Law (October 13, 2007)

The Real Student Loan-Scandal: Undue Hardship Discharge Litigation, Federal Judicial Center Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges II, Austin, Texas (September 17 & 18, 2007)

Illness and Inability to Repay: The Role of Debtor Health in the Discharge of Educational Debt, Federal Judicial Center Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges II, Austin, Texas (September 17 & 18, 2007)

Undue Hardship in the Bankruptcy Courts: An Empirical Assessment of the Discharge of Educational Debt, Federal Judicial Center Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges II, Austin, Texas (September 17 & 18, 2007)

Eliminating the Judicial Function in Consumer Bankruptcy, National Bankruptcy Administrators Conference, Asheville, North Carolina (July 31, 2007) (keynote address)

An Empirical Investigation into Appellate Structure and the Perceived Quality of Appellate Review, Joint Annual Meetings of the Law and Society Association and Research Committee on Sociology of Law, Humboldt University of Berlin (July 28, 2007) (co-presented with Jonathan R. Nash)

An Empirical Investigation into Appellate Structure and the Perceived Quality of Appellate Review, Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, Stanford Law School (May 18, 2007) (co-presented with Jonathan R. Nash)

An Empirical Investigation into Appellate Structure and the Perceived Quality of Appellate Review, Re-envisioning Law Colloquium, University of Houston Law Center (January 26, 2007)

2006

An Empirical Investigation into Appellate Structure and the Perceived Quality of Appellate Review, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Law & Economics Association, University of Kansas School of Law (October 20, 2006) (co-presented with Jonathan R. Nash)

2005

Undue Hardship in the Bankruptcy Courts: An Empirical Assessment of the Discharge of Educational Debt, Faculty Workshop, St. John's University School of Law (October 26, 2005)

Undue Hardship in the Bankruptcy Courts: An Empirical Assessment of the Discharge of Educational Debt, Faculty Workshop, Seattle University School of Law (October 10, 2005)

Undue Hardship in the Bankruptcy Courts: An Empirical Assessment of the Discharge of Educational Debt, Young Scholars Workshop, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina (July 17, 2005)

Undue Hardship in the Bankruptcy Courts: An Empirical Assessment of the Discharge of Educational Debt, Tulane-Loyola Junior Faculty Workshop, Tulane Law School (March 18, 2005)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Hannah Harris Green, *How Venture Capital Benefits from Zombie Bankruptcies*, MOTHER JONES, May 8, 2026

Jillian Berman, *These Lawyers May Have Discovered a Way to Wipe Away Student Debt in Bankruptcy*, MARKETWATCH, Mar. 3, 2017

Katy Stech, *One Word in Bankruptcy Law That Could Lead to More Forgiven Student Loans*, WALL ST. J.: BANKRUPTCY BEAT, May 11, 2016

Jillian Berman, *Can Money You Borrow to Pay for Private High School Be Discharged in Bankruptcy?*, MARKETWATCH, Apr. 17, 2016

Natalie Kitroeff, *Student Debt Next Crisis Facing Elderly Americans*, 27 Bankr. L. Rep. (BNA) 1700 (Dec. 18, 2015)

Natalie Kitroeff, *How the Government Polices Student Debtor Spending*, 27 Bankr. L. Rep. (BNA) 1483 (Nov. 2, 2015)

Jillian Berman, *Why Student Loan Borrowers Should Pay Attention to These Two Court Cases*, MARKETWATCH, Oct. 21, 2015

Natalie Kitroeff, *Case Could Unshackle Americans from Student Debt*, 27 Bankr. L. Rep. (BNA) 1384 (Oct. 8, 2015)

Tara Siegel Bernard, *Chained to Unpayable Debt*, N.Y. TIMES, July 18, 2015, at B1

Natalie Kitroeff & Akane Otani, *Troubled For-Profit College Gets a Savior with Its Own Checkered Past*, BLOOMBERG BUSINESSWEEK, Nov. 20, 2014

Diane Davis, *ABI Symposium Addresses Student Loan Debt Crisis; Focuses on Repayment Problems*, 26 Bankr. L. Rep. (BNA) 771 (June 3, 2014)

Natalie Kitroeff, *Student Loan Monitor's Tactics on Bankruptcy Draw Criticism*, N.Y. TIMES, Jan. 2, 2014, at A1

Jay Horowitz, *Asset Sales, Evidence, Student Loans Are Hot Topics at Judges' Conference*, 25 Bankr. L. Rep. (BNA) 1525 (Nov. 6, 2013)

Charlie Wells, *If Your Child Drops Out of College, You May Get Your Money Back. Or Not...*, WALL ST. J., Sept. 19, 2013, at R5

Vinnie Politan, *Making It in America*, HLN, Jan. 28, 2013

Katy Stech, *Grads Skirt Student Loans*, WALL ST. J., Dec. 8, 2012, at B8.

Ron Lieber, *Answering Questions on Student Loan Rates and the Murky Future*, N.Y. TIMES, Sept. 15, 2012, at B1

Kerri Miller, *The Daily Circuit: Proving 'Hopelessness' for Student Loan Relief in Court*, Minnesota Public Radio, Sept. 10, 2012

Ron Lieber, *Last Plea on School Loans: Proving a Hopeless Future*, N.Y. TIMES, Sept. 1, 2012, at A1

Jeanne Lang Jones, *Mastro Mania: How One Seattle Bankruptcy Rallied 132 Attorneys*, PUGET SOUND BUS. J., Aug. 26, 2011, at 10A

Eric Pryne, *Latest Twist in Mastro Bankruptcy A Doozy*, SEATTLE TIMES, Apr. 1, 2011, at A12

Diane Davis & Bernard J. Pazanowski, *High Court Says Ch. 13 Debtor Needs Loan, Lease to Claim Vehicle Ownership Deduction,* 23 Bankr. L. Rep. (BNA) 31 (Jan. 13, 2011)

Motoko Rich, *The Newest College Credential*, N.Y. TIMES, Jan. 9, 2011, at ED28

Thomas G. Dolan, *University of Washington School of Law: A Public Institution with International Scope*, HISP. OUTLOOK HIGHER EDUC., Dec. 13, 2010, at 10

Gregory Karp, *Education Inc.; Experts: For-Profit Schools Don't Always Deliver on Promises*, CHI. TRIB., Sept. 23, 2010, News Section, at 29

Diane Davis & Eileen J. Williams, *Supreme Court Says Ch. 7 Trustee Is Not Required to Object to Ambiguous Exemption*, 22 Bankr. L. Rep. (BNA) 855 (June 24, 2010)

Diane Davis & Bernard J. Pazanowski, *Supreme Court Approves Forward-Looking Test to Calculate "Projected Disposable Income,"* 22 Bankr. L. Rep. (BNA) 781 (June 10, 2010)

Ross Reynolds, *The Conversation: Trade School in Tough Times: Is It Worth It?*, KUOW Puget Sound Public Radio, Mar. 25, 2010

Diane Davis, *Bankruptcy Attorneys Consider Impact of* Espinosa *Decision on Practitioners*, 22 Bankr. L. Rep. (BNA) 395 (Mar. 25, 2010)

Peter S. Goodman, *In Hard Times, Lured into Trade School and Debt*, N.Y. TIMES, Mar. 14, 2010, at A1

Thomas G. Dolan, *Does the Repaying of Private Student Loans Represent Undue Hardship?*, HISP. OUTLOOK HIGHER EDUC., Feb. 8, 2010, at 20

Eric Kelderman, *Supreme Court Considers Case About Excusing Student Debt Through Bankruptcy*, CHRON. HIGHER EDUC., Nov. 29, 2009

Christine Dugas, *Student Loans Are Crushing New Grads; Without Jobs, Paying Off $100,000 in Debt Is Tough*, USA TODAY, May 13, 2009, at 6A

Bill Virgin, *Beware the Latest 'C Level' Executive*, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, Oct. 28, 2008, at D1

Vesna Jaksic, *Your Attendance Is Required*, NAT'L L.J., Sept. 24, 2007, at 4

COURSES TAUGHT

Bankruptcy, Bankruptcy Client Representation Project, Business Reorganization Under the Bankruptcy Code, Consumer Bankruptcy, Contracts, Payment Systems, Sales, Secured Transactions, Trusts and Estates

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Member, Board of Advisors, *Washington University Law Review* (2026 – present)
Rules Committee (Member, 2026–present)
US News Rankings Committee (Member, 2025–2026)
Promotions & Tenure Committee (Member, Spring 2023, Spring 2025)

EMORY UNIVERSITY

Faculty Appointments Committee (Chair, 2014–15; Member, 2012–14, 2019–21)
Dean's Advisory Council (2013–14, 2015–16, 2017–18, 2019–20, 2021–22)
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (2021–22)

Community and Diversity Committee (Spring 2019)
Colloquium and Scholarship Committee (2015–16, 2017–18)
Academic Standing and Student Success Committee (2021–22)
Trial Techniques Committee (2017–18)
Clerkship Committee (2016–17)
Strategic Initiatives Committee (2016–17)
Faculty Advisor, Latin American Law Students Association (2015 – present)
Faculty Advisor, *Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal* (2012–19, 2020–21)
Faculty Advisor, *Emory Law Journal* (2013–15, 2018–20)
Faculty Advisor, Emory Law Bankruptcy Practice Society (2018–19)
Faculty Advisor, Civil Rights Law Practice Society, *The Arc of Justice* Project (Spring 2018 – Spring 2019)
Faculty Coordinator, American College of Bankruptcy Educational Program, *363 Sales – The "New" M&A and Demise of the Chapter 11 Plan?* (January 2014)

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Faculty Appointments Committee (Chair, 2011–12; Member, 2010–11)
Visiting Assistant Professor Mentoring Committee (2010–11)
Faculty Mentor and Collaborative Colleague (2011–12)
Faculty Supervisor, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Externship (2011–12)
Faculty Coordinator, Hearings of the U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit (October 2011)
Selection Committee for the 2011 Waseda Transnational Program on Comparative and Cross-Border Insolvency Law (February 2011)

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Appointments Committee (2008–09)
Special Faculty Appointments Committee (Chair, Spring 2008)
Planning Committee for *State Judicial Independence—A National Concern* (April 2009 – September 2009)
Curriculum Committee (2006–07)
Chair, Commercial Law Focus Area (2006–10)
Faculty Liaison, Fair Debt Collection Observation Project (2009–10)

TULANE UNIVERSITY

Faculty Appointments Committee (2004–05)
Special Clinical Appointments Committee for the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic (2004–05)
Legal Research and Writing Committee (2005–06)
Readmissions Committee (2005–06)
Clerkship Committee (2003–04)
Faculty Advisor, La Alianza del Derecho (2003–06)
Faculty Liaison, Honor Board (2005–06)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Chair, School of Law Dean Search Committee (July 2023 – December 2023)
Member, Project Steering Committee, The WashU & Slavery Project (January 2023 – May 2025)

EMORY UNIVERSITY

Faculty Hearing Committee (2017–21)
Elected Member, Faculty Council and University Senate (2018–21)
Academic Review Committee (2019–20)
Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the School of Law (2018–19)
Faculty Experience Master Plan Advisory Committee (2018–19)
Board Member, Center for Faculty Development and Excellence (2020–22)
Board Member, Center for Law and Social Science (2019–22)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

PEER REVIEWS

American Bankruptcy Law Journal (2009–2012, 2015), Business History Review (2022), Columbia University Press (2022), Harvard Law Review (2025), Stanford Law Review (2025), Yale Law Journal (2016, 2021)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Panelist, *1L Workshop on Race and Law*, Center for Civil Rights and Social Justice, Emory University School of Law, February 2022

Course Faculty, *Perspectives on the Past* (History 100), Department of History, College of Arts and Sciences, Emory University, Fall 2021

Presenter, *The Intersection Between Bankruptcy and Slavery*, Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal and Emory Black Law Students Association, Emory University School of Law, April 2021

Panelist, *Latinx Heritage Month Networking Panel*, Emory University School of Law, October 2020

Program Faculty, Center for American Law Studies, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw, March 2020

Program Faculty, Center for American Law Studies, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw, February/March 2017

Co-Organizer, Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Law and Economics Association, Emory University School of Law, September 2016

Panelist, *Case Updates: Business and Consumer Law Developments*, American Bankruptcy Institute Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop, Amelia Island, FL, July 2016

Panelist, *Student Loans: 40 Million Borrowers – Average Debt $29,000 – Total Debt $1.2 Trillion*, American Bankruptcy Institute Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop, Amelia Island, FL, July 2016

Participant, Roundtable Discussion with the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of the Treasury, April 2015

Panelist, *Undue Hardship: An Analysis of Student Loan Debt Discharge in Bankruptcy*, 12th Annual Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal Symposium, Emory University School of Law, February 2015

Commentator, Emory/UGA Joint Faculty Workshop, Emory University School of Law, July 2014

Panelist, *The Easy Fix: Is Repealing § 523(a)(8) Really the Answer?*, American Bankruptcy Institute Student Debt Symposium, Georgetown University Law Center, May 2014

Moderator, *Is It Broke and Should We Fix It? A Debate on Student Loan Dischargeability in Bankruptcy*, Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Atlanta, GA, October 2013

Panelist, *Why Professional Athletes File for Bankruptcy*, 18th Annual Business Law Fall Forum, Lewis & Clark Law School, October 2013

Wall Street Journal Expert Panelist, Wealth Management Report, April 2013 – August 2015

Program Faculty, Federal Judicial Center, Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges I, New Orleans, LA, April 2013

Program Faculty, National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade and Superintendencia de Sociedades, Training on Oral Trial Procedure for Bankruptcy and Insolvency, Bogotá, Colombia, December 2012

Member, Education Committee for the 2013 Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, July 2012 – October 2013

Member, Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Creditors' and Debtors' Rights, January 2012 – December 2012

Member, Local Bankruptcy Rules and Advisory Committee of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington, February 2011 – December 2011

Chair, AALS Section on Creditors' and Debtors' Rights, January 2011 – January 2012

Member, AALS Committee on Research, January 2011 – January 2014

Panelist, American Bankruptcy Institute Media Teleconference on *United Student Aid Funds v. Espinosa*, No. 08-1134 (U.S. Mar. 23, 2010), March 2010

Academic Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*, January 2010 – December 2012

Chair-Elect, AALS Section on Creditors' and Debtors' Rights, January 2010 – January 2011

Volunteer Attorney, King County Bar Association Debt Clinic, April 2009 – May 2012

Secretary and Treasurer, AALS Section on Creditors' and Debtors' Rights, January 2009 – January 2010

Presenter, Washington Bankruptcy Judges Conference, Blaine, WA, September 2008

Panel Moderator, Third Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Cornell Law School, September 2008

Presenter, Annual Fall Symposium of the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel, Ashland, OR, August 2008

Discussant, "Microinitiatives," Globalization & Justice: Interdisciplinary Dialogues, Seattle University, February 2008

Program Faculty, Federal Judicial Center, Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges II, Austin, TX, September 2007

Program Faculty, Federal Judicial Center and Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, National Bankruptcy Administrators Conference, Asheville, NC, July 2007

Newsletter Editor, AALS Section on Creditors' and Debtors' Rights, January 2007 – May 2008

Member, Board of Directors, Consumer Education and Training Services ("CENTS"), Seattle, WA, October 2006 – May 2012

Guest Blogger, *Concurring Opinions*, http://www.concurringopinions.com, August 2006

Program Faculty, Thirtieth Annual Seminar on Bankruptcy Law and Practice, Stetson University College of Law, December 2005

Member, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Young Scholars Committee, April 2005 – September 2005

Consultant, New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation, New Orleans, LA, September 2004 – September 2005

Advisory Board, Bankruptcy Litigation Skills Symposium, American Bankruptcy Institute/Tulane Law School, April 2004 – May 2005

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

GRANTS

Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity Small Grant, Washington University in St. Louis, August 2022

AWARDS

Faculty Award, Latin American Law Students Association, Inaugural Banquet and Awards Reception, Emory University School of Law, April 2019

Emory Williams Distinguished Teaching Award, Emory University, May 2015

Pro Bono Faculty of the Year Award, University of Washington School of Law, May 2012

FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty Fellow, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity, Washington University in St. Louis, Spring 2024

Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance Fellow, Houston Higher Education Finance Roundtable, University of Houston Law Center, May 2008

American Bankruptcy Law Journal Fellow, Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, November 2005

BAR ADMISSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

BAR ADMISSIONS

State: Washington (active)

Federal: U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Washington

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Elected Member, American Law Institute, 2010 – present
Elected Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2019 – present
Member, Business History Conference, 2018 – present

PERSONAL

Languages: Spanish (fluent) and French (proficient)