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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI

Assistant Professor of Law, 2023–
Lecturer, 2019–2023

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 2016–2017; 2018–2019

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law, 2014–2016

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY

J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2010

Order of the Coif
Butler Scholar (top ten students after four semesters)
Pomeroy Scholar (top ten students after first year)
Furman Academic Scholar (scholarship for students considering academia)
Paul D. Kaufman Memorial Award (best Note for the *Law Review*)
New York University Law Review, Articles Editor

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

B.A. in History, with honors, and Political Science, 2006

Phi Beta Kappa
Fred Harvey Harrington Prize (best senior thesis in History Department)

LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND REPORTS

Judicial Review of Agency Discretion, in A GUIDE TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF FEDERAL AGENCIES (William Funk & Michael E. Herz eds., 3d ed. forthcoming 2026) (with Lisa Schultz Bressman & Glen Staszewski)

[DRAFTING REGULATORY PREAMBLES](#) (May 11, 2026) (report to the Admin. Conf. of the U.S.)

[Legalistic Noncompliance](#), 75 DUKE L.J. 1437 (2026) (with Leah M. Litman)

[Statutory Liquidation](#), 77 ADMIN. L. REV. 503 (2025)

[Two Takes on Administrative Change from the Roberts Court](#), 62 HARV. J. ON LEGIS. ONLINE 63 (2024) (with Leah M. Litman) (invited contribution)

[Chenery II Revisited](#), 92 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 1050 (2024) (invited contribution to the annual administrative law issue)

[Responding to Alternatives](#), 122 MICH. L. REV. 671 (2024)

[*The New Major Questions Doctrine*](#), 109 VA. L. REV. 1009 (2023) (with Leah M. Litman) (winner of the Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition on Regulatory and Administrative Law, ACS)

[*Institutional Considerations for the Regulation of Internet Service Providers*](#), 74 FED. COMM. L.J. 111 (2022) (invited contribution)

[*Federal Common Law Versus Agency Power: An Essay on Epic Systems Corporation v. Lewis*](#), 2019 J. DISP. RESOL. 141 (invited contribution)

[*Justice Scalia on Updating Old Statutes \(With Particular Attention to the Communications Act\)*](#), 16 COLO. TECH. L.J. 103 (2018) (invited contribution)

[*Agencies and Arbitration*](#), 117 COLUM. L. REV. 991 (2017)

[*Administrative Forbearance*](#), 125 YALE L.J. 1548 (2016)

[*Common Carrier Essentialism and the Emerging Common Law of Internet Regulation*](#), 67 ADMIN. L. REV. 133 (2015)

[*A Course Unbroken: The Constitutional Legitimacy of the Dormant Commerce Clause*](#), 97 VA. L. REV. 1877 (2011) (with Barry Friedman)

[*Deregulation Through Nonenforcement*](#), 85 N.Y.U. L. REV. 795 (2010) (student note)

PRIOR LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Jones Day, Irvine, CA

Associate, Cybersecurity, Privacy & Data Protection, 2017–2018

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, Washington, DC

Associate & Senior Associate, Communications, Internet and Privacy Law, 2011–2014
Summer Associate, 2009

The Honorable A. Raymond Randolph, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

Clerk, 2010–2011

Office of the Solicitor General, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC

Summer Law Intern, 2010

COURSES TAUGHT

Administrative Law

Legislation and Regulation

Federal Courts

Communications Law

Data Privacy

Public Law Workshop

Judicial Decisionmaking Seminar

Supreme Court Term OT 2021 (mini-seminar)

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Teaching Support Committee, 2025–2026
Teaching Pipeline Committee, 2024–2025
Career Planning Committee, 2023–2024

COMMENTARY

Ongoing Contributor, NOTICE & COMMENT, <https://www.yalejreg.com/author/deacon/>

How to Hide a Constitutional Crisis, THE ATLANTIC (May 26, 2025) (with Leah Litman), <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/05/legalistic-noncompliance/682927/>

FCC Signals it Will Eliminate Title II Treatment of Internet Service Providers, TAKE CARE (May 2, 2017), <https://takecareblog.com/blog/fcc-signals-it-will-eliminate-title-ii-treatment-of-internet-service-providers>

FCC's Reversal on Prison Call Rates Demonstrates the Commission's New Stance, TAKE CARE (Mar. 29, 2017), <https://takecareblog.com/blog/fcc-s-reversal-on-prison-call-rates-demonstrates-the-commission-s-new-stance>

The Standard Fare of Judging: What Happens When the Judiciary Does What It Always Does, TAKE CARE (Mar. 28, 2017) (with Leah Litman), <https://takecareblog.com/blog/the-standard-fare-of-judges-what-happens-when-the-judiciary-does-what-it-always-does>

SELECTED PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Legalistic Noncompliance,” 56th Annual Administrative Law Symposium, Duke Law School (February 2026)

Commentator, Roundtable on the Future of Hard Look Review, C. Boyden Gray Center for the Study of the Administrative State, Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University (September 2025)

“Statutory Liquidation,” Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum, Harvard Law School (June 2025)

“Statutory Liquidation,” 2025 Spring Academic Paper Workshop, Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section, American Bar Association (May 2025)

“Statutory Liquidation,” Roundtable on Textualism and Administration After *Loper Bright*, C. Boyden Gray Center for the Study of the Administrative State, Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University (May 2025)

“Statutory Liquidation,” National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, Rehnquist Center, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law (March 2025)

“Statutory Liquidation,” Cornell Law School Faculty Workshop (February 2025)

“Statutory Liquidation,” New Voices in Administrative Law, AALS Annual Meeting (January 2025)

Moderator, Q&A with Seth Frotman, General Counsel of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Law & Macroeconomics Conference, University of Michigan (January 2025)

“Statutory Liquidation,” NYU School of Law Public Law Colloquium (November 2024)

“Statutory Liquidation,” University of Michigan Law School Legal Theory Workshop (October 2024)

“*Chenery II* Revisited,” Panel on Reexamining Agency Policymaking: Agency Discretion, The Major Questions Doctrine, and “Ordinary Questions,” ABA Administrative Law Conference (December 2023)

“Responding to Alternatives,” Administrative Law New Scholarship Roundtable, University of Texas School of Law (May 2023)

Panelist, “Intersection of Constitutional and Statutory Interpretation Post-*Dobbs*,” AALS Annual Meeting (January 2023)

“Responding to Alternatives,” University of Michigan Law School Legal Theory Workshop (October 2022)

“The New Major Questions Doctrine,” Power in the Administrative State Workshop Series (September 2022)

“Institutional Considerations for the Regulation of Internet Service Providers,” The 25th Anniversary of the Telecommunications Act of 1996—What’s Next?, Berkeley Center for Law & Technology (March 2021)

“The Federal Radio Act of 1927 and the Shaping of the Modern Administrative State,” New Voices in Administrative Law and Legislation, AALS Annual Meeting (January 2020)

“The Federal Radio Act of 1927 and the Shaping of the Modern Administrative State,” University of San Diego School of Law (April 2019)

“The Federal Radio Act of 1927 and the Shaping of the Modern Administrative State,” Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (December 2018)

“Agencies and Arbitration,” Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (May 2018)

“Agencies and Arbitration,” University of Idaho College of Law (May 2017)

Panelist, “Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Rulemaking and Consumer Arbitration Clauses,” Resolving the Arbitration Dispute in Today’s Legal Landscape Conference, Rutgers Law School (April 2017)

“Justice Scalia on Updating Old Statutes (With Particular Attention to the Communications Act),” Seventeenth Annual Digital Broadband Migration Conference, University of Colorado (February 2017)

“Agencies and Arbitration,” University of California, Irvine School of Law (January 2017)

“Agencies and Arbitration,” Marquette University School of Law (November 2016)

AD HOC REFEREE

Aspen Publishing; MIT Press; *Columbia Law Review*; *Harvard Law Review*; *Stanford Law Review*; *Yale Law Journal*

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia; Michigan; California (inactive); Maryland (inactive); U.S. Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, and Tenth Circuits