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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, 2004-present.

Deputy Provost, 2025-present

NCAA/SEC Faculty Athletics Representative, 2021-present.

Charles B. Cox III and Lucy D. Cox Family Chair in Law and Liberty, 2013 to present.

Professor of Law, 2004 to present (*Visiting Professor, Spring 2004*).

Professor of Political Science, 2008 to present (*Secondary*).

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs & Professional Education, 2018-2025.

Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, 2017-2018.

Branstetter Litigation & Dispute Resolution Program Director, 2011-2018

Tarkington Chair in Teaching Excellence, 2012-2013.

FedEx Research Professor of Law, 2007-2008.

Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, 2001-2004.

Professor of Law (with tenure), 2001-2004 (*Visiting Professor, Fall 2000*).

Benjamin Mazur Research Professor, 2002-2003.

Faculty Associate, Institute for Policy Research, 2001 to 2004.

Faculty Associate, Center for Legal Studies, 2002 to 2004.

University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, 1996-2001.

Associate Professor of Law (*tenure awarded in 2000*), 1996 to 2001.

Adjunct Associate Professor of Political Science, 1998 to 2001.

Visiting (only) Appointments:

University of Alabama, Visiting Professor of Law (short course), Fall 2004

George Mason University School of Law, Visiting Associate Professor, Spring 2000.

Teaching Honors

Vanderbilt Outstanding First Year Teacher 2004, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021.

Northwestern University School of Law Outstanding First Year Teacher 2002.

University of Missouri Vice-Chancellor's Excellence in Education Award 1999; Women's Law Association Award 1999.

Courses (taught at Vanderbilt): Civil Procedure, Commercial Law, Contracts, Evidence, Life of the Law: Introduction to Law & Legal Institutions (undergraduate course), Introduction to the Study of Law (required 1L and LLM course), Law and Politics, Multidistrict Litigation, and Torts.

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

K: A COMMON LAW APPROACH TO CONTRACT LAW (with Russell Korobkin) (Aspen 2012); (Aspen 2d ed. 2017); (Wolters Kluwer 3d ed. 2021); (Aspen 4th ed. 2026 *forthcoming*).

STATUTORY SUPPLEMENT FOR FIRST-YEAR CONTRACTS (with Russell Korobkin) (Aspen 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022; 2023; 2024; 2025)

WHAT EVERY LAW STUDENT *REALLY* NEEDS TO KNOW: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LAW (with Suzanna Sherry) (Aspen 2009); (Aspen 2d ed. 2016); (Wolters Kluwer 3d ed. 2020); (Aspen 4th ed. 2025).

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESEARCH GUIDE Pp. xviii, 213 (Garland Publishers 1992) (with Lee Epstein and Joseph F. Kobylka).

Articles & Book Chapters

[The SCOTUS Tournament: Winning Isn't Everything](#), DUKE LAW JOURNAL ONLINE (2025) (with G. Mitu Gulati & Albert H. Yoon)

- Featured in Bloomberg Law, Law360, and National Law Journal articles.
- Top 10 daily download for multiple SSRN areas

[The Power Five: The Making of Newsworthy Deal Leadership Teams](#), VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW EN BANC (2024) (with G. Mitu Gulati & Albert H. Yoon)

- Covered in Bloomberg Law, Law360, and Reuters articles.
- Top 10 daily download for multiple SSRN areas

[To Preserve, Release, and Litigate: Dimensions of Executive Branch Transparency](#), PRESIDENTIAL STUDIES QUARTERLY (2023) (with Gbemende E. Johnson)

[Some Are More Equal Than Others: U.S. Supreme Court Clerkships](#), 123 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW FORUM (2023) (with G. Mitu Gulati & Albert H. Yoon)

- Featured in NYTimes, Forbes, ABA Journal, and Law360 articles
- Top 10 daily download list for multiple SSRN areas

[The Visible Trial: Judicial Assessment as Adjudication](#), 94 COLORADO LAW REVIEW 217 (2023) (with Albert H. Yoon).

Gender, Credentials and M&A, 48 BYU LAW REVIEW 101 (2022) (with G. Mitu Gulati and Albert H. Yoon).

- Top 10 daily download list for multiple SSRN areas
- Featured in The Business Law Scholarship podcast

The Emerging Authority of Magistrate Judges Within U.S. District Courts, 10 JOURNAL OF LAW & COURTS 37-60 (2022) (with Christina L. Boyd and Albert H. Yoon).

Measuring Justice in State Courts: The Demographics of the State Judiciary, VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW (2017) (with Albert H. Yoon).

The Role of Personal Attributes and Social Backgrounds on Judging, *in* THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF THE AMERICAN LAW AND JUDICIARY (Oxford University Press, eds. Lee Epstein & Stefanie Lindquist) (2017) (with Taylor A. Weaver).

Courts of Good and Ill Repute: Garoupa and Ginsburg's *Judicial Reputation: A Comparative Theory*, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW (2016) (with G. Mitu Gulati) (book review essay)

- Top 10 daily download list for SSRN Impact of the Judiciary

Article I Judges in an Article III World: The Background and Attributes of U.S. Magistrate Judges, *NEVADA LAW JOURNAL* (2016) (with Albert H. Yoon) (symposium)

- Repeat Top 10 daily download list for SSRN Federal Courts & Jurisdiction eJournal, Judges and Public Law (Courts), and Canadian Public Law-Courts

The Labor Market for New Law Professors, 11 *JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES* 1 (2014) (with Albert H. Yoon)

- Top 10 daily download list for SSRN Empirical Studies eJournal and several substantive area SSRN topics.
- Findings discussed in the [Wall St. J.](#), [Nat'l L.J.](#), and [Inside Higher Ed.](#)

The Judges of the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 97 *JUDICATURE* 196 (2014) (with Margaret S. Williams)

- Top 10 daily download list for SSRN Federal Courts & Jurisdiction eJournal

Who Will Manage Complex Litigation? The Decision to Transfer and Consolidate Multidistrict Litigation, *JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES* (2013) (with Margaret S. Williams)

- Top 10 daily download list for SSRN Federal Courts & Jurisdiction eJournal
- Discussed on various blogs, including academic and practitioner blogs on civil procedure, complex litigation, mass torts, and federal courts.

The New Old Legal Realism, 105 *NORTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW* 689-735 (2011) (with G. Mitu Gulati & Anne C. McGinley)

Remaking the United States Supreme Court in the Courts' of Appeals Image, 58 *DUKE LAW JOURNAL* 1440-1475 (2009) (with Chris Guthrie) (symposium)

Mr. Sunstein's Neighborhood: Won't You Be Our Co-Author? *THE GREEN BAG ALMANAC & READER* 213-230 (2009) (with Paul Edelman)

"The Threes": Reimagining Supreme Court Decision Making, 61 *VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW* 1825-1860 (2008) (with Chris Guthrie)

From Judge to Justice: Social Background Theory and the U.S. Supreme Court, 86 *NORTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW* 1333-1368 (2008) (symposium)

- Featured in Adam Liptak, "Judging a Court with Ex-Judges Only," *N.Y. Times*, Feb. 17, 2009

Chief Judges: The Limits of Attitudinal Theory and Possible Paradox of Managerial Judging, 61 *VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW* 1-61 (2008) (with Albert H. Yoon)

Sunstein 1s and 2s, *THE GREEN BAG ALMANAC* 473-481 (2008) (with Paul Edelman)

Six Degrees of Cass Sunstein: Collaboration Networks in Legal Scholarship, 11 *GREEN BAG 2D* 19-36 (2007) (with Paul Edelman)

An Empirical Study of Empirical Legal Scholarship: The Top Law Schools, *INDIANA LAW JOURNAL* (2005) (symposium)

- Updated on ELS Guest Blog, September 25-29, 2006 (www.elsblog.org)

The Futility of Appeal: Disciplinary Insights Into the "Affirmance Effect" on U.S. Courts of Appeals, *FLORIDA STATE LAW REVIEW* (2005) (with Chris Guthrie) (symposium).

Other Disciplines, Methodologies, and Countries: Studying Courts and Crisis, 69 *MISSOURI LAW REVIEW* 951 (2004) (symposium).

Induced Litigation, 98 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 545-578 (2004) (with Chris Guthrie).

The Federal Court System: A Principal-Agent Perspective, 47 ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL 819-834 (2003) (with Albert H. Yoon) (symposium).

Judicial Independence and the Ambiguity of Article III Protections, 64 OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL 221-247 (2003) (symposium).

Joining Forces: The Role of Collaboration in the Development of Legal Thought, 52 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 559-582 (2002) (with Chris Guthrie).

How Constitutional Law is Made, 100 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1401-1425 (2002) (book review essay) (with Robert J. Pushaw).

Supreme Court Monitoring of Courts of Appeals En Banc, 9 SUPREME COURT ECONOMIC REVIEW 171-204 (2001) (with Michael E. Solimine).

- Reprinted in Lee Epstein, *The Economics of Judicial Behaviour* (Edward Elgar 2012).

Court Fixing, 43 ARIZONA LAW REVIEW 9-62 (2001).

Contract Law, in LEGAL SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD: A POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL ENCYCLOPEDIA 259-362 (Herbert Kritzer, ed.) (2001).

Circuit Breaker: Deciphering Courts of Appeals Decisions Using the U.S. Courts of Appeals Data Base, 83 JUDICATURE 240-247 (2000) (with Reginald Sheehan) (symposium).

An Empirical Evaluation of Specialized Law Reviews, 26 FLORIDA STATE LAW REVIEW 813-836 (1999) (with Chris Guthrie).

In Defense of Author Prominence: A Reply to Crespi and Korobkin, 26 FLORIDA STATE LAW REVIEW 877-896 (1999) (with Chris Guthrie).

The Dynamics and Determinants of the Decision to Grant En Banc Review, 74 WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 213-274 (1999).

- Quoted in *Newdow v. U.S. Congress*, 328 F.3d 466 (9th Cir. 2003) (Reinhardt, J., concurring in denial of en banc).

Developing a Positive Theory of Decisionmaking on U.S. Courts of Appeals, 58 OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL 1635-1696 (1998).

On the Nature of Supreme Court Decision Making, 86 AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW 323-337 (1992) (with Lee Epstein).

- Reprinted in 1995. THE INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY OF POLITICS AND COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT, Volume 1, ed. Alan Ware, ed. Hampshire, UK: Ashgate.
- Listed in 1999. *The Top 25 American Political Science Review Articles Most Frequently Downloaded from JSTOR*, PS, (September): 654.
- Reprinted in 1995. EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW: THE SUPREME COURT IN AMERICAN LIFE, ed. Kermit Hall. New York: Carlson

Secondary Break: Dealing with AIDS in Professional Sports After the Initial Response to Magic Johnson, 2 UNIV. OF MIAMI ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS LAW REVIEW 215-240 (1992).

Women's Rights Litigation in the 1980s, 74 JUDICATURE 314-321 (1991) (with Lee Epstein).

Other Work

[Law Firm Deal Teams](#), The Practice Magazine (Harvard Law School), Lead Article, January/February 2025.

The Power Five: Law as a Team Sport, [Columbia Law School BlueSky Blog](#), February 27, 2024.

Testimony on SB 1236, Tennessee State Senate Judiciary Committee, August 2019.

Our Changing State: Four Trends Transforming Tennessee's Population, 2017 Report and Webpage (co-authored with Rachel Wright), www.thinktennessee.org/changing-state-tennessees-transforming-population

The Gavel Gap: Who Sits in Judgment on State Courts? 2016 Report and Webpage (co-authored with Albert H. Yoon and funded by the American Constitution Society) [www.gavelgap.org]

- Covered in more than 70 media outlets including print, online, radio, and tv

Amicus Brief, *Williams-Yulee v. The State Bar of Florida*, U.S. Supreme Court (OT 2014).

- Quoted in Justice Ginsburg's concurring opinion

Understanding the Decision to Grant En Banc Review, 5(2) APPELLATE ISSUES (2006).

Judicial Entrepreneurs on the U.S. Courts of Appeals: A Citation Analysis of Judicial Influence (2006) (with Jeffrey A. Berger) [presented at Law and Positive Political Theory Symposium and available on SSRN]

Book Review, 59 JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC HISTORY 849-851 (1999) (reviewing Cornell W. Clayton & Howard Gillman eds., *Supreme Court Decision-Making: New Institutional Approaches* (1999)).

Line Drawn Between Money Laundering and Money Spending, 6(4) MONEY LAUNDERING LAW REPORT 1-2 (1995) (with William H. Jeffress, Jr.).

Book Review, 11 STANFORD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL 319-321 (1992) (reviewing Lettie Wenner, *U.S. Energy and Environmental Interest Groups: Institutional Profiles* (1990)).

EXTERNAL GRANTS

National Science Foundation, A Multi-User Database of Freedom of Information Act Litigation in Federal District Courts, PI: Gbemende Johnson, co-PI: Tracey George, grant amount \$242,810 (subaward to Vanderbilt of \$96,776), grant period 2021-2023.

American Constitution Society for Law and Society, Judicial Effectiveness and Judicial Selection, Joint PIs: Tracey George and Albert Yoon, grant period 2015-2016.

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, *Reforming the U.S. Supreme Court Bar*, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (May 2025)

Invited Speaker, *Obama Judges v. Trump Judges: Presidential Proxies for Judicial Bias*, DePaul University School of Law (May 2025)

Invited Speaker, *Deal Teams and Gender Dynamics*, Northwestern University Law School (May 2025)

Invited Speaker, *The Dynamics and Power of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar*, University of Toronto Law & Economics Workshop (September 2024)

Invited Speaker, *Moving Beyond Plagiarism: GenAI in Higher Education*, ASU+GSV 2024 (April 2024)

Invited Speaker, *The Dynamics and Determinants of Deal Teams: The Role of Merit in Elite Law Practice*, University of Virginia Legal Profession Roundtable (October 2023)

Presenter, *A Study of Supreme Court Clerks*, Duke Law School Bolch Institute Judicial Process Roundtable (December 2022)

Presenter, *To Preserve, Release and Litigate*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 2022)

Presenter, *The Right to Know: The Political and Legal Components of Government Transparency*, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (April 2022)

Speaker, *Measuring the Impact of Legal Rulings on Real People: Employment Rights for Casino Workers*, Duke Law School (May 2021)

Speaker, *The Gender Gap at the Top of the Deal: A Study of Lead Attorneys in Mergers & Acquisitions*, Vanderbilt Law School (February 2022), Duke Law School (March 2021), Harvard Law School (February 2021)

Presenter, *The Judicial Hierarchy Within the Judicial Hierarchy*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (August 2019)

Invited Speaker, *Designing Studies of Courts*, Master of Judicial Studies Program, Duke University (June 2019)

Invited Speaker, *Who Decides? Picking Judges in the 21st Century*, Infinity Project/St. Thomas Law Review Symposium (March 2019)

Panelist, Judicial Administration/Judicial Process Roundtable, Duke University (December 2018 & December 2019)

Presenter, *Designing Judicial Institutions in Times of Crisis: The Case of Special Assignment Courts*, Judicial Process Colloquium, Duke University (March 2018).

Presenter, *Understanding the Demographics of Courts*, Judges Seminar, Duke University (June 2017 and June 2019)

Presenter, *The Role of Judicial Demographics in Justice*, Clifford Symposium, DePaul University (April 2017)

Presenter, *Achieving Diversity in State Courts*, Vanderbilt Law Review Symposium and Emory Roundtable (September 2016 and March 2017)

Presenter, *The Gavel Gap*, American Constitution Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (June 2016)

Presenter, *Measuring Justice in State Courts*, American Bar Foundation Research Group on Legal Diversity, Chicago (May 2016)

Presenter, *Magistrate Judges and the Transformation of the Federal Bench* Conference, UNLV, Las Vegas, NV (September 2015)

Invited Speaker, *The Battle over Tennessee Amendment 1 and the Role of Courts in Social Policy*, Women's Breakfast Club of Nashville (August 2015)

Invited Speaker, Defense Research Institute Young Lawyers Division Annual Conference (June 2015)

Invited Speaker, American Constitution Society National Convention, Washington, DC (June 2015)

Invited Speaker, *The Role of Retention Elections in our Democracy*, Convening on the Future of Retention Elections, Justice at Stake and IAALS, Washington, DC (April 2015)

Invited Speaker, *Supreme Court Briefing: Williams-Yulee vs. The Florida Bar*, The National Press Club, Washington, DC (January 2015)

Shown on C-SPAN; quoted in dozens of media outlets including McClatchy newspapers, Al Jazeera America, TIME, Tampa Bay Tribune (where original case was filed) and numerous blogs.

Presenter, *Empirical Evidence on Money and State Courts*, 2014 Fair Courts State Summit (July 2014)

Quoted on Tennessee supreme court retention election in numerous media outlets including *N.Y. Times*, *Tennessean*, *Nashville Business Journal*, and numerous *Associated Press* outlets.

Presenter, *The Labor Market for Law Professors*, American Bar Foundation Meeting (May 2013)

Presenter, *Special Courts in the U.S. Judicial System*, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences Colloquium (Amsterdam, July 2012)

Presenter, *Thinking and Blinking on the Bench: Political Science and Psychological Theories of Judging*, Duke Law School Theories of Judging Seminar (June 2012)

Presenter, *Who Will Manage Complex Litigation?*, University of Chicago Judicial Behavior Workshop (March 2012).

Presenter, *The Market for Law Professors*, University of Houston Law School (January 2012), University of Illinois College of Law (April 2012).

Presenter, *Remaking the U.S. Supreme Court*, Measuring Judges and Justice Symposium, Duke Law Journal (February 2009); Law and Politics Colloquium, University of Texas (February 2009).

Presenter, *Becoming Judges*, Precedent and the Roberts Court Symposium, North Carolina Law Review (October 2007).

Presenter, *Supreme Court Panels?*, Faculty Workshop, Pepperdine University School of Law (February 2008); Judges Colloquium, Duke Law Schools (January 2008); Law & Positive Political Theory Colloquium, Northwestern University School of Law (September 2007).

Presenter, *Chief Judges*, Faculty Workshop, Marquette University School of Law (2007).

Guest Blogger, Empirical Legal Studies Blog [ELSBlog], www.elsblog.org (2006).

Senior Commentator, Junior Empirical Legal Studies Conference, Cornell Law (2006).

Presenter, *Empirical Evidence on En Banc Review*, Appellate Lawyers and Judges Conference, Appellate Judges Education Institute, San Francisco (2005)

Presenter, *Rethinking the Judicial Hierarchy*, Northwestern University School of Law *Law and Positive Political Theory* Symposium (2005)

Presenter, *An Empirical Evaluation of Empirical Legal Scholarship*, Indiana University School of Law *Next Generation of Law School Rankings* Symposium (2005)

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Colloquium on Judicial Review, Montana (2004)

Presenter, *A Citation Analysis of Judicial Influence*, University of Alabama School of Law (2004) and Vanderbilt University School of Law (2004).

Presenter, *The Behavioral Analysis of Legal Institutions*, Florida State University (2004).

Commentator, *Fear and Risk in Times of Democratic Crisis*, University of Missouri Law (2004).

Presenter, *Judicial Ambition and Judicial Independence*, Washington & Lee Law (2004).

Presenter, *Judicial Independence in the Federal Courts* panel, Perspectives on Judicial Independence Symposium sponsored by Ohio State University, the John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy, and the League of Women Voters of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio (2002)

Presenter, *Challenges of Collaboration*, Law & Society Ass'n Summer Institute (2001).

Panelist, *Judicial Independence at the Crossroads: Developing an Interdisciplinary Research Agenda* roundtable at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, co-sponsored by NYU's Brennan Center for Justice and the American Judicature Society, Philadelphia (2001).

Panelist, *New Approaches to Empirical Legal Research*, Joint Program of Sections on Law and Social Science and Scholarship, 2001 Annual Meeting of AALS, San Francisco.

Presenter, *Court Fixing*, to faculty workshops at Case Western Reserve University School of Law (2000), Florida State University Law School (2000), Northwestern University School of Law (2000).

Presenter, *Seen But Not Heard: Visiting Judges on U.S. Courts of Appeals*, to faculty workshops at George Mason University School of Law (2000), Northwestern University School of Law (2000), and Washington University School of Law (2000).

Presenter, *Why Do U.S. Courts of Appeals Grant En Banc Review?*, to faculty workshops at University of Cincinnati College of Law (1999) and George Mason University School of Law (1999).

Presenter, *The Dynamics and Determinants of the Decision to Grant En Banc Review*, 1998 Annual Conference on the Scientific Study of Judicial Politics, East Lansing, Michigan.

Presenter, *Modeling Judicial Behavior*, University of Missouri Law faculty workshop (1997).

ANNUAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS AND SERVICE

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: Paper presenter 2005, 2016, 2019, 2022; Discussant 2002, 2008.

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting: Plenary panel: 2006; Research Committee panel: 2008; Section Panelist 2001, 2005, 2007.

Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Scholarship: Paper presenter 2007; Discussant 2007; Section Organizing Committee 2019.

Law & Society Association Annual Meeting: Paper presenter 1998, 1999, 2002, 2004 (2), 2006; Session Organizer and Chair 1999, 2000, 2002; Discussant 1998, 2005.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: Panel Chair 2002, 2013; Paper presenter 1991, 1992, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2013, 2021; Discussant 2000, 2004.

Political Economy and Public Law: 2018 (UConn); 2019 (Princeton)

EDUCATION

Stanford Law School, J.D. 1992.

Washington University, M.A. in Political Science, 2011.

Southern Methodist University, 1989

B.A. (Political Science *with distinction*) & B.S. (Economics), *summa cum laude*.

Phi Beta Kappa (*elected as a junior*), Arts & Sciences Outstanding Senior, Truman Scholar

PRIOR LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Miller, Cassidy, Larroca & Lewin, Washington, D.C., Associate, November 1993 - June 1996.

Hon. Francis D. Murnaghan, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Baltimore.
Judicial law clerk, September 1992 - August 1993.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE and MEMBERSHIPS

Vanderbilt University

University Service (prior to 2018): Provost Search Committee (2015); COACHE Faculty Working Group (Co-chair, 2016-18); Promotion & Tenure Review Committee (2014-2016; Chair, 2015-2016); University Trans-Institutional Programs (TIPs) Council (2014-2017); Co-Chair, Steering Committee of the Academic Planning Group for Trans-Institutional Programs (2013-2014); Ad Hoc Faculty Grievance Committee (2013); Faculty Senate (2005-2007); Honor Scholarships Advisory Council (2005-2007); *Undergraduate Research Journal* Advisory Board (2005-2006); COPC Economic Development Committee (2005)

Law School Service (none during Vice Provost service from 2018 to present): Ad Hoc Tenure & Promotion Candidate Committee (Chair 2011-2012; 2013-2014); Faculty Appointments Committee (2005-2007, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2015-2016; Full Committee Chair 2008-2009; Entry-Level Chair, 2005-2006); Admissions Committee (2004-05); Curriculum Committee (2013-2014); Judicial Clerkship Advisor (2005); Vandy Law Dems Faculty Sponsor (2008-); Vanderbilt Law Review Faculty Advisor (2010-2013); Vanderbilt Second Amendment Club Faculty Sponsor (2010-); The Vent [Student Parody Publication] Faculty Co-Advisor (2011-); Vanderbilt Law Students for Reproductive Justice Advisor (2013-).

Political Science Service: Co-chair, Gbemende Johnson Dissertation Committee; Affiliated Faculty, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions

Northwestern University

Entry-Level Appointments Committee (Chair, 2003-04); Lateral Appointments Committee (2001-03), Judicial Clerkship Committee (2001-02).

University of Missouri

Intercollegiate Athletic Committee (Vice-Chair); various law school committees; Faculty Advisor to various law school groups and an undergraduate sorority (Delta Delta Delta).

Editorial Boards, Professional Associations & Other Organizations

American Law Institute: Elected Member (2008 – present)

Journal of Contract Law, Editorial Board (2017-present)

Law & Politics Book Review, Editorial Board (2016-present)

Law & Society Review, Editorial Advisory Board (2019-present)

Journal of Legal Education, Editorial Board (2012 – 2015)

Judicature, Editorial Board (2013-2014)

SSRN, Law & Courts Abstracts Board

Law School Admissions Council, Subcommittee on Grants: Member (2007 – 2015)

American Constitution Society Nashville Chapter, Advisory Board, 2014-present; Supreme Court Events Co-Chair, 2010-11.

American Law & Economics Association
Annual Meeting, Courts Area Co-Organizer 2018

American Political Science Association,
Law & Courts Lifetime Achievement Award Selection Committee: Member (2009)

Association of American Law Schools
Committee on Research: Member (2006 – 2009)
Consulting Group on Empirical Research (1997-2000)
Empirical Study of Legal Education & the Legal Profession Section: Executive Committee (2022-present)
Law & the Social Sciences Section: Chair (2006); Executive Committee (2002-2007)

Law & Society Association
Student Paper Awards Committee, 2010-11
Article Prize Committee, Chair, 2016

Society on Empirical Legal Studies
Conference Planning Committee, 2019

Referee, National Science Foundation, Division of Social, Behavioral and Economic Research; American Journal of Political Science; American Politics Quarterly; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies; Journal of Law & Courts; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; Journal of Law, Economics & Organization; Journal of Law & Social Inquiry; Journal of Politics; Law & Society Review; Perspectives on Politics; and Political Research Quarterly.

Bar Admissions: Maryland (inactive), District of Columbia (inactive), U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICE

Current

Tennessee Freedom Circle (501(c)(4) founded in 2022 to advocate for reproductive rights)

Founding Board Member

Board of Directors, 2022 to present (Secretary 2022 to present)

ThinkTennessee (state think tank founded in 2016) *Founding Board Member*

Board of Directors, 2016 to 2023 (Secretary 2016-2018)

Advisory Board, 2024 to present

Planned Parenthood of Tennessee & North Mississippi (*formerly of Middle & East Tennessee*)

Merger Committee, 2017-2018

Board of Directors, 2010-2016 (Vice Chair 2011-2013, Chair 2014-2015)

Founders Society, 2009-present

One Nashville Place Breakfast Club, 2017 to present

Past

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee, Big Sister, 2012-2021

Lead Plaintiff, *George et al. v. Haslam et al.*, voting rights lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in M.D. Tenn. (filed Nov. 2014 – 3:14-CV-02182; motion to dismiss denied in 112 F. Supp. 3d 700 (2015); Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in favor of plaintiffs, April 22, 2016); reversed (6th Cir. 2018); certiorari petition denied 2018.

Mayor's Council on Gender Equity, Metro Nashville

Appointed member, 2016 to 2018

Napier Enhanced Option Elementary School, Family Resource Center Volunteer, 2014-2015

Southern Methodist University, 20th Reunion Committee Co-Chair/Giving Chair 2009

Tennessee Advocates for Planned Parenthood (a 501(c)(4) Organization)

Board of Directors, 2013-2016

Tennessee Justice for our Neighbors Volunteer

Vote No on 1 Campaign, Strategy Committee Co-Chair, 2014, and frequent spokesperson (including television commercial and interviews).

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