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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Vanderbilt University Law School

Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, First Amendment Clinic, July 2023 – present

Nashville, TN

Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, First Amendment Clinic, August 2022 – June 2023

Georgetown University Law Center

Supervising Attorney and Clinical Teaching Fellow, Civil Rights Clinic, August 2021 – July 2022

Washington, D.C.

Counsel, Institute for Constitutional Advocacy & Protection (ICAP), July 2020 – July 2022

American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia

Dunn Legal Fellow, September 2018 – June 2020

Richmond, VA

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Law Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Appellate Litigation, May 2017 – August 2017

Washington, D.C.

American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law

Legal Intern, January 2017 – May 2017

Washington, D.C.

National Women's Law Center

Legal Intern, May 2016 – August 2016

Washington, D.C.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Analyzing Inclusive Language Practices in Clinical Advocacy*, ___ *Clinical L. Rev.* ____ (2025)
- *First Amendment Protections on Social Media: How Many Dog Pictures Does It Take to Make a Government Account Not State Action?*, ___ *U. St. Thomas J.L. & Pub. Pol'y* ____ (2024)
- *The Role of Experiential Learning* (ch.), *Fostering First Gen Success and Inclusion: A Guide for Law Schools* (2024)
- *Developing Inclusive Language Competency in Clinical Teaching*, 29 *Clinical L. Rev.* 349 (2023) (co-authored with Joseph Mead)
- *Time to SLAPP Back: Advocating Against the Adverse Civil Liberties Implications of Litigation that Undermines Public Participation*, 3 *La. State Univ. J. for Social Justice & Policy* 125 (2023)
- *Thirteenth Amendment Litigation in the Immigration Detention Context*, 26 *Mich. J. Race & L.* 205 (2020)
- *The Health and Legal Implications of Early Screening for Developmental Disabilities for Youth & Justice-Involved Populations*, 29 *Annals Health L. & Life Sci.* 153 (2020) (co-authored with Jacqueline Safstrom)
- *Analysis of the Applications and Implications of Chevron Deference in Immigration*, 34 *Geo. Immigr. L.J.* 53 (2019)
- *Weathering the Storm: Utilizing Congressional Investigations to Improve National Hurricane Preparedness*, 22 *Harv. Latinx L. Rev.* 37 (2019)
- *Salary History and Pay Parity: Assessing Prior Salary History as a "Factor Other Than Sex" in Equal Pay Act Litigation*, 31 *Yale J.L. & Feminism* 135 (2019)
- *States as Civil Rights Actors: Assessing Advocacy Mechanisms within a State's Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches*, 24 *Barry L. Rev.* 53 (2019)
- *An Analysis of Sanctuary Campuses: Assessing the Legality and Effectiveness of Policies Protective of Undocumented Students and of Potential Government Responses*, 106 *Geo. L.J.* 1523 (2018)

PRESENTATIONS

- *Educating Ourselves on Tennessee's Divisive Concept Laws*, Tennessee Coalition for Truth in Education (2024)
- *Media Engagement and Public Discourse: Navigating the Tightrope of Legal Practice and Media Relations*, AALS Clinical Annual Conference (2024)
- *The Privacy Paradox*, AALS Clinical Annual Conference (2024)
- *Clinical Use of Inclusive Language*, AALS Clinical Annual Conference (2024)
- *ChatGPT, Will it Disrupt the Legal Market, or Is It Just an Over-Hyped Novelty?*, Harry Phillips American Inn of Court (2024)
- *First Amendment Protections on Social Media*
 - American Constitutional Society Eighth Annual Constitutional Law Forum (2024)
 - University of St. Thomas Law Journal of Law and Public Policy Free Speech Symposium (2023)
- *IP at the Supreme Court Series: O'Connor-Ratcliff v. Garnier & Lindke v. Freed*, American College of Law (2023)
- *303 Creative Conversation*, Vanderbilt Law School (2023)
- *Clinical Use of AI*
 - Legal Education's Next Generation: Embracing Online, ChatGPT and Technology in Pedagogy and Practice Preparation (2023)
 - Mid-West Clinical Conference (2023)
 - Southern Clinical Conference (2023)
- *Analyzing Inclusive Language Practices in Clinical Advocacy*
 - Clinical Law Review Workshop (2023)
 - Mid-West Clinical Conference (2023)
 - Southern Clinical Conference (2023)
 - AALS Annual Conference (2024)
- *Counterman v. Colorado*, Nashville Law Association for Women (2023)
- *Developing Inclusive Language Competency in Clinical Teaching*
 - Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education (2023)
 - St. John's Spring Symposium on Racialized Notions of Professionalism & the Law (2023)
 - Mid-Atlantic Regional Clinical Conference (2023)
 - American University Washington College of Law's Clinical Program 50th Anniversary Symposium (2022)
- *From Hurricane Maria to Hurricane Ian: The Growing Need to Improve Hurricane Preparedness*, Annual Meeting, Law and Society Association (2023)
- *The Devastating Impact of Natural Disasters in Magnifying Socioeconomic Inequities*, Berkeley Poverty Law Conference (2023)
- *The First Amendment: Panhandling and Protests*, 2022 Right to Housing Forum, National Homelessness Law Center (2022)
- *The Impact of Health Financing on Patients in Carceral Settings*, 16th Beazley Health Care Law & Policy Symposium (2022)
- *The Speech We Hate and Proudest Moments*, Stanton Foundation Clinical Conference (2022)
- *First Amendment Jurisprudence and Its Implications for Criminalization of Homelessness*, Justice Network (2022)
- *Time to SLAPP Back: Advocating Against the Adverse Civil Liberties Implications of Litigation that Undermines Public Participation*
 - Colloquium on Race, Racism, and American Media, Georgetown Law & Univ. of Houston Law (2022)
 - 12th Annual Constitutional Law Colloquium, George Washington Law and Loyola Chicago Law (2021)
 - Conspiracy Theories, Disinformation, and Civil Rights, LSU Journal for Social Justice and Policy (2021)
 - Annual Meeting, Law & Society Association (2021)
 - ACS Sixth Annual Constitutional Law Scholars Forum, Barry Law & Texas A&M Law (2021)
- *Judging Amici: Assessing the Role of Former Judges as Amicus Curiae*, ACS Seventh Annual Constitutional Law Scholars Forum, Barry Law & Texas A&M Law (2022)

- *Possibilities for Change: Justice in the Face of Racial, Gender Based, and Sexual Violence*, Chair & Discussant, Annual Meeting, Law & Society Association (2021)
- *Bridging the Gap: Towards Inclusion and Equality & The Expanding Space of Policing Practice*, Chair & Discussant, Annual Meeting, Law & Society Association (2020)
- *Emerging Challenges to Free Speech*, Rebellious Lawyering (RebLaw) Conference, Yale Law (2020)
- *Thirteenth Amendment Litigation in the Immigration Detention Context*
 - Annual Meeting, Law & Society Association (2020)
 - ACS Fifth Annual Constitutional Law Scholars Forum, Barry Law & Texas A&M Law (2020)
 - Thirteenth Amendment and Racial Justice Conference, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law (2019)
- *The Health and Legal Implications of Early Screening for Developmental Disabilities for Youth & Justice-Involved Populations*, 13th Beazley Health Care Law & Policy Symposium (2019)
- *States as Civil Rights Actors: Assessing Advocacy Mechanisms within a State's Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches*, ACS Fourth Annual Constitutional Law Scholars Forum, Barry Law & Texas A&M Law (2019)
- *Know the Facts: Trans Rights in Schools*, Transgender Info & Empowerment Summit, Equality Virginia (2019)
- *Gender Identity Issues in the Law*, National Association of Women Judges – District 4 (2018) (co-authored training materials with Claire Guthrie Gastañaga)

MEDIA

- *Could Tennessee drag restrictions apply in private homes? How state argued before a federal appeals court*, [Tennessean](#) (Feb. 2024)
- *Justices Consider Who Public Officials Can Block on Social Media*, [Bloomberg Law](#) (Oct. 2023)
- *Coerced, censored, shut down: How will Supreme Court manage social media's toxic sludge?*, [USA Today](#) (Sept. 2023)
- *Elon Musk Threatens to Sue Anti-Defamation League Over Lost X Revenue*, [The Guardian](#) (Sept. 2023)
- *Elon Musk Takes Legal Route With Anti-Defamation League*, [TechRound](#) (Sept. 2023)
- *Elon Musk Blames ADL For Ad Revenue Slump, Threatens Lawsuit*, [Silicon](#) (Sept. 2023)
- *Virtual Courts Lead To Tension Between Access And Privacy*, [Law 360](#) (Jan. 2021)
- *Police Agencies Upping Patrols During Tuesday's Elections*, [Daily Herald](#) (Nov. 2020)
- *Virginia Must Stop Exploiting People in Prison*, [Washington Post](#) (Apr. 2020) (co-authored with Claire Guthrie Gastañaga)
- *ACLU Sues Virginia Housing Complex over Ban on Felons*, [Washington Post](#) (July 2019)
- *ACLU Files Lawsuit Against Chesterfield Apartment Complex Owners*, [NBC](#) (June 2019)
- *ACLU Sues County Apartment Complex for Discrimination*, [Chesterfield Observer](#) (June 2019)
- *HOME Challenges Chesterfield Apartment Complex Policy in Federal Court*, [Richmond Free Press](#) (June 2019)
- *Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Candy: Some Virginia Cities Are Still Criminalizing Trick-or-Treating* (Oct. 2019) ([ACLU Blog Post](#)) cited by [The Virginian-Pilot](#)
- *It's No Trick — These Virginia Cities Are Criminalizing Halloween* (Oct. 2018) ([ACLU Blog Post](#)) cited by [Above the Law](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [The Virginian-Pilot](#), [Medium](#), [Breitbart](#), and [University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School](#)

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctor, May 2018, Dean's Certificate

University of Miami, College of Arts & Sciences, Honors Program, Coral Gables, FL

Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, International Studies, *Minors*: Business Law, Spanish, Sociology, May 2011

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Spanish (fluent)

Awards: Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) Top Lawyers Under 40 (2024)

Bar Memberships: Virginia (2018), Florida (2019), District of Columbia (2020), Tennessee (2022-24, provisional)

Bar Service:

Tennessee Bar Association, Member

- Young Lawyers Division, Diversity Committee Chair

- Communications Law Section, Executive Council Member

DC Hispanic Bar Association, Member & Student Mentor

Campus Service: Clinical Hiring Committee (2023-2024); Free Speech and Expression Committee (2023-2024)