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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**University of Florida Levin College of Law** | Gainesville, FL 2022–present  
*Assistant Professor of Law*

## CLERKSHIP

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**The Honorable Richard A. Posner** | Chicago, IL 2016–2017  
*Law Clerk*

## EDUCATION

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**Harvard Law School** | Cambridge, MA 2016  
J.D. *magna cum laude*

Articles Co-Chair, *Harvard Law Review*; Bankruptcy Roundtable; Financial Distress Research Project

**Harvard Divinity School** | Cambridge, MA 2016  
M.T.S., Religion, Ethics, and Politics

**Harvard University** | Cambridge, MA 2009  
B.A. *magna cum laude* with highest honors

**Cranston High School East** | Cranston, RI 2005  
*Valedictorian*

## ARTICLES & ESSAYS

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### *Bankruptcy & Social Enterprise*

*Building for the Storm: How to Form Social Enterprises to Withstand Financial Distress*, in ESG & INSOLVENCY LAW (Anthony Casey & Thilo Kuntz eds.).

*Bankruptcy Fiduciaries*, 110 IOWA L. REV. (forthcoming 2025) (co-winner, AALS Best Scholarly Paper).

*Bankruptcy & the Benefit Corporation*, 96 AM. BANKR. L.J. 93 (2022) (peer-reviewed).

### *Bankruptcy Strategy & Developments*

*Defamation, Bankruptcy & the First Amendment*, 5 J. FREE SPEECH L. 513 (2024) (peer-reviewed).

*The Small Business Prepack: How Subchapter V Paves the Way for Bankruptcy's Fastest Cases* (with Jeffrey A. Katz), 92 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 851 (2024).

### *Debt Collection & Debtors' Prisons*

*Harsh Creditor Remedies & the Role of the Redeemer*, 92 FORDHAM L. REV. 935 (2023).

*The New American Debtors' Prisons*, 44 AM. J. CRIM. L. 1 (2017).

Note, *State Bans on Debtors' Prisons and Criminal Justice Debt*, 129 HARV. L. REV. 1024 (2016) (separate appendix published at 129 HARV. L. REV. F. 153 (2016)).

#### *Legal Theory, Methodology & Pedagogy*

Essay, *Critical Theory & Commercial Law in the Sunshine*, 75 FLA. L. REV. F. 15 (2023).

#### BOOK REVIEWS

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*Mission Creep or Mission Failure?*, 5 AM. J.L. EQUALITY (forthcoming 2025) (reviewing MELISSA JACOBY, UNJUST DEBTS: HOW OUR BANKRUPTCY SYSTEM MAKES AMERICA MORE UNEQUAL) (2024)).

Book Review, 15 PHILOSOPHIA CHRISTI 490 (2013) (reviewing WHOSE GOD RULES? IS THE UNITED STATES A SECULAR NATION OR A THEOLEGAL DEMOCRACY? (Nathan C. Walker and Edwin J. Greenlee eds., 2011)).

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

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*The Spirit of Jubilee*

*Business Bankruptcy's Negative Spaces: Dismissal, Abstention & Transfer*

*Fairness, Efficiency & Formation*

*Debtors' Prisons & the Reconstruction Amendments*

Commentary, *How to Read a Law School Grade*

#### COMMENTARY

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*When Defamation Comes to Bankruptcy Court*, HARV. L. SCH. BANKR. ROUNDTABLE (Mar. 11, 2025).

*How The Onion Could Still Buy InfoWars*, LAW360 (Dec. 12, 2024).

*It's All About the Bottom Line. Or Is It? Exploring Non-Economic Issues in Bankruptcy* (with Jeffrey P. Bast), BUS. L. TODAY (Nov. 7, 2024).

*DEI as Cultural Commitment in an Era of Backlash* (with Elise Bernlohr Maizel), 43 AM. BANKR. INST. J. 26 (July 2024).

*The Law of Creditors, Debtors, and Redeemers*, THE FINREG BLOG, DUKE FIN. ECON. CTR. (July 24, 2023).

*Bespoke, Tailored, and Off-the-Rack Bankruptcy: A Response to Professor Coordes's 'Bespoke Bankruptcy'*, 73 FLA. L. REV. F. 15 (2023).

*When Benefit Corporations File for Bankruptcy, Will Anything Be Different?*, HARV. L. SCH. BANKR. ROUNDTABLE (Oct. 4, 2022).

*How "Mothballed" Chapter 11 Cases Will Affect Vendors, Landlords* (with George Shuster, Paul Jakubowski, & Benjamin Loveland), LAW360 (Apr. 14, 2020).

Recent Legislation, *Crim. Pro. — Colorado Requires On-the-Record Indigency Proceedings Prior to Incarceration for Failure to Pay Fines* — H.B. 14-1061, 69th Gen. Assemb., 2d Reg. Sess. (Colo. 2014), 128 HARV. L. REV. 1312 (2015).

## OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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*Toward the Glittering Heaven: Poetry and Asceticism in Gregory of Nazianzus' Arcane Poems*, 1 KANNENBRIGHT 14 (2010).

*The Spirit in the Machine*, HARV. DIVINITY BULL. (Winter 2017, Bicentennial Issue) (essay competition winner).

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf, ESG & Bankruptcy Conference, *Building for the Storm: How to Form Social Enterprises to Withstand Financial Distress* (Mar. 7, 2025) (by invitation).

BYU Law School, Bankruptcy Symposium: Who Governs Debt's Dominion, *The Next Frontier of Bankruptcy Professionals*, with David Skeel, Diane Dick & Marshall Ringwood (Nov. 2, 2024) (by invitation).

DePaul University College of Law, Faculty Workshop, *Defamation, Bankruptcy & the First Amendment* (Oct. 24, 2024) (by invitation).

Brooklyn Law School, ABI/III Rising Global Bankruptcy Scholars' Work-in-Progress Workshop, *The Spirit of Jubilee* (Oct. 19, 2024) (by invitation).

Harvard-Wharton Insolvency & Restructuring Conference, *Defamation, Bankruptcy & the First Amendment* (Sept. 21, 2024).

Southeast Association of Law Schools, *Bankruptcy Fiduciaries* (July 25, 2024).

Southeast Association of Law Schools, *The Spirit of Jubilee* (July 24, 2024).

Northeast Bankruptcy Conference & Consumer Forum, *Bankruptcy Appeals for Consumer and Small Business Practitioners*, with Hon. Eugene R. Wedoff (Bankr. N.D. Ill.) and Leslie Storm (July 6, 2024) (by invitation).

National Conference of Business Law Scholars, *Bankruptcy Fiduciaries* (June 24, 2024).

Law and Society 2024 Annual Meeting, *The Spirit of Jubilee* (June 7, 2024).

University of Florida Levin College of Law, Faculty Scholarship Roundtable, *Defamation, Bankruptcy & the First Amendment* (May 15, 2024).

American Bankruptcy Institute, *Where's the Supreme Court Going? Recent Decisions, Trends, and Predictions*, with Hon. Craig T. Goldblatt (Bankr. D. Del.), Bill Rochelle, Bob Lawless & Reno Fernandez (May 6, 2024) (by invitation).

American Bar Association, *2024 Earth Day Panel: Bankruptcy Committees: It's All About the Bottom Line. Or Is It?*, with Hon. Grace Robson (Bankr. M.D. Fla.), Hamid R. Rafatjoo & Danielle Reyes (Apr. 22, 2024).

University of Florida Levin College of Law, Association of Law and Business, *Symposium: Artificial Intelligence & Business, What's the Deal with ChatGPT?* (Mar. 28, 2024) (by invitation).

Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute, 50th Annual Seminar on Bankruptcy Law & Rules, *Prepackaged Bankruptcies (Could This Be a Model for Subchapter V?)*, with Charles A. Dale & Laura Davis Jones (Mar. 14, 2024) (by invitation).

Northeastern University Law School, Junior Scholars Conference, *Bankruptcy Fiduciaries* (Mar. 1, 2024).

National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, *Bankruptcy Committees: It's All About the Bottom Line. Or Is It?*, with Hon. Grace Robson (Bankr. M.D. Fla.), Hamid R. Rafatjoo & Danielle Reyes (October 13, 2023).

University of Florida Levin College of Law, Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Internal Faculty Workshop, *Bankruptcy Fiduciaries* (Sept. 11, 2023).

Wharton-Harvard Insolvency & Restructuring Conference, *Bankruptcy Fiduciaries* (Sept. 8, 2023).

National Conference of Business Law Scholars, *Harsh Creditor Remedies & the Role of the Redeemer* (June 15, 2023).

University of Florida Levin College of Law, Faculty Scholarship Roundtable, *Bankruptcy Fiduciaries* (Apr. 24, 2023).

University of Florida Center for Teaching Excellence, Interface Conference, *Bringing Groupwork from the Courtroom to the Classroom* (Apr. 20, 2023) (by invitation).

Washington University School of Law, *Harsh Creditor Remedies & the Role of the Redeemer* (Sept. 21, 2022).

Southeast Association of Law Schools, *Bankruptcy & the Benefit Corporation* (July 28, 2021).

National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, *The P's of Evidence: Proper Preparation, Presentation, Pitfalls, and Practice Pointers*, with Hon. Michael A. Fagone (Bankr. D. Me.), Nancy L. Manzer & Isley Markman Gostin (Oct. 31, 2019).

University of Texas at Austin, *Debtors' Prison*, Symposium Panel at the 2017 Conference of the *Tex. J. C.R.-C.L.*, "Misdemeanor Defendants and the 85th Legislative Session," with Hon. Edward Spillane III, Rep. James White & Trisha Trigilio (Jan. 27, 2017) (by invitation).

Harvard University, *The Political Economy of Modern Capitalism*, Respondent, with Thomas Piketty (March 6, 2015).

Harvard University, *The Role of Religion in Public Life*, Moderator, with Michael Sandel and Jean Bethke Elshtain (March 5, 2013).

#### MEDIA APPEARANCES

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Kirk McDaniel, COURTHOUSE NEWS SERVICE, [\*The War for Infowars\*](#) (Jan. 28, 2025).

James Nani, BLOOMBERG LAW, [\*Alex Jones' Infowars Sale Hinges on More Money and Less Secrecy\*](#) (Dec. 12, 2024).

Kim Bellware & Niha Masih, WASHINGTON POST, [\*Judge Rejects Sale of InfoWars to Satirical News Site The Onion\*](#) (Dec. 11, 2024).

Tovia Smith, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, [\*Bidders Are Back in Court Battling over the Auction of Alex Jones' Infowars\*](#) (Dec. 9, 2024).

Tovia Smith, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, [\*Was the Infowars Auction Fair? A Judge Wants to Hear Arguments in December\*](#) (Nov. 25, 2024).

James Nani, BLOOMBERG LAW, [\*Alex Jones' Legacy for Sale in Bids to Save or Bury Infowars\*](#) (Oct. 9, 2024).

Tovia Smith, NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO, [\*Going Once ... Going Twice: Alex Jones' Cameras, Mics, Infowars Show, Vitamin Site\*](#) (Sept. 24, 2024).

Sam Levine, THE GUARDIAN, [\*Far-Right Site Gateway Pundit to Answer Claims of 'Bankruptcy Abuse' in Hearing\*](#) (June 27, 2024).

Evan Ochsner, BLOOMBERG LAW, [U.S. Supreme Court Allows Broad Right to Be Heard in Bankruptcy](#) (June 7, 2024).

Randi Love, BLOOMBERG LAW, [Giuliani's Legal Woes Extend Beyond Defamation Judgment](#) (Feb. 21, 2024).

Shannon McCarthy & Emma Kiely-Hampson, THIS PODCAST DOESN'T EXIST, [Team Tommy: The Ship of Gold, with Special Guest Chris](#) (Feb. 2, 2024).

Zoey Thomas, THE ALLIGATOR, [Florida Shut Down State Funding For Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. These UF Programs Could Be Affected](#) (Jan. 29, 2024).

David Schultz, BLOOMBERG LAW, [Giuliani, Alex Jones and the Pipeline Into Bankruptcy \(Podcast\)](#) (Jan. 16, 2024).

James Nani, BLOOMBERG LAW, [Giuliani Joins Alex Jones in Defamation-to-Bankruptcy Pipeline](#) (Oct. 20, 2023).

Melissa MacDougall, NALP BULLETIN, [Increasing Student Participation in Rural Clerkships](#) (Dec. 2023).

Ben Schreckinger, POLITICO, [OpenAI and the Future of the Corporation](#) (Nov. 27, 2023).

Nichole Manna, THE JACKSONVILLE TRIBUTARY, [Former Duval Jail Medical Provider, Armor, Says It Can't Pay Millions in Debt](#) (Oct. 31, 2023).

James Nani, BLOOMBERG LAW, [Alex Jones Loses, Cardi B Wins on Flip Sides of Bankruptcy Law](#) (Oct. 20, 2023).

James Nani & Alex Wolf, BLOOMBERG LAW, [Top Texas Judge's Ethical Lapse Threatens Court's Reputation](#) (Oct. 16, 2023).

Sindhu Sundar, INSIDER, [Elon Musk Said He Has To "Save Twitter from Bankruptcy." Here's What Would Happen If It Filed for Chapter 11](#) (Feb 25, 2023).

Kalpana Jain, HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL, [Credit to His Faith](#) (Oct. 24, 2014).

Pooja Podugu, HARVARD CRIMSON, [Sandel Discusses Religion in Public Life](#) (Mar. 6, 2013).

#### AMICUS BRIEFS & LETTERS

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Letter to Florida Committee on Commerce & Tourism, *SB 232: Debt Collection* (providing background on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to inform proposed amendment to Florida's debt collection statute).

Motion of Christopher D. Hampson and Lea Krivinskas Shepard for Leave to File Amicus Curiae Brief, *United States v. Thomas Thompson*, No. 2:15-cr-00081 (S.D. Ohio May 20, 2024) (supporting release of civil contemnor after eight years' imprisonment for refusal to turn over 500 gold coins from the wreck of the *S.S. Central America*).

Brief of Amicus Curiae The National Consumer Law Center In Support of Motion to Dismiss, *In re MV Realty PBC, LLC*, No. 23-17590 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. Apr. 10, 2024) (supporting dismissal of chapter 11 bankruptcy case when estate's main assets were unconscionable and illegal executory contracts).

Motion to Unseal Order of Release, *In re Maurice M.*, No. 88-704202 (Md. Cir. Ct. Baltimore Mar. 22, 2024) (petitioning to unseal order releasing Jacqueline Bouknight, who had been held for contempt of court for seven years pursuant to *Baltimore City Dep't of Soc. Servs. v. Bouknight*, 493 U.S. 549 (1990)).

Brief in Support of Appellees, *Aearo Technologies, LLC v. Those Parties Listed on Appendix A to the Complaint (In re Aearo Technologies, LLC)*, No. 22-2606 (7th Cir. Feb. 1, 2023) (opposing extension of bankruptcy's automatic stay to enjoin the *3M Combat Arms Earplug Products Liability* lawsuit, the largest mass tort case in American history to date).

Letter to Hon. Elizabeth Warren Regarding the Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2022 (Sept. 28, 2022) (supporting comprehensive reform of the consumer bankruptcy system, including a single-chapter approach).

#### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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**Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP** | Boston, MA 2017–2022  
*Senior Associate* (2020–2022) & *Associate* (2017–2020)

**Professor Richard H. Fallon, Jr.** | Cambridge, MA Fall 2015  
*Teaching Fellow*

**White & Case, LLP** | Miami, FL & Mexico City, MX Summer 2015  
*Summer Associate*

**Professor John Witte Jr.** | Atlanta, Ga Summer 2014  
*Research Assistant*

#### PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE

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**The Veritas Forum** | Cambridge, MA 2010–2013  
*Northeast Regional Director, Director of Content Development* (2010–2012)  
*Independent Researcher* (Summer 2013)

**AmeriCorps** | Boston, MA 2009–2010  
*After School Program Coordinator*

#### TEACHING

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**University of Florida Levin College of Law**  
Bankruptcy (Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024)  
Contracts (Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025)  
Law, Religion & Ethics of Debt (Fall 2023, Fall 2024)

**Harvard University (Teaching Fellow)**  
Constitutional Law (Fall 2015)

#### SERVICE

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**University of Florida Levin College of Law**  
Clerkship Committee, *Member* (2022–present) & *Chair* (2023–present)  
Junior Faculty Writing Workshop, *Co-Facilitator* (2023–present)  
New York City Bar National Moot Court Benching Session, *Practice Judge* (2022, 2024)  
UF Law Final Four Moot Court Benching Session, *Practice Judge* (2023)  
Thomas Tang Moot Court Benching Session, *Practice Judge* (2023)  
1L Final Oral Arguments, *Judge* (2024)  
Brown Admiralty Competition, *Practice Judge* (2024)  
Hassell Moot Court Benching Session, *Practice Judge* (2024)

**American Bankruptcy Institute**  
Legislation Committee, *Education Director* (2024–present)

## American Bar Association

Regional Client Counseling Competition, hosted by Boston College, *Judge* (2024)

Regional Client Counseling Competition, hosted by University of North Carolina, *Judge* (2024)

## Board Service

Covenant Church (2017–2022)

## AWARDS & HONORS

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American Association of Law Schools, Best Scholarly Papers, Co-Winner	2025
American Bankruptcy Institute, 40 Under 40	2024
National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, 13th Annual Next Generation (“NextGen”)	2022
<i>Boston Magazine’s</i> Inaugural Top Lawyers List	2021
Harvard Law School, Addison Brown Prize (writing prize in international private law)	2016
Harvard Law School, Irving Oberman Memorial Award (writing prize in bankruptcy)	2016
Harvard Law School, Steven L. Werner Prize (writing prize in criminal justice)	2016
Harvard Law School, Dean’s Scholar (Book Award), Legal Profession	2016
<i>The Supreme Court’s 2014 Term</i> , taught by Justice Elena Kagan at HLS (by application only)	2015
Harvard Law School, Dean’s Scholar (Book Award), Property	2014
Harvard Law School, Dean’s Scholar (Book Award), Poverty Law	2014
Harvard Law School, Dean’s Scholar (Book Award), Politics of Private Law	2014
Harvey Fellowship	2013
Harvard Divinity School, Dean’s Fellow (full scholarship with stipend)	2012
Harvard College, Thesis Prize for the Comparative Study of Religion	2009

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts	2017
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## COURT ADMISSIONS

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U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts	2019
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts	2019
U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit	2019
U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Ninth Circuit	2019
U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit	2023
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit	2018
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	2019
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit	2024

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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American Bar Association (Member)

American Bankruptcy Institute (Member)

Boston Bar Association (Member)

## WORKING LANGUAGES

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Spanish (fluent)

French (academic reading)

German (academic reading)

Ancient Greek (academic reading)

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