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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW**, Charlottesville, VA

*Research Assistant Professor of Law* and *Fellow*, Karsh Center for Law and Democracy, August 2023 – Present

- Coordinate events and assist with programming for the Center
- Help direct student election-law research group titled Designing Democracy (with Bertrall Ross)
- Courses: Regulation of the Political Process (Spring 2025)

## **EDUCATION**

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**COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL**, New York, NY

Juris Doctor received April 2021

- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- Hamilton Fellow
- *Columbia Law Review*, Articles Editor (2019–2021)

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, *magna cum laude*, received May 2016

Minor in Economic Policy

- Presidential Honors Scholar
- Thesis: *Transparency Rewarded: The Relationship Between Autocratic Disclosure and Official Development Assistance Inflows*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### Articles & Essays

*The Unilateral Chief Election Official* (in progress)

*Regulating Foreign Political Advocacy* (in draft)

*The Democratic Value of Transnational Campaign Finance*, 15 UC IRVINE L. REV. (forthcoming May 2025)

*The Unique Appearance of Corruption in Personal Loan Repayments*, 108 CORNELL L. REV. 1443 (2023)

*A Congressional Incapacity Amendment to the United States Constitution*, 76 STAN. L. REV. ONLINE 45 (2023)

*Danger Signs in State and Local Campaign Finance*, 74 ALA. L. REV. 415 (2022)

- Cited in *Republican Party of N.M. v. Torrez*, 687 F. Supp. 3d 1095, 1114–15 (D.N.M. 2023)

*Mail-In Ballots and Constraints on Federal Power Under the Electors Clause*, 107 VA. L. REV. ONLINE 84 (2021)

- Cited in the January 6th Committee Report. *See* SELECT COMM. TO INVESTIGATE THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL, INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL TO THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE 7, 107 n.30 (2022), <https://january6th.house.gov/report-executive-summary>

Note, *Hacks Dangerous to Human Life: Using JASTA to Overcome Foreign Sovereign Immunity in State-Sponsored Cyberattack Cases*, 121 COLUM. L. REV. 119 (2021)

- Cited in Petition for Writ of Certiorari at 17–18, *Broidy Capital Mgmt., LLC v. State of Qatar*, 141 S. Ct. 2704 (2021)

*Self-Funded Campaigns and the Current (Lack of?) Limits on Candidate Contributions to Political Parties*, 120 COLUM. L. REV. F. 178 (2020)

### **Online Pieces (Selected)**

*What Does a State’s Secretary of State Do? Most Run Elections, a Once-Routine Job Facing Increasing Scrutiny*, THE CONVERSATION (Feb. 29, 2024), <https://theconversation.com/what-does-a-states-secretary-of-state-do-most-run-elections-a-once-routine-job-facing-increasing-scrutiny-222705>

- Featured on CBS News and multiple local outlets

*Feinstein and McConnell Show We Need a 25th Amendment for Congress*, THE HILL (Sept. 13, 2023), <https://thehill.com/opinion/4199591-feinstein-and-mcconnell-show-we-need-a-25th-amendment-for-congress>

*Cyber Ninjas and Its CEO Should Be Banned from Government Contracts*, BRENNAN CTR. FOR JUST. (July 18, 2022), <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/cyber-ninjas-and-its-ceo-should-be-banned-government-contracts> (coauthored with Elizabeth Howard)

- Interviewed by iHeart Radio and local Arizona radio stations following publication

*Campaign Finance Returns to Supreme Court in Ted Cruz Case*, BRENNAN CTR. FOR JUST. (Jan. 13, 2022), <https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/campaign-finance-returns-supreme-court-ted-cruz-case> (coauthored with Daniel I. Weiner)

- Featured on CNN, Law and Crime, and Election Law Blog

### **Amicus Briefs**

Brief of Brennan Center for Justice at N.Y.U. School of Law as *Amicus Curiae* in Support of Appellant, *Fed. Election Comm’n v. Ted Cruz for Senate*, 596 U.S. 289 (2022) (coauthored)

## **PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **THEMIS BAR REVIEW**

*Substantive Law Attorney (part-time)*, May 2023 – Present

- Field questions about Constitutional Law and Civil Procedure from graduates preparing for bar exam

**HON. EDWARD G. SMITH, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**, Easton, PA  
*Judicial Law Clerk*, 2022–2023 Term

**BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE AT NYU SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY

*Legal Fellow* (Elections & Government Program), August 2021 – September 2022

- Evaluated changes to regulations under consideration by N.Y. Public Campaign Finance Board
- Drafted federal and New York state legislative/regulatory proposals on topics such as public financing and election security
- Conducted research on standing for potential election security-related litigation
- Monitored dark money in 2022 election official races

**CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER**, Washington, DC

*Legal Intern*, Spring 2021

**NEW YORK CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION**, New York, NY

*Policy Intern*, Fall 2020

**WINSTON & STRAWN LLP**, New York, NY

*Summer Associate*, Summer 2020

**HON. ROBERT D. SACK**, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT, New York, NY

*Judicial Extern*, Spring 2020

**KNIGHT FIRST AMENDMENT INSTITUTE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**, New York, NY

*Legal Intern*, Summer 2019

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ANTITRUST DIVISION**, Washington, DC

*Paralegal Specialist*, August 2016 – June 2018

**PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, AND WORKSHOPS**

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“Threats to Liberal Democracy: Affective Polarization, Populism, and Inequality in the United States,” University of Virginia School of Law (Apr. 2024) (moderator for affective polarization panel)

“The Democratic Value of Transnational Campaign Finance,” Election Law Conference, Washington University School of Law (Mar. 2024)

“The Democratic Value of Transnational Campaign Finance,” Junior Scholars Conference, Northeastern University School of Law (Feb. 2024)

“The Constitutional Sources of State Election Administration,” University of Virginia School of Engineering & Applied Sciences (Feb. 2024) (lecture for Cybersecurity & Elections course)

“The Democratic Value of Transnational in Campaign Finance,” Indiana University Maurer School of Law (Nov. 2023) (remote lecture for Law & Democracy course)

“Dark Money: From *Citizens United* to Today,” League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County (Aug. 2022) (remote)

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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Arizona Mirror, Denver Post, Indianapolis Star, Kansas City Star, Virginia Mercury

## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Teaching Interests: Constitutional Law, Election Law, Legislation and Regulation, Civil Procedure, First Amendment Law, State and Local Government

Research Interests: Election Law, Campaign Finance Law, Election Administration, Democratization of Money in Politics, Voter Perception, Democratic Theory, Sovereign Immunity

## **BAR MEMBERSHIP**

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