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| Legal**Employment** |  | **Wake Forest University School of Law,** *Winston-Salem, NC*Director of Business Law Program, 2015-present Howard L. Oleck Professor of Business Law, 2017-presentProfessor of Law, 2012-2017Associate Professor of Law, 2009-2012Assistant Professor of Law, 2006-2009Director, London Summer Program, Summer 2016**University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law**, *Baltimore, MD*Visiting Professor of Law, Fall 2013-Spring 2014**Lenovo,** *Washington, DC*Senior Counsel, 2005-2006**Invista,** *Wilmington, DE*Senior Counsel, 2003-2005**Wilmer Hale,** *Washington, DC*Associate, 2001-2003**Supreme Court of Delaware**, *Wilmington, DE*Law Clerk to the Honorable Chief Justice E. Norman Veasey, 1999-2000 |
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| Other Professional Experience |  | **Simmons Memorial Foundation,** *Winston-Salem, NC* Executive Director/Co-Founder, 1996-presentManage nonprofit organization, on a volunteer basis, that provides college consulting services and mentoring to vulnerable students. For over two decades, SMF has assisted hundreds of students in their pursuit of higher education. Since inception, SMF has also awarded over sixty scholarships. Oversee strategic planning, fundraising, recruiting, partnerships, community outreach, and other operational functions.**Systems Integration & Management**, *Arlington, VA*President/CEO, March 2013-July 2015* Managed all business aspects for a 120+ employee, multi-office, small business with $15 million annual revenues. Provided services to the federal government pursuant to a $90 million contract. Oversaw operational functions including strategic planning, budgeting, subcontractor relations, customer relations, hiring, and employer-sponsored retirement plan.
* Services primarily consisted of Data Center Operations, Network Security, Systems Administration as well as the U.S. Navy’s primary Enterprise Service Help Desk. SIM supported approximately 670,000 world-wide remote customers, both active and reserve servicemen and women.

**WFU Leadership Development Program,** *Winston-Salem, NC*Participant, 2016-2017 Nominated and selected for Wake Forest University’s Leadership Development Program (LDP) for administrative senior leaders and tenured faculty members who are in leadership roles. |
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| Education |  | **University of Cambridge,** *United Kingdom*LLM, June 2001Thouron Fellow**University of Pennsylvania School of Law,** *Philadelphia, PA*J.D., May 1999 Senior Editor, *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law*  Honors: Thouron Award & Fontaine Fellowship Cross-registered at the Wharton School of Business, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, and FELS School of Government**Wake Forest University,** *Winston-Salem, NC*B.A. in Economics and History, *magna cum laude*, May 1996 Double major completed in 3.5 years**Stanford University,** *Stanford***,** *CA*American Economics Association Summer Program, Summer 1995 |
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| ScholarshipBooks & Chapters |  | Potential on the Periphery: College Access from the Ground Up(a study that contextualizes the experience of one college access organization within the broader realm of existing education practice, academic theory, and public policy) (Rutgers Univ. Press 2018)*Judging the Public Benefit Corporation*, in The Cambridge Handbook of Social Enterprise Law (Benjamin Means & Joseph Yockey eds.) (Cambridge Univ. Press 2018) |
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| Law Review Articles |  | *Delaware’s Global Threat*, 41 J. Corp. L. 1 (2015)*Muted Deterrence: The Enhanced Attribution of Tort Liability to U.S. Higher Education Institutions for Student Safety*, 22 Torts L. J. 75 (2014) (Australian peer-reviewed journal)*Class Dismissed: Rethinking Socio-Economic Status and Higher Education Attainment*,2014 Ariz. St. L. J. 231 (2014)*For-Profits and the Market Paradox,* 48 Wake Forest L. Rev. 333 (2013)*The Corporate Immune System: Governing from the Inside-Out*,2013 Ill. L. Rev. 1131 (2013) *Lost in Transition: The Implications of Social Capital for Higher Education Access*, 87 Notre Dame L. Rev. 205 (2011)*Innkeepers: A Unifying Theory of the In-house Counsel Role,* 41 Seton Hall. L. Rev 77(2011) *(with James D. Dinnage)**Corporate Governance Reform as a Credence Service*, 5 J. Bus. & Tech L. 113 (2010) *The Under-examination of In-house Counsel,* 11 Transactions Tenn. J. Bus. L. 145 (2010) *Picking Friends from the Crowd: Supreme Court Amicus Participation as Political Symbolism*, 42 Conn. L. Rev. 185 (2009)*Taking the Blue Pill: The Imponderable Impact of Executive Compensation Reform,* 62 S.M.U. L. Rev. 299 (2009) (*Excerpted in* Thomas W. Joo, Corporate Governance: Theory, Law, and Policy (Carolina Academic Press (2009)).*Branding the Small Wonder: Delaware's Dominance and the Market for Corporate Law*, 42 U. Rich. L. Rev. 1129 (2008) |
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| Other SelectedPublications |  | *Corporate Political Activism 5.0*, JOTWELL (April 20, 2018) (reviewing Elizabeth Pollman & Jordan M. Barry, *Regulatory Entrepreneurship*, 90 S. Cal. L. Rev. 383 (2017)*The Impact of Business Courts (Outside of Delaware)*, JOTWELL (February 22, 2017) (reviewing Jens Dammann, *Business Courts and Firm Performance* (U. Tex. Research Paper No. 564, 2017)*For Stronger K-16 Bridge, Reform College Counseling*, Education Week, June 9, 2011, at 22(invited commentary)*Re-examining In-House Counsel Liability,* CLE materials prepared for Ass’n of Corporate Counsel for Eastern North Carolina and North Carolina Bar Ass’n, April 26, 2011 *Administration’s Higher Education Goals Unattainable without K-16 Bridge,* The Huffington Post, February 25, 2011 (Op-Ed*)* *Biggest Triumphs, Biggest Mistakes*, outline materials prepared for 2010 Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Workshop for New Law Teachers, Washington, DC, June 17-19, 2010*Rhetoric won’t likely lead to reform*, Winston-Salem Journal, March 7, 2009, at A11 (Op-Ed) |
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| Works-In-Progress |  | *Forgotten Gatekeepers: Executive Search Firms and Corporate Governance**Urban Removal: Reshaping Tampa’s Urban Landscape 1952-1965* |
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| Courses Taught |  | Contracts IContracts II Article 2: SalesBusiness AssociationsAdvanced Corporations: Corporate Governance, Law, Theory & Policy (Seminar) Practical Introduction to the In-House Counsel Role (Co-Taught)Higher Education and the Law (Seminar)Comparative Corporate Law (London Summer Program)History of the Common Law (London Summer Program) |
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| Law School Service |  | Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee (2017-present)Chair, Curriculum Committee (2015-2017)Budget Committee (2016-2018)Academic Rules Committee (2015-2017)Dean’s Advisory Board (2012-2013)Information Services Committee (2010-2011) Judicial Clerkship Committee (2009-2010)Young Alumni Forum Advisory Committee (2008-2009)Career Services Advisory Committee (2007-2008) |
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| University Service |  | Retirement Planning Committee (2018-present)Financial Advisory Committee (2015-2016)Faculty Senate Athletics Committee (2015-2016)Faculty Senate Representative (2012-2016)Wake Forest University Institute for Public Engagement Advisory Board (2010-2015)Wake Forest University Institute for Public Engagement Director Search Committee (2009-2010)Wake Forest Alumni-in-Admissions Volunteer (2006-present) |
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| Other Academic Service |  | Jotwell Corporate Law Section (online journal), Contributing Editor (2016-present)American Association of Law Schools2018 New Scholars Workshop Planning Committee (2017-2018)Executive Committee Member, Section on Business Associations (2013-2015)Member, Section on EducationMember, Section on Contracts Member, Section on International LawMember, Section on New Law Professors (2007-2010)Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Moderator Committee (2011-2015) |
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| Community Service |  | Simmons Memorial Foundation, Executive Director (1996-present) Children’s Theatre of Winston-Salem, Board Member (2007-2011) |
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| Professional Activities |  | Thouron Award U.S. Selection Committee Science, Technology & Research Institute of Delaware (Stride)Advisory Board Member (2018-present)Expert Reference Group on Climate Change and Securities LawGroup Member (2018-present)Chief Justice Joseph Branch Inn of Court (2013-present)American Bar Foundation, Fellow (2010-present)American Law Institute (2009-present)Members Consultative Group, Principles of Law of Nonprofit Organizations (2010-present)Members Consultative Group, Restatement Third, The Law of Consumer Contracts (2012-present)American Bar Association (2007-present)Business Law Section (2017-present)Maryland State Bar Association (1999-present)District of Columbia Bar Association (2002-present) |
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| Honors & Awards |  | * *Winston-Salem Chronicle* Community Service Award 2016
* MERIT Hall of Fame Award 2015
* Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (elected 2010)
* American Law Institute (elected December 2009)
* Dr. Sadie T.M. Alexander Distinguished Graduate Award 2004, Univ. of Pennsylvania Law School Black Law Students Association.
* MBNA Foundation’s "Best Practices in Education Award" 2002, an annual award given to the MBNA Foundation’s top grantees. 1 of 9 recipients out of 400 hundred programs considered.
* Thouron Award (2000-2001)
* Fontaine Fellowship (1996-1999)
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| Bar Memberships |  | District of ColumbiaMaryland |
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| Selected Presentations |  | Presenter, Corporate Lawyer Colloquium, co-sponsored by Fordham Law Review and the Stein Center for Law and Ethics, New York, NY, October 11, 2019 (forthcoming)Presenter, "Civil Rights and Shareholder Activism” symposium sponsored by Washington & Lee Law Review, Lexington, VA, February 15, 2018 (forthcoming)Co-Convenor, ICEL Conference, “STEM Learning and Social Justice Roundtable,” Cape Town, South Africa, July 5-6, 2018Moderator, American Association of Law Schools (AALS) New Law Teachers Workshop, Washington, DC, June 7-9, 2018Presenter, “Entrepreneurship Initiatives in Poor Communities: Economic Inclusion or Exclusion,” International Meeting on Law and Society, Mexico City, Mexico, June 22-26, 2017 Co-Convenor, "Reducing Achievement Gaps in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM): Promising International Research, Policies and Practices Conference," sponsored by Georgia Tech University and National Science Foundation (NSF), Arlington, VA, May 22-23, 2017 Presenter, “Judging the Public Benefit Corporation,” Conference onThe Cambridge Handbook of Social Enterprise Law, Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, Indiana, March 3-4, 2017 Participant, University of California-Irvine School of Law Summit, “The Complexities and Opportunities: Achieving Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Law Schools and the Legal Profession,” Irvine, CA, October 9-10, 2016Discussant, “Small Business Finance,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL, August 9, 2016Panelist, “Campus Climate,” Carolina Advising Corps Advisor Summit, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC July 26, 2016Keynote Speaker, *Tenacious Education in Pursuit of Equity*, 31st Annual Conference of the METCO Directors’ Association, Norwood, MA, December 4, 2015Presenter, “Social Capital and Higher Education Access,” Carolina Advising Corps, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC June 29, 2015 Commencement Speaker, Seaford High School, Seaford, DE, June 5, 2015Presenter, “Delaware’s Global Threat,” National Business Law Scholar’s Conference, Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, NJ June 4, 2015 Presenter, “College 101,” Partnership Village Transitional Housing Program, Greensboro, NC, May 26, 2015Commentator, Law and Entrepreneurship Conference Annual Retreat, University of Georgia Law School, March 21, 2015Presenter, “Delaware’s Global Threat,” Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC March 19, 2015Presenter, “Delaware’s Global Threat,” Washington & Lee School of Law, Lexington, VA February 9, 2015 Panelist, “More Than Big Law: Navigating the Non-Corporate Career Path,” 27th Annual Sadie T.M. Alexander Commemorative Conference, University of Pennsylvania Law School, January 26, 2015Presenter, University of California-Irvine School of Law Summit, “Renewing the Search for The Faces at the Bottom of the Well,” Irvine, CA October 5-6, 2014 Discussant, “Corporate Compliance,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL, August 2014 Discussant, “What is the Role of Trust in the Marketplace?,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL, August 2014Presenter, “Social Capital,” National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC), Charlotte, NC, May 28, 2014 Presenter, “Muted Deterrence: The Enhanced Attribution of Tort Liability to U.S. Higher Education Institutions for Student Safety,” Australian Torts Forum, University of Sydney Law School, December 14, 2013Discussant, “The Future of Fiduciary Duties,”Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Palm Beach, FL, August 9, 2013Presenter, “For-Profits and the Market Paradox,” University of South Carolina Law School, Columbia, SC, March 5, 2013 Presenter, “Class Dismissed,” American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C., February 15, 2013 Symposium Organizer/Presenter, “For-Profits,” Wake Forest University Law School Symposium, “Privatizing the Public Good: Emerging Trends in K-16 Education.” Winston-Salem, NC, October 26, 2012 Keynote Speaker, “Imagine the Possibilities: Legal as a Strategic Partner,” Bridgeway CustomerConnect Live! Conference, Orlando, FL, October 23, 2012 Panel Organizer/Presenter, “Higher Education Access for America’s Vulnerable Students,” National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, October 6, 2012Presenter, American Education Research Association (AERA) Research Conference “Access, Competition, and For-Profit Colleges,” co-sponsored by The Research Network on Racial & Ethnic Inequality, Terry Sanford Institute, Duke University, Durham, NC, September 21-22, 2012Presenter, “Information is Power: Executive Compensation Disclosures in the Wake of the Financial Crisis,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL, August 3, 2012 Presenter, “Class Dismissed: Higher Education Access and Socio-Economic Status” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, June 7, 2012 Presenter, “The Corporate Immune System: Governing from the Inside-Out,” University of Illinois School of Law Symposium “In the Boardroom: Corporate Governance Reform Meets the Real World,” Champaign, IL, March 8-9, 2012 Panelist, “Social Capital and the Law,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Hilton Head, SC, July 27, 2011Presenter, “Lost in Transition: The Implications of Social Capital for Higher Education Access,” Carolina College Advising Corps, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Chapel Hill, NC, July 18, 2011Presenter, “Lost in Transition: The Implications of Social Capital for Higher Education Access,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, June 4, 2011Presenter, “The Higher Education Access Pattern,” IHELG Houston Higher Education Law Roundtable, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas, May 18-20, 2011Participant, Secondary School Working Group, U.S. Department of Education, Presider, Greg Darnieder, Senior Advisor to the Secretary on the College Access Initiative, Washington, D.C., May 2, 2011Presenter, Ass’n of Corporate Counsel of Eastern North Carolina and North Carolina Bar Ass’n CLE, Raleigh, NC, April 26, 2011Moderator, “Losing to Win: Race and Intercollegiate Athletics,” Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, April 13-14, 2011Discussant, George Washington Center for Corporate Law, Economics, and Finance (C-LEAF) Junior Faculty Workshop, Washington, DC, April 1-2, 2011Presenter, “The Implications of Social Capital on Higher Education Access,” Thursday’s at Starling Hall Speaker Series, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, October 7, 2010 Panelist, “Race and Public Education,” Third Annual National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall Law School, Newark, NJ, September 11, 2010Panelist, “Executive Compensation in Recessionary Times,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Employee Benefits Mini-Workshop, Palm Beach, FL, August 3, 2010 Panelist, “Biggest Triumphs, Biggest Mistakes,” 2010 Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Workshop for New Law Teachers, Washington, DC, June 17-19, 2010Presenter, “Innkeepers: The Elusive Theory of In-House Counsel,” Wake Forest University School of Law, Faculty Development Speaker Series, Winston-Salem, NC, April 29, 2010 Presenter, “Innkeepers: The Elusive Theory of In-House Counsel,” William and Mary Law School, Williamsburg, VA, April 2, 2010Presenter, “The Implications of Social Capital on the Higher Education Access Debate,” University of South Carolina Law School, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference, Columbia, SC, March 26, 2010Presenter, “The Elusive Theory of In-house Counsel,”Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Corporate Roundtable Workshop, Palm Beach, FL, August 5, 2009Presenter, “Corporate Reform as a Service,” Roundtable on Corporate Governance and Securities Law Responses to the Financial Crisis, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD, April 17, 2009Presenter, “Taking the Blue Pill: Executive Pay, Politics, and the Credence Characteristics of Corporate Reform,” LSU Law Center Workshop, Baton Rouge, LA, October 30, 2008Presenter, “Taking the Blue Pill: Corporate Governance as a Credence Good,” Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference, Durham, NC, April 12, 2008Presenter, “Branding the Small Wonder: Delaware's Differentiation Advantage and the Market for Corporate Law,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools New Scholars Workshop, Amelia Island, FL, July 30, 2007Presenter, “Reconsidering Extra-Legal Responses To Promote Academic Achievement and Access To Higher Education Among Underrepresented And Vulnerable Groups,” 18th Annual Sadie T.M. Alexander Commemorative Conference, “**Exploring Emerging Issues in Class Inequality,” University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA, February 2006**Keynote Speaker, Delaware Department of Education, School Improvement Annual Awards Banquet, Dover, DE, May 2005Keynote Speaker, Christina School District, Celebration of Mentors/Tutors Banquet, Wilmington, DE, May 2005Keynote Speaker, Delaware State Parent Advisory Council 27th Annual Parent Training Conference, Wilmington, DE, February 2005Panelist, Charting Your Own Course Foundation 7th Annual Corporate Career Conference, Lansdowne, VA, September 2004 |
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| Selected Media Appearances |  | Journal of College Admission, *The Social Capital Deficit: Without the Right Relationships Many Students Miss College Opportunities* (Winter 2015) (interview)Education Week, *For Stronger K-16 Bridge, Reform College Counseling*, June 9, 2011, at 22(invited commentary)National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC), “College Counseling and Social Capital,” Podcast and Blog, April 13, 2011 (invited commentary)*Chronicle of Higher Education*, “’Social Capital’ and College Counseling,” Headcount Blog, March 21, 2011*The Michael Eric Dyson Radio Show*, “The K-16 Bridge,” Interview, March 10, 2011ED.gov *Blog,* Revolution of Rising Expectations: Youth at the National Youth Summit Raise their Voices*, February 28, 2011*The Huffington Post, *Administration’s Higher Education Goals Unattainable without K-16 Bridge,* February 25, 2011 (Op-Ed) |

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| References |  | Available upon request |