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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

NORTHWESTERN PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW, Chicago, IL
Professor of Law 2016–present
Benjamin Mazur Summer Research Professor of Law 2018–2020
Associate Dean of Academic Programs 2017–2019, 2020–present
Associate Dean of Finance 2018–2019
Visiting Professor of Law Fall 2015
Honors: SBA Faculty Appreciation Award, 2019–2020.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, SCHOOL OF LAW, Irvine, CA
Professor of Law 2012–2016
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs 2014–2016
Assistant Professor of Law 2010–2012
Honors: Professor of the Year (1L), 2012–2013, 2013–2014.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
Adjunct Professor of Law 2010–2016

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Charlottesville, VA
Visiting Associate Professor of Law 2009–2010

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Washington, DC
Associate Professor of Law 2007–2010

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, Irvine, CA
Ph.D., Philosophy, Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science, 2017

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
LL.M., Taxation, 2006

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, CT
J.D., 2001

Honors and Activities: Michael Egger Prize for best Note on current social problems published in the *Yale Law Journal*; Executive Editor, *Yale Law Journal*, Volume 110.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL
A.B., Philosophy with an Allied Field of Math, with General Honors, 1994
Honors and Activities: Phi Beta Kappa; Dean's List (all quarters); Student Marshal; Teaching Assistant, Mathematics Department; Founding Member, Undergraduate Women in Philosophy; Editor, *Grey City Journal*.

ARTICLES

- Teaching Algorithms and Algorithms for Teaching*, 25 FLA. TAX REV. (forthcoming 2021).
- Form as Formalization*, 16 OHIO ST. TECH. L.J. 114 (2020) (symposium).
- Slices and Lumps in U.S. Income Taxation: A Reply to Lee Fennell*, 71 U. CHICAGO L. REV. ONLINE (2020) (symposium).
- Situating Tax Experimentation: A Response to Michael Abramowicz's Tax Experimentation*, 71 FLA. L. REV. F. 76 (2020).
- Toward Formalizing Statute Law as Default Logic Through Automatic Semantic Parsing*, PROCEEDINGS OF ASAIL 2017 (with Marcos Pertierra, Erik Hemberg, and Una-May O'Reilly).
- Formalizing the Code*, 70 TAX L. REV. 377 (2017).
- A Logic for Statutes*, 21 FLA. TAX REV. 60 (2017).
- Modeling Uncertainty in Tax Law*, 65 STANFORD L. REV. 241 (2013).
- The Problem of Line Drawing*, 98 IOWA L. REV. BULLETIN 42 (2013).
- How Tax Models Work*, 54 B.C. L. REV. 1657 (2012).
- On the Edge: Declining Marginal Utility and Tax Policy*, 95 MINN. L. REV. 904 (2011).
- The Sum of Its Parts: Reforming Charitable Donations of Partial Interests*, 64 TAX L. REV. 37 (2010).
- Probably? Understanding Tax Law's Uncertainty*, 157 U. PA. L. REV. 1017 (2009).
- Embryo Exchanges and Adoption Tax Credits*, 122 TAX NOTES 1365 (2009) (with Naomi Cahn), reprinted in 52 STATE TAX NOTES 927 (2009).
- Money for Nothing: Charitable Deductions for Microfinance Lenders*, 61 SMU L. REV. 1525 (2008).
- Fairly Random: On Compensating Audited Taxpayers*, 41 CONN. L. REV. 161 (2008).
- Redefining Mental Disability in the Treasury Regulations*, 100 TAX NOTES 559 (2003).
- Note, *A Nineteenth Amendment Defense of the Violence Against Women Act*, 109 YALE L.J. 783 (2000).

BOOKS

- ROBERT R. WOOTTON AND SARAH B. LAWSKY, EXAM PRO ON PARTNERSHIP TAXATION (OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS) (2d ed. 2019).
- RICHARD SCHMALBECK, LAWRENCE ZELENAK, AND SARAH B. LAWSKY, FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION (5th ed. 2018).

WEBSITES

Lawsy Practice Problems, <https://www.lawsypracticeproblems.org/>

Entry-Level Hiring Report, <https://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/entry-level-hiring-report/>

PRESENTATIONS

“Teaching Algorithms and Algorithms as Teaching,” University of Florida Tax Policy Colloquium (Mar. 31, 2020).

“Entry-Level Law School Hiring,” Yale Law School (Nov. 6, 2019).

“Slices and Lumps in U.S. Income Taxation,” Symposium on Lee Fennell’s New Book *Slices and Lumps*, University of Chicago Law School (Nov. 4, 2019).

“Form as Formalization,” Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Tax Law and Policy, Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (Mar. 22, 2019); Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Faculty Workshop (Feb. 11, 2019); Charles H. Gershenson Faculty Workshop Series, Wayne State University Law School (Jan. 28, 2019); Duke Tax Policy Colloquium (Jan. 17, 2019).

“Formalizing the Law,” Fifth Annual International Conference on Legislation and Law Reform (Apr. 13, 2018).

Keynote: “Formal Methods and the Law,” 45th ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (Jan. 12, 2018).

“Automating Avoidance,” Association for Mid-Career Tax Law Professors Conference (May 24, 2017).

“Formalizing the Code,” University of Florida Tax Policy Colloquium (May 16, 2018); Emroch Faculty Colloquy Series at the University of Richmond School of Law (Feb. 16, 2018); Colloquium @ Cornell Tech (Oct. 23, 2017); UC Irvine Tax Policy Colloquium (Apr. 17, 2017); Colorado Tax Colloquium (Feb. 18, 2016); Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Faculty Workshop (Nov. 11, 2015).

“Picturing the Code,” Association for Mid-Career Tax Law Professors Conference (May 23, 2016).

“Rule-Based Legal Reasoning,” Columbia Legal Theory Workshop (Mar. 21, 2016); Harvard Tax Policy Seminar (Mar. 25, 2015); Dyson Distinguished Lecture, Pace Law School (Mar. 23, 2015); UC Irvine School of Law Faculty Workshop (Mar. 16, 2015); Advanced Topics in Taxation, Northwestern Law (Mar. 5, 2015); UC Irvine Center for the Advancement of Logic, its Philosophy, History and Applications (Jan. 14, 2015); UC Irvine Law, Reason and Value Colloquium (Dec. 4, 2014).

“What Is a Default Rule?” UC Irvine Center for the Advancement of Logic, its Philosophy, History and Applications (Feb. 3, 2016).

“Can Cognitive Science Explain Identity?” UC Irvine Center for the Advancement of Logic, Its Philosophy, History and Applications (Oct. 11, 2014).

“Statutes as Supernormal Rules,” Workshop on Computation, Mathematics, and the Law, University of San Diego School of Law (Mar. 21, 2014); UC Irvine Center for the Advancement of Logic, its Philosophy, History and Applications (Mar. 5, 2014).

“Modeling Uncertainty in Tax Law,” NYU Colloquium on Tax Policy and Public Finance (Apr. 16, 2013); Faculty Workshop, UC Berkeley School of Law (Apr. 3, 2012); Cornell Law School Faculty Workshop (Feb. 10, 2012); National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, New Orleans, LA (Nov. 17, 2011); University of San Diego School of Law Faculty Workshop (Oct. 14, 2011); Boston College Tax Policy Workshop, Boston College Law School (Sept. 15, 2011); Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, Stanford Law School (June 25, 2011); Columbia Law School Tax Workshop, Columbia Law School (June 16, 2011); Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (June 3, 2011); Southern California Junior Faculty Forum (May 17, 2011); Critical Tax Theory Conference, Santa Clara Law (Apr. 8, 2011); UC Irvine School of Law Junior Faculty Colloquium (Dec. 6, 2010).

“How Tax Models Work,” Pepperdine Tax Policy Workshop (Mar. 24, 2014); Tax Policy and Public Finance Colloquium, UCLA School of Law (Feb. 13, 2013); Faculty Workshop, University of Washington (May 3, 2012); Tulane Tax Roundtable (Apr. 13, 2012); Tax Policy Colloquium, Duke University School of Law (Mar. 14, 2012); James Hausman Tax Law and Policy Workshop, University of Toronto Faculty of Law (Jan. 24, 2012); UC Irvine/Chapman Junior Law Faculty Colloquium (Dec. 16, 2011); PrawfsFest 9, Loyola–LA Law School (Dec. 6, 2011); Junior Tax Scholars Conference, UC Irvine School of Law (June 28, 2011).

“On the Edge: Declining Marginal Utility and Tax Policy,” Washburn University School of Law Tax Law Colloquium (Apr. 23, 2010); McGill University Faculty of Law Tax Policy Workshop (Jan. 20, 2010); University of Virginia School of Law Faculty Workshop (Nov. 20, 2009); Loyola–Los Angeles Law School Tax Policy Colloquium (Oct. 26, 2009); Junior Tax Scholars Conference, Brooklyn Law School (June 5, 2009).

“Baby Tax,” George Washington Law School Baby Markets Roundtable (Apr. 17, 2009).

“Charitable Donations as Double Benefit,” Indiana University Maurer School of Law–Bloomington Tax Policy Colloquium (Feb. 12, 2009); University of Michigan Law School Tax Policy Workshop (Feb. 10, 2009); Junior Tax Scholars Conference, New York University School of Law (June 6, 2008).

“Money for Nothing: Charitable Deductions for Microfinance Lenders,” Critical Tax Theory Conference, Florida State University College of Law (Apr. 5, 2008).

“Probably? Understanding Tax Law’s Uncertainty,” NYU Colloquium on Tax Policy and Public Finance (Feb. 14, 2008); George Washington University Law School Faculty Workshop (Jan. 18, 2008); University of Connecticut Tax Lecture Series (Nov. 15, 2007).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HOGAN & HARTSON LLP, New York, NY

Associate (Tax Department)

2004–2007

Advised corporations, partnerships, and high-net-worth individuals and performed research related to federal, state and local, and international tax matters. Obtained federal and state tax-exempt status for arts and social justice organizations.

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT LLP, New York, NY

Associate (Tax Department)

2002–2003

Advised clients and performed research related to international and domestic tax matters, with a focus on mergers, acquisitions, and financial restructurings involving C corporations, S corporations, partnerships, LLCs, and REITs.

JEROME N. FRANK LEGAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION, New Haven, CT

Law Clerk

1999–Summer 2000

Represented people with disabilities.

BAZELON CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH LAW, Washington, DC

Law Clerk

Summer 1999

Researched and drafted amicus briefs, pleadings, and internal memoranda about cases arising under the Fair Housing Act. Conducted legal research. Edited a booklet about the FHA.

CARPENTER, CHARTERED, Topeka, KS

Law Clerk

1996–1998

Researched and drafted briefs and pleadings to help veterans with psychiatric disabilities obtain Social Security and veterans benefits.

BAR ADMISSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Admitted to practice in the State of New York and the District of Columbia.

Member, Section of Taxation, American Bar Association.

Member, Tax Section, New York State Bar Association.

Member, Board of Academic Advisors, Theodore Tannenwald Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship.