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WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 2002 - Present: Professor, Northwestern Law School Endowed Chair from 2012**
- 2016 - Contributing Editor, City Journal**
- 2014 - Spring Visiting Professor, University of Virginia Law School**
- 1991-2002 Assistant Professor ('91-'94), Associate Professor ('94-'95), (Professor '95-01)
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law**
- Spring 1998 Lee Distinguished Visiting Professor, Marshall-Wythe Law School at William
and Mary**
- 1987-1991 Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice**
- The Office of Legal Counsel is the principal legal adviser to the Attorney
General and, through him, to all departments and agencies in the executive
branch. As a deputy to the head of this office, I helped supervise a staff of
eighteen attorneys in providing advice on a wide range of legal issues with
particular responsibility for advice on national security, trade, financial and
regulatory issues as well as for the evaluation of the constitutionality of
pending legislation.**
- 1985-1987 Attorney-Adviser
Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice**
- 1984-1985 Litigation Associate
Sullivan and Cromwell, New York**
- 1983-1984 Law Clerk, Judge Kenneth W. Starr
Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit**

1983 **Summer Clerk**
Office of Solicitor General, Department of Justice

EDUCATION:

1980-1983 **Harvard Law School J.D.**
Magna Cum Laude
Editor, *Harvard Law Review*

1978-1980 **Balliol College, Oxford**
M.A., Philosophy and Theology Knox Fellow
Librarian and Secretary, Oxford Union Society

1975-1978 **Harvard College**
B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, Phi Beta
Kappa Major: Classical Languages
Lamont Prize in Classics

AWARDS:

1997 Paul M. Bator Award (awarded annually by the Federalist Society to an "outstanding legal scholar" under forty.)

Dean's Teaching Award 2009-2010

TEACHING AREAS:

Administrative Law, Antitrust, Banking Law, Constitutional Law, International Trade, International Law, Law and Technology

BOOKS:

ORIGINALISM AND THE GOOD CONSTITUTION (with M. Rappaport)
(Harvard University Press) (2013)

ACCELERATING DEMOCRACY (Princeton University Press) (2013)

ACADEMIC ARTICLES, ESSAYS and BOOK CHAPTERS:

***The Power of Interpretation: Minimizing the Construction Zone*, 96 Notre Dame L. Rev. __ (2020) (with M. Rappaport)**

***Bitcoin: Its Nature and Future*, 43 Har. J. L. & Pub. Pol. 59 (2020)**

Protecting the Originalist Constitution, 42 HARVARD J. L. & PUB. POL. 81 (2019)

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The Sharing Economy as an Equalizing Economy, 94 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 339 (2018)

The Constitution and the Language of the Law, 59 WM AND MY. L. REV. 1321(2018) (with M. Rappaport)

Predicting Litigation and Time to Litigate, PROCEEDINGS OF 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & LAW 257 (2017)(with P. Wongchaiswat & D. Klabjan)

Dworkinian Antitrust, 102 IOWA L. REV. 1 (2016) (with Andrew Meerkins)

Reforming Constitutional Review of State Economic Legislation, GEO. J. L. & PUB. Pol. 517 (2016)

The Duty of Clarity, 84 GEO. WASH.L. REV. 843 (2016)

Neutral Principles and Some Campaign Finance Problems, 56 WM. & MY. L.REV. 841(2015-2016).

How Innovation Makes Us More Equal, 39 HARV. J. L. & PUB. POL. 47 (2016)

Originalism, Hypothesis Testing, and Big Data, PROCEEDINGS OF 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & LAW 201 (2015) (with Branden Stein)

Public Choice Originalism: Bork, Buchanan and the Escape from the Progressive Paradigm, 10 J. L. & ECON. & Pol'y 669 (2015)

Law's Algorithm, 66 FLA. L. REV 991 (2015) (with S. Wasick)

The Great Disruption: How Machine Intelligence Will Transform the Market for Legal Services, 82 FORD. L. REV. 3041 (2014) (with R. Pearce)

An Undergraduate Option for Legal Education, 38 INT. REV. L. & ECON. 117 (2014) (with S. Mangas) *reprinted in* Jahrbuch der Rechtsdidaktik 2013/2014 Yearbook of Legal Education 141

The Abstract Language Fallacy, 2012 U. ILL. L. REV. 737 (2012) (with M. Rappaport)

Sosa and the Derivation of Customary International Law, INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE SUPREME COURT: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE 481 (David Sloss et al., eds) (2011)

Laws for Learning in an Age of Acceleration, 53 WM. & MY. L. REV. 705 (2011)

Accelerating AI, 104 N.W.L. REV. 1253 (2010)

Originalism and the Good Constitution, 98 GEORGETOWN L. J. 1693 (2010) (with M. Rappaport)

Medellin and the Future of International Delegation, 118 YALE L. J. 1712 (2009)

Original Methods Originalism: A New Theory of Interpretation and the Case against Construction, 103 N. W. L. REV. 751 (2009) (with M. Rappaport)

Reconciling Precedent with Originalism, 103 N.W.L. Rev. 803 (2009) (with M. Rappaport)

Democracy and International Human Rights Law, 84 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 1739 (2009) (with I. Somin)

Losing the Law Wars, 25 GEORGIA ST. L. REV 377 (2008) (endowed lecture)

Judging Facts Like Law: The Courts versus Congress in Social Fact-Finding, 25 CONST. COM. 69 (2008) (with C. Mulaney)

The Condorcet Case for Supermajority Rules, 16 SUP. ECON. REV. 39 (2008) (with M. Rappaport)

The Federalist Approach to the First Amendment, 31 HARV. J. L. PUB. POL. 127 (2008)

Originalism and Supermajoritarianism: Defending the Nexus, 101 N.W. L. Rev.1919 (2007) (with M. Rappaport)

Original Interpretative Principles as the Core of Originalism, 24 CONST. COM. (2007) (with M. Rappaport)

Should International Law Be Part of Our Law? 59 STAN L. REV. 1175 (2007) (with I. Somin)

Majority and Supermajority Rule: Three Views of the Capitol, 85 TEX. L. REV. 1115 (2007) (with M. Rappaport)

A Pragmatic Defense of Originalism, 100 N.W. L. REV. 383 (2006) (with M.

Rappaport)

Contemporary Foreign and International Law in Constitutional Construction, 69 ALB. L. REV. 801 (2006)

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The Patterns and Implications of Political Contributions by Elite Law School Faculty, 93 GEO. L. J. 1167 (2005) (with M. Schwartz and B. Tisdell) *Foreign to Our Constitution*, 100 N. W. L. REV. 303 (2005)

Supermajority Rules and Judicial Confirmation, 25 CARDOZO L. REV. 543 (2005) (with M. Rappaport)

Lawrence v. Texas and Judicial Hubris, 114 MICH. L. REV. 1555 (2004) (with N. Lund)

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Rappaport)

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The Enlightenment Case for Vouchers, 2000 N.Y.U. ANN. SURV. AM. L. 75-88

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Regents and Fair Assessment in Real Estate v. McNarty, 96 HARV. L. REV. 207 (1983)

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***Technology's Good War*, CITY JOURNAL (April 15, 2020)**

***Warren Hates Market Concentration or Does She*, WSJ (Dec. 3, 2019)**

***The Supreme Court as the Aristocratic Element in a Mixed Regime*, Balkinization (April, 2, 2019) (reviewing Neal Devins and Lawrence Goldbaum's THE COMPANY THEY KEEP).**

***Trump's "Emergency" Order*, CITY JOURNAL (February 19, 2019)**

***A Philosophy of Expedience*, CITY JOURNAL (June 11, 2018)**

***Bridging C.C. Snow's Two Cultures*, CITY JOURNAL (Spring 2018)**

***Why Bitcoin is Booming*, WSJ (July 7, 2017)**

***Gorsuch's Good Start*, CITY JOURNAL (June 27, 2017)**

***A Great Legal Pen* CITY JOURNAL (Feb. 1, 2017)**

***Scalia Made the Weather*, CITY JOURNAL (March 8, 2016)**

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***College Tenure Has Reached its Sell by Debate*, WSJ (Aug. 11, 2015) (with Max Schanzenbach)**

***John Roberts' Principled Mistake*, CITY JOURNAL (June 29, 2015)**

***Staging Scalia*, CITY JOURNAL (May 24, 2015)**

***Constitutional Revolution*, WSJ (reviewing Amanda Hollis-Brusky's IDEAS WITH CONSEQUENCES) (March, 26, 2015)**

***Why Progressives Mislead*, CITY JOURNAL (Winter 2015)**

***Reviving Federalism*, NATIONAL REVIEW (reviewing James Buckley's SAVING CONGRESS FROM ITSELF) (Feb. 23, 2015)**

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***When Justice Comes Naturally*, WALL STREET JOURNAL, August 27, 2010, (reviewing Hadley Arkes' *Constitutional Illusions and Anchoring Truths*)**

***David Souter's Bad Constitutional History*, WALL STREET JOURNAL (June 14, 2010) (with M. Rappaport)**

***Confidential Conuandrum*, WALL STREET JOURNAL, June 4, 2010 (reviewing Gabriel Schoenfeld's *Necessary Secrets*)**

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***Electoral College Debate* with Sandy Levinson and Daniel Lowenstein (2007)
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***What Happens on Election Day*, WALL STREET JOURNAL, November 7, 2006 (Reviewing Sanford Levinson's *Our Undemocratic Constitution* and Alan Wolfe's *Does Democracy Still Work*)**

***Executive Power in the War on Terror*, POLICY REVIEW, Dec.-Jan. 2007-2008**

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Weighing a Justice, WALL STREET JOURNAL, (Jan. 31, 2006) (reviewing Ralph Rossum, *The Jurisprudence of Antonin Scalia*)

Individualism and World Order, THE NATIONAL INTEREST, 41-51 (Winter 2005)

Confirming Judges: The Constitutional Option, SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE, March 11, 2005 (with M. Rappaport)

More Than a Penny for Their Thoughts (reviewing Richard Vedder's *Going Broke by Degrees*) WALL STREET JOURNAL (November 17, 2004)

Whose Constitution is it Anyway, (Reviewing Larry Kramer's *The People Themselves*) WALL STREET JOURNAL (August 10, 2004)

Hey Big Spenders, Here's a Law That Could Stop You, WALL STREET JOURNAL, Feb. 25, 2004 (with M. Rappaport)

From Bad to Worse, NATIONAL REVIEW, Aug, 28, 2003

Rehnquist Court Renewed Civic Virtues, TIME MAGAZINE, June 30, 2003

Free Trade Needs a Free Reign, LOS ANGELES TIMES, July 30, 2001

Trap Your Opponent, Look High-Minded Too (Review of Andrew Starks' *Conflict of Interest in American Public Life*.) WALL STREET JOURNAL, October 30, 2000

Sign Them Up (with Neal Devins), LEGAL TIMES, July 24, 2000

Too Much Vox Populi? (Review of David S. Broder's *Democracy Derailed: Initiative Campaigns and the Power of Money*.), POLICY REVIEW (August, 2000).

The Special-Interest State, NATIONAL REVIEW, February 7, 2000

The Case for Supermajority Rules (with M. Rappaport), POLICY REVIEW, December, 1999 & January 2000

Impeachable Defenses, POLICY REVIEW, June & July 1999

Strong, Silent, Redundant (Review of Lionel Tiger's *The Decline of Males*) WALL STREET JOURNAL, May 27, 1999

Control and Command (Review of James Bovard's *Freedom in Chains*),

WALL STREET JOURNAL, February 16, 1999
***Tragic Justice*, NATIONAL REVIEW, December 7, 1998**
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***To Each His Own* (Review of Tom Bethell's *The Noblest Triumph*)**
WALL STREET JOURNAL, August 18, 1998

***Don't Call High Court Conservative*, NEWSDAY, July 27, 1998**

***Trigger Happiness*, NATIONAL REVIEW, July 20, 1998**

***The Origin of Conservatism*, NATIONAL REVIEW, December 22, 1997**

***What's Good for You and What Isn't* (Review of Richard Epstein's *Mortal Peril*)**
WALL STREET JOURNAL, July 16, 1997

***Keynesian Capers* (Review of Robert Kuttner's *The Virtues and Limits of Markets* and William Greider's *One World, Ready or Not*), NATIONAL REVIEW, May 5, 1997**

House Rules: Is a Supermajority Requirement for Tax Hikes Constitutional?
(with M. Rappaport), ABA JOURNAL, March 1997

***Legal Lawbreaking*, NATIONAL REVIEW, February 24, 1997**

***Court Room Arguments* (Review of Antonin Scalia's *A Matter of Interpretation*)**
WALL STREET JOURNAL, February 4, 1997

***The Missing Candidate*, NATIONAL REVIEW, December 6, 1996**

***Legal Monopoly*, NATIONAL REVIEW, September 30, 1996**

***Class Action* (Review of Richard Kahlenberg's *The Remedy*), NATIONAL REVIEW, July 29, 1996**

***The Revolution That Wasn't* (Review of David Frum's *What's Right*)**
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***Protecting Civil Liberties in a Time of Terrorism*, Hearing before Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights, Senate Judiciary Committee (October 2, 2001)**

***Federalism*: Hearing before the Senate Commerce Committee (May 5, 1999)**

***The Background and History of Impeachment*: Hearing before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives (November 9, 1998)**

***Constitutional Amendment Requiring a Supermajority to Raise Taxes*: Hearing before Senate Judiciary Committee (April 15, 1996) and Hearing before Subcommittee on the Constitution of House Judiciary Committee (March 6, 1996)**

***Campaign Finance Reform*: Hearing before the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration (March 13, 1991)**

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Commercial Law of the Committee on the Judiciary (May 9, 1990)

***Constitutional Amendments with Respect to the Impeachment of Judges:*
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21, 1990)**

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under the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement: Hearing before the Senate
Judiciary Committee (May 20, 1988)***

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