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## EMPLOYMENT

### University of Houston Law Center

*Visiting Assistant Professor*, spring 2024

Course package:

- Criminal Law
- Seminar TBD

### Brooklyn Law School

*Associate Professor of Legal Writing*, 2023 – present

*Assistant Professor of Legal Writing*, 2021 – 2023

*Co-Director*, Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law, 2023 – present

*Associate Director*, Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law, 2022 – 2023

Course package:

- Fundamentals of Legal Drafting – Litigation (fall 2023)
- International Economic Law Colloquium (spring 2023, co-convenor)
- Legal Research & Writing / Gateway to Lawyering (2021 – 2023)
- Directed Research (fall 2022, summer 2023, spring 2023, fall 2023)
- Fundamentals of American Law (1L orientation class, 2021 – 2023)

### University of Houston Law Center

*Clinical Assistant Professor*, Lawyering Skills & Strategies Program, 2018 – 2021 (approved for promotion to Clinical Associate Professor as of Aug. 2021)

*Faculty*, UHLC and LSAC Pre-Law Pipeline Programs, 2020 – present

Course package:

- Lawyering Skills & Strategies (2018 – 2021)
- Legal Writing (Pipeline Programs, summers of 2020 – 2023)
- Law school application workshops and statement development conferences (Pipeline Programs, summers of 2020 – 2023)

### Jenner & Block LLP, New York, NY

*Litigation Associate*, 2015 – 2018

*Commercial Litigation / Arbitration*: Wrote numerous appellate submissions and briefs in support of dispositive motions; represented Japanese client in high-stakes four-party ICC arbitration.

*In-House*: Part-time secondment at Hain Celestial from Dec. 2016 – Apr. 2017.

*Asylum Law*: Represented asylum applicants at all stages of the process; briefed issues of first impression regarding the material support and firm resettlement bars in the Second and Fifth Circuits. Work on one of my cases was recognized with the Catholic Immigration Legal Network's 2018 Pro Bono Award.

*Other Pro Bono*: Wrote amicus brief for Ninth Circuit on Dutch constitutional law aspects of ownership rights in Nazi-looted art; represented plaintiffs (including on appeal to the Second Circuit) in a challenge to Connecticut's quarantines of individuals who arrived from Ebola-stricken countries.

### **Marquette University Law School**

*Visiting Assistant Professor*, 2012 – 2014

Course package:

- Civil Procedure (spring 2013, spring 2014)
- Pretrial Practice (spring 2013, spring 2014)
- Business Associations (fall 2012, fall 2013)

### **Columbia Law School**

*Associate-in-Law*, 2010 – 2012, *Teaching Program Fellow*, fall 2008

Course package:

- Legal Practice Workshop (2010 – 2012)
- Supervised Research (fall 2011)

### **Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP**, New York, NY

*Litigation and International Arbitration Associate*, 2003 – 2010, *Summer Associate*, summer 2002

*Commercial Litigation / Arbitration*: Represented clients in securities fraud cases and M&A and other business disputes; wrote submissions to Second Circuit for first federal appellate decision to apply new scienter standards to the safe harbor for forward-looking statements; assisted arbitrators.

*Pro Bono*: Took and defended depositions for the City Law Department; wrote amicus brief for NYCLU about speech rights in a privately-owned shopping center; defended public interest attorney against defamation claim; represented contemporary art museum in dispute that presented novel copyright issues; conducted research and prepared factual analyses for death penalty case.

### **ICC Court of International Arbitration**, Paris, France

*Intern*, Common Law team, September 2003

### **Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP**, Brussels, Belgium

*Corporate Associate*, 2000 – 2001

### **De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek**, The Hague, The Netherlands

*Intern*, Administrative Law group, spring 1998

## **EDUCATION**

### **Columbia Law School**

J.D., 2003; LL.M., 1999; exchange student, fall 1997

- Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar (1999, 2003)  
Recipient of the Stibbe Steppingstone Scholarship and other merit-based scholarships
- Activities: Associate Editor, *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*  
Editor, *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law*  
Columbia Asylum Project – helped prepare application of French-speaking asylum applicant  
International Legal Assistance Network – helped challenge Uganda’s single-party system  
WITNESS – wrote guide about proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights

### **University of Amsterdam**

*Meester in de Rechten* (LL.B.), 1998

- Thesis: *Waardering van Bewijs in het Nederlandse en het Amerikaanse Burgerlijk Proces*  
 (“Evaluation of Evidence in Dutch and American Civil Procedure”)
- Activities: Tutored first-year law students  
Participated in the Trenité van Doorne Summer School  
Completed several courses at the University of Amsterdam’s philosophy department; studied cello performance at the Amsterdam Conservatory for two years  
Served on the board of an amateur orchestra; helped organize a concert tour to Bologna

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Selected Works-in-Progress:

*Arbitrator Selection Default Rules* – Argues that arbitration institutions should adopt a minoritarian default rule in favor of institutional selection of arbitrators to protect relatively inexperienced arbitration parties.

*Growing Pains: Grades and the First-Year Legal Writing Course* (with Kate Brem) – Analyzes tradeoffs involved in assigning grades or scores throughout the semester in the legal writing course and offers suggestions for navigating the tensions inherent in intra-semester formative assessment.

### Law Journal Articles:

*Splitting the Baby*, 61 COLUM. J. TRANSN'L L. 338 (2023)

*The Costs of Consistency: Precedent in Investment Treaty Arbitration*, 51 COLUM. J. TRANSN'L L. 418 (2013)

- Proposal was one of three winning entries blindly selected out of approximately sixty submissions for presentation at the Institute for Transnational Arbitration's inaugural Winter Forum

*International Arbitration and the Ends of Appellate Review*, 44 N.Y.U. J. INT'L L. & POL. 1109 (2012)

*Speech, Truth, and Freedom: An Examination of John Stuart Mill's and Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes's Free Speech Defenses*, 22 YALE J. L. & HUM. 35 (2010)

- Excerpted in Vincent Blasi, IDEAS OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT
- Discussed in Jerome A. Barron et al., CONSTITUTIONAL LAW PRINCIPLES & POLICY: CASES & MATERIALS
- Featured on Legal Theory Blog

*Multi-Party and Multi-Contract Arbitrations: Procedural Mechanisms and Interpretation of Arbitration Agreements under U.S. Law*, 15 AM. REV. INT'L ARB. 133 (2004) (student note)

- Cited in *Markel Int'l Ins. Co. v. Westchester Fire Ins. Co.*, 442 F. Supp. 2d 200, 204 (D.N.J. 2006)

*Absence of Consent Trumps Arbitral Economy: Consolidation of Arbitrations Under U.S. Law*, 12 AM. REV. INT'L ARB. 335 (2003) (with Rona G. Shamoon)

### Shorter Pieces and Practitioner Publications:

*Boundaries*, LWI LIVES (Aug. 2020)

*Guide to Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and Court Judgments in the United States*, JENNER & BLOCK PRACTICE SERIES (2017) (co-author)

*Book Review: Yearbook on International Investment Law & Policy 2010-2011*, 35 J. POL'Y MODELING 852 (2013) (invited contribution)

*Over Vrijheid, Grote Vragen, en de Werkgroep Rechtsfilosofie* (On Liberty, Big Questions, and the Legal Theory Seminar) (2013), invited contribution for Festschrift for Prof. Joep van der Vliet, University of Amsterdam

*Selecting the Right Arbitrator*, 818 PRACTICING LAW INSTITUTE LITIGATION & ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE COURSE HANDBOOK SERIES 349 (2010) (with Dana H. Freyer)

### Selected Blog Posts:

*Do You Want to Be a Fulltime Legal Writing Professor?*, Summary, Judgment Blog (July 13, 2020)

*Lewd and Lascivious Behavior Laws: A Milwaukee Story*, Marquette University Law School Faculty Blog (Nov. 11, 2013)

*Marriage Equality and the Popularity Paradox*, Marquette University Law School Faculty Blog (June 30, 2013)

*Binders Full of Women . . . Arbitrators?*, Marquette University Law School Faculty Blog (cross-posted on the IntlLawGrrls Blog) (Nov. 2, 2012)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

(includes presentations from the last five years; a full list is available on request)

*Beyond NextGen: Working Together to Help Our Students Flourish* (moderator)  
AALS 2024 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2024

*Gender, Race, and Trade Policy in the USMCA* (moderator)  
International Business Law Symposium, Brooklyn Law School, Oct. 2023

*Implementing ABA 303(c) in the Legal Writing Classroom* (panelist)  
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Boca Raton, July 2023

*Psychology and Professional Identity Development* (panelist)  
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Boca Raton, July 2023

*Growing Pains: Grades and the First-Semester Legal Writing Course* (presenter, with Katherine Brem)  
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Boca Raton, July 2023  
Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Stetson University College of Law, virtual, Dec. 2021  
Empire State Legal Writing Conference, virtual, May 2021

*Eastern Europe's Regional Security* (moderator)  
International Law Society, Brooklyn Law School, Apr. 2023

*Judging Legal Writing* (presenter, with Catharine Du Bois)  
Lone Star Legal Writing Conference, Texas Tech University School of Law, Apr. 2023

*Six Faces of Globalization* (organizer and moderator of book discussion panel)  
Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law, Brooklyn Law School, Mar. 2023

*The Gentrification of Legal Writing* (presenter)  
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Las Vegas, Feb. 2023

*Lessons from the Professor Down the Hall* (presenter, with Megan Davis)  
Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Charleston School of Law, Dec. 2022

*Splitting the Baby* (presenter)  
International Business Law Scholars' Roundtable, Brooklyn Law School, Sept. 2022  
Rutgers Law School—Camden, Faculty Workshop, Nov. 2021  
American Society of International Law Research Forum, virtual, Nov. 2020

*Teaching Evaluations: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly* (moderator)  
Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Washington, D.C., July 2022

*AALS Section Q&A: Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research* (panelist)  
Organized in conjunction with the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference, virtual, Aug. 2021

*The ALWD Scholars Fora & Workshops Reunion Special and Casting Call* (video presentation, contributor)  
Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, virtual, June 2021

*Under, Here, Therefore* (presenter, with Megan Davis)  
Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Charleston School of Law, Dec. 2019  
Empire State Legal Writing Conference, New York, May 2019

*New Techniques in International Litigation and Adjudication* (moderator / discussant)  
American Society of International Law Research Forum, New York, Nov. 2019

*Arbitral Judging* (presenter)  
American Society of International Law Research Forum, New York, Nov. 2019  
American Society of Comparative Law Works-in-Progress Conference, Columbia, MO, Oct. 2019

*The Performance Enhancement Paradox* (presenter)  
Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., May 2019  
Central States Law School Association, Texas A&M University School of Law, Oct. 2018

## **LAW SCHOOL COMMITTEES**

### **Brooklyn Law School**

Associate Director, Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law (2022 – present)  
Faculty Advisor, *Brooklyn Journal of International Law* (2022 – present)  
Student Academic Organizations Committee (2022 – present)  
Professional Development Committee (2021 – 2022)  
Student Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2021 – 2022)

### **University of Houston Law Center**

Admissions Committee (2020 – 2021)  
Student Affairs Committee (2018 – 2021)  
Library Committee (2018 – 2020)  
Graduate Legal Studies Committee (2018 – 2019)

### **Marquette University Law School**

Faculty Blog Committee (2012 – 2014)

## **OTHER INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

Co-organize the Block Center Symposium USMCA: Promises and Challenges for the Future of North American Trade (Oct. 2023)

Organized Brooklyn Law School's Writing Workshop for tenure-track and LTC-track faculty (summer 2023)

Co-organized the Block Center International Business Law Scholars' Roundtable (Sept. 2022)

Served as appellate and trial judge in the Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition at Brooklyn Law School (2022 – 2023); the University of Houston Law Center's Street Law Program (2019); and Columbia Law School's Stone Moot Court Program (2017) and 1L Moot Court Program (2016 – 2018). Participated in numerous moot court practice rounds at Marquette University Law School (2012 – 2014)

Served as faculty advisor for first-year J.D. students and foreign LL.M. students at Brooklyn Law School (2022 – 2023)

Served as mentor for first-year J.D. students at the University of Houston Law Center (2018 – 2021)

Conducted outreach to admitted students for the University of Houston Law Center (spring 2020)

Reviewed student notes for *Marquette Law Review* (2013 – 2014)

Co-organized Columbia Law School's Associates & Fellows Workshop (2010 – 2011)

### **EXTERNAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

Served as external reviewer for *American Political Thought*, *ICSID Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal*, and *McGill Journal of Dispute Resolution*

*Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*: Assistant Editor in Chief (2022 – present); Essay Editor (2020 – 2022); Assistant Editor (2019 – 2020)

Served as facilitator at the Sirico Scholars' Workshop for legal writing faculty (July 2023)

*Legal Writing Institute Monograph Series*: member of the Editorial Board (2020 – 2022)

Diversity Committee, AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research (2021 – 2022)

Outreach Committee, AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research (2020 – 2021)

Scholars Forum, Association of Legal Writing Directors (2020 – 2021)

Served as deputy editor for the American Bar Association Section of International Law's *2019 International Law Year in Review*

Co-organized the Legal Writing Institute's We Write Retreat in South Carolina (Dec. 2019)

Profiled in LWI LIVES (Oct. 2018)

Was consulted regarding Justice Holmes's free speech legacy for WNYC's Radiolab: More Perfect podcast series (Aug. 2017)

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York, U.S. Supreme Court, Second Circuit, Fifth Circuit, S.D.N.Y., E.D.N.Y., immigration courts.

### **LANGUAGES**

Native Dutch speaker; proficient in French and German; basic knowledge of Spanish.

### **MUSIC**

As an amateur cellist, I have performed on the stages of Carnegie Hall, the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, and the Beijing Concert Hall, but also in schools, nursing homes, a high-security prison, and town squares all over Europe.