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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

California Western School of Law — San Diego, CA | Fall 2023–Present

- Vice Dean for Academic Affairs (2026–Present)
- Associate Dean of Research and Faculty Development (2025–2026)
- Professor of Law (2024–Present); Associate Professor of Law (2023–2024)
- Honors: Professor of the Year (2024–25); 1L Professor of the Year (2024–25, 2025–26)

University of San Diego School of Law — San Diego, CA | Visiting Professor of Law, Fall 2024

Campbell University School of Law — Raleigh, NC | Assistant Professor of Law, 2018–2023

- Faculty Award for Scholarly Excellence (2018–19, 2019–20, 2020–21, 2021–22)

University of San Diego School of Law — San Diego, CA | Professor of Legal Writing, 2016–2018

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Criminal Law & Procedure; Police Practices and Reform; Criminal Theory; Immigration and Refugee Law; Constitutional Law; Civil Procedure; Firearms Law and Policy

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*

- Boston University Law Review, Staff Editor
- Edward Hennessey Distinguished Scholar; Paul J. Liacos Distinguished Scholar; G. Joseph Tauro Distinguished Scholar

Yale University, B.A. in Political Science

- Yale Honor Society; Distinguished Scholar Award in Political Science; Phi Sigma Alpha
- Yale University Rugby Club, Team Captain

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY: POLICE REFORM AND THE LURKING THREAT TO CIVIL LIBERTIES (University of California Press 2025).

- *Reviewed by Christopher Slobogin, Making the New Public Safety Safe, JOTWELL (July 2, 2025).*

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: POLICING WHITE SPACES IN AMERICA (Cambridge University Press 2022).

Articles

Traceable Sovereignty (work in progress).

Reasonable Suspicion in the Home (work in progress).

The Price of Cooperation: Self-Incrimination Beyond the Police (work in progress).

Chevron's Afterlife in Asylum Law, 30 HARVARD LATIN AMERICAN LAW REVIEW __ (2027).

The Anonymous Officer, 68 BOSTON COLLEGE LAW REVIEW __ (2027).

- Quoted and cited in *Urquilla-Ramos v. Trump*, 821 F.Supp.3d 603 (S.D.W. Va. 2026).

Searches and Seizures of the Unhoused, 114 GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL 451 (2026).

Police Reform as System Justification, 116 JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY 467 (2026).

Post-Chevron Deference in Asylum Proceedings, 47 CARDOZO LAW REVIEW 1045 (2026).

(Non)Police Brutality, 110 CORNELL LAW REVIEW 823 (2025).

The Procedural Justice Industrial Complex, 99 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 563 (2024).

The Fourth Amendment Without Police, 90 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW 1023 (2023).

Protest Policing and the Fourth Amendment, 55 U.C. DAVIS LAW REVIEW 347 (2021).

- Quoted and cited in *Hollamon v. Pennington Cnty.*, 170 F.4th 674 (8th Cir. 2026).
- Cited in *Doe v. McKesson*, 71 F.4th 278 (5th Cir. 2023).
- Cited in *Hollamon v. Cnty. of Wright*, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 138078 (D. Minn. 2024).
- Quoted and cited in *Cole v. Lockman*, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14939 (D. Minn. 2024).

Second Amendment Sanctuaries, 115 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 437 (2020).

Sexual Violence and Future Harm: Lessons From Asylum Law, 2020 UTAH LAW REVIEW 177.

Policing a Heavily Armed Arizona, 51 ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL 505 (2019).

Weaponized Racial Fear, 93 TULANE LAW REVIEW 931 (2019).

Stop and Frisk in a Concealed Carry World, 93 WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 1675 (2018).

- Quoted and cited in *State v. Price-Williams*, 973 N.W.2d 556 (Iowa Supreme Court 2022).
- Quoted and cited in *Yukutake v. Connors*, 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 181883 (D. Haw. 2021).

From Guantánamo to Syria: The Extraterritorial Constitution in the Age of "Extreme Vetting," 39 CARDOZO LAW REVIEW 1129 (2018).

Is It Bad Law to Believe a Politician? Campaign Speech and Discriminatory Intent, 52 UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND LAW REVIEW 273 (2018).

Debunking the Stranger-in-the-Bushes Myth: The Case for Sexual Assault Protection Orders, 2017 WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW 429.

- Quoted and cited in *C.R. v. M.T.*, 257 N.J. 126 (New Jersey Supreme Court 2024).
- Cited in *State v. Ortiz Martinez*, 196 Wn.2d 605 (Washington Supreme Court 2020).

The Unreviewable Executive? National Security and the Limits of Plenary Power, 84 TENNESSEE LAW REVIEW 731 (2017).

Essays

The Elusiveness of Self-Defense for the Black Transgender Community, 21 NEVADA LAW JOURNAL 975 (2021) (invited symposium essay).

Institutionalizing Consent Myths in Grade School, 73 OKLAHOMA LAW REVIEW 173 (2020) (invited symposium essay).

Terry, Handguns, and the Hand Formula, 54 IDAHO LAW REVIEW 467 (2018) (invited symposium essay).

OPINIONS & EDITORIALS

How Trump is Weaponizing the Federal Spending Power, THE HILL (Mar. 7, 2025).

The Gaetz Nomination Was Never About Matt Gaetz, HUFFPOST (Dec. 6, 2024).

Biden Wanted to Be a Transformative Historical Figure. Instead, He Will Be a Footnote, NEWSWEEK (Nov. 21, 2024).

How Can Trump Voters Claim to Care About Women?, SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE (Nov. 21, 2024).

A Lawyer's Ethical Duty in the Trump Era, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER (Nov. 25, 2020).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Law and Society Annual Meeting, *Blurred Boundaries: Conceptualizing Health Justice and Safety in Light of Carceral Creep*, San Francisco, CA (May 28, 2026).
- Law and Society Annual Meeting, *The Anonymous Officer*, San Francisco, CA (May 28, 2026).
- AALS, *Who Claims the Power to Police?*, New Orleans, LA (Jan. 7, 2026).
- AALS, *The Hidden Costs of Resettlement Pauses on Refugees with Disabilities*, New Orleans, LA (Jan. 7, 2026).
- ABA Criminal Justice Works-in-Progress Series, *The Anonymous Officer*, San Diego, CA (Nov. 21, 2025).
- Book Launch Event, *The New Public Safety*, San Diego, CA (Sep. 25, 2025).
- Indiana University Indianapolis School of Law, *Searches and Seizures of the Unhoused*, Indianapolis, IN (Feb. 16, 2025).
- ABA Legal Education Police Practice Consortium, *Neighborhood Watch: Policing White Spaces in America*, San Diego, CA (Nov. 30, 2023).
- Indiana University Program on Law and State Government, *Removing Police From (Most) Traffic Enforcement*, Indianapolis, IN (Sep. 22, 2023).
- Scuppernon Books, *White Vigilantism and Over-Policing*, Greensboro, NC (Oct. 14, 2022).

- Quail Ridge Books, *Neighborhood Watch: Policing White Spaces in America*, Raleigh, NC (Sep. 22, 2022).
- SEALS Criminal Law Works-in-Progress Workshop, *The Procedural Justice Industrial Complex*, Sandestin, FL (Jul. 28, 2022).
- Duke Center for Firearms Law, *Second Amendment Sanctuaries*, Durham, NC (May 15, 2020).
- Duke Law School Colloquium: *Localism, Popular Constitutionalism, Preemption, and Firearms, Second Amendment Sanctuaries*, Durham, NC (Apr. 24, 2020).
- Oklahoma Law Review Symposium, *Institutionalizing Consent Myths in Grade School*, Norman, OK (Oct. 17, 2019).
- Idaho Law Review Symposium, *Terry, Handguns, and the Hand Formula*, Boise, ID (Apr. 6, 2018).

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS

KPBS MIDDAY EDITION, San Diego, CA — \$30 Million Wrongful Death Settlement (Nov. 18, 2025).

ABC7, San Diego, CA — Police Officer DVRO Hearing (Oct. 10, 2025).

CNN — Second Amendment Sanctuaries (Jun. 16, 2022).

USA TODAY — Abortion Trigger Laws (May 25, 2022).

ASSOCIATED PRESS — Leandro School Funding Verdict (Nov. 10, 2021).

VICE — Transgender Self-Defense Claims (Mar. 23, 2021).

THE OREGONIAN — Second Amendment Sanctuaries (Nov. 18, 2020).

REUTERS — Firearms Regulation (Sep. 11, 2019).

Additional television, radio, and print interviews available upon request.

LAW SCHOOL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

California Western School of Law

- Vice Dean, 2026–Present
- Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development, 2025–2026
- Dean’s Search Committee, 2024–2025
- Tenure Subcommittee, 2024–2025
- Faculty Diversity Committee, 2023–Present
- Law, Justice, and Technology Initiative, 2023–Present
- Admissions Committee, 2023–2024
- Faculty Development Committee, 2023–2024
- Special Appointments Committee, 2023–2024

Campbell University School of Law

- Faculty Development Committee (Chair), 2021–2023
- Admissions Committee (Chair), 2022–2023
- Admissions Committee (Member), 2021–2022
- Academic Standards Committee, 2018–2021
- Faculty Development Committee (Member), 2018–2021
- Judicial Clerkship Taskforce, 2018–2020
- Faculty Colloquia Speaker Series Organizer, 2020–2022
- Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court Team Coach, 2018–2019

University of San Diego School of Law

- Graduate Employment Task Force, 2016–2018

Professional

- AALS, Criminal Law Section Executive Committee Board Member, 2024–2026
- ABA Legal Education Police Practices Consortium, Faculty Advisor, 2021–2024
- Appellate Defenders, Inc., Panel Attorney, 2016–2020
- Community Review Board on Police Practices (San Diego), Board Member, 2016–2018

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

JOHNSON & WEAVER, LLP — San Diego, CA | Litigation Associate, 2010–2016

- Lead trial attorney in complex corporate and securities litigation matters.
- Argued more than fifty pre-trial and appellate motions in state and federal courts.
- Took and defended over one hundred depositions.
- Participated in two California jury trials to verdict, one state and one federal.

ASYLUM ACCESS — Kasulu & Dar es Salaam, Tanzania | Country Director, 2009–2010

- Managed Tanzania operations for a global refugee legal-aid organization.
- Supervised representation in 450 refugee-status-determination hearings.
- Coordinated resettlement of 500 refugee families to the United States and Europe.

UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) — Kigoma & Dar es Salaam, Tanzania | Senior Legal Officer, 2009–2010

- Developed High Risk Identification Tool for victims of gender-based violence.
- Coordinated legal services for 135,000 refugees in camp-based settings.
- Presented policy proposals before the Tanzanian National Assembly and Ministry for Home Affairs.

LATHAM & WATKINS LLP — San Francisco, CA | Litigation Associate, 2007–2009

- Drafted pre-trial and trial briefs for White Collar Crimes practice group.
- Represented clients in removal proceedings seeking asylum and CAT protection.
- Defended indigent unhoused defendants against quality of life citations in criminal proceedings.