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TEACHING POSITIONS

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law 2020 – present

Visiting Assistant Professor

Courses Taught: Property Law, Estates & Trusts, Local Government Law

Faculty Service: Dual JD Admissions Committee (2020 – present)
Curriculum Committee (2021 – present)
Reading Group instructor (2020)
Bar Exam mentor (2020 – present)
Law Review note advisor (2021 – present)

Other Service: Editor, *Michigan Real Property Law Review*

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, 2015

Honors: Dean's Scholar Prize in "Revitalizing America's Cities"

Activities: Editor, *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*
Editor, Harvard CityLaw
Law and Local Government Group

Research: *Relative Decay: TIF Development and the Suburbanized Blighting Test in Greater St. Louis*

Washington University in St. Louis, 2011

B.A. *magna cum laude* in History

Honors: History Department High Honors
Lynne Cooper Harvey Writing Prize for American Culture Studies

Thesis: *Sacred Landscapes: The Emergence of the Neighborhood School Ideology and the Failure of Public School Integration in Benjamin Willis' Chicago*

PUBLICATIONS

A Legal Map of New Local Parkland (forthcoming, 105 MARQ. L. REV. ____ (2022)) (available at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3912075)

Explores the informal and heterogenous legal regime of local park acquisition. Employs an empirical analysis of internal acquisition data to evaluate the normative role of institutional informality in sublocal governance.

Reforming Local Property for an Era of National Decline (forthcoming, 70 BUFF. L. REV. ____ (2022)) (available at <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3896693>)

Argues that property and local government institutions are unprepared for a future of national population decline. Proposes a proactive and dynamic model to prepare for future demographic change in a manner that promotes equity, surmounts knotty governance hurdles, and comports with existing property and local government frameworks, even while pushing the limits of both.

Confronting the Local Land Checkerboard (forthcoming, 56 U. RICH. L. REV. ____ (2022)) (available at <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3782953>)

Highlights the prevalence and problem of the local land checkerboard, where public land is fractured between governmental owners in a local community. Advocates for interlocal land exchanges—and in particular, assembled land exchanges—as a pragmatic, collaborative way to promote public property consolidation. Explores the opaque body of law that clouds a locality’s ability to conduct land exchanges, in doing so demonstrating how consequential matters of local power can fall between the cracks of a legal regime.

Towards Mission Creep: Fragmented Local Governance in the Face of Crisis, 29 J. AFFORDABLE HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEV. L. 229 (2020)

Examines three special purpose governments that have experienced a shift in operative mission over time. Considers why these shifts occur, what consequences they might pose, and what steps might be taken to combat them.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Wayne County Land Bank, Detroit, MI

2016 – 2020

Executive Director (2018 – 2020)

Responsible for managing and developing 2,000 properties across Metro Detroit. Oversaw programs designed to remediate blight, ensure neighborhood stability, prevent housing vacancy, and repurpose tax-foreclosed properties. Advised and assisted municipalities across Metro Detroit on issues of divestment, land ownership, title, and development. Helped facilitate coordination and resolve disputes between governmental entities.

General Counsel (2016 – 2018)

Wrote and implemented policies applied to properties and property transactions across 27 local communities. Drafted and negotiated purchase agreements for large industrial developments. Ensured compliance with federal, state, and local law, particularly with regards to taxation, property foreclosure, environmental liability, and government ethics. Managed litigation efforts brought under nuisance and statutory causes of action.

United States District Court, Jefferson City, MO

2015 – 2016

Law Clerk to Judge Nanette K. Laughrey

Managed over 50 active civil litigation cases. Drafted substantive orders on motions for dismissal, summary judgment, intervention, remand, class certification, and settlement approval.

Mayer Brown, L.L.P., Chicago, IL

Summers 2014 – 2015

Summer Associate

Performed work for Government Relations and Real Estate practice groups. Conducted focused research and writing on the topics of municipal home rule, tax-increment financing, highway tolling, and property foreclosures.

New York City Law Department, New York City, NY

2014 – 2015

Clinical Fellow

Prepared advisory opinions on environmental and property law issues. Proposed and drafted legislative changes to the New York City Administrative Code. Researched compliance with federal and state law, particularly in the area of statutory preemption.

City of Chicago Department of Law, Chicago, IL

2013

Legal Counsel Fellow

Researched and wrote memoranda regarding mayoral authority, licensing agreements on city-owned property, regulatory conflicts on federal property, education policy, and public safety. Drafted and edited ordinances in close coordination with city aldermen.

VOLUNTEER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund, Detroit, MI

Provide guidance in the fields of property and local government law to an initiative that matches grant support and vacant property in the City of Detroit with Black residents wishing to cultivate agricultural uses.

World Jewish Restitution Organization, New York, NY

Conduct research on topics regarding Jewish property and nationalized property in 20th-century Europe.

PRESENTATIONS

“The Legal Implications of Vaccine Passports,” National Governors Association, June 2, 2021

“A Legal Map of New Local Parkland,” Association of Law, Property, and Society, May 28, 2021

“A Legal Map of New Local Parkland,” Summer Research Grant Presentations, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, May 12, 2021

“The Legal Implications of Vaccine Passports,” University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, April 22, 2021

“Confronting the Local Land Checkerboard,” AALS New Voices in Property Law, January 9, 2021

“Public Land in Detroit,” Marygrove College, August 16, 2019

“Introduction to Land Banking,” MMTA Advanced Institute, May 21, 2019

MEDIA APPEARANCES

“Voters head to the polls to decide fate of Detroit's Proposal P on Tuesday,” WXYZ News, August 3, 2021

“State vs. schools: Legal confusion delays mask wearing resolutions in some districts,” WXYZ News, November 10, 2021

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Michigan

State Bar of Illinois (inactive)