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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Howard University School of Law** Aug. 2014 - Present
Assistant Professor of Law
- 2014-15 Summer faculty research fellow (competitive award)
- Cleveland-Marshall College of Law** Aug. 2013 – May 2014
Visiting Clinical (Transactional) Professor
- St. John’s University School of Law** Sept. 2011 – Aug. 2013
Research Professor of Law
Fellow, St. John’s Institute for Bankruptcy Studies

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law**
Juris Doctor, May 2007
Honors: *Journal of Law & Business*: Senior Note Editor
2007 NYU Presidential Service Award

- Binghamton University**
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics & Law, May 2000

PUBLICATIONS

- *Bankrupting Higher Education*, Am. Bankr. L. J. (forthcoming 2017), available at: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2738580.
- *Crowdsourcing (Bankruptcy) Fee Control*, 46 SETON HALL L. REV. 361 (2016).
- *The Virtue in Bankruptcy*, 45 LOY. U. CHI. L.J. 233 (2013).
- *Improving Bankruptcy Sales by Raising the Bar: Imposing a Preliminary Injunction Standard on Objections to Section 363 Sales*, 62 CATHOLIC U. L. REV. 1 (2012).
 - Cited in *In re Eastman Kodak Co.*, 2012 WL 2255719 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. June 15, 2012)
- *The Paradox of Social Instability in China and the Role of the Xinfang System*, 4 CAMBRIDGE STUDENT L. REV. 92 (2008).

PRESENTATIONS, PANELS & WORKSHOPS

- Presentation, “Higher Ed ‘Do Not Resuscitate’ Orders,” University of Kentucky College of Law, March 3, 2017
- Presentation, “Higher Ed ‘Do Not Resuscitate’ Orders,” Howard University School of Law, Feb. 16, 2017

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- Presentation, “Higher Ed ‘Do Not Resuscitate’ Orders,” Sharing Scholars, Building Teachers, Feb. 4, 2017
- Presentation, “Higher Ed ‘Do Not Resuscitate’ Orders,” Brooklyn Law School, Young Bankruptcy Scholars' Work-in-Progress Workshop, Nov. 3-4, 2016
- Presentation, “Higher Ed ‘Do Not Resuscitate’ Orders,” Howard University School of Law, junior faculty forum, June 15, 2016
- Attendee, *Teaching Consumer Law*, Center for Consumer Law, May 20-21, 2016
- Presentation, “Bankrupting Higher Education,” Mid-Atlantic People of Color conference, January 29, 2016
- Presentation, “Crowdsourcing (Bankruptcy) Fee Control for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises,” American Association of Law Schools, Section on Creditors’ and Debtors’ Rights, January 9, 2016
- Presentation, “Crucial Concepts in Drafting Contracts (Beyond the Basics),” American Bankruptcy Institute’s Central States Bankruptcy Workshop, June 11-13, 2015 (*invited participant*)
- Presentation, “Bankrupting Higher Education,” National Business Law Scholars Conference, June 4, 2015
- LEC Workshop for Law Professors on Empirical Methods, George Mason University School of Law, May 18-22, 2015 (*invited participant*)
- Presentation, “Crowdsourcing (Bankruptcy) Fee Control,” Howard University School of Law, February 19, 2015
- Presentation, “Crowdsourcing (Bankruptcy) Fee Control,” Mid-Atlantic People of Color conference, January 30, 2015
- Commentator, “Vindicating Bankruptcy Rights” by Kara Bruce, Mid-Atlantic People of Color conference, January 30, 2015
- Presentation, “Crowdsourcing (Bankruptcy) Fee Control,” University of Kentucky College of Law’s *Developing Ideas* Conference, May 22, 2014
- Presentation, “Technology in Teaching,” Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, February 26, 2014
- Presentation, “Clinical Pedagogy in Action,” Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, January 16, 2014
- Presentation, “The Virtue in Bankruptcy,” Howard University School of Law, November 20, 2013
- Presentation, “A Theory of Feedback in the Legal Writing Classroom,” Villanova University School of Law, May 10, 2013
- Presentation, “The Virtue in Bankruptcy,” Albany Law School, February 1, 2013
- LEC Workshop on the Economics of Contracting, George Mason University School of Law, January 25-28, 2013 (*invited participant*)
- Presentation, “The Virtue in Bankruptcy,” Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association, October 19, 2012
- Presentation, “The Virtue in Bankruptcy,” St. John’s University School of Law, September 17, 2012
- Presentation, “Imposing a Preliminary Injunction Standard on Objections to Section 363 Sales: Implications for *Kodak*,” Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, March 26, 2012

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- Panel, “The Broadway Street Closures and the Future of Our City’s Streets,” New York City Bar Association, Nov. 10, 2009, *Moderator*

CLERKSHIP

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, New York, NY

Law Clerk to the Hon. Allan L. Gropper Sept. 2010 – Aug. 2011

- Conducted legal research and drafted opinions, orders and memoranda in numerous Chapter 7, 11 and 15 cases, including General Growth Properties, Tronox and Jennifer Convertibles, dealing with bankruptcy, commercial, contract and corporate law.
- Oversaw judicial case management, including participation in conference calls, chambers conferences, attending hearings and trials, reviewing pleadings, scheduling matters and communicating with attorneys for debtors, creditors and committee members, the Office of the U.S. Trustee, and *pro se* applicants.
- Supervised several judicial interns.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Allen & Overy LLP, New York, NY

Associate (Bankruptcy, Banking and Corporate) Oct. 2007 – June 2010

- Provided legal advice on a variety of transactional issues, including asset-backed lending, bankruptcy, leveraged lending, debt offerings, stock and asset purchase, and sale agreements.
- Drafted complex transactional documents, including credit, asset purchase and stock purchase agreements, private placement memorandum, and public offering documents.
- Supervised a team of nearly one dozen associates and paralegals who collectively filed more than 300 proofs of claim for more than 100 creditors of Lehman Brothers-affiliated entities.

U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District, Brooklyn, NY

Civil Department Extern Sept. 2006 – Jan. 2007

- Drafted interrogatories, deposition outlines, responsive pleadings, and other litigation documents for an assistant U.S. Attorney in civil litigation matters, including negligence, medical malpractice and wrongful death actions.

Step toe & Johnson LLP, Washington, DC

Summer Associate May 2006 – Aug. 2006

- Researched and drafted memoranda on various international trade, regulatory and litigation matters.

Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, LA

Research Assistant to Prof. William A. Lovett May 2005 – Aug. 2005

- Researched international trade, finance & security issues.
- Analyzed and critiqued a draft book on America’s budget, current account and military deficits.

OTHER WRITING

- *Accessing Title IV \$\$: 90/10 or 85/15... does it matter?*, PRAWFSBLAWG (Sept. 22, 2016), available at: <http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2016/09/9010-8515-does-it-matter.html>.
- *"Like Pulling Teeth": Lessons for law schools from the 1980s dental school crisis*, PRAWFSBLAWG (Sept. 21, 2016), available at: <http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2016/09/like-pulling-teeth-lessons-for-law-schools-from-the-1980s-dental-school-crisis.html>.
- *Involuntary collegiate "do not resuscitate" orders*, Sept. 14, 2016, PRAWFSBLAWG, <http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2016/09/in-an-earlier-post-i-sought-to-analogize-enron-collapse-to-the-recent-failure-of-itt-tech-a-for-profit-chain-of-colleges-i.html>.
- *Should financial unstable colleges be required to post surety bonds?*, Sept. 12, 2016, PRAWFSBLAWG, <http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2016/09/should-financial-unstable-colleges-be-required-to-post-surety-bonds.html>.
- *Enron & ITT Tech*, Sept. 8, 2016, PRAWFSBLAWG, <http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2016/09/enron-itt-tech.html>.
- *Who's Looking out for the Students?*, Jan. 20, 2015, CREDIT SLIPS, <http://www.creditslips.org/creditslips/2015/01/whos-looking-out-for-the-students.html>.
- *The "Overwhelming Incentives to Avoid Bankruptcy"*, Jan. 14, 2015, CREDIT SLIPS, <http://www.creditslips.org/creditslips/2015/01/law-schools-and-their-creditors-face-overwhelming-incentives-to-avoid-bankruptcy.html>.
- *Consumers Don't Shop for Mortgages and the CFPB Intends to Change That*, Jan. 14, 2015, CREDIT SLIPS, <http://www.creditslips.org/creditslips/2015/01/consumers-dont-shop-for-mortgages-and-the-cfpb-intends-to-change-that.html>.
- *Why Troubled Law Schools May Remain Open*, Jan. 12, 2015, CREDIT SLIPS, <http://www.creditslips.org/creditslips/2015/01/why-troubled-law-schools-may-remain-open.html>.
- Advisory committee report to the ABI COMMISSION TO STUDY THE REFORM OF CHAPTER 11 on proposals to alter professional compensation for official committees in Chapter 11 cases, June 15, 2013.
- *Disclosure Statement filed in the Lehman Brothers Chapter 11 Cases*, ALLEN & OVERY CLIENT BULLETIN, April 19, 2010.
- *Lehman Brothers Inc. – Procedures Governing Avoidance Actions Commenced by SIPA Trustee*, ALLEN & OVERY CLIENT BULLETIN, January 21, 2010.
- *Lehman Brothers – Purported Guarantee by LBHI and Reminder of Bar Dates*, ALLEN & OVERY CLIENT BULLETIN, August 3, 2009.
- *Lehman Brothers – Proposed Alternative Dispute Resolution Order*, ALLEN & OVERY CLIENT BULLETIN, July 22, 2009.
- *Lehman Brothers – Claims Bar Date Order Approved*, ALLEN & OVERY CLIENT BULLETIN, July 6, 2009.

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- *Lehman Brothers – Proposed Claims Bar Date Order*, ALLEN & OVERY CLIENT BULLETIN, May 27, 2009.
- *The SemCrude Decision and its Ramifications for “Triangular Setoff,”* ALLEN & OVERY CLIENT BULLETIN, February 3, 2009.
- *Lehman – Procedures for the Settlement or Assignment of Derivatives Contracts*, ALLEN & OVERY CLIENT BULLETIN, November 14, 2008.

SERVICE

American Bankruptcy Law Journal

Mar. 2016 - present

Peer reviewer

- Reviewed manuscripts submitted to the journal as part of their double-blind peer review process.

American Business Law Journal

Aug. 2015 – present

Anonymous referee

- Reviewed manuscripts submitted to the journal as part of their triple-blind peer review process.

Howard University School of Law, Washington DC

Aug. 2014 – present

Committee member

- Clerkship, Bar Passage and Faculty Scholarship committee members.

Bike Cleveland, Cleveland, OH

Jan. 2013 – June 2014

Board Member

- Provided legal assistance (through Cleveland Marshall’s transactional law clinic) on proposed corporate restructuring.
- Provided “best practices” information on corporate minute-taking.

I Challenge Myself, New York, NY

Secretary, Board of Directors

May 2012 – Feb. 2014

- Provided strategic guidance and development assistance for I Challenge Myself, which is a non-profit, youth development organization that uses physical challenges to teach transferable goal-setting skills to high school students in low-income New York City public schools.

Ronald H. Brown Prep Program for College Students, Queens, NY

Interviewer

Sept. 2011 – Aug. 2013

- Conducted screening and exit interviews for students applying to the Ronald H. Brown Center’s path-breaking and successful pipeline initiatives designed to increase the pool of students of color going to law school, lawyers of color entering legal academia and lawyers of color interested in higher education administration.

Cleveland Marshall Community Service Awards, Cleveland OH

Committee Member

Oct. 2013

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- Evaluated applications for the Dean's community service awards, which are designed to recognize Cleveland-Marshall students who have demonstrated a commitment to public service.

HONORS

2016 Fellow - *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*

BAR AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Bar Admission:

- *New York* (2008)
- *U.S. District Court, S.D.N.Y.* (2009)

Professional Association Memberships:

- American Bankruptcy Institute