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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Syracuse, NY Aug. 2025—Present
Associate Teaching Professor
Courses: Civil Procedure (Fall 2026), Legal Applications (Spring 2027), Professional Responsibility (Spring 2027), Legal Communications and Research I (Spring 2027) and II (Summer 2027)

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL, New York, NY Jan. 2025—July 2026
Adjunct Professor of Law
Courses: Advanced Appellate Advocacy (Spring 2025, 2026), Drafting: General Principles (Fall 2025), Legal Practice II (Spring 2026)

Additional Appointments: Senior Fellow, Moot Court Association (Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Winterlude 2026, Spring 2026); Writing Fellow, Moot Court Association (Fall 2025)

Service: Appellate judge for the 49th (February 28-March 1, 2025) and 50th (February 27-Ferbruary 28, 2026) Annual Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competitions; Appellate judge for the 49th Annual Charles W. Froessel Intramural Moot Court Competition, September 20, 2025; Trial judge for the Fall 2025 Trial Advocacy Seminar, December 5, 2025

Faculty Award: Upper-Level Experiential/Skills Faculty Teaching Award, given in recognition of exceptional dedication to student learning, classroom excellence, and innovation in teaching, May 4, 2026

Graduation Award: Honorary Order of the Barristers, presented at the 133d Commencement Exercises, May 19, 2025

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

LOIS LAW FIRM, LLC, Paramus, NJ, and New York, NY Sept. 2018—Oct. 2025
Partner, Jan. 2025—Oct. 2025
One of 16 partners who oversaw all operational, educational, and practice aspects of the law firm in addition to practicing appellate advocacy. Continued to act as sole appellate counsel.

Winning Appellate Opinions: Matter of Johnston v. Howmet Aerospace, et al., 234 A.D.3d 1220 (3d Dep't 2025); *Matter of Wagner v. Bobley Publ. Corp., et al.*, 2026 NY Slip Op 00178 (3d Dep't 2026).

Senior Associate, Jan. 2022—Dec. 2024
Acted as sole appellate counsel before the Judiciary. Drafted appeals, motions, and oppositions for submission to the New Jersey Superior Court, the Supreme Court of New Jersey, all Appellate Division Departments in New York, and the New York State Court of Appeals. Identified select cases with the feasibility of creating favorable legal precedent. Managed ~350+ appeals and associated deadlines per year. Created educational programming for firm-wide practice.

Winning Appellate Opinions: Matter of Sanchez v. Baldor Specialty Foods Inc., et al., 232 A.D.3d 1024 (3d Dep't 2024); *Miller v. W Servs. Group, LLC*, 218 A.D.3d 1166 (4th Dep't 2023), *lv denied* 40 N.Y.3d 1025 (2023); *Matter of Mosner v. LINK9, LLC, et al.*, 222 A.D.3d 1151 (3d Dep't 2023); *Matter of Tara Brown v. Buffalo Transp., Inc., et al.*, 222 A.D.3d 1147 (3d Dep't 2023); *Matter of White v. SEG Maint., et al.*, 205 A.D.3d 1257 (3d Dep't 2022); *Matter of Abad v. Vanety's Serv., LLC, et al.*, 204 A.D.3d 1258 (3d Dep't 2022).

Associate (Appellate Attorney), Jan. 2020—Dec. 2021
Appealed and performed appellate litigation at the New York Workers' Compensation Board, the Appellate Division, Third Department, and the New York State Court of Appeals. Reviewed cases and determined viability of success on appeal. Developed and implemented strategies with regard to stipulation of a record and submission strategies. Managed ~125+ appeals and associated deadlines per year. Drafted appeals, motions, and oppositions for all Senior Associates and Partners. Created educational programming on appeals for firm-wide use.

Winning Appellate Opinions: Matter of Love v. Vil. of Pleasantville, et al., 189 A.D.3d 1946 (3d Dep't 2020) (rev'd, rem'd), *lv denied* 37 N.Y.3d 917 (2022); *Matter of Pisarski v. Accurate Plumbing and Heating, et al.*, 191 A.D.3d 1074 (3d Dep't 2021) (rev'd, rem'd).

Honors: LOIS Law Firm Mock Trial Competition 2021: Overall Winner — Attorney

Associate (Construction Practice Team), June 2019—Jan. 2020
Litigated issues of coverage and wrap-up/owner-controlled insurance policies (OCIPs). Conducted legal research and fact investigation. Developed and implemented litigation, discovery, and settlement strategies. Conducted depositions. Communicated with clients regarding assessment of claims and settlement authority. Negotiated settlements with opposing counsel.

Law Clerk (Construction Practice Team), Sept. 2018—June 2019
Drafted litigation strategies, memoranda, status updates, and summaries of cases.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Syracuse, NY Aug. 2017—May 2018
Legal Writing Teaching Assistant
Aided and assisted in all aspects of research and writing for second- and third-year law students. Created writing prompt for mid-year and year-end assignments. Acted as writing resource.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, Newark, NJ May 2017—Aug. 2017
International Trade Intern
Aided in business advocacy for American companies. Assisted in conducting commercial diplomacy across 80+ countries. Wrote letters to U.S. Congress detailing the implications of exports.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, Washington, D.C. Jan. 2017—April 2017
Policy and Licensing Intern (Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau)
Analyzed legal issues and policies related to the 700-900 MHz spectrum, Public Safety Answering Points, Wireless Emergency Alerts, Emergency Alerts Systems, FirstNet, 911/E911/NextGen, and nationwide licensing for public safety entities. Developed, presented, and wrote cost-benefit analyses for Commission-wide rulemakings and orders.

Publication: State of Michigan, Order, 32 FCC Rcd 4133 (PSHSB 2017).

NEW JERSEY TRANSIT, Newark, NJ May 2016—Aug. 2016
Legal Intern
Drafted legal memoranda in preparation for litigation. Investigated for administrative hearings and arbitrations. Counseled general legal advice on all aspects of NJ Transit's operations as the State of New Jersey's public transportation agency.

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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Mixed Messages: How the Free Press Has a Responsibility to We the People at the Marketplace of Ideas, 41 UC Law SF Comm. & Ent. L.J. 35 (2019).
https://repository.uclawsf.edu/hastings_comm_ent_law_journal/vol41/iss1/3/.

Curinga, Z., & O'Donnell, A. (2025). *The New Red Tape: Agency Value Matching in a Post-Chevron World.* Administration & Society, 57(6) 876-892. Peer-reviewed.
https://doi.org/10.1177/00953997251319510.

Legal Writing and Stephen Sondheim, Federal Bar Association, *Perspectives* (2025). https://www.fedbar.org/younger-lawyers-division/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2025/05/Spring-2025.pdf.

- Featured in *Circuit Breaker: Don't Get Tripped Up by the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure*, for the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers (May 22, 2025)
- Featured as a republication on the *Sondheim Hub* on July 20, 2025, https://thesondheimhub.substack.com/p/legal-writing-and-stephen-sondheim

Writing Musicals Makes Me a Better Lawyer, Expert Analysis, *Law 360* (2025). https://www.law360.com/articles/2370787.

SELECTED PRIOR EXPERIENCE

APOSTROPHE PRODUCTIONS, New York, NY — Aug. 2012—May 2015
Theatre Producer
Negotiated union contracts between client theatre companies and Actors' Equity Association. Constructed a recoupment schedule of expected ticket revenues.

PACE UNIVERSITY, LUBIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, New York, NY
Student Program Coordinator — Aug. 2012—May 2014
Supported professors and deans in managing the fastest-growing major in the school (~300+ students over three years). Developed long-term planning for future expansion of program.

ADDITIONAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

TRTCLE, New York, NY
Presenter (Live and Webcast) — July 29, 2026
Presenting *Advanced Appellate Advocacy: A Crash Course* as part of the Bridging the Gap program.

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL, New York, NY
Panelist (Event Space) — April 21, 2026
Participated in *Persuasion Under Pressure: The Art of Improvisation in the Courtroom and at the Negotiating Table* with Attorneys César de Castro, Ashley Maldonado de la Fuente, and Kevon Weekes.

Speaker (Atrium Lecture Hall) — April 1, 2026
Provided opening marks regarding effective oral advocacy for *Oral Argument Broadcast: Trump v. Barbara* with Prof. Claire Thomas.

Moderator (Lecture Hall) — March 18, 2025
Moderated *The Evolving Intersection of Media Law and the First Amendment* with Attorneys Adam Rich, Daniel Cevallo, Kevin Kahn, and Christine Rafin.

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PRACTISING LAW INSTITUTE (PLI), New York, NY
Presenter (Virtual) April 10, 2026
Presented *Stagecraft: The Overlapping Techniques of Writing Songs for Musicals and Legal Advocacy* as part of PLI's One-Hour Briefing Series (https://www.pli.edu/programs/stagecraft-the-overlapping-techniques-of-writing-songs-for-musicals-and-legal-advocacy/459109).

RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY – NEWARK, Newark, NJ
Guest Speaker (Classroom) September 21, 2023
Lectured an undergraduate class on voting, the U.S. Constitution, and democratic participation.

PACE UNIVERSITY, LUBIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, New York, NY
Guest Speaker (Virtual) Feb. 12, 2024
Lectured an undergraduate class on professional development, goal setting, and time management.

Guest Speaker (Virtual) April 22, 2020
Lectured an undergraduate class on arts entrepreneurship and producing a theatre production.

Guest Speaker (Lecture Hall) Nov. 19, 2019
Lectured an undergraduate class on the content-distribution relationship and economics.

Guest Speaker (Conference Room Classroom) Oct. 16, 2018
Lectured an undergraduate class on mergers and copyrights based on a management case study.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Admitted to practice law in the State of New York on June 26, 2019 (5706858)
Admitted to practice law in the State of New Jersey on October 7, 2019 (311542019)
Admitted to practice law in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey on April 5, 2021
Admitted to practice law in the Supreme Court of the United States on May 29, 2025 (325148)

EDUCATION

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Syracuse, NY
Juris Doctor (May 11, 2018)
Honors: Recipient of the Albert A. Byer L'84 Endowed Scholarship
Legal Writing Teaching Assistant, Legal Communications and Research III
CALI Award for Excellence in Legal Communications and Research III, 2017

PACE UNIVERSITY, LUBIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, New York, NY
Bachelor of Business Administration (May 17, 2014)
Honors: Recipient of the Lubin Golf Classic Scholarship
Lubin Professional Management Award Recipient
Graduation Speaker (pre-ceremony, co-speaker with Madison Embrey)

ADDITIONAL INTERESTS

Musical theatre writer (*Narragansett*, *The Western Edge*), was selected for the Rooftop Writers Initiative in 2024 by the Broadway revival of *Merrily We Roll Along* as one of 100 writers nationwide who demonstrates great writing promise.