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Academic Positions

FORDHAM LAW SCHOOL New York, New York
Professor of Law, 2025 – present

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL Brooklyn, New York
Professor of Law and Dean's Research Scholar, 2014 – 2025
Co-Director, Center for the Study of International Business Law, 2014 – 2025
Associate Professor of Law, July 2011 – June 2014
Assistant Professor of Law, July 2008 – June 2011

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL New York, New York
Visiting Professor, September 2020 – December 2020
September 2023 – December 2023

NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL South Bend, Indiana
Visiting Professor, August 2017 – December 2017

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS – AUSTIN SCHOOL OF LAW Austin, Texas
Visiting Associate Professor, August 2012 – December 2012

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL Chicago, Illinois
Bigelow Fellow and Lecturer in Law, August 2006- June 2008

Courses taught

Civil Procedure; Contracts; Federal Courts; International Business Transactions; Complex Litigation; International Economic Law Colloquium; Comparative Contract Law Seminar.
Additional teaching interests: Conflicts of Law; Professional Responsibility

Education

D.A.A.D. PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS Tübingen, Germany;

Fellow, 2005-2006 Academic Year — Düsseldorf, Germany

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW — New York, New York
J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, May 2004

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, BARNARD COLLEGE — New York, New York
B.A. in Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, May 2001

PUBLICATIONS

Books

CIVIL PROCEDURE: CASES, MATERIALS, AND QUESTIONS (9th ed.) (2024) (with Richard D. Freer and Wendy Collins Perdue).

COMPLEX LITIGATION (4th ed.) (2024) (with M. Thomas Sullivan, Richard D. Freer and Bradley Clary).

Articles

The Siren Song of Territoriality, 101 IND. L. J. 89 (2025) (with Alan Trammell).

The Long Arm of Consent, 80, N.Y.U. ANN. SURV. AM. L. 179 (2024) (with Aaron Simowitz).

The Puzzle of Floating Forum Selection Clauses, 56 N.Y.U. J. Int'l L. & Pol. 183 (2023) (with John F. Coyle).

Forum Selection Clauses, Non-Signatories, and Personal Jurisdiction, 97 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 189 (2021) (with John F. Coyle).

The Invisible Circumstances of Notice, 99 N.C. L. REV. 1521 (2021).

Putting the "Notice" Back into Pleading, 41 CARDOZO L. REV. 981 (2020) (symposium).

The Lost Story of Notice and Personal Jurisdiction, 74 N.Y.U. ANN. SURV. AM. L. 23 (2018).

Ousted: The New Dynamics of Privatized Procedure and Judicial Discretion, 98 B.U. L. Rev. 127 (2018).

Trade Secrets, Extraterritoriality, and Jurisdiction, 51 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 765 (2016).

Atlantic Marine *and the Future of* Forum Non Conveniens*,* 66 HASTINGS L.J. 693 (2015) (symposium).

Reason Giving and Rule Making in Procedural Law, 65 ALA. L. REV. 683 (2014).

Letting the Perfect Become the Enemy of the Good: The Relatedness Problem in Personal Jurisdiction, 16 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 867 (2012).

The Shadow Rules of Joinder, 100 GEO. L. J. 759 (2012).

The Plaintiff Neutrality Principle: Pleading Complex Litigation in the Era of Twombly *and* Iqbal, 51 WM. & MARY L. REV. 1997 (2010).

Disaster-Specific Mechanisms for Consolidation, 82 TULANE L. REV. 2423 (2008) (symposium).

Event Jurisdiction and Protective Coordination: Lessons from the September 11th Litigation, 81 S. CAL. L. REV. 199 (2008).

Dependence, Identity, and Abortion Politics, 1 N.Y.U. J. L. & LIBERTY 1108 (2006).

Note, *Secrets and Spies: Extraterritorial Application of the Economic Espionage Act and the TRIPS Agreement*, 78 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1475 (2003).

Shorter Works

Taking Notice and Service of Process Digital (book chapter) in DIGITALIZATION AS A CHALLENGE FOR JUSTICE AND ADMINISTRATION (Markus Ludwigs et al., eds.) (Würzburg University Press, 2022).

Taking Law School Musicals Seriously (book chapter) in THE LAW OF *HAMILTON*: AN AMERICAN MUSICAL (Lisa A. Tucker, ed.) (Cornell University Press, 2020).

Notice and the Narratives of Court Access (book chapter) in A CRITICAL GUIDE TO CIVIL PROCEDURE (2021).

Doctrinal Redundancy and the Two Paradoxes of Personal Jurisdiction, 88 FORDHAM L. REV. ONLINE 117 (2019).

Contracting Around the Hague Service Convention, 53 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. ONLINE 53 (2019) (with John Coyle and Maggie Gardner).

Solving the Nonresident Alien Due Process Paradox, 116 MICH. L. REV. ONLINE 123 (2018).

Trial and Appellate Judging in the Measure of Judicial Responsiveness, 64 FLA. L. REV. F. 1 (2013) (response to Chad Oldfather, et al., *Triangulating Judicial Responsiveness: Automated Content Analysis, Judicial Opinions, and the Methodology of Legal Scholarship*, 64 FLA. L. REV. 1189 (2012)).

The New Commonality: Rule 23(a)(2) After Wal-Mart v. Dukes, 18 Westlaw Class Action Journal 2 (2011).

Academic and Institutional Service

- American Law Institute (Elected Member, 2024 – present)
- AALS Civil Procedure Section (Executive Committee Member, 2016 – present; Section Chair, 2026)
- Co-Director: Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law at Brooklyn Law School
- Chair, Brooklyn Law School Appointments Committee (2022-2024)
- Chair, Brooklyn Law School Status Committee (tenure and promotion committee) (20242025)
- Other Professional Memberships: American Bar Foundation; American Society of International Law; Customs and International Trade

Other Media

Fighting the Grift: The Stubborn Creep of Bankruptcy as a Forum for Aggregate Litigation, JOTWELL comment available at https://courtslaw.jotwell.com/fighting-the-grift-the-stubborncreep-of-bankruptcy-as-a-forum-for-aggregate-litigation/

"Day-In-Court Theater" in Eviction Court, JOTWELL comment available at https://courtslaw.jotwell.com/day-in-court-theater-in-eviction-court/

#GETYOUR$$NOW!: A New Plan for Class Action Notice and Administration, JOTWELL comment available at https://courtslaw.jotwell.com/getyournow-a-new-plan-for-class-actionnotice-and-administration/

Op-Ed, *COVID-19's Hidden Legal Crisis for Small Businesses*, New York Law Journal (online edition), April 17, 2020.

Discovery and the Limits of Transsubstantivity, JOTWELL comment available at https://courtslaw.jotwell.com/discovery-and-the-limits-of-transsubstantivity/

Op-Ed, *The Procedural is Political*, New York Law Journal, September 11, 2019.

Lies, Dating, Lies, and Small Claims Court, JOTWELL comment available at https://courtslaw.jotwell.com/lies-dating-lies-and-small-claims-court/

Hoping Justice Roberts Will Be the New "Centrist?" You Should Sweat the Small Stuff, New York Law Journal, August 29, 2018.

Precedent, Preclusion, and Participation, JOTWELL comment available at http://courtslaw.jotwell.com/precedent-preclusion-and-participation

Time to Say Goodbye to Forum Non Conveniens*?*, JOTWELL comment available at http://courtslaw.jotwell.com/time-to-say-goodbye-to-forum-non-conveniens/

Anti-Plaintiff Bias in the New Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, JOTWELL comment available at http://courtslaw.jotwell.com/anti-plaintiff-bias-in-the-new-federal-rules-of-civil-procedure/, *Federalism and Mass Tort Litigation*, JOTWELL comment available at http://courtslaw.jotwell.com/federalism-and-mass-tort-litigation/

Op-Ed, *Could* Wal-Mart *Reach Beyond Class Actions?* National Law Journal (online edition), June 30, 2011.

Guest Blogger, Prawfsblawg, http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg, February, 2010; July 2011

Co-Editor, Civil Procedure and Federal Courts Blog, http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/civpro/ for the Law Professor Blogs Network., August 2009 – present.

"Bradwell, Myra Colby", in *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers* (Thoemmes Press 2005).

Professional Experience

WEST LB Düsseldorf, Germany
Law Intern, April 2006- June 2006

JUDGE ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN New York, NY
U.S. DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
Law Clerk, 2004-2005 Term

CLEARY, GOTTLIEB, STEEN & HAMILTON New York, NY
Summer Associate Summers 2003 and 2004 Frankfurt, Germany

Selected Presentations (Invited Symposia and Workshops and Selections from Calls for Papers)

Panelist, AALS Annual Meeting, Conflicts of Law Section, *Consent after* Mallory*,* January 11, 2025.

Panelist, Federal Bar Council Fall Retreat, *Recent and Future Developments in Personal Jurisdiction*, October 19, 2024.

Moderator, AALS Annual Meeting, Civil Procedure Section, *Rule 24: The Power and Politics of Intervention,* January 5, 2024.

Panelist, Law and Society Annual Meeting, *Formal and Informal Change in Legal Systems*, July 15, 2022.

Cornell Law School Faculty Workshop, *The Long Arm of Consent*, April 29, 2022.

Presenter, Digitalisirung als Herausforderung für Justiz und Verwaltung, hosted by Universität Würzburg (Germany), March 22, 2022 (via Zoom), "Digitization of Notice and Service of Process."

Presenter, International Law Weekend (American Branch of the International Law Association): Rethinking the Service of Documents in Cross-Border Transactions, October 30, 2021.

Presenter, Brooklyn Law School Center for the Study of International Business Law: International Dispute Resolution at the Crossroads, October 8, 2021.

Presenter, Stetson Law Review Symposium: Civil Procedure Transformation After Fifteen Years of the Roberts Court, April 9, 2021.

Presenter, Alabama Law Review Symposium: Ten Years of the Supreme Court's Personal Jurisdiction Revival, March 5, 2021.

Pace Law School Faculty Workshop, *The Invisible Circumstances of Notice*, September 2, 2020.

Presenter, Civil Procedure "Unavailability Workshop" Hosted by Vanderbilt Law School, *New Perspectives on Joinder*, June 23, 2020.

Presenter, New York State Judicial Institute, CLE Program: *COVID-19 and Other Issues Impacting Dispute Resolution for Small Businesses*, June 11, 2020.

Presenter, Fordham School of Law, Symposium: The Judicial Power and U.S. Foreign Affairs, February 21, 2020.

Senior Commentator, 11th Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, September 6 - 7 2019.

Presenter, A Critical Guide to Civil Procedure, Boston University School of Law, May 8, 2019.

Presenter, Cardozo Law School, Symposium: Ten Years After *Iqbal*: Perspectives on Policy, Procedure, and Substance, Iqbal*'s Impact on Pleading Doctrine*, March 15, 2019.

Rutgers Law School (Newark) Faculty Workshop, *The Lost Story of Notice and Personal Jurisdiction*, January 31, 2019.

Presenter, NYU School of Law, MDL at 50: The 50th Anniversary of Multidistrict Litigation, *Jurisdiction and Choice of Law*, October 12, 2018.

Hofstra Law School Intellectual Property Colloquium, *Trade Secrets, Extraterritoriality, and Jurisdiction*, October 8, 2018.

University of Texas School of Law, Review of Litigation Symposium on Judicial Efficiency and Performance, *Is There a Judicial Obligation to Read?*, April 21, 2018

Notre Dame Law School Faculty Workshop, *Ousted: The New Dynamics of Privatized Procedure and Judicial Discretion*, October 31, 2017.

Implementing and Interpreting the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016, University of Missouri School of Law, *Domestic and International Impacts*, March 10, 2017.

Second Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, University of Washington, *Co-Management and CoInterpretation: Lessons from the Intersection of Judicial Discretion and Private Procedural Ordering*, July 15, 2016.

Hofstra University School of Law Faculty Workshop, *Judicial Discretion and Party Preference*, March 25, 2015.

Emory Law School Faculty Workshop, *Judicial Discretion and Party Preference*, March 4, 2015.

St. John's University School of Law Faculty Workshop, Atlantic Marine *and the Future of* Forum Non Conveniens, October 20, 2014.

Washington & Lee School of Law Faculty Workshop, Atlantic Marine *and the Future of* Forum Non Conveniens, September 29, 2014.

Atlantic Marine *and the Future of* Forum Non Conveniens, Hastings Law Journal Symposium: Forum Selection After *Atlantic Marine*, San Francisco, CA, September 19, 2014.

UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law Faculty Workshop, *Ex Ante Discovery*, April 7, 2014.

St. Louis University School of Law Faculty Workshop, *Ex Ante Discovery,* February 5, 2014.

Presenter, 2013 Branstetter New Voices in Civil Justice Workshop, Vanderbilt Law School, *Reason Gibing and Rule Making in Procedural Law,* May 7, 2013.

University of Kentucky Faculty Workshop, *Reason Giving and Rule Making in Procedural Law*, May 3, 2013.

Columbia Law School Legal Theory Workshop, *Reason Giving and Rule Making in Procedural Law*, March 4, 2013.

Presenter, Fifth Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, William and Mary Law School, *Reason Giving and Rule Making in Procedural Law,* October 26, 2012.
Presenter, Federal Courts Junior Faculty Conference, *Letting the Perfect Become the Enemy of the Good: The Relatedness Problem in Personal Jurisdiction*, Florida International University, February 3, 2012.

Presenter, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Section on Civil Procedure, *The Shadow Rules of Joinder*, January 5, 2012 (selected presentation from call for papers).

Case Western Reserve Law School Faculty Workshop, *The Shadow Rules of Joinder*, September 22, 2011.

Junior Faculty Federal Courts Conference, *The Plaintiff Neutrality Principle: Pleading Complex Litigation in the Era of Twombly and Iqbal*, October 23, 2009.

Disaster-Specific Mechanisms for Consolidation, Tulane Law Review Symposium: The Problem of Multi-District Litigation, New Orleans, LA, February 16, 2008.

Bar Admissions

New York State, Second Department March, 2005
United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces October, 2005

Professional Affiliations

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Conversant in German; proficient in written French and Spanish. Classically trained opera vocalist, lyric soprano. Soprano I, New York Choral Society, 200