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## **EDUCATION**

**YALE LAW SCHOOL**, New Haven, CT  
J.D., June 2003  
Activities: *Yale Journal of International Law*, Managing Editor  
Black Law Students Association, Treasurer

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**, New York, NY  
B.A., *magna cum laude*, English and American Literature, May 1997  
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa  
Sherborne Vernon Damerel Memorial Prize  
Arthur Schomburg Award for Excellence in the Humanities  
Founders' Day Award Recipient for Academic Excellence  
Department of English and American Literature Honors Program

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF LAW**, Champaign, IL, August 2008 – Present  
*Assistant Professor of Law and Richard W. and Marie L. Corman Scholar.*  
Courses: Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Administrative Law  
Committee Service: Career Services Committee, Lectures & Symposia Committee

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL**, Chicago, IL, 2006-2008  
*Bigelow Teaching Fellow & Lecturer in Law.*  
Courses: Legal Research & Writing, Civil Procedure: Theory and Practice (seminar)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Beyond Borders: Disassembling the State-Based Model of Federal Forum Fairness*, \_\_ CARDOZO  
LAW REVIEW \_\_ (forthcoming 2009).

*The Contract Clause in Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States*, edited by David S.  
Tanenhaus. Macmillan Reference, 2008.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Solace for the Injured: Decisional Legitimacy and the Preemption of State-Law Products  
Liability Claims.*

## **PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES**

*Moderator*, Federal Courts & Civil Procedure Workshop, Big Ten Aspiring Scholars Conference,  
University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL, August 3, 2009.

*Solace for the Injured: Decisional Legitimacy and the Preemption of State-Law Products Liability Claims*, University of Illinois College of Law Faculty Retreat, Champaign, IL, May 14, 2009.

*Solace for the Injured: Decisional Legitimacy and the Preemption of State-Law Products Liability Claims*, Midwestern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, The University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA, May 8, 2009.

*Solace for the Injured: Decisional Legitimacy and the Preemption of State-Law Products Liability Claims*, Faculty Workshop, Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, IN, May 1, 2009.

*Moderator*, Faculty Workshop, Illinois-Kent Colloquium, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL, October 24, 2008.

*Beyond Borders: Disassembling the State-Based Model of Federal Forum Fairness*, University of Chicago Law School, Legal Scholarship Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, May 8, 2007.

*Beyond Borders: Disassembling the State-Based Model of Federal Forum Fairness*, Midwestern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, St. Louis, MO, April 13, 2007.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**HON. GERALD B. TJOFLAT, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT**, Jacksonville, FL, 2005-2006.

*Law Clerk.*

Researched, drafted, and edited published opinions, attended oral arguments, assisted judge in analyzing various legal issues.

**CRAVATH, SWAINE & MOORE LLP**, New York, NY, Summer 2002, 2003-2005.

*Litigation Associate.*

Prepared, defended, and deposed domestic and foreign witnesses in New York State contract dispute. Corresponded daily with clients and opposing counsel regarding discovery requests, discovery response deadlines, and motion filing deadlines. Researched, drafted, and filed complaints, answers, motions to dismiss, and summary judgment motions. Drafted interrogatories and memoranda of law.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**, Washington, DC, Summer 2001.

*Summer Law Clerk, Criminal Division, Office of Special Investigations.*

Drafted section of brief in opposition to summary judgment motion in denaturalization suit against alleged Nazi war criminal living in the United States. Drafted legal memoranda analyzing various naturalization issues, including constitutional and statutory citizenship qualifications for nonmarital children born outside of the United States.

**MORGAN STANLEY**, New York, NY, 1997-2000.

*Senior Analyst, Investment Banking Division.*

Analyzed, structured, valued, and marketed equity and equity-linked securities. Analyzed strategic financing alternatives for, and assessed investor receptivity to, corporate and high net worth securities issuers.

**BAR ADMISSION**

Member, New York Bar, since 2004.