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## EMPLOYMENT

### **Fordham University School of Law**

Associate Professor, 2019 – present

### **The Honorable Ronald Lee Gilman**, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Law Clerk, 2012 – 2013

### **The Honorable William E. Smith**, United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island

Law Clerk, 2010 – 2011

### **Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP**, New York, NY

Litigation Associate, 2008 – 2010, 2011 – 2012

## EDUCATION

### **Princeton University**

Ph.D. in Politics, 2019

M.A. in Politics, 2016

Fields: American Politics, Formal & Quantitative Methods, Public Law

Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellow (awarded for “the highest scholarly excellence in graduate work”)

### **New York University School of Law**, LL.M., 2014

### **Boston University School of Law**, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2008

### **University of Chicago**, B.A. in Political Science, with honors, Phi Beta Kappa, 2004

## PUBLICATIONS

*Testing Political Antitrust* (with Nolan McCarty), 98 N.Y.U. LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2023)

*Measuring Follow-On Innovation* (with Janet Freilich), 52 RESEARCH POLICY (forthcoming 2023)

Reviewed by Laura Pedraza-Fariña, [How Do Patents Influence Cumulative Innovation?](#), JOTWELL (Jan. 24, 2023)

*Hard Cases Make Bad Law? A Theoretical Investigation*, 51 JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES 133 (2022)

*Coordination and Innovation in Judiciaries: Correct Law vs. Consistent Law* (with Charles Cameron and Mehdi Shadmehr), 17 QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE 61 (2022)

*The Fact-Law Distinction: Strategic Factfinding and Lawmaking in a Judicial Hierarchy*, 37 JOURNAL OF LAW, ECONOMICS, & ORGANIZATION 440 (2021)

*The Role of Courts in Technology Policy*, 61 JOURNAL OF LAW & ECONOMICS 37 (2018)

*Religion and Judging on the Federal Courts of Appeals* (with Lawrence Liu), 14 JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES 716 (2017)

*The Nirvana Fallacy in Fair Use Reform*, 16 MINNESOTA JOURNAL OF LAW, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY 273 (2015)

*The Design of Useful Article Exclusion: A Way Out of the Mess*, 57 JOURNAL OF THE COPYRIGHT SOCIETY OF THE U.S.A. 859 (2010)

Note, *Politics Under the Cover of Law: Can International Law Help Resolve the Iran Nuclear Crisis?*, 25 BOSTON UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 369 (2007)

## WORKING PAPERS

*When Hard Cases Make Bad Law*

Selected for presentation at the Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum 2022

*The Missing Element in Trademark Infringement* (with Maggie Wittlin)

*Anti-Intellectualism in American Intellectual Property*

*Lawyering and Dimension Selection* (with Deborah Beim)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (PAST AND FORTHCOMING)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2023, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2016
Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (IPSC)	2023, 2022, 2021
Junior Intellectual Property Scholars Association (JIPSA) Workshop	2023, 2022
NYU Tri-State Region IP Workshop	2023, 2022
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2023, 2018
Georgetown Law & Economics Workshop	2023
Geroge Mason Law & Economics Workshop	2023
The Patent Conference (PatCon)	2023
Cardozo Intellectual Property Colloquium	2023
AALS Annual Meeting	2023
Works in Progress for Intellectual Property (WIPIP) Scholars Colloquium	2023
SMU Dedman School of Law Faculty Forum	2023
Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum	2022
American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting	2022, 2020, 2019, 2017, 2016
Conference on Empirical Legal Studies	2022, 2016
NYU/ABA Next Generation of Antitrust Scholars Conference	2022
Copenhagen Money in Politics Conference	2022
Harvard/NYU/Penn Trademark and Unfair Competition Scholarship Roundtable	2022
Northwestern/Penn/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum on Law and STEM	2022
University of Virginia Law & Economics Workshop	2022
Boston University Law & Economics Workshop	2022
Annual Fordham Intellectual Property Conference	2022, 2021
Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics Annual Conference	2021, 2020
Law and Economic Theory Conference	2021, 2019
Michigan-USC-Virginia Law & Economics Workshop	2021
Strategy and the Business Environment Conference	2021
Cambridge-USC Virtual Antitrust Workshop	2021
Northwestern University Colloquium on Law and Economics	2020
NYU Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics	2019
University of Texas at Austin Law and Economics Seminar	2019
Emory Conference on Institutions and Law-Making (poster)	2019, 2018
Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting (poster)	2016

## **SELECTED HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, AND ACTIVITIES**

Selection for Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum, Harvard Law School, 2022  
Recognized as “Distinguished Referee” for “Outstanding Reports,” *Journal of Legal Studies*, 2022  
Honorable Mention, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section, 2020 (for *The Fact-Law Distinction*)  
Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellowship (awarded across all departments for “the highest scholarly excellence in graduate work”), Princeton University, 2018  
National Science Foundation Conference Grant for *Strategic Abstention* (with Asya Magazinnik), 2016  
Center for Information Technology Policy Graduate Scholarship Award, Princeton University, 2014  
Mamdouha Bobst Global Scholarship, New York University School of Law, 2013  
First Prize, Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition (for papers on copyright law), Boston University, 2008  
Editor in Chief, *Boston University International Law Journal*, 2007-2008  
Edward F. Hennessey Scholar (top ten percent in class), Boston University School of Law, 2007-2008  
President, Boston University School of Law International Law Society, 2006-2007  
Paul J. Liacos Distinguished Scholar (top four percent in class), Boston University School of Law, 2006-2007  
School of Law Scholarship, Boston University School of Law, 2005-2008

## **SELECTED TEACHING**

Civil Procedure (Fordham, 2020–present); Intellectual Property (Fordham, 2019–present); Math for Political Science (preceptor for graduate course, Princeton, 2017); American Politics (preceptor for undergraduate course, Princeton, 2016)

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York (2009), Massachusetts (2009), S.D.N.Y. (2010), Sixth Circuit (2013)

## **SERVICE**

Lead Organizer, Junior Intellectual Property Scholars Association Summer Workshop (2023)  
Area Organizer, American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting (2023)  
Program Selection Committee, Law and Economic Theory Conference (2022)  
Scholarship & Colloquia Committee, Fordham Law School (2019–present)  
Cofounder, Juniors’ Roundtable, Fordham Law School (2019–present)  
U.S. News Working Group, Fordham Law School (2021–present)  
Faculty Advisor, Fordham Muslim Law Students Association (2020–present)

## **REFeree SERVICE**

*American Law and Economics Review*; *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*; *Journal of Law and Courts*; *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*; *Journal of Legal Studies*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Yale Law Journal*

## **MEMBERSHIPS (SOMETIMES LAPSING)**

American Bar Association; American Law and Economics Association; American Political Science Association; Junior Intellectual Property Scholars Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Society for Empirical Legal Studies; Society for Political Methodology