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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

SMU Dedman School of Law 2025-present
Assistant Professor of Law
Courses: Evidence
Criminal Law

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School 2023-2025
Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice
Research Fellow

University of Baltimore School of Law Spring 2022, Spring 2023
Adjunct Professor of Law
Courses: Constitutional Criminal Procedure I (investigations)
Introduction to Advocacy (1L)

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Spring 2015, Fall 2023
Adjunct Professor of Law
Courses: Criminal Procedure I (investigations)
Written and Oral Advocacy (1L)

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

The Safety Valve Trap for Families, Federal Sentencing Reporter (invited contribution)
(forthcoming 2025)

The Fourth Amendment's Hidden Intrusion Doctrine, 111 VA. L. REV. (forthcoming 2025)

Reevaluating Felon-in-Possession Laws After Bruen and the War on Drugs, 15 U.C. IRVINE L. REV.
(forthcoming 2025)

The Ties that Shackle (work in progress)

AI Personal Assistants as Evidence in Criminal Cases (work in progress)

[*Federal Time*](#), Inquest: A decarceral brainstorm (Aug. 11, 2022) (with K. Givens and M. Carter)

SELECTED WORKSHOPS, GUEST LECTURES, AND AMICUS BRIEFS

AI Personal Assistants as Evidence in Criminal Cases
CrimFest, July 2025

Examining Holistic Defense: The Challenges and Benefits of Expanding Defenders' Role
Moderator, Quattrone Center Symposium, May 13, 2025

Amicus Brief on Behalf of the Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice
Farella v. Anglin, No. 24-2914 (8th Cir.) (2025)

Evolving Evidence: Technology's Transformation of Criminal Procedure
Moderator, University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law Symposium,
January 31, 2025

The Ties that Shackle
Decarceration Law Professors workshop, June 2025
Junior Criminal Law Scholars Writing Group, April 2025
Plea Bargaining Institute Spring Workshop, April 2025
Northeastern University School of Law Junior Scholars Conference, February 2025
CrimFest, July 2024

The Fourth Amendment's Hidden Intrusion Doctrine
Junior Criminal Law Scholars Writing Group, April 2024
Decarceration Law Professors workshop, June 2024

Reevaluating Felon-in-Possession Laws After Bruen and the War on Drugs
UVA Gun Violence and Second Amendment Colloquium, September 2024
Faculty Workshop, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, February 2024
AALS/ABA Criminal Section Academics Committee Workshop, November 2023
NYU Academic Careers Program Workshop, April 2023
Quattrone Center Affiliated Faculty Presentation, February 2023

Criminal Justice Reform: A Systems Approach (indigent defense and community supervision)
University of Pennsylvania (undergraduate), February 2024

Professional Responsibility (wellness in the legal profession)
Penn Carey Law School, Fall 2023, Fall 2024

Practical Constraints on Access to Medical Care in Jail and Prison
Cleveland Clinic Learner College of Medicine, 2022, 2023

Criminal Law (conspiracy)
University of Baltimore School of Law, Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Introduction to Federal Criminal Defense
Baltimore Public Interest Summer Intern Brown Bag Series, Summer 2020, 2021, 2022

The Intersection Between Federal and State Criminal Cases

Anne Arundel County Office of the Public Defender, 2019
Baltimore County Office of the Public Defender, 2018

EDUCATION

J.D. New York University School of Law, *cum laude* 2009
Juvenile Defender Clinic
Children's Rights Clinic
Moot Court Board, Executive Board (2008), Co-Editor, Immigration Law Competition,
Competitions Team (2007)
Teaching Assistant, The Administrative and Regulatory State

A.B. Princeton University, *summa cum laude* 2005
Major: School of Public and International Affairs
R.W. van de Velde Award (for outstanding junior independent research paper)
Janet M. McCartney Scholar (for best senior thesis on education policy)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the Federal Public Defender, Baltimore, MD, 2015-2023
Ethics Advisor, 2022-2023
Internship Coordinator, 2019-2023

Brown, Goldstein, & Levy, LLP, Baltimore, MD 2010-2015

The Honorable Frank Maas, United States District Court for the S.D.N.Y. 2009-2010
Law Clerk

Legal Aid Society Juvenile Rights Practice, New York, NY 2008-2009
Juvenile Defender Clinic Student Advocate

Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans, New York, NY 2005-2006
Program Assistant, Princeton Project 55 Fellow

OTHER

Board Member, Homeless Persons Representation Project (2014-2024, Secretary 2016-2024)

Super Lawyers Rising Star 2014, 2015

Bar admissions: Maryland (2009), United States District Court for the District of Maryland (2009), United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2010)

Member, Rule Day Law Club

Member, Riveters Law Club