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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX

Assistant Professor of Law, 2024–present

Courses: Copyright; Contracts; Intellectual Property Survey; Selected Topics in IP

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Graduate Program Fellow, 2017–23

Teaching Fellow, Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis

Teaching Fellow, IP & Technology Writing Workshop

Fellow, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society

Fellow, Harvard Project on the Foundations of Private Law

Teaching Fellow, Copyright–X, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.), 2024

Dissertation: *History, Custom, and Procedure: Essays on Copyright Policy*

Committee: William Fisher, Rebecca Tushnet

Honors: Irving Oberman Memorial Prize (best paper in intellectual property law)

Foundations of Private Law Prize (best paper on a subject related to private law)

Summer Academic Fellowship (two–time recipient)

Harvard Law School, Master of Laws (LL.M.), 2017 (degree waived)

Honors: Dean’s Scholar Prize, Constitutional Law

Dean’s Scholar Prize, International Commercial Arbitration

Summer Academic Fellowship

Tel Aviv University, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), *magna cum laude*, 2014

Honors: Best Student Paper Prize, 2014 (co–recipient)

Merit–Based Scholarship

Memorial Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Dean’s List

Accelerated Program for Outstanding Students

Activities: Articles Editor, Tel Aviv University Law Review

Associate Editor, *LGBTQ LAW IN ISRAEL* (Sacher Institute Press, 2016)

PUBLICATIONS

Copyright as Intuition

MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW __ (forthcoming 2026)

- Selected for the AALS Intellectual Property Section’s New Voices in IP Panel

Copyright’s Dominion

100 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 443 (2025)

Infringement Episodes

97 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1029 (2024)

Commercializing Copyright

65 BOSTON COLLEGE LAW REVIEW 453 (2024)

- “Recommended” by Professor Lawrence Solum on the Legal Theory Blog (Apr. 3, 2024) ([link](#))
- Featured on the Private Law Theory Blog (Mar. 13, 2024) ([link](#))

The Folklore of Copyright Procedure

36 HARVARD JOURNAL OF LAW & TECHNOLOGY 61 (2023)

- Selected as one of the best intellectual property articles of 2023 (reprinted in INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW by Thomson Reuters/West)
- Winner, Irving Oberman Memorial Prize in Intellectual Property, Harvard Law School
- Featured on the Media Law Prof Blog (Aug. 16, 2022) ([link](#))

The Copyright Wasteland

47 BYU LAW REVIEW 1721 (2022)

- Winner, Project on the Foundations of Private Law Prize, Harvard Law School
- Selected as one of “the most important and timely articles on computers, technology, and the law” of 2022 by the Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal

Fairness, Copyright, and Video Games: Hate the Game, Not the Player

31 FORDHAM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT LAW JOURNAL 694 (2021)

- Cited in a submission to the U.S. Federal Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Bodas de Sangre: Reflections on Family, Privacy, and the Right to Protest

39 THE LAW: HUMAN RIGHTS 4 (2015) (with Aeyal Gross) (in Hebrew)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Intellectual Property and the Public

Halfway Copyrights

Intellectual Property Hierarchy

MEDIA COMMENTARY

Quoted in *‘Dungeons & Dragons’ Uproar Shows Risks of Tighter IP Licensing*, BLOOMBERG LAW (2023)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

Copyright as Intuition

Texas A&M, IP Symposium, Mar. 2026 (scheduled)

Boston University, Works-in-Progress IP Colloquium, Feb. 2026 (scheduled)

AALS Annual Meeting, Emerging Voices in IP, Jan. 2026

New York Law School, Junior IP Scholars Association Annual Workshop, Dec. 2025
Richmond Law School, Oct. 2025
Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, Annual IP Symposium, Sept. 2025

Panelist, Panel on Recent Developments in Entertainment Law

Annual IP Symposium, SMU Dedman School of Law, Feb. 2026

Moderator, Panel on Fashion Law and IP

Annual IP Symposium, SMU Dedman School of Law, Feb. 2025

Commentator, Niel W. Netanel, The EU Press Publishers' Right: A Failed Migration?

Texas L. Rev. Symposium, The Politics of IP, University of Texas School of Law, Jan. 2025

Copyright's Dominion

UNLV School of Law, Works in Progress for IP Scholars Colloquium, Jan. 2025

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Nov. 2024

SMU Dedman School of Law, Junior Faculty Workshop, Sept. 2024

Berkeley School of Law, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Aug. 2024

Commercializing Copyright

Boston University School of Law, IP Workshop, Feb. 2024

SMU Dedman School of Law, Nov. 2023

Cornell Law School, Nov. 2023

University of Wisconsin Law School, Oct. 2023

Harvard Law School, Art of the Response Paper Workshop, Sept. 2023

Harvard Law School, Copyright-X Summit, Jun. 2023

Infringement Episodes

Harvard Law School, Art of the Response Paper Workshop, Sept. 2022

The Folklore of Copyright Procedure

Harvard Law School, S.J.D. Colloquium, Dec. 2022

UC Davis School of Law, Oct. 2022

University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, Oct. 2022

Harvard Law School, Intellectual Property Writing Group, Mar. 2022

Cardozo Law School, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Aug. 2021

The Copyright Wasteland

Harvard Law School, Intellectual Property Writing Group, Mar. 2021

Stanford Law School, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Jul. 2020

Fairness, Copyright, and Video Games

Harvard Law School, S.J.D. Colloquium, Oct. 2020

Tel Aviv University, Israeli Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Sept. 2019

Taking a Cue from the People: Social Norms and Copyright Law

Tel Aviv University, Feb. 2014

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Chair, Junior Faculty Writing Workshop (2025–26)

Teaching Committee (2025–26)

Endowed Lecturers and Faculty Forum (2024–26)

Faculty Secretary (2024–25)

Co-organizer, 2026 Tsai Center Annual Summit: Intellectual Property, SMU Dedman School of Law (Jun. 2026) (scheduled)

Co-organizer, 21st Annual Symposium on Emerging Issues in Intellectual Property, SMU Dedman School of Law (Feb. 2025)

Student Life Service

Panelist, SMU Law IP Student Organization Panel, Oct. 2024

SMU Law Inn of Court Faculty Adviser (2024–25)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SMU Dedman School of Law

Contracts, Fall 2025

Copyright, Fall 2024; Spring 2026

Intellectual Property Survey, Spring 2025

Selected Topics in IP, Fall 2025

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Teaching Fellow, Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis, 2023

Teaching Fellow, IP & Technology Writing Workshop, 2020–2023

Teaching Fellow, Copyright–X, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, 2017–18

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Tadmor & Co., Tel Aviv, Israel

Associate and Clerk, 2014–16

Tel Aviv University Law School, Tel Aviv, Israel

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Jewish Law, 2015

Research Assistant to Professor Aeyal Gross, 2013–15

Research Assistant to Professor Leora Bilsky, 2012–14

Bar Ilan University Faculty of Law, Ramat Gan, Israel

Teaching Assistant, Law and Society, 2014–15