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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX 2024 – present
Assistant Professor of Law
Courses: Contracts; Copyright; Intellectual Property Survey; Selected Topics in Intellectual Property

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 2017–23
Graduate Program Fellow
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 W. 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 (three-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

111 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 Prof. Larry 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
- Cited in 5 NIMMER ON COPYRIGHT § 20.05 (Matthew Bender ed. 2026)
- 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

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Intellectual Property’s 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

Intellectual Property’s Public

Stanford Law School, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Aug. 2026 (scheduled)

Tsai Center’s Annual Summit, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Jul. 2026 (scheduled)

Copyright as Intuition

Texas A&M, 50th Anniversary of the 1976 Copyright Act Symposium, Mar. 2026

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

Executive Committee, SMU Dedman School of Law (2026–27)

Chair, Junior Faculty Workshop, SMU Dedman School of Law (2025–26)

Teaching Committee, SMU Dedman School of Law (2025–26)

Endowed Lecturers and Faculty Forum, SMU Dedman School of Law (2024–27)

Faculty Secretary, SMU Dedman School of Law (2024–25)

Faculty Advisor, 1L Inn of Court, SMU Dedman School of Law (2024–25)

Co-organizer, 2026 Tsai Center Annual Summit: Intellectual Property, SMU Dedman School of Law (Jul. 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 Moderator (2024)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SMU Dedman School of Law

Contracts, Fall 2025; Fall 2026

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, Fall 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