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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

Professor of Law, August 2021 –

Associate Professor (with tenure), 2018–2021

- Associate Dean for Scholarship (2022–2024)
- Invited to Deliver Provost’s Distinguished Lecture (2023)
- Recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award (2022)
- Recipient of the Edwin A. Mooers Faculty Scholarship Award (2019; 2022)

Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA

Associate Professor, July 2014 – June 2018 (tenured 2017)

- Director of Faculty Scholarship and Research (July 2017 – June 2018)
- Recipient of the Cornelius J. Moynihan Teaching Award (2016)

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, New Orleans, LA

Assistant Professor, August 2011 – December 2013

Visiting Professorships

- University of Sydney (2018); UC Davis School of Law (2017); Brooklyn Law School (2014)

Courses Taught: Banking Law; Securities Regulation; Business Associations; Corporate Finance; Regulation of Financial Institutions (seminar); Principles of Financial Regulation (intensive course); International Financial Regulation (intensive course); Corporate Innovation and Regulation (intensive course)

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Master of Laws in Securities and Financial Regulation, with distinction, 2010

- GPA: 4.0/4.0, Dean’s List
- Ranked 1st in class at graduation; received the Thomas Bradbury Chetwood, S.J. plaque for achieving the highest academic average in Securities and Financial Regulation

University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Bachelor of Laws, with first class honors (highest honors), 2003

- Ranked 9th out of 236 students at graduation
- Recipient, International Exchange Scholarship (at Duke Law School), 2002

Bachelor of Arts, 2001

- Double major in Government and English Literature

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Shearman & Sterling LLP (now A&O Shearman), New York, NY
Associate, Financial Institutions Advisory & Financial Regulatory Group, November 2010 – May 2011
Associate, Finance Group, May 2006 – June 2009; June 2010 – November 2010

Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, Washington, DC
January 2010 – May 2010

Blake Dawson Waldron (now Ashurst), Sydney, Australia
Lawyer, Financial Services Group, November 2004 – April 2006
Graduate, Financial Services and Technology Groups, October 2003 – November 2004

Clifford Chance, London, United Kingdom
Information Paralegal, Finance and Capital Markets Group, January 2003 – July 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Book Chapters

Regulating the Use of Financial Technologies in an Era of Polarization: A Case Study of the SEC and Crypto in REGULATION IN A TURBULENT ERA (Cary Coglianese & Daniel Walters eds.) Edward Elgar (forthcoming, 2024)

DRIVERLESS FINANCE: FINTECH'S IMPACT ON FINANCIAL STABILITY,
Oxford University Press (2022)

- Chinese edition published 2024

Academic Articles

Regulatory Sandboxes, One Decade On, forthcoming Geo. J. Int'l L (invited submission)

Fintech and Techno-Solutionism, forthcoming 98 S. Cal. L. Rev. (2025)

Interest Rates, Venture Capital, and Financial Stability, forthcoming U. Ill. L. Rev. (2025) (invited submission)

Digital Bank Holidays, 41 Yale J. Reg. 856 (2024) (invited submission)

Reinventing Operational Risk Regulation for a World of Climate Change, Cyberattacks, and Tech Glitches, 49 J. Corp. L. 727 (2024)

Regulating Fintech: A Harm Focused Approach, 52 Computer L. & Security. Rev. 105910 (2024) (invited submission; peer reviewed)

Regulatory Managerialism and Failures of Inaction: A Case Study of Bank Regulation and Climate Change, 86 *Law & Contemp. Probs.* 71 (2023) (invited submission)

Regulatory Innovation and Permission to Fail: The Case of Suptech, 19 *N.Y.U. J. L. & Bus.* 237 (2023)

DeFi: Shadow Banking 2.0?, 64 *Wm. & Mary L. Rev.* 919 (2023) (invited submission)

- Reprinted in the *Securities Law Review* 2024

Resurrecting the OFR, 47 *J. Corp. L.* 1 (2021)

Payments Failure, 62 *B.C. L. Rev.* 453 (2021)

Experimental Strategies for Regulating Fintech, 3 *J. L. & Innovation* 1 (2020) (invited submission)

Driverless Finance, 10 *Harv. Bus. L. Rev.* 157 (2020)

Sandbox Boundaries, 22 *Vand. J. Ent. & Tech. L.* 299 (2020) (invited submission)

Regulatory Sandboxes, 87 *Geo. Wash. L. Rev.* 579 (2019)

The SEC as Financial Stability Regulator, 43 *J. Corp. L.* 715 (2018)

- Reprinted in the *Corporate Practice Commentator* (Vol. 60(4) (2019))

\$ = € = Bitcoin?, 76 *Md. L. Rev.* 877 (2017)

Financial Stability Regulation as Indirect Investor/Consumer Protection Regulation: Implications for Regulatory Mandates and Structure, 90 *Tul. L. Rev.* 1113 (2016) (invited submission)

Putting the “Financial Stability” In Financial Stability Oversight Council, 76 *Ohio St. L. J.* 1087 (2015)

- Reprinted in the *Corporate Practice Commentator* (Vol. 58(2) (2016))

The Pathologies of Banking Business As Usual, 17 *U. Pa. J. Bus. L.* 861 (2015)

What is “Financial Stability”? The Need for Some Common Language in International Financial Regulation, 45 *Geo. J. Int’l L.* 929 (2014) (invited submission)

A New Philosophy for Financial Stability Regulation, 45 *Loy. U. Chi. L.J.* 173 (2013)

Let’s Talk About Tax: Fixing Bank Incentives to Sabotage Stability, 18 *Ford. J. Corp. & Fin. L.* 821 (2013)

Cocos Can Drive Markets Cuckoo, 16 *Lewis & Clark L. Rev.* 125 (2012)

Money Market Fund Reform Viewed Through a Systemic Risk Lens, 11 J. Bus. & Sec. L. 87 (2010).

Congressional Testimony

Testimony before the Michigan Senate Oversight Committee on DOGE and risks to complex payment systems (Mar. 19, 2025)

Testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, Hearing on *Next Generation Infrastructure: How Tokenization of Real-World Assets Will Facilitate Efficient Markets* (Jun. 5, 2024)

Testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, Hearing on *The Future of Digital Assets: Identifying the Regulatory Gaps in Digital Asset Market Structure* (Apr. 27, 2023)

Testimony before the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Hearing on *Crypto Crash: Why the FTX Bubble Burst and the Harm to Consumers* (Dec. 14, 2022)

Testimony before the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Hearing on *Stablecoins: How Do They Work, How Are They Used, and What Are Their Risks?* (Dec. 14, 2021)

Testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions, Hearing on *Addressing Climate as a Systemic Risk: The Need to Build Resilience within Our Banking and Financial System* (Jun. 30, 2021)

SELECT RECENT SHORT PUBLICATIONS, PODCASTS, AND MEDIA

- *How Congress Can Stop the Looming Crypto Disaster*, JustSecurity, 05/07/2025 (with Graham Steele)
- *Donald Trump's crypto embrace is a threat to Wall Street*, Financial Times, 03/06/2025
- *The hidden world behind your new "banking" app*, Planet Money, 8/16/2024
- *The dark side of tokenization*, Financial Times, 06/18/2024
- *The SEC cannot sacrifice citizens on the altar of private sector innovation*, The Hill, 07/18/2023
- *Congress should stop trying to make crypto happen*, Financial Times, 06/09/2023
- *The Case for Banning Crypto*, Foreign Affairs, 04/05/2023
- *Beware the proposed US crypto regulation — it may be a Trojan horse*, Financial Times, 11/17/2022

- *The merge didn't fix ethereum*, Financial Times, 10/19/2022
- *The Superficial Allure of Crypto*, IMF Finance & Development (F&D), 09/2022
- *We're asking the wrong questions about stablecoins*, Financial Times, 05/25/2022

Quotes frequently appear in press outlets including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg, Financial Times, Washington Post, Politico, Reuters, and the Associated Press. Radio and television appearances include NPR's Morning Edition, Marketplace News, Yahoo Finance, CNBC, BBC World Service news, and Al-Jazeera news.

SAMPLE OF RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, *Supervision in a Digital World*, WorldBank & IMF 24th Annual International Conference on Policy Changes for the Financial Sector, Washington DC (June 13, 2025)
- Panelist, *Stablecoins & VRCA: Risks & Regulation; Tokenization & Securities: Investment Perspectives*, Canadian Securities Association Financial Innovation Hub Conference Event, Vancouver, BC, Canada (May 26, 2025)
- Panelist, *The Future of Tokenization*, SEC Crypto Task Force Roundtable – Tokenization: Moving Assets On-Chain, Washington, DC (May 12, 2025)
- Speaker, *Crypto debate: cryptocurrencies are back, but what is the future of this device technology under a new US administration?*, Financial Times Weekend Festival, Washington, DC (May 10, 2025)
- Presenter, *There's a blockchain for that*, Princeton DeCenter Blockchain Law and Regulation Workshop, Princeton, NJ (April 17, 2025)
- Panelist, *The Benefits, Costs, and Uses of AI in the Financial Industry*, SEC AI Roundtable, Washington, DC (March 27, 2025)
- Presenter, *Fintech and Techno-Solutionism*, Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand (November 25, 2024)
- Panelist, *AI and Investor Protection*, IOSCO Committee 8 on Retail Investors - São Paulo Meeting 2024, Sao Paulo, Brazil (via Zoom) (November 22, 2024)
- Panelist, *Next Gen Finance Through Real-World Asset Tokenization*, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Eighth Annual Fintech Conference, Philadelphia, PA (October 23, 2024)
- Presenter, *Fintech and Techno-Solutionism*, Faculty Workshop at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL (October 7, 2024)
- Panelist, *The AI Effect on Financial Services*, Consumer Bankers Association Summit, McLean, VA (September 30, 2024)
- Presenter, *Tokenisation: Beyond the Hype*, Financial Conduct Authority TechKnows Session, London, UK (via Zoom) (September 5, 2024)
- Panelist, *AI and Systemic Risk*, FSOC Artificial Intelligence and Financial Stability Conference (co-hosted by Brookings and the Treasury Department), Washington, DC (June 6, 2024)
- Panelist, *House Democratic Member-Level Briefing re: H.R. 4763, the "Financial Innovation and Technology for the 21st Century Act"* (via Zoom) (May 20, 2024)

- Panelist, *Artificial Intelligence in Client Services*, 2024 NASAA Spring Meeting and Public Policy Symposium (May 7, 2024)
- Discussant, *Social Media as a Bank Run Catalyst*, Workshop on Banking Turmoil and Regulatory Reform, IESE Banking Initiative, Barcelona, Spain (April 18, 2024)
- Presenter, *Digital Bank Holidays*, Wharton Financial Regulation Conference, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (April 5, 2024)
- Presenter, *Digital Bank Holidays*, Yale Journal on Regulation Symposium on Silicon Valley Bank, New Haven, CT (April 4, 2024)
- Presenter, *Interest Rates, Venture Capital, and Financial Stability*, Illinois Law Review Symposium on Law, Venture Capital, and the Future of Banking in Silicon Valley, Urbana-Champaign, IL (March 29, 2024)
- Panelist, *Banking Panics and Financial Crises*, University of Michigan Law School Conference on the International Law of Money, Ann Arbor, MI (March 22, 2024)
- Discussant, *Sandbox Procedures*, Consumer Law Scholars Conference, UC Berkeley Law School, Berkeley, CA (March 1, 2024).
- Presenter, *Digital Assets*, APEC Finance Ministers Meeting, San Francisco, CA (November 13, 2023)
- Presenter, *The Future of Banking: Opportunities and Challenges in a New Era of Finance*, Conference on Financial Stability, Banco de Portugal Departamento de Estabilidade Financeira, Lisbon, Portugal (October 2, 2023)
- Presenter, *Migration of Risk within the Financial Sector*, Financial Services Forum Policy Summit (September 26, 2023)
- Panelist, *The Future of Payments, Cryptocurrencies, and Stablecoins*, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Seventh Annual Fintech Conference, Philadelphia, PA (September 7, 2023)
- Presenter, *Understanding Crypto*, 2023 Public Pension Funding Forum, Chicago, IL (August 20, 2023)
- Presenter, *Reinventing Operational Risk Regulation*, Reserve Bank of Australia, Sydney, Australia (August 9, 2023)
- Panelist, *Panel on the Future of Crypto*, 22nd BIS Annual Conference, Basel, Switzerland (June 23, 2023)
- Panelist/Discussant, *How Might Web3 Change the Financial System?*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Financial Markets Conference, Amelia Island, FL (May 16, 2023)
- Panelist, *Policy Perspectives: Road to Policy Consensus on Crypto Assets*, 2nd G20 Finance & Central Bank Deputies Meetings, Bangalore, India (February 23, 2023).

ACADEMIC/GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Frequently invited to share research and expertise with national and international regulatory bodies and central banks (including the Federal Reserve Board, SEC, CFTC,

FSOC, IMF, G20, IOSCO, Financial Stability Board, Bank for International Settlements, Bank of England, and Financial Conduct Authority (UK)) as well as Congressional offices.

Member of the Better Markets Academic Advisory Board (2025-)

Member of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Technology Advisory Committee (2023-2024)

Member of the European Systemic Risk Board's CryptoAsset Task Force (2022-2023)

AALS Section on Financial Institutions and Consumer Financial Services, Executive Committee Member (2015-16; 2019-23); Chair-Elect (2017); Chair (2018)

Occasional peer reviewer of articles for student-edited law journals (including the Yale, Stanford, and Penn law journals), the Journal of International Economic Law, the Journal of Financial Regulation, and the UNSW Law Journal. Occasional peer reviewer of book proposals and manuscripts for Cambridge University Press

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York, 2007

New South Wales, Australia, 2004 (inactive)