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Education

COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF LAW – New York, NY

J.D. 2001

Articles Editor of the *National Black Law Journal*, 2000-2001.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY – Cambridge, MA

A.B. *Magna Cum Laude* 1997

Honors: Alain LeRoy Locke Prize for graduating at the top of the Afro-American Studies Department, Harvard College Scholarship, John Harvard Scholarship, William Plummer French Prize, Cyrilly Abels Short Story Prize, David McCord Prize, Dean's List.

Work Experience

STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Tenured Professor of Law, Fall of 2011 to present.

- Taught Constitutional Law, Honors Colloquium, Constitutional Law II, Election Law, Corporate Governance, and Business Entities.
- Signatory to Supreme Court amicus briefs.
- Leroy Highbaugh Sr. Research Chair.
- Homer & Dolly Hand Award for Excellence in Faculty Research.
- Dickerson-Brown Award for or Excellence in Faculty Scholarship.

MERTZ GILMORE FOUNDATION

- Board of Directors, Member, Spring of 2014 to present.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON MONEY IN STATE POLITICS

- Board of Directors, Member, 2012 to 2016.

BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE AT NYU SCHOOL OF LAW

Fellow – August 2013 to present.

Counsel, Democracy Program - August 2005 to May 2011.

- Campaign Finance Regulation and Political Law:
 - Drafted campaign finance bills at local, state and federal level on public financing, contribution limits, disclosure rules for political expenditures, and pay-to-play regulations.
 - Analyzed the constitutionality of bills at the request of state and federal legislators.
 - Testified before Congress and state legislative committees regarding campaign finance bills.
 - Drafted *amicus* briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court on issues involving campaign finance laws and the First and Fourteenth Amendments.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Adjunct Professor of Constitutional Law in the Political Science Department, Fall 2010.

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ARNOLD & PORTER LLP, NEW YORK OFFICE

Associate - September 2001 to July 2005.

- Counsel for Brazil before the S.E.C. on numerous foreign sovereign debt offerings.
- General corporate work for banks and telecommunications firms including due diligence for mergers.

JUDGE MARIAN BLANK HORN

Judicial Clerk – Court of Federal Claims, Washington, DC - Summer 1999.

SENATOR RICHARD DURBIN

Legislative Correspondent – Washington, DC - April to August 1998.

SENATOR CHARLES S. ROBB

Staff Assistant – Washington, DC - September 1997 to April 1998.

Legal Volunteer Work

Corporate Reform Coalition, Head of Research Committee, Summer 2011 to present.

Member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York's (ABCNY) Civil Rights Committee, 2006-2009.

Professional Associations and Memberships

New York State Bar - Member in Good Standing.
District of Columbia Bar - Member in Good Standing.

Publications

Books

Political Brands (Elgar 2019).

Corporate Citizen? An Argument for the Separation of Corporation and State (Carolina 2016).

Law Review Articles & Reports

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *Deregulating Corruption*, 13 HARVARD LAW & POLICY REVIEW 471 (Summer 2019).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *From a Mint on a Hotel Pillow to an Emolument*, 70 MERCER L. REV. 705 (Spring 2019).

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Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *Dark Money as a Political Sovereignty Problem*, 28 (2) KINGS L.J. 239 (2017).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *Shooting Your Brand in the Foot: What Citizens United Invites*, 68 RUTGERS U. L. REV. 1295 (Spring 2016).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *Slaves to the Bottom Line: The Corporate Role in Slavery from Nuremberg to Now*, 46(1) STETSON L. REV. 167 (Fall 2016).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *A Locked iPhone; Unlocked Corporate Constitutional Rights*, 164 PENN L. REV. ONLINE 287 (2016).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *Corporate Democracy from Say on Pay to Say on Politics*, 30(2) CONSTITUTIONAL COMMENTARY 431 (Summer 2015).

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Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *The Democracy We Left Behind in Greece and McCutcheon*, 89 NYU L. REV. ONLINE 112 (2014).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *The SEC and Dark Political Money: An Historical Argument for Requiring Disclosure* (Corporate Reform Coalition Policy Paper 2013).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *Safeguarding Markets from Pernicious Pay to Play: A Model Explaining Why the SEC Regulates Money in Politics*, 12(2) CONNECTICUT PUBLIC INTEREST L. J. 361 (2012-2013).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *Taking Opt-In Rights Seriously: What Knox v. SEIU Could Mean for Post-Citizens United Shareholder Rights*, 74(1) MONTANA L. REV. 101 (2013).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *How Much Is an Ambassadorship? And the Tale of How Watergate Led to a Strong Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and a Weak Federal Election Campaign Act*, 16(1) CHAPMAN L. REV. 71 (Spring 2012).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *The \$500 Million Question: Are the Democratic and Republican Governors Associations Really State PACs Under Buckley's Major Purpose Test?*, 15 NYU J. OF LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY 485 (Spring 2012).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy & Kathy Fogel, *Shareholder-Authorized Corporate Political Spending in the United Kingdom*, 46 U. OF SAN FRANCISCO L. REV. 479 (Spring 2012).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *Has the Tide Turned in Favor of Disclosure? Revealing Money in Politics After Citizens United and Doe v. Reed*, 27 GA. ST. U. L. REV. 1057 (Summer 2011).

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *Hiding Behind the Tax Code, the Dark Election of 2010 and Why Tax-Exempt Entities Should Be Subject to Robust Federal Campaign Finance Disclosure Laws*, 16 NEXUS CHAPMAN'S JOURNAL OF LAW & PUBLIC POLICY 59 (2011).

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Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, *Corporate Campaign Spending: Giving Shareholders A Voice* (Brennan Center 2010).

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