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Current Position

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Program Fellow, Bankruptcy Project, July 2021-present

- Conduct independent research on bankruptcy law-related topics.
- Teach selected classes and answer student questions on class material. Develop new bankruptcy course materials, homework, presentations, and exam under the supervision of Professor Mark Roe.
- Serve as Managing Editor for the [Harvard Law School Bankruptcy Roundtable](#).

Education

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

J.D. *cum laude*, May 2016 (transferred from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law)

Activities: Research Assistant—Professor Mark Roe
 Member—Harvard Law School Bankruptcy Roundtable

Independent Study: General Counsel’s Office—Utah Transit Authority

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

B.A. in Economics-Philosophy, May 2010

Honors: Dean’s List—four semesters
Activities: Assistant Editor—*Columbia Policy Review*
 Study Abroad—University of Hong Kong

Teaching and Research Interests

Primary Interests: Bankruptcy; Civil Procedure; Contracts; Torts; Property
Secondary Interests: Corporations and Corporate Governance; Secured Transactions; Local Government Law; Law and Economic Development; Real Estate Transactions

Academic Publications and Works in Progress

Mass Tort Bankruptcy Goes Public (job talk paper)
“A Bitter Result”: *Purdue Pharma, a Sackler Bankruptcy Filing, and Improving Monetary and Nonmonetary Recoveries in Mass Tort Bankruptcies*, 96 AM. BANKR. L.J. 361 (2022) (peer reviewed)

- Featured on Ipse Dixit: A Podcast on Legal Scholarship
- [Featured on the Harvard Law School Bankruptcy Roundtable](#)

Distressed Districts, Option Value, and the Purposes of Public Bankruptcy (working draft) (with Lev Breydo)

Short Articles

[\[Texas Two-Step and the Future of Mass Tort Bankruptcy Series\] The Texas Two-Step: The Code Says it’s a Transfer](#), Harvard Law School Bankruptcy Roundtable (with Mark Roe)

Judicial Clerkship

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Law Clerk to Judge Michael E. Wiles, 2016-2017

Other Professional Experience

REED SMITH LLP | NEW YORK, NY

Associate, Feb. 2019-May 2021

- Represented newly formed cannabis financing REIT in connection with ~\$120 million financing of six facilities across multiple jurisdictions. Counseled on real estate issues for merger with another cannabis financing REIT. Served as outside general counsel, advising on all aspects of ownership, management, financing, tenant insolvency, and regulatory compliance.
- Advised on ~\$30 million purchase in bankruptcy of development parcel in Queens, New York.
- Advised on joint venture agreement and closed on multiple acquisitions as part of multi-billion-dollar opportunity zone development in New York City. Drafted comments to IRS and HUD on opportunity zone regulations.

CONTINENTAL REALTY CORPORATION | BOCA RATON, FL

Counsel for Family Business, Oct. 2018-Feb. 2019

- Assisted with legal and business issues faced by family real estate business.

GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER LLP | NEW YORK, NY

Associate, Nov. 2017-Oct. 2018

Summer Associate, Summer 2015

- Analyzed dozens of leases and joint venture agreements in connection with bankruptcy of national retailer to determine marketability of distressed leases.
- Represented landlords and investors on various real estate and real estate tax issues.

CONTINENTAL AMERICAS REGIONAL CENTER, LLC | SHANGHAI, CHINA; SINGAPORE

Co-founder and Director of International Development, 2010-2015

- Launched company to raise and deploy of foreign capital into two Louisiana mixed-use properties valued around \$100 million through the U.S. government's EB-5 investor program.
- Led team to create a Regulation D- and Regulation S-compliant fundraising strategy and obtain U.S. government designation as a "Regional Center."
- Opened and managed Shanghai and Singapore offices; continued duties part-time during law school.

Academic Presentations

"The Bankruptcy of Purdue Pharma" Guest Lecture at Howard University Law School (Fall 2022).

"Westinghouse Chapter 11 Issues," Guest Lecture at Villanova Law School (Spring 2021).

Professional Articles and Presentations

[Landlord Safeguards Against Distressed Cannabis Tenants](#), Law360 (co-authored).

[Ending Some State- and City-Level Opportunity Zone Tax Benefits in New York](#), Real Estate Legal Update (co-authored), subsequently reprinted in New York Law Journal.

Multiple client alerts regarding COVID-19 and real estate (sole author).

Lead Presenter, "Real Estate Bankruptcy Seminar," given for clients at a global bank (Spring 2021).

Bar Admission and Miscellaneous

New York State Bar—Third Department, admitted January 2017.

Languages: Proficient in Mandarin Chinese (HSK Level 4)

References

Academic References:

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