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Employment

University at Buffalo School of Law, Buffalo, NY
Professor of Skills, July 2023 – present

- Design and teach mandatory 1L courses focusing on legal analysis, objective writing, persuasive writing, legal research, and oral advocacy.
- Serve as Admissions Committee Co-Chair, Summer 2024 – present.
- Provide academic advisement to first-year law students.
- Coached trial team, Fall 2024.
- Courses taught: *Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research I; Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research II.*

United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of New York, Syracuse, NY
Assistant United States Attorney, Senior Litigation Counsel

Appeals Division, June 2017 – May 2023; Criminal Division, September 2015 – June 2017

- As an appellate AUSA, represented the United States in appeals arising from criminal prosecutions and civil litigation in the Northern District of New York. Authored approximately seventy-five appellate briefs and argued more than twenty cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, including one *en banc* argument.
- As a trial attorney in the Criminal Division, investigated and prosecuted crimes related to financial fraud, child exploitation, immigration, and controlled substances.
- As Senior Litigation Counsel, designed and coordinated attorney training and provided consultation and professional development for AUSAs in the Criminal and Civil Divisions.
- Hiring Committee Chair, 2019-2022; Law Student Internship Program Co-Coordinator, 2018-2022; Diversity Committee Member.

United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, New York, NY
Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Division, October 2010 – August 2015

- Initiated affirmative litigation and defended civil matters on behalf of the United States from investigation through appeal. Cases included financial fraud, health care fraud, civil rights, tax, bankruptcy, Freedom of Information Act, employment discrimination, constitutional, and tort matters.
- Extensive courtroom experience included jury trials involving the False Claims Act and the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act.

Bryan Cave LLP (now Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner), St. Louis, MO
Litigation Associate, September 2007 – July 2010

- Practiced in areas of intellectual property, class and derivative actions, and commercial litigation.
- Served as pro bono counsel to the St. Louis Public Schools Advisory Committee and individuals referred by legal services organizations.

Bedford/St. Martin's Publishing (now Macmillan), New York, NY
Associate Editor, April 2004-July 2004; *Editorial Assistant*, June 2002-April 2004

- Collaborated with academic authors to develop and revise college-level history and communications textbooks.

Education

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
J.D., Article and Note Editor, *Journal of Legislation and Public Policy*

Columbia University, Columbia College, New York, NY
B.A. in History, *cum laude*

Representative Briefs and Casework

Federal Appellate Briefs and Oral Arguments

- *United States v. Osuba*, No. 20-3322 (2d Cir.). Authored appellee brief and represented United States at oral argument. Associated decision: 67 F.4th 56 (2d Cir. 2023), *cert. denied*, 144 S. Ct. 577 (2024).
- *United States v. McCain*, No. 21-2982 (2d Cir.). Authored appellee brief and represented United States at oral argument. Associated decision: 2023 WL 2335332 (2d Cir. Mar. 3, 2023).
- *United States v. Weaver*, No. 18-1697 (2d Cir.). Authored appellee brief, petition for rehearing *en banc*, and *en banc* brief. Represented United States at oral argument before original three-judge panel and at rehearing before the court sitting *en banc*. Associated decision: 9 F.4th 129 (2d Cir. 2021).
- *Knope v. Garland*, No. 20-3274 (2d Cir.). Authored appellee brief. Associated decision: 2021 WL 5183536 (2d Cir. Nov. 9, 2021).
- *United States v. Lita*, No. 19-158(L) (2d Cir.). Authored appellee brief and represented United States at oral argument. Associated decision: 800 F. App'x 8 (2d Cir. 2020).
- *United States v. Caraher*, No. 18-511 (2d Cir.). Authored appellee brief. Associated decision: 973 F.3d 57 (2d Cir. 2020).

- *United States v. Conners*, No. 19-606 (2d Cir.). Authored appellee brief and represented United States at oral argument. Associated decision: 816 F. App'x 515 (2d Cir. 2020).
- *United States v. Griffin*, No. 16-4333 (2d Cir.). Authored appellee brief. Associated decision: 794 F. App'x 14, 15 (2d Cir. 2019).
- *United States v. Baker*, No. 16-2895 (2d Cir.). Authored appellee brief and represented United States at oral argument. Associated decision: 899 F.3d 123 (2d Cir. 2018).
- *Broxmeyer v. United States*, No. 15-1732 (2d Cir.). Authored appellee brief and represented United States at oral argument. Associated decision: 661 F. App'x 744 (2d Cir. 2016).
- *Gucci Am., Inc. v. Weixing Li*, No. 11-3934 (2d Cir.). Authored brief for United States as *amicus curiae* upon invitation from the Court. Associated decision: 768 F.3d 122 (2d Cir. 2014).

Federal Jury Trials

- *United States v. Griffin*, 15-cr-207 (N.D.N.Y.) (co-counsel). Seven-day mail/wire fraud and money laundering trial before Hon. Frederick J. Scullin, Jr. resulting in a guilty verdict and over \$2 million restitution. Associated decision: 794 F. App'x 14 (2d Cir. 2019).
- *United States v. Saavedra*, 11-cv-6425 (S.D.N.Y.) (lead co-counsel). Seven-day False Claims Act trial before Hon. Alvin K. Hellerstein resulting in finding of liability. Associated decision: 661 F. App'x 37 (2d Cir. 2016).
- *United States ex rel. O'Donnell v. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Bank of America, N.A., et al.*, 12-cv-1422 (S.D.N.Y.) (co-counsel). Twenty-two-day trial before Hon. Jed S. Rakoff. First case the U.S. Department of Justice tried under the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act and the first trial brought by DOJ against a major financial institution in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. Associated decisions: 88 F. Supp. 3d 494 (S.D.N.Y. 2014); 83 F. Supp. 3d 528 (S.D.N.Y. 2015); 822 F.3d 650 (2d Cir. 2016).

Amicus Briefs

- *State of New York ex rel. RD Litig. Assocs., LLC v. Amazon.com, Inc.*, Case No. 2023-04640 (N.Y. App. Div., 1st Dep't). Authored brief on behalf of the City of Rochester, New York as *amicus curiae* on the question whether the Supreme Court's rationale in *United States v. Mendoza*, 464 U.S. 154 (1984), which precludes non-mutual collateral estoppel claims against the federal government, extends to municipal governments. Associated decision: 2025 N.Y. Slip Op. 02174 (N.Y. App. Div. Apr. 15, 2025).

Other Publications

- “Drafting Licenses, Settlements Under *TransCore*,” Law360 (May 28, 2009) (co-author), <https://www.law360.com/articles/103823/drafting-licenses-settlements-under-transcore>

Presentations

- “The Editing Process: A Career-Long Gift” (presenter) Virtual Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop: Teaching Process in the Classroom and Bringing Awareness to Your Own Research and Writing Process, webcast (May 2, 2025)
- “The First Amendment and *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*” Led classes for twelfth graders at Kenmore East Senior High School as part of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York’s 125th Anniversary Civics Outreach Program (January 31, 2025)
- “Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiating Skills in the 1L Curriculum” (co-presenter) Empire State Legal Writing Conference, New York, NY (May 23, 2024)
- “Making Office Hours Effective and Equitable” (co-presenter) Empire State Legal Writing Conference, New York, NY (May 23, 2024)
- “The Intersection of State and Federal Law Regarding Sentencing” (panelist) Program hosted by the Second Circuit Judicial Council and the New York State-Federal Judicial Council, Syracuse, NY and webcast (April 22, 2021)
- “Public Interested: Federal & Government Legal Careers” (panelist) Program hosted by the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest’s Pro Bono Advisory Counsel and the Federal Bar Council, New York, NY (November 12, 2013)

Honors and Awards

- Director’s Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney - Appellate (2023)
- Director’s Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney - Civil (2016)
- Director’s Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney - Civil (2014)
- Commendation for Outstanding Performance in Support of the Activities of the Civil Rights Division (2014)
- Commendation for Outstanding Representation of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (2011)

Media Coverage

- Quoted in “Amazon, Other Retailers Test Tax Whistleblower Claims in N.Y.,” Bloomberg Law (March 19, 2025)

Professional Affiliations

- Legal Writing Institute, Member
- Bar Association of Erie County, Member

Admissions to Practice

- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- All courts of the State of New York