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Appointments

Columbia Law School

Academic Fellow, 2022–

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

Fellow in Law, Business, and Innovation, 2021–2022

Education

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy, 2021

Fields: Innovation Law & Policy; Law and Economics (with distinction)

Dissertation: “New Approaches to Old Questions in Intellectual Property”

J.D., 2014

Second-Year Distinction; Jurisprudence Award; Prosser Prize

Reed College

B.A., Political Science, 2008

Commendation for Excellence in Scholarship (2007; 2008)

Teaching Interests

Intellectual Property (IP Survey; Copyright; Patents; Trademarks) — Property — Contracts —
Innovation Law & Policy — Machine Learning and Law — Statistics for Lawyers — Corporations

Scholarship

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & INNOVATION

Do Patents Drive Investments in Software? (job talk paper)

118 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW ____ (2024)

Copyright and Economic Viability: Evidence from the Music Industry

17 JOURNAL OF EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES 696 (2020)

(with Kristelia García and Justin McCrary)

EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES

*Do Social Movements Spur Corporate Change? The Rise of
“MeToo Termination Rights” in CEO Contracts*

98 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 125 (2022)

(with Rachel Arnov-Richman and Steven Davidoff Solomon)

The Future or Fancy: An Empirical Study of Public Benefit Corporations

11 HARVARD BUSINESS LAW REVIEW 113 (2021)

(with Michael Dorff and Steven Davidoff Solomon)

Works in Progress

How Predictable is Patent Validity?

What’s a Patent Worth? Evidence from a Patent Term Extension (with Neel Sukhatme)

Predicting Certiorari (with Ilya Akdemir and Tejas Narechania)

Killer Acquisitions? Evidence from LinkedIn (with Matt Wansley and Sam Weinstein)

Presentations & Commentary

- 2023 PatCon, Northwestern
Munich Summer Institute
- 2022 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Virginia
Georgetown Law & Economics workshop
George Mason Law & Economics workshop
Canadian Law & Economics Association, Toronto
American Law & Economics Association, Columbia
Bay Area IP Works-in-Progress
Works-in-Progress in IP, Saint Louis University
- 2021 American Law & Economics Association (virtual)
Online Workshop on the Computational Analysis of Law
LEAP workshop, UC Berkeley
Corporate law workshop, CU Boulder
Works-in-Progress in IP (virtual)
- 2020 Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (virtual)
Faculty workshop, Florida Law

2019 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Claremont
Society for Economic Research on Copyright Issues, Montpellier
American Law & Economics Association, NYU

Teaching Experience

Instructor

Legal Research & Writing (LLM — fall 2022, fall 2023)

Introduction to Intellectual Property Law (LLM — spring 2022; with Molly Van Houweling)

Law & Economics Survey (Undergraduate — fall 2016; with Ben Chen)

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Intellectual Property Law (LLM — spring 2018, spring 2021)

Foundations of U.S. Law (LLM — spring 2018)

Introductory Statistics (JD/PhD — fall 2016)

Law & Economics Survey (Undergraduate — fall 2015)

Other

Corporate Finance Fundamentals (course designer & lecturer) (Executive Education — spring 2020, fall 2018)

Awards & Honors

Berkeley Center for Law & Business Research Fellowship (2018–21)

Law, Economics, and Politics Center Research Fellowship (2020)

Law & Economics Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2016)

Selznick Fellowship, UC Berkeley (2014)

Phi Beta Kappa (2008)

Service

Referee: *American Law & Economics Review*

Inaugural coordinator, Berkeley Law fellows workshop

Member, JSP faculty search committee

Coordinator, JSP internal colloquium

Special projects for the Dean's Office, Berkeley Law

Developed the law school's in-house model of U.S. News rankings

Work Experience

Independent consultant (2021–present)

Data analysis and statistics for securities litigation

Research Director, [Elections & Voting Information Center](#) (2008–11)

Personal

Citizenship: British; American

References

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