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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, CA
Associate Professor of Law, August 2024 – Present

- Courses Taught: Tax Policy Seminar (Fall 2025) and International Tax (Fall 2025)
- Courses Taught: Property Law (Spring 2025, Spring 2026)
- Courses Taught: Federal Income Taxation (Fall 2026) and Tax Policy Seminar (Fall 2026); Property Law (Spring 2027)
- Faculty Advisor for the Women's Law Association and the Black Law Student Association

Caruso Family Faculty Fellow, August 2022 – July 2024
Adjunct Professor – Federal Income Taxation, Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

- Courses Taught: Federal Income Taxation (Fall 2023, Spring 2023); Tax Policy Seminar (Spring 2024)

- Waves of Excellence in Teaching Award (2026)
- Waves of Excellence in Teaching Award (2023)
- Waves of Excellence in Service Award (2023)
- Belonging Awards at Pepperdine, Faculty Award (2023)

EDUCATION

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL
LL.M. in Taxation, May 2018

- Northwestern Pritzker Law Tax Program Merit Scholarship
- EY's Empower You Graduate Women's Leadership Conference – Selected to attend a conference designed to lead, inspire and motivate female Tax LLM students looking to launch careers in consulting

Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, CA
Juris Doctorate, May 2017

- Scholarships: Pepperdine University School of Law Dean's Excellence Scholarship, 2014 American Bar Association Legal Opportunity Scholarship, 2017 California Bar Foundation 3L Diversity Scholarship
- National Black Law Student Association, Treasurer (2015) and Mentor

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA
Bachelor of Arts-Political Science, May 2013

- Department Honors in Political Science, National Political Honor Society; National Honor Society of Collegiate Scholars; Deans List
- Inaugural McNair Scholar – 14 students were selected as the inaugural class to prepare undergraduate students for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities
- UCLA Law Fellow – Consisted of six Saturday Academies that included academic enrichment, career development and mentoring activities, which are designed to help prepare participants gain admission to, and succeed in, law school

5th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposiums – 10 students were selected to present at two research symposiums. I prepared a visual presentation and presented on my thesis about human trafficking prosecutions.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Financing Local Good: The Case For Expanding State Charitable Tax Credits (submitted Fall 2026)

Response piece, Taxing Nannies, Iowa L. REV. Online (2025)
Inclusive Prosperity, 12 TEX. A&M L. REV. 1185 (2025)
Closing the Opportunity Gap, 102 N.C. L. REV. 111 (2024)

Works in Progress

Tenure Mismatch Theory —Rethinking Federal Housing Subsidies Through Property Law
Beyond Buyer Beware: A Seller-Centric Disclosure Regime for Changing Communities (submitting in Spring of 2027)

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Financing Local Good: The Case For Expanding State Charitable Tax Credits
- UVA's Fall Tax Invitational Conference, Presenter

Beyond Buyer Beware: A Seller-Centric Disclosure Regime for Changing Communities

- 2026 Junior Tax Conference, Seattle University, Presenter and Discussant
- 2026 Lutie Workshop, Loyola Chicago, Presenter and Discussant

Tenure Mismatch Theory —Rethinking Federal Housing Subsidies Through Property Law
- USC Poverty Law Conference

Presenter, Bridging the Gap: Enhancing Affordable Housing Supply Through Federal Tax Legislation •
- 28th Annual Critical Tax Conference (2025)

Presenter, American Bar Association, Tax Policy and Housing Affordability (2024)

Presenter, Inclusive Prosperity
- University of San Diego School of Law (2024)

Presenter, Closing the Opportunity Gap

- UC Law San Francisco for the Center on Tax Law Speaker Series (2023)
- 26th Annual Critical Tax Conference (2023)
- Boston College Law School – Tax Policy Collaborative (2023)
- University of Toronto – James Hausman Tax Law and Policy Workshop Series (2023)
- Florida State University College of Law – Law and Business Speaker Series (2023)

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- Careers in Tax Law Panel, Organizer, Facilitator, and Moderator (2021)
- Meet and Greet with Dean from Northwestern Tax LL.M. Program, Organizer and Facilitator (2021)
- Loyola Law School – Festschrift for Professor Ellen Aprill (2023)
- Presenter, Black Law Students Association - The Power in Being Black (2021)
- Presenter, Pepperdine Caruso Law Black Alumni Open Conversation with Dean Caron: Alumni (2020)
  Presenter, Pepperdine Caruso Law Black Alumni Open Conversation with Dean Caron: Students (2020)
- Presenter, Sisters of Gabriela Awakening – International Women's Day, Presenter (2013)

MEDIA

- Quoted in "Hawaii 'Green Fee' Case to Test Limits of Federal Involvement, Bloomberg Law, April 10, 2026
- Quoted in University of Southern California's Journalism Project about tax policy
- Quoted in "New IRS Rule for Reporting Online Sales Creates Confusion for Platforms, Users," The National Desk, Mar. 3, 2023
- Quoted in "Lawmakers Sound Alarm after IRS Lowers Threshold for Online Transaction Reporting, The National Desk, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

KPMG Inc., Los Angeles, CA
International Tax Senior Associate, October 2020 – July 2022
International Tax Associate, October 2018 – September 2019; January 2020 – September 2020

- Advised corporations and partnerships on complicated domestic and international tax law matters
- Determined tax planning strategies using complex tax models to address global tax reform and accounting principles
- Advised United States ("US") persons conducting business abroad and foreign persons conducting business in the US on all aspects of international tax (corporate, partnership, private equity, reporting requirements, filing requirements, etc.)
- Advised clients on income tax treaty planning opportunities arising from inbound and outbound cross-border investing and trading activities
- Drafted tax opinions, memoranda, structure presentations, and Excel models

- Prepared and review financial statements and compliance work product for multinational enterprises

  Assisted KPMG audit teams with reviewing a company's financial reporting of tax implications arising from its global operations and transactions

- Additional Roles: Mentor other associates and Transition Coach

Tax Controversy Associate, September 2019 – December 2019

- Assisted clients with Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") examinations and appeals, including Notices of Proposed Adjustment, Information Document Requests, and 30-Day letters by communicating with the IRS and preparing proper documentation
- Researched and drafted tax memoranda relating to Foreign Investment in Real Estate Property Tax Act of 1980 and Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") Section 338(g) elections
- Drafted Appeals and Protests briefs for clients under audit for foreign earned income and foreign tax credits

Edelman, Inc., Chicago, IL
International Tax Intern, May 2018 – September 2018

- Computed Earnings and Profits for 70+ controlled foreign corporations for the repatriation under IRC Section 965
- Researched and drafted a brief to substantiate the company's foreign tax credit position

  Analyzed various IRS Revenue Procedures related to IRC Section 965 and summarized the impacts for senior management

- Managed four interns by teaching highly technical tax concepts and delegating and monitoring progress of projects

Pepperdine Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, Los Angeles, CA
Law Clerk, January 2016 – November 2016; January 2017 – May 2018

- Assisted Pepperdine professor with the creation of a tax clinic that represents low-income taxpayers in audits, appeals, and collection matters with the agency.
- Created intake form and questionnaire for prospective clients, legal disclaimers, and flyer for clinic services
- Researched and presented on penalty abatements and wage garnishments
- Educated clients on future actions to take to be in compliance with the IRS
- Submitted identify theft affidavits to the IRS and California Franchise Tax Board ("CTB") on client's behalf
- Assisted client with 1040 audit to prove filing status and Earned Income Tax Credit eligibility
- Interviewed clients and assisted peers in the clinic with their cases
- Completed two successful Offer in Compromises for clients
- Completed clients state and federal taxes on ATX Professional Tax Software for Accountants
- Prepared case plans for all clients using a client-centered approach

Bismark Tax Inc., Los Angeles, CA
Law Clerk, January 2017 – April 2017

- Represented clients in audits with the IRS, FTB, and the California State Board of Equalization to provide advice and recommendations on how to settle debt
- Secured Currently Non-Collectible Status for multiple clients owing significant sums to the IRS

- Conducted compliance calls on behalf of clients to the IRS and FTB
- Ordered wage and income transcripts and account transcripts from the IRS on clients' behalf

The Law Offices of Judith L. Wood, Los Angeles, CA
Law Clerk, May 2015 – August 2015; August 2016 – September 2016; August 2015 – November 2015

- Assessed clients' files and researched the immigration statutes to determine the best form of relief to seek on behalf of the clients

  Researched and drafted an Opening Brief for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for an asylum and convention against torture case
- Researched and drafted Ninth Circuit Bill of Costs and Motion for Attorney Fees
- Drafted a successful brief allowing a client to apply for asylum after a year due to exceptional circumstances
- Drafted and completed a successful brief for a client in removal proceedings, motions to reopen for asylum cases, and applications for asylum
- Interviewed clients, prepared declarations and witness lists

Pepperdine Legal Aid Clinic, Los Angeles, CA
Student Intern, January 2016 – May 2016

- Provided legal services to homeless clients on Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles, including examining criminal histories to determine if expungement is appropriate and performing basic tax assistance

  Wrote a trial brief for a client requesting full legal custody of child
- Interviewed clients for visitation, custody, and naturalization cases

Pepperdine Special Education Advocacy Clinic, Malibu, CA
Student Intern, August 2015 – December 2015

- Drafted memorandum in support of student receiving appropriate accommodations, such as additional time on tests and access to a one-on-one learning aide
- Interviewed clients and drafted timelines of relevant events as part of case preparation

Empowertech, Los Angeles, CA
Tutor, September 2010 – May 2013

- Provided people with physical and developmental disabilities with education and training to lead independent and productive lives utilizing assistive technology
- Conceptualized, drafted, and finalized student curriculum
- Assisted and advised students in the completion of curriculum, individualized job search plans, and college applications
- Taught students to use the internet and create email address and social media accounts
- Organized, updated, and improved filing system that included students' confidential information
- Analyzed scheduling issues, created solutions, and achieved supervisor approval

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Teaching: Federal income tax for individuals and tax policy
- Research Interests: International tax, generational wealth, social justice, economic justice, property transactions, and alternative investment vehicles

SERVICE

- Junior Tax, Committee Member, August 1, 2026 - Present
- Director, Social Justice Ministry – Normandie Church of Christ, January 1, 2021 – Present
- Korean Youth Community Center – Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Pepperdine Dean's Council, Student Life Committee Member
- American Bar Association Tax Section, Member

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Member of the State Bar of California