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EMPLOYMENT

Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, CA, 2007 to Present

- Professor of Law (since 8/1/18)
- Associate Professor of Law (8/1/07 – 7/30/18)
- Recent awards
 - Dean’s Award for Scholarship 2018
 - Pepperdine Waves of Innovation Grant Winner (\$75,000) 2017
- Teaching Portfolio
 - Business Associations
 - Mergers & Acquisitions
 - Securities Regulation
 - Corporate Finance
 - Contracts
 - Financing for High-Tech Startups (venture capital)
 - Legal Informatics (law & technology)

Bloomberg BNA, Arlington, VA, November 1, 2014 to November 1, 2016

- Sold corporate legal technology company to Bloomberg BNA and advised on integration for two years
- Advisor to Corporate Transactions market vertical

Document Analytic Technologies (d/b/a Exemplify), 2011 to 2014

- Founder and Chief Science Officer of venture capital-backed startup
- Created patented algorithm that standardizes transactional legal documents
- Company sold to Bloomberg BNA and the product incorporated into Bloomberg Law as “Draft Analyzer”

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, Los Angeles, CA, September 2000 to May 2003

- Associate, Mergers & Acquisitions

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, Stanford University, September 2003 to 2008

- Major and Minor Fields:

- American Politics
- Political Organizations
- Political Methodology (Statistics)
- Dissertation:
 - “An Informational Theory of Judicial Organization”
 - Committee: John Ferejohn (Chair), Lawrence Friedman, Terry Moe
- Research Assistant to Professor John Ferejohn, Summer 2004
- Head Teaching Assistant for Introduction to American Law (Lawrence Friedman, 2005-2006) and Teaching Assistant for Introduction to American National Government and Politics (Morris Fiorina and John Ferejohn, 2004-2006)

J.D., New York University School of Law, August 1998 to May 2000

- Honors: *Cum Laude*

B.A., Claremont McKenna College, September 1993 to May 1997

- Honors: *Cum Laude*
- Double Major in Economics-Accounting and French
- Awards: Distinguished Scholar, Dean’s List, Departmental Honors

LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

- Symposium Piece: *Path Dependence, Information, and Contracting in Business Law and Economics*, WIS L. REV. (forthcoming 2020)
- Article: *A Property Theory of Corporate Law*, COLUM. BUS. L. REV. (forthcoming 2020)
- Essay: *The High Cost of Lowering the Bar*, GEORGETOWN J. LEGAL ETHICS (forthcoming 2019) (with Derek Muller)
- Essay: *Boiling Down Boilerplate in M&A Agreements: A Response to Choi, Gulati, & Scott*, 67 DUKE L.J. ONLINE (2019) (with Jeffrey Manns)
- Article: *The Delaware Trap: An Empirical Study of Incorporation Decisions*, 91 S. CAL L. REV. 657 (2018)
 - Featured in a WALL STREET JOURNAL story, May 8, 2017, page R11).
- Article: *Engineering Greater Efficiency in Mergers & Acquisitions*, 72 BUS. LAW. 657 (2017) (with Jeffrey Manns)
- Article: *The Inefficient Evolution of Merger Agreements*, 85 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 67 (2017) (with Jeffrey Manns).
- Article: *The Long and Short of Corporate Governance*, 23 GEORGE MASON L. REV. 19 (2015)
- Article: *The Delaware Delusion*, 93 N.C. L. REV. 1049 (2015) (with Jeffrey Manns)
- Article: *The Merger Agreement Myth: An Empirical Assessment of the Market Value of Legal Terms*, 98 CORNELL L. REV. 1143 (2013) (with Jeffrey Manns)
 - Reprinted in *Corporate Practice Commentator*
- Article: *Law, Fact, and Discretion in the Federal Courts: An Empirical Study*, 2012 UTAH L. REV. 1

- Article: *Distinguishing Judges: An Empirical Assessment of Judicial Quality in the U.S. Courts of Appeals*, 76 MO. L. REV. 315 (2011)
- Symposium Piece: Teaching and Learning the Law of Boats, 55 ST. LOUIS U. L.J. 549 (2011) (invited piece)
- Article: *Measuring Meta-Doctrine: An Empirical Assessment of Judicial Minimalism in the Supreme Court*, 32 HARV. J. L. & PUB. POL'Y 1045 (2009)
- Article: *Employee Incentives and the Federal Securities Laws*, 57 U. MIAMI L. REV. 1195 (2003)
- Article: *'Ascertained in a Different Way': The Treaty Power at the Crossroads of Contract, Compact, and Constitution*, 69 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 189 (2001)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Article: *Institutions and Equilibrium in the United States Supreme Court*, 101 AM. POL. SCI. REV. 4 (2007) (with Alexander Tahk)
 - Reprinted in THE ECONOMICS OF JUDICIAL BEHAVIOR (Lee Epstein, ed., 2012)

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Contract Theory and the Delaware Default* (working paper available)
- *Institutional Investors, Investment Horizons, and Corporate Governance* (with George Dent) (working paper available)
- *An Evolutionary Perspective on Contracting: Evidence from Poison Pills* (working paper available)

BLOGGING: WITNESSETH: LAW, DEALS & DATA

- Sole author (<http://witnesseth.typepad.com>)
 - Named as a top-100 legal blog in the 2013 ABA Blawg 100
 - Named as a top-50 law professor blog by traffic:
http://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2014/04/law-prof-.html

SELECTED RECENT CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- "A Property Theory of Corporate Law," Tulane Law School, September 10, 2019
- "An Evolutionary Perspective on Contracting," University of Southern California Gould School of Law, March 19, 2019
- "A Property Theory of Corporate Law," Southern California Business Law Workshop, University of San Diego School of Law, January 18, 2019
- "The Delaware Default," Canadian Law & Economics Association Annual Meeting, Toronto Canada, September 20, 2018
- "The Delaware Default," National Business Law Scholars Conference, University of Georgia School of Law, June 2018
- "Contract Theory, Default Rules, and Delaware," BYU Law Winter Deals Conference, March 2018.

- “Engineering Greater Efficiency in Mergers & Acquisitions,” ABA M&A Section, Chicago, IL, September 16, 2017
- “The Role of Boilerplate Provisions in Merger & Acquisition Agreements,” Duke Law School, Apr. 8, 2017
- “The Inefficient Evolution of Merger & Acquisition Agreements,” National Business Law Conference, Chicago, IL, June 24, 2016

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Co-founder of ScholarSift (new software platform for law review publishing)
- U.S. Patent "Computer-Based System and Method for Generating, Classifying, Searching, and Analyzing Standardized Text Templates and Deviations from Standardized Text Templates"
- Member, State Bar of California