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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2021

Activities: *Harvard Journal on Legislation*, Supervising Editor; HLS Peer Advisors; Democracy and the Rule of Law Clinic

Honors: Dean's Scholar Prize: Financial and Legal Needs of Low and Moderate Income Households

Publication: Sugar Reduction Policy Toolkit

University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD

Completed first year (transferred to Harvard Law School), August 2018 to May 2019

Honors: Invited to join *University of Baltimore Law Review*; Shannonhouse Honor Society

University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD

Bachelor of Science in Financial Economics, August 2010

Honors: Dean's List, three semesters; National Collegiate Wrestling Association, All-American

EXPERIENCE

Wilmington University School of Law, Wilmington, DE

Assistant Professor, August 2023 – Present

Courses Taught:

- **A.I. and the Law:** This course provides students with a foundational understanding of the technologies commonly referred to as AI, including how these technologies function, how they are currently (and may be) used in legal contexts, and the risks associated with such applications. This course also examines the wide range of legal and policy issues that arise from the development and deployment of AI including personalized advertising, biometrics, government access and surveillance, criminal profiling, privacy, election interference, and disinformation.
- **Property:** This course introduces the basic elements of the law of real and personal property. Covered topics include possession and adverse possession; estates in land and future interests; landlord and tenant law; concurrent tenancies; easements, covenants, and servitudes; rights incident to ownership of land; conveyancing; title guarantees and recording acts.
- **Legal Writing I:** This course introduces legal research methods, analysis of legal concepts, and the art of legal writing. Students learn the research, analysis and writing process through an assigned series of open and closed memoranda.
- **Legal Writing II:** This course develops persuasive legal writing and oral advocacy developed through moot court and other exercises. Students learn pleadings and other aspects of the pretrial process, preliminary and dispositive motions, and the appellate brief and oral argument.

Seminars Taught:

- **Best Practices in the Use of Legal Apps for Lawyers and Judges:** This continuing legal education seminar provides current lawyers and judges with guidance on using generative AI to improve speed and accuracy in research tasks, recognizing the document review capabilities and limitations of current generative AI tools, evaluating the costs of enterprise adoption of such tools, and understanding how judges may view generative AI assisted briefing.
- **Office and Trial Practice – Legal Writing:** This continuing legal education seminar provides attorneys with guidance on best tools and strategies to employ in legal writing. Specifically, how to keep one's voice while also utilizing generative AI based tools in the development of briefs, motions, legal memoranda, and correspondence.
- **Taking Useful Notes:** This seminar provides students with strategies for taking notes in class, reviewing notes after class, and organizing notes throughout the semester.

- **Preparing for Exams:** This seminar provides students with strategies for multiple choice and essay-based law school exams. Multiple choice strategies address timing, self-confidence assessments, and normalized answer distribution. Essay strategies address issue spotting, organization, and timing.

Panel Participation:

- **Rubenstein-Walsh Seminar on Ethics and Professionalism – Update on Ethics Issues Relating to the Use of AI:** Panel discussion with current judges and practitioners. Topics included: Use of AI Tools and Decision-Making, Ethical Considerations and Compliance, Addressing AI “Hallucinations” and Verification, Professionalism, Court and Judicial Policy on Generative AI, Impacts of AI on Self-Represented Litigants and Access to Justice, Bias in AI Outputs, Fee Structures and Billing for AI-Assisted Service, and The Future of Legal Practice and AI Integration.
- **Law Firm Challenges and Opportunities in Artificial Intelligence – Delaware State Bar Association CLE:** Panel discussion with current judges, attorneys, and business administrators at law firms. Topics included: How current generative AI is good enough to be dangerous; Identifying opportunities for firms to deploy generative AI; Strategic, ethical, and operational risks to firms using generative AI; Predictions for how generative AI may impact law firms in the next 3-5 years.
- **United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware – Artificial Intelligence from Classrooms to Chambers:** Roundtable discussion with sitting judges about the present capabilities and limitations of generative artificial intelligence tools in the legal space, the familiarity of current students with those tools, and how to responsibly integrate generative artificial intelligence into the chambers workflow.
- **Judicial Clerkships:** Panel discussion with current judges, attorneys with past judicial clerkships, and current clerks. Topics included: the role of a judicial clerk, how to obtain a judicial clerkship, and the benefits of completing a judicial clerkship.
- **Summer Associates:** Panel discussion with practicing attorneys and prior summer associates. Topics included: how to apply for summer associate positions, how to make a positive impression, and how to maximize the experience gained in the position.

Volunteering

- **Delaware Law Related Education Center:** Instructed high school students in the DELREC summer internship program and facilitated in-school civics workshops on a variety of foundational legal concepts, including the mechanics of corporate law, the practical realities of the legal profession, and the fundamental principles of the American legal system.

Publications:

- Hornzell, Michael, *The Big Shortage: Affordable Housing*, University of Baltimore Law Review, Volume 55, 2026, pp. 281-352.
- Hornzell, Michael, *Trouble with the Salary Curve: Generative AI’s Challenge to the Bimodal Distribution of Entry-Level Lawyer Pay*, Connecticut Law Review, Volume 59, 2026, forthcoming.

Hon. D. Michael Fisher, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Pittsburgh, PA

Law Clerk, August 2022 – August 2023

Researched and drafted bench memoranda and opinions on a variety of legal issues, including whether the Telecommunications Act preempted a township’s zoning ordinance against cell towers, the distinction between the waiver and forfeiture of arguments and the implications of each in a prosecution, and if a sentencing statute’s reference to a “life term” indicated one’s natural life or a statistical calculation of an average life span. Assisted Judge Fisher in the administration and judging of the University of Pittsburgh’s moot court competition.

Hon. Joshua D. Wolson, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Law Clerk, September 2021 – August 2022

Researched and drafted opinions on a variety of legal issues, including the admissibility of a plaintiff’s rap lyrics in a malicious prosecution action, and the rate of pay available under the Fair Labor Standards Act to employees who performed identical duties in person and remotely. Reviewed and recommended disposition of pretrial motions when Judge Wolson presided over patent litigation in the District of Delaware.

Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP, New York, NY

Summer Associate, Summer 2020 (permanent offer extended)

Researched and summarized post-conviction relief available under the Vienna Convention for a foreign citizen sentenced to the death penalty. Drafted a memorandum outlining the critical actions clients with international operations should take immediately following a data breach. Conducted due diligence on social media for a client seeking to assess risk exposure.

Peter Salib, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Research Assistant, January 2020 – May 2021

Researched and summarized current applications of artificial intelligence and machine learning in support of articles proposing legal and regulatory applications. Conducted research and cite checking for an article on the use of Pigouvian taxes as a mechanism for regulating constitutionally protected activities. Surveyed existing literature on “trials by statistics” to explore opportunities for a new approach to the topic. Projects resulted in acknowledgment in articles published in the University of Chicago Law Review and the Texas Law Review.

Hon. Kevin F. Arthur, Maryland Court of Special Appeals, Baltimore, MD

Judicial Intern, Summer 2019

Drafted bench memoranda on a variety of legal issues, including the proper standard for a negligent homicide jury instruction, and the validity of a waiver of third-party rights in a worker’s compensation settlement agreement.

Prof. Robert Lande, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD

Research Assistant, Summer 2019

Researched and summarized instances of the U.S. Supreme Court changing long-standing statutory interpretations as part of a project focused on defining “monopolize” in the context of the Sherman Antitrust Act. Project resulted in acknowledgment in an article published in American University Law Review.

University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD

Head Wrestling Coach, April 2013 – August 2018; *Assistant Wrestling Coach*, June 2007 – March 2013

Awarded National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) Mid-East Conference Coach of the Year three times. Led team to three Mid-East Conference Championships and to five top-8 NCWA National Tournament finishes. Elected five consecutive years by fellow Mid-East Conference coaches to serve as Conference Commissioner.

StudyPoint Incorporated, Baltimore, MD

Private Tutor, June 2013 – September 2018

Tutored students of all levels to meet respective goals on college admissions exams and in core academic subjects. Rated “Tutor Premier” for being one of the top performing tutors in the company.

INTERESTS

National High School Mock Trial Championship - Volunteer Judge, Academic Tutor Volunteering (Courtyard Mentor Network, Beat the Streets), background acting, rock climbing