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**EXPERTISE** Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Comparative Civil Procedure, Conflict of Laws

**REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS**

*Restoring Chevron Deference by Statute*  
75 DUKE LAW JOURNAL (expected 2026) (Administrative Law Symposium)

*The Complexities of Consent to Personal Jurisdiction*  
113 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2025)

*Transcultural Courts*  
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW (expected 2025) (peer reviewed)

*The Supreme Court and Public Opinion*  
111 IOWA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2025)

*Personal Jurisdiction and Federalism*  
103 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1 (2025)

*How Economic Downturns Affect Legal Markets*  
31 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL LEGAL PROFESSION 247 (2024) (refereed) (w/ Bilsborough)

*The Missing Millions: Cy Pres in Federal Securities Class Actions*  
74 EMORY LAW JOURNAL 1 (2024) (with Joe Grundfest)

*Why Do In-State Plaintiffs Invoke Diversity Jurisdiction?*  
49 LAW & SOCIAL INQUIRY 1283 (2024) (refereed)

*Rule 4 and Personal Jurisdiction*  
99 NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW 1 (2023)

*The Making of the Supreme Court Rules*  
90 GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 866 (2022)

- Cooperativism in the American Adversarial Tradition*  
40 CIVIL JUSTICE QUARTERLY 283 (2021) (refereed)
- Article III and the Political Question Doctrine*  
116 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 681 (2021)
- Personal Jurisdiction in Comparative Context*  
68 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 701 (2020) (refereed)
- Beyond Bias in Diversity Jurisdiction*  
69 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 267 (2019)
- Plaintiff Personal Jurisdiction and Venue Transfer*  
117 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1463 (2019)
- Should the Rules Committees Have an Amicus Role?*  
104 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2018)
- Personal Jurisdiction and Aliens*  
116 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1205 (2018) (with Bill Dodge)
- Personal Jurisdiction and Aggregation*  
113 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1 (2018)
- Jurisdiction and Its Effects*  
105 GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL 619 (2017)
- A Negative Retrospective of Rule 23*  
92 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 917 (2017) (symposium)
- The Gravitational Force of Federal Law*  
164 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 703 (2016)
- An Opt-In Option for Class Actions*  
115 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 171 (2016)
- Joint and Several Jurisdiction*  
65 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 1323 (2016) (with Phil Pucillo)
- THE LEGACY OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG  
Cambridge University Press (Scott Dodson ed. 2015) (edited volume)
- Party Subordination in Federal Litigation*  
83 GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 1 (2014)
- NEW PLEADING IN THE 21ST CENTURY: SLAMMING THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE DOORS?  
Oxford University Press (2013) (monograph)
- Rethinking Extraordinary Circumstances*  
106 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 377 (2012)
- Hybridizing Jurisdiction*  
99 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1439 (2011)
- The Complexity of Jurisdictional Clarity*  
97 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2011)
- Comparative Convergences in Pleading Standards*  
158 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 441 (2010)

*New Pleading, New Discovery*

109 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 53 (2010)

*Mandatory Rules*

61 STANFORD LAW REVIEW 1 (2008)

*A Darwinist View of the Living Constitution*

61 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW 1319 (2008)

*In Search of Removal Jurisdiction*

102 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 55 (2008)

**BOOKS****[9 titles, 36 editions]***THE RED BOOK OF CIVIL PROCEDURE*

KDP (6 annual editions from 2019 – Present) (casebook)

*THE GRAY BOOK OF CONFLICT OF LAWS*

KDP (3 annual editions from 2022 – Present) (casebook)

*THE ORANGE BOOK OF CIVIL PROCEDURE: A STUDENT GUIDE*

KDP (6 annual editions from 2019 – Present) (coursebook)

*THE BLACK BOOK OF FEDERAL COURTS*

KDP (7 annual editions from 2018 – Present) (casebook)

*THE JUDGES' BOOK, VOLUMES 1 – 8*

UC Law SF (Scott Dodson ed. 2017 – Present) (annual edited series)

*INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF CIVIL PROCEDURE – UNITED STATES*

Wolters Kluwer (expected 2025) (treatise)

*THE LEGACY OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG*

Cambridge University Press (Scott Dodson ed. 2015, 2d ed. 2022) (edited volume)

*NEW PLEADING IN THE 21ST CENTURY: SLAMMING THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE DOORS?*

Oxford University Press (2013) (monograph)

*CIVIL PROCEDURE: MODEL PROBLEMS AND OUTSTANDING ANSWERS*

Oxford University Press (2011 &amp; 2d ed. 2012) (coursebook)

**ARTICLES AND  
CHAPTERS [82]***Restoring Chevron Deference by Statute*

75 DUKE LAW JOURNAL (expected 2026) (Administrative Law Symposium)

*Transcultural Courts*

INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW (expected 2025) (peer reviewed)

*The Complexities of Consent to Personal Jurisdiction*

113 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2025)

*The Supreme Court and Public Opinion*

111 IOWA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2025)

*Personal Jurisdiction and Federalism*

103 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1 (2025)

*Judicial Jurisdiction and Competence*

COMPARATIVE CIVIL PROCEDURE 134 (Edward Elgar 2025) (with Sebastian Spinei)

*The U.S. Supreme Court and Public Opinion*

ITALIAN-SPANISH JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW (expected 2025) (peer reviewed)

*Why Do In-State Plaintiffs Invoke Diversity Jurisdiction?*

49 LAW &amp; SOCIAL INQUIRY 1283 (2024) (refereed)

*How Economic Downturns Affect Legal Markets*

31 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL LEGAL PROFESSION 247 (2024) (refereed) (w/ Bilsborough)

*The Missing Millions: Cy Pres in Federal Securities Class Actions*

74 EMORY LAW JOURNAL 1 (2024) (with Joe Grundfest)

*Constitutional Allocations of Judicial Authority*

5 COMPARATIVE PROCEDURAL LAW &amp; JUSTICE, ch. 1 (IAPL 2024)

*The Culture of Forum Shopping in the United States*

57 THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER 307 (2024) (peer reviewed)

*When Does State Law Affect Federal Jurisdiction?*

43 REVIEW OF LITIGATION 117 (2024)

*Introduction to Part V*

5 COMPARATIVE PROCEDURAL LAW &amp; JUSTICE, intro (IAPL 2024) (with others)

*Rule 4 and Personal Jurisdiction*

99 NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW 1 (2023)

*Personal Jurisdiction, Comparativism, and Ford*

51 STETSON LAW REVIEW 187 (2022) (symposium)

*The Making of the Supreme Court Rules*

90 GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 866 (2022)

*Texas v. Pennsylvania and the Political-Question Doctrine*

2021 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW ONLINE 141

*Article III and the Political Question Doctrine*

116 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 681 (2021)

*Cooperativism in the American Adversarial Tradition*

40 CIVIL JUSTICE QUARTERLY 283 (2021) (refereed)

*Videoconferencing and Legal Doctrine*

51 SOUTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW 9 (2021) (symposium)

*In-State Plaintiff Invocation of Diversity Jurisdiction: Theories*

ACADEMIA LETTERS No. 844 (2021) (refereed)

*The Zooming of Federal Civil Litigation*

104:3 JUDICATURE 13 (2020) (peer reviewed) (with Lee Rosenthal &amp; Chris Dodson)

*Personal Jurisdiction in Comparative Context*

68 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 701 (2020) (refereed)

*A Critique of Jurisdictionality*

39 REVIEW OF LITIGATION 355 (2020)

*Book Review: The Conservative Case for Class Actions*

54 LAW &amp; SOCIETY REVIEW 522 (2020) (peer-reviewed book review)

[\*The Irrelevance of Jurisdictionality in Fort Bend County v. Davis\*](#)

1 COURTS & JUSTICE LAW JOURNAL 16 (2019) (peer reviewed)

[\*Jam v. International Finance Corp.\*](#)

113 AMERICAN JOURNAL INTERNATIONAL LAW 805 (2019) (peer reviewed) (w/ C. Keitner)

[\*Beyond Bias in Diversity Jurisdiction\*](#)

69 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 267 (2019)

[\*Accountability and Transparency in U.S. Courts\*](#)

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN CIVIL JUSTICE 273 (Thomson Reuters 2019)

[\*Plaintiff Personal Jurisdiction and Venue Transfer\*](#)

117 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1463 (2019)

[\*Jurisdiction in the Trump Era\*](#)

87 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 73 (2018) (symposium)

[\*Personal Jurisdiction and Aggregation\*](#)

113 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1 (2018)

[\*Personal Jurisdiction and Aliens\*](#)

116 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 1205 (2018) (with Bill Dodge)

[\*A Model Code of Conduct for Student-Edited Law Journal Submissions\*](#)

67 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 734 (2018) (refereed) (with Jacob Hirsch)

[\*Should the Rules Committees Have an Amicus Role?\*](#)

104 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2018)

[\*Defending Jurisdiction\*](#)

59 WILLIAM & MARY LAW REVIEW ONLINE 85 (2018)

[\*The 2016 Presidential Election: The Next Four Years and Beyond\*](#)

44 HASTINGS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW QUARTERLY 255 (2017) (symposium) (with others)

[\*A Negative Retrospective of Rule 23\*](#)

92 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 917 (2017) (symposium)

[\*Jurisdiction and Its Effects\*](#)

105 GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL 619 (2017)

[\*The Gravitational Force of Federal Law\*](#)

164 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 703 (2016)

[\*Joint and Several Jurisdiction\*](#)

65 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 1323 (2016) (with Phil Pucillo)

[\*An Opt-In Option for Class Actions\*](#)

115 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 171 (2016)

[\*Pleading and the Litigation Marketplace\*](#)

99:2 JUDICATURE 11 (Autumn 2015) (refereed)

[\*Ginsburg, Optimism, and Conflict Management\*](#)

THE LEGACY OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG 233 (Cambridge University Press 2015)

[\*A Revolution in Jurisdiction\*](#)

THE LEGACY OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG 137 (Cambridge University Press 2015)

*Literary Justice*

18 GREEN BAG 2D 429 (2015) (peer-reviewed symposium) (with Ami Dodson)

*Atlantic Marine and the Future of Party Preference*

66 HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL 675 (2015) (symposium)

*Mapping Supreme Court Doctrine: Civil Pleading*

VIMEO (March 2014) (with Colin Starger)

*Party Subordination in Federal Litigation*

83 GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 1 (2014)

*The Short Paper*

63 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 667 (2014) (peer reviewed)

*Mapping Supreme Court Doctrine: Civil Pleading*

7 FEDERAL COURTS LAW REVIEW 275 (2014) (peer reviewed) (with Colin Starger)

*Parsing Judicial Activism*

16 GREEN BAG 2D 457 (2013) (peer-reviewed symposium)

*A New Look at Dismissal Rates in Federal Civil Cases*

96 JUDICATURE 127 (2012) (refereed)

*Structuring Jurisdictional Rules and Standards*

65 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW EN BANC 31 (2012) (with Elizabeth McCuskey)

*Rethinking Extraordinary Circumstances*

106 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 377 (2012)

*Presuit Discovery in a Comparative Context*

6:2 JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 51 (2012) (refereed)

*Global Civil Procedure Trends in the Twenty-First Century*

34 B.C. INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW 1 (2011) (with Jim Klebba)

*Hybridizing Jurisdiction*

99 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1439 (2011)

*The Complexity of Jurisdictional Clarity*

97 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW 1 (2011)

*New Pleading, New Discovery*

109 MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW 53 (2010)

*Justice Souter and the Civil Rules*

88 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 289 (2010)

*Comparative Convergences in Pleading Standards*

158 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 441 (2010)

*Federal Pleading and State Presuit Discovery*

14 LEWIS & CLARK LAW REVIEW 43 (2010) (symposium)

*Mandatory Rules*

61 STANFORD LAW REVIEW 1 (2008)

*In Search of Removal Jurisdiction*

102 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 55 (2008)

*[The Failure of Bowes v. Russell](#)*

43 TULSA LAW REVIEW 631 (2008) (symposium)

*[Appreciating Mandatory Rules: A Reply to Critics](#)*

102 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW COLLOQUY 228 (2008)

*[A Darwinist View of the Living Constitution](#)*

61 VANDERBILT LAW REVIEW 1319 (2008)

*[The Challenge of Comparative Civil Procedure](#)*

60 ALABAMA LAW REVIEW 133 (2008) (solicited review essay)

*[A History of the Eighth Circuit](#)*

67 ARKANSAS HISTORICAL QUARTERLY 310 (2008) (peer-reviewed book review)

*[The Forum Defendant Rule in Arkansas](#)*

2007 ARKANSAS LAW NOTES 73 (peer reviewed)

*[Jurisdictionality and Bowles v. Russell](#)*

102 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW COLLOQUY 42 (2007)

*[Pleading Standards after Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly](#)*

93 VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW IN BRIEF 135 (2007)

*[Subclassing](#)*

27 CARDOZO LAW REVIEW 2351 (2006)

*[Constitutional Thematics and the Peculiar Federal Marriage Amendment](#)*

20 B.Y.U. JOURNAL OF PUBLIC LAW 223 (2006) (symposium)

*[The Peculiar Federal Marriage Amendment](#)*

36 ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL 783 (2004)

*[Dignity: The New Frontier of State Sovereignty](#)*

56 OKLAHOMA LAW REVIEW 777 (2003)

*[Vectoral Federalism](#)*

20 GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 393 (2003)

*[The Metes and Bounds of State Sovereign Immunity](#)*

29 HASTINGS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW QUARTERLY 721 (2002)

*[Habeas Review of Perfunctory State Court Decisions on the Merits](#)*

29 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW 223 (2002)

*[Assessing the Practicality & Constitutionality of Alaska's Split-Recovery Punitive Damages Statute](#)*

49 DUKE LAW JOURNAL 1335 (2000) (student note)

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**WHITE  
PAPERS [2]***[A More Perfect Jury: Jury Selection](#)*

Center for Litigation and Courts and ABOTA (Nov. 2024) (with others)

*[Report on Class-Action Settlement Distributions in the Northern District of California](#)*

Center for Litigation and Courts (May 2023) (with Brandon Prince &amp; Vaughn Walker)

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**OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS [51]***[An Academic's View of Supreme Court Advocacy](#)*

ABA LITIGATION SECTION, APPELLATE PRACTICE POINTERS (Jan. 10, 2025)



*Mallory and Consent*

TRANSNATIONAL LITIGATION BLOG (expected 2025)

*Rule 4 and Personal Jurisdiction*

8 JUDGES' BOOK 17 (2024)

*Why Do In-State Plaintiffs Invoke Diversity Jurisdiction?*

8 JUDGES' BOOK 29 (2024)

*Class-Settlement Distribution and Accountings*

8 JUDGES' BOOK 11 (2024)

*The Making of the Supreme Court Rules*

7 JUDGES' BOOK 95 (2023)

*Leading Cases*

13 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 309 (2023)

*Personal Jurisdiction After Ford*

6 JUDGES' BOOK 5 (2022)

*Article III and the Political-Question Doctrine*

6 JUDGES' BOOK 15 (2022)

*Introduction*

6 JUDGES' BOOK 1 (2022)

*Leading Cases*

12 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 397 (2022)

*The Zooming of Federal Legal Practice*

84 TEXAS BAR JOURNAL 450 (May 2021)

*Leading Cases*

11 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 184 (2021)

*The Zooming of Federal Civil Litigation*

5 JUDGES' BOOK 29 (2021)

*A Critique of Jurisdictionality*

5 JUDGES' BOOK 21 (2021)

*Leading Cases, Legislation*

10 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 106 (2020)

*Beyond Bias in Diversity Jurisdiction*

4 JUDGES' BOOK 15 (2020)

*Plaintiff Personal Jurisdiction and Venue Transfer*

4 JUDGES' BOOK 23 (2020)

*Personal Jurisdiction and Aliens*

3 JUDGES' BOOK 29 (2019)

*Personal Jurisdiction and Aggregation*

3 JUDGES' BOOK 21 (2019)

*Leading Cases*

9 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 358 (2019)



*Leading Cases, Legislation*

9 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 146 (2019)

*Leading Cases*

8 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 165 (2018)

*Plaintiff Personal Jurisdiction and Venue Transfer*

S.F. DAILY JOURNAL 5 (Aug. 15, 2018)

*Leading Cases, Legislation*

8 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 314, 352 (2018)

*The Supreme Court, the Rules Committees, and amicus practice*

SCOTUSBLOG (May 16, 2018) (invited academic highlight)

*Jurisdiction and Its Effects*

2 JUDGES' BOOK 15 (2018)

*How to Apply Diversity Jurisdiction in a Multiparty Case*

1 JUDGES' BOOK 25 (2017)

*Certifying an Op-In Class under Rule 23*

1 JUDGES' BOOK 21 (2017)

*California's View of "Related To" Specific Jurisdiction*

2016 CALIFORNIA LITIGATION REVIEW 91 (2017)

*Forum-Selection Clauses After Atlantic Marine*

78 THE ADVOCATE 21 (2017)

*Certifying an Op-In Class under Rule 23*

DAILY JOURNAL 24 (Nov. 8, 2017)

*Leading Cases*

7 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW 322 (2017)

*Jurisdiction*

3 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN GOVERNANCE 153 (Stephen L. Schechter ed. 2016)

*Preface*

5 JOURNAL OF LAW (2 NEW VOICES) 17 (2015)

*The Tolling Effect of the Federal Supplemental-Jurisdiction Statute*

SCOCABLOG (Oct. 8, 2014)

*When Does a Legal Malpractice Action "Arise Under" Federal Patent Law?*

40 ABA SUPREME COURT PREVIEW 165 (2013)

*The Ackermann Rule in California Federal Courts*

THE RECORDER (Nov. 9, 2012)

*Squeezing Class Actions*

SCOTUSBLOG (Aug. 30, 2011) (symposium)

*What Kinds of Appellate Deadlines are Jurisdictional?*

38 ABA SUPREME COURT PREVIEW 107 (2010)

*Temporary Restraining Order*

2 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION 726 (David Schultz ed. 2009)

*What Kinds of Statutory Restrictions are Jurisdictional?*

37 ABA SUPREME COURT PREVIEW 34 (2009)

*Adequate and Independent State Grounds*

1 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT 26 (David Tanenhaus ed. 2008)

*Abstention*

1 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT 11 (David Tanenhaus ed. 2008)

*Appellate Jurisdiction*

1 ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT 83 (David Tanenhaus ed. 2008)

*The Importance of E-Discovery*

43 ARKANSAS LAWYER 14 (2008)

*Judicial Activism*

29 NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 19 (2004) (op-ed)

*Extending the Robertson Presumption to Leased Vehicles*

64 TEXAS BAR JOURNAL 966 (2002)

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**CITATION METRICS** Westlaw JLR: TE("scott dodson") = >920 hits, >108 hits above the line (as of Jan. 1, 2025)

Google Scholar: >2,000 citations, h-index = 25, i10-index = 41 (as of Jan. 1, 2025)

Ranked in Leiter's Top-10 Most-Cited Civil Procedure Scholars for 2010–14 and 2016–20

51 court opinions (as of 1/1/25) cite my non-treatise/non-textbook works, including the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits and the Alabama, Florida, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin supreme courts.

More than 87,000 downloads on SSRN and BE Press (as of Jan. 1, 2025)

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**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Robert L. Habush Endowment, American Association for Justice (2025) (\$25,000 grant)  
"The Evolution of American Procedural Exceptionalism"

Robert L. Habush Endowment, American Association for Justice (2024) (\$10,000 grant)  
"Ninth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop"

Robert L. Habush Endowment, American Association for Justice (2022) (\$10,000 grant)  
"Why Do In-State Plaintiffs Invoke Diversity Jurisdiction?"

Robert L. Habush Endowment, American Association for Justice (2020) (\$15,000 grant)  
"The Making of the Supreme Court Rules"

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**AWARDS / HONORS**

Leading Scholar Award, AALS Section on Litigation (2024)

Mary Kay Kane Award for Excellence in Scholarship & Intellectual Life, UC Law SF (2024)

Rutter Award for Teaching Excellence, UC Hastings Law (2022)

Leadership Award, UC Hastings Law (2020)

Adolph A. Tiscornia Scholarship Award, UC Hastings Law (2019)

R.W. Harrison Summer Scholarship Stipend, UC Hastings Law (2013)

## SELECT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist: *Consent After Mallory*  
Section on Conflict of Laws, AALS Annual Meeting (2025)
- Discussant  
Conference on New Directions for Civil Procedure (2025)
- Organizer and MC  
The Evolution of American Procedural Exceptionalism, UC Law SF (2025)
- Panelist: *Forum Shopping*  
Section on Litigation, AALS Annual Meeting (2025)
- Roundtable Presenter: *The Forms and Modes of Judicial Restraint*  
Section on Scholarship, AALS Annual Meeting (2025)
- Presenter: *Cy Pres in Federal Securities Class Actions*  
Civil Procedure Colloquium, Texas Law School (2025)
- Presenter: *Judicial Efficiency in U.S. Courts*  
International Association of Procedural Law Conference, Zagreb, Croatia (2025)
- Organizer and MC  
Ninth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop (2024)
- Presenter: *Transcultural Courts*  
International Association of Procedural Law Conference, Örebro, Sweden (2024)
- Presenter: *The Complexities of Consent to Personal Jurisdiction*  
Civil Procedure Colloquium, Berkeley Law School (2024)  
Conflict of Laws Annual Workshop (2024)
- Lecture: *The U.S. Supreme Court and Public Opinion*  
Conference on Supreme Courts, Brescia, Italy (2024)  
Radzyner Law School, Israel (2024)  
International Congress on Supreme Courts, Brasilia, Brazil (2024)
- Presenter: *Constitutional Allocations of Cases in Comparative Context*  
Civil Procedural Law and Justice Conference, Luxembourg (2024)  
Civil Procedural Law and Justice Conference, Luxembourg (2023)  
Civil Procedural Law and Justice Conference, Luxembourg (2021)
- Plenary Session Presenter: *Why Do In-State Plaintiffs Invoke Diversity Jurisdiction?*  
Eighth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop (2023) (blind peer selection)
- Lecture: *The Culture of Forum Shopping in the United States*  
Civil Procedural Law and Justice Lecture Series, Luxembourg (2023)
- Presenter: *Judicial Jurisdiction and Competence*  
Comparative Civil Procedure Conference, Maastricht, Netherlands (2023)
- Moderator: *Voice Through Dissent*  
National Judicial College's Annual Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture (2023)
- Roundtable Presentation: *Why Do In-State Plaintiffs Invoke Diversity Jurisdiction?*  
Law & Society Conference, Lisbon, Portugal (2022)

Lecture: *Cooperativism in the American Adversarial Tradition*  
James Edgar Hervey Chair Lecture, UC Hastings College of the Law (2022)  
Keynote, Japan Association of the Law of Civil Procedure, Tokyo, Japan (2021)

Symposium Presentation: *Comparative Personal Jurisdiction After Ford*  
*Stetson Law Review* Symposium: "Procedure in the Roberts Court" (2021)

Presenter: *Bias and Diversity Jurisdiction*  
Civil Procedure Unavailability Workshop (2020)

Reporter: *Accountability and Transparency in U.S. Civil Courts*  
International Association of Procedural Law World Congress, Kyoto, Japan (2019)

Keynote Speaker: *Personal Jurisdiction in Comparative Context*  
International Conference on Civil Procedure, Rio, Brazil (2019)

Discussant: *Reforming the Federal Judiciary*  
Berkeley Judicial Institute Symposium (2019)

Senior Commentator  
Tenth Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop (2018)

Symposium Presenter: *Defense-Centric Jurisdiction*  
*Fordham Law Review* Symposium: "Civil Procedure in the Trump Era" (2018)

Symposium Presenter: *A Negative Retrospective of Rule 23*  
*N.Y.U. Law Review* Symposium: "Rule 23 at 50" (2016)

Senior Commentator  
First Annual Civil Procedure Workshop (2015)

Lecture: *The Legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*  
Commonwealth Club, San Francisco (2015)  
Rice University (2015)

Presenter: *Party Subordination in Federal Litigation*  
Branstetter New Voices in Civil Justice Workshop (2014) (blind peer selection)

Lecture: *Pleading and the Litigation Marketplace*  
University of Genoa Faculty of Law, Genoa, Italy (2013)

Panelist: *On the Importance of Being Comparative*  
Law & Society Annual Conference (2012)

Panel Presenter: *Twombly and Iqbal: Two Years On*  
Searle Center Judicial Symposium, Northwestern University Law School (2011)

Debater (as Devil's Advocate) and Winner: *The Raft Debate*  
The College of William & Mary (2010)

Presenter: *The Complexity of Jurisdictional Clarity*  
Junior/Senior Scholars Federal Courts Workshop (2010)

Panel Presenter: *Comparative Convergences in Pleading Standards*  
Section on Civil Procedure, AALS Annual Conference (2009)

Keynote Address: *Darwin's "Living" Constitution*  
Law, Ethics & The Life Sciences Conference (2007)

Symposium Presenter: *Constitutional Thematics and the FMA*  
 B.Y.U. Law School Symposium: "A Federal Marriage Amendment" (2005)  
*A full list of more than 100 speaking engagements is available upon request.*

**BLOGGING**

[Managing Editor](#), UC HASTINGS FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP BLOG (2017 – 2020)  
 Perma blogger, [SCOCABLOG](#) (2014 – 2016)  
 Guest Blogger, [SCOTUSBLOG](#) (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2018); PRAWFSBLAWG (2008);  
 CIVIL PROCEDURE PROF BLOG (2007, 2011)

**RULEMAKING**

Member, Virginia Advisory Committee on Rules of Court (2009 – 2012)

**PODCASTS**

Podcast Founder, Producer, and Host, [LITIGATION BRIEFS: MEDIA SHORTS ON LAW & COURTS](#)  
 (2021 – 2023) (37 episodes)  
 Podcast Guest, *Business Scholarship Podcast* (Mar. 2025); [Talkline](#) (May 4, 2024);  
[Courtroom5](#) (Jan. 16, 2023); [Good Law / Bad Law #164](#) (Dec. 6, 2019); [Ipse Dixit](#)  
[#154](#) (Feb. 16, 2019); [Oral Argument #182](#) (Oct. 19, 2018); *L.A. Daily Journal*  
 Appellate Podcast Series (2016); [The RightsCast #1](#) (Jan. 27, 2015)

**SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES**

*Wall Street Journal*  
 KTVU Channel 2, *The 10:00 Nightly News*  
 KTVU Channel 2, *The 5 O'Clock News*  
 KQED Radio, *The To Do List*  
 KPFA Radio, *Letters and Politics*  
 KCBS Radio  
 Bloomberg Radio  
 CNN Radio  
 Starred in the [Greatest Law School Commercial Ever](#)

*A full list of more than 100 media quotes and appearances is available upon request.*

**EDITORIAL POSITIONS**

U.S. Editor, [INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PROCEDURAL LAW](#) (2016 – Present)  
 Editor in Chief, [THE JUDGES' BOOK](#) vols. 1 – 8 (2017 – Present)

**ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

[Academic Fellow](#), National Civil Justice Institute (2019 – Present)  
[Member](#), International Association of Procedural Law (2016 – Present)  
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