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**EDUCATION**

**DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW** Durham, NC  
 Juris Doctor 2013  
 Master of Laws, International and Comparative Law  
 Duke-Geneva Institute in Transnational Law (2011)

**DUKE UNIVERSITY** Durham, NC  
 Bachelor of Arts, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; and International and Comparative Studies 2010  
*Summa Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

**ACADEMIC & SCHOLARLY INTERESTS**

Entrepreneurship and Small Business Law  
 Small Business and Community Economic Development  
 Artificial Intelligence and Legal Education  
 Experiential Legal Education  
 International and Comparative Law  
 University-Based Innovation and Commercialization

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**University of California College of the Law, San Francisco** San Francisco, CA  
 Professor of Practice & Director of Startup Legal Garage 2026 - Present

**PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

**Latham & Watkins LLP** London, UK, Los Angeles, CA, and San Diego, CA  
 Senior Associate 2013 - 2017 | 2022 - 2024

Advised public and private companies on capital markets, M&A, and corporate governance matters, with primary responsibility for structuring transactions, coordinating cross-functional deal teams, and supervising junior attorneys in complex, multi-party environments.

- Drafted and negotiated principal transaction documents across 20+ equity, debt, and M&A matters
- Led due diligence, disclosure review, and closing execution in complex, multi-party transactions
- Counseled executive leadership on governance design, securities compliance, and transactional risk allocation
- Supervised and trained teams of associates and paralegals, providing structured, iterative feedback on drafting, client communications, and transactional strategy

**Raines Feldman LLP** Los Angeles, CA  
 Corporate Associate 2018 - 2022

Advised early-stage and growth-stage companies as outside counsel on formation, governance, commercial contracting, and capital strategy, frequently serving as primary legal advisor to founders and emerging management teams.

- Served as primary legal advisor to founders, translating business objectives into governance design and financing structures
- Drafted and negotiated commercial agreements, equity instruments, and corporate governance documents
- Counseled founders and boards on capital formation, equity structuring, and long-term governance planning
- Led M&A transactions and corporate reorganizations valued between \$5M and \$250M

- Authored client advisories and guided small businesses through regulatory and economic disruption

## **ENTREPRENEURIAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Florahound | Rare & Exotic Plants**

Co-Founder & Legal Advisor

Los Angeles, CA

2025 - Present

Co-founded a specialty retail concept integrating curated commerce with education-driven experiential retail, and led the legal and structural buildout from formation through launch.

- Structured entity formation, founder governance documents, and internal operating frameworks
- Negotiated commercial lease and key vendor contracts
- Designed capitalization model and supported early-stage fundraising strategy
- Built compliance protocols and operational infrastructure to support scalable growth

### **Green Qween Holdings LLC**

Legal Advisor

Los Angeles, CA

2021 - 2026

Provided ongoing governance and transactional counsel to a business and brand management company overseeing a multi-location cannabis retail enterprise operating in a highly regulated state and municipal framework.

- Advised executive leadership on regulatory strategy, compliance and risk allocation, and corporate governance
- Negotiated commercial contracts and supported structural expansion initiatives

## **EDITORIAL & RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

### **Duke University, Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies**

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Durham, NC

2007

Assisted Professors Miriam Cooke and Erdağ Göknar with manuscript preparation for *Mediterranean Passages: Readings from Dido to Derrida*, securing usage rights for primary source documents and providing editorial support.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Judge, 2026 California Classic Moot Court Invitational, Mount Saint Mary's University
- Judge, The Williams Institute's 2023 Annual Moot Court Competition, UCLA School of Law
- Pro Bono Researcher and Advisor, Equality California's 2022 Safe & Supportive Schools Survey
- Volunteer, Bet Tzedek Name and Gender Marker Change Clinic
- Volunteer, Duke Alumni Association

## **LANGUAGES**

English (native); Arabic (intermediate); Spanish (intermediate)

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

California, 2016; District of Columbia, 2015; New York, 2014