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EMPLOYMENT

University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN
Assistant Professor of Law
2023–present

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA
Karsh Fellow
Lecturer in Law
Program Director, Karsh Center for Law & Democracy
2021–2023

Amazon.com, Inc., Seattle, WA
Senior Corporate Counsel for Network Technologies (Amazon Web Services)
Senior Product Manager (Amazon Web Services)
Senior Strategic Business Development Manager
2017-2023

Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA
Attorney for Cloud Computing Division (Microsoft Azure)
Director of Business Development
2013-2017

Hogan Lovells U.S. LLP, McLean, VA
Associate Attorney – Technology, Media, and Transactions
2012-2013

MH2 Technology Law Group LLP, Tysons Corner, VA
Associate Attorney – Patent Prosecution
2011-2012

Finnegan LLP, Reston, VA
Associate Attorney – Electrical Practice Group, Patent Litigation and Prosecution
2008-2011

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN

J.D., May 2008

John W. Wade Scholar – Full, three-year scholarship

Vanderbilt Law Review – Managing Editor

Dean's List

Best Oralist Award

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

B.S. (Computer Science), 2003

B.M. (Music Performance: Classical Guitar), 2003

Honors Scholar

Founders Day Award

Graduation with Distinction

Assistant instructor for seven computer science courses

PUBLICATIONS

The Unpropertied Internet

110 CORNELL L. REV. ____ (2025)

The Five Internet Rights

98 WASH. L. REV. 527 (2023)

Social Media Isn't a Public Function, but Maybe the Internet Is

LAWFARE (March 14, 2023), <https://www.lawfaremedia.org/article/social-media-isnt-public-function-maybe-internet>

Masters of Their Own Domains: Propertization as a Bulwark Against DNS Censorship

19 COLO. TECH. L. J. 43 (2021)

Toward a RFRA That Works

61 VAND. L. REV. 1027 (2008)

PRESENTATIONS

Artificial Intelligence and the Law (presenter)

Symposium on AI Technologies and Their Implications, Planet+AI (Feb. 22, 2024)

Artificial Intelligence and Existential Risk (panelist)

Center for Artificial Intelligence Security Research (CAISER)

Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Mar. 19, 2024)

The Unpropertied Internet (presenter)

Workshop at the University of Tennessee College of Law (Feb. 5, 2024)

The Unpropertied Internet (presenter)

Innovation Policy Colloquium, NYU School of Law (Jan. 25, 2024)

The Unpropertied Internet (presenter)

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) (Jan. 3, 2024)

AI Personhood (guest lecturer)

Seminar: Artificial General Intelligence: Separating the Hype from the Science

University of Tennessee Department of Engineering and Computer Science (Nov. 27, 2023)

Connecting the Threads (discussant)

Tennessee Journal of Business Law Symposium, Knoxville, TN (Oct. 6, 2023)

Social Media & Democracy (panelist)

81st Judicial Conference of the Fourth Circuit, Greensboro, NC (June 30, 2023)

May Gathering: Social Media & Democracy (moderator)

Karsh Center for Law & Democracy, UVA Law, Charlottesville, VA (May 26, 2023)

Innovation and Competition in the Startup Ecosystem (moderator)

Colloquium: Antitrust and Innovation in the Digital Age

Virginia Law & Business Review, UVA Law, Charlottesville, VA (April 17, 2023)

Internet Governance in the Quantum Age

Center for Quantum Networks, Zoom (November 4, 2022)

The Five Internet Rights

Junior Faculty Forum for Law & STEM, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (co-sponsored by Stanford and University of Pennsylvania) (October 20-21, 2022)

Privacy and Data Security in the Global Cloud

ABA Annual Meeting, Webinar (Nov. 2013)

Onboarding to Tech Transactions

Vanderbilt Law & Business Society, Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville, TN (Oct. 2013)

TEACHING

Cybersecurity Law and Policy (Spring 2024, Tennessee Law)
Artificial Intelligence Seminar (Spring 2024, Tennessee Law)
Internet Law (Fall 2023, Tennessee Law)
Internet Law (Spring 2023, UVA Law) (student rating: 5.00/5.00)
Internet Regulation Seminar (Spring 2022, UVA Law) (student rating: 4.95/5.00)
Computer Programming (1999-2004, Indiana University)

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Council Member (elected)
Number Resource Organization (NRO) Number Council (NC)
American Region for Internet Numbers (ARIN)
Liaison to Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

Washington Bar (2014)
United States Patent Bar (registered patent attorney) (2012)
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (2010)
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2009)
Virginia Bar (2008)