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University of Wisconsin Law School
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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Wisconsin Law School

Associate Professor of Law (with tenure), Fall 2011-
Assistant Professor of Law, Fall 2008-Spring 2011
Courses: Business Organizations II, Securities Regulation, Contracts II, Law and
Entrepreneurship, Corporate Governance Colloquium

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law

Associate Professor of Law, Fall 2005-Spring 2008
Co-Director, Business/Law Exchange, Summer 2007-Spring 2008
Courses: Business Organizations, Securities Regulation, Law and Entrepreneurship,
Contracts

University of Georgia School of Law

Adjunct Professor of Law, Spring 2005 (taught Business Planning course)

EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, J.D., 1999, *magna cum laude*; *Cornell Law Review*, Articles Editor; Order
of the Coif; Fredric H. Weisberg Prize for Constitutional Law

Clemson University, B.S., 1996, *magna cum laude*, Chemical Engineering; Dow Chemical
Company Internship; V.B. Higgins & Society of Professional Engineers Scholarships

OTHER LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Chief Justice Norman S. Fletcher, Georgia Supreme Court, Law Clerk, 2003-2005
Troutman Sanders LLP, Associate, Corporate and Securities Group, 1999-2003
Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, Summer Associate, Mergers and Acquisitions Group, 1998

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

- *The New Exit in Venture Capital*, 65 VAND. L. REV. __ (2012)

- *Debt as Venture Capital*, 2010 U. ILL. L. REV. 1169 (2010), reprinted in 53 CORPORATE PRACTICE COMMENTATOR 175 (2011)
- *Financing the Next Silicon Valley*, 87 WASH. U. L. REV. 717 (2010), reprinted in 2011 SECURITIES LAW REVIEW § 3.2
- *The (Not So) Puzzling Behavior of Angel Investors*, 61 VAND. L. REV. 1405 (2008), reprinted in 51 CORPORATE PRACTICE COMMENTATOR 121 (2009)
- *Individual or Collective Liability for Corporate Directors?*, 93 IOWA L. REV. 929 (2008)
- *The Unique Benefits of Treating Personal Goodwill as Property in Corporate Acquisitions*, 30 DEL. J. CORP. L. 1 (2005)
- *Solving the Everyday Problem of Client Identity in the Context of Closely Held Businesses*, 56 ALA. L. REV. 181 (2004)

SYMPOSIA AND INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

- *How Do Start-ups Obtain Their Legal Services?*, __ WISC. L. REV. __ (2012) (Symposium Article)
- *Entrepreneurs on Horseback: Reflections on the Organization of Law* (with D. Gordon Smith), 50 ARIZ. L. REV. 71 (2008) (Invited Contribution for 50th Anniversary Issue)
- *A Return to Descartes: Property, Profit, and the Corporate Ownership of Animals*, 70 LAW & CONTEMP. PROBS. 89 (2007) (Symposium Article)
- *Reduce, Refine, Replace: The Failure of the Three R's and the Future of Animal Experimentation*, 2006 U. CHI. LEGAL F. 195 (2006) (Symposium Article)
- *The Anticruelty Statute: A Study in Animal Welfare*, 1 J. ANIMAL L. & ETHICS 175 (2006) (Invited Contribution for Inaugural Issue)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Law and Entrepreneurial Opportunities* (with D. Gordon Smith)
- *Delaware Law as Lingua Franca: Evidence from the Incorporation Choices of VC-Backed Startups* (with Brian Broughman and Jesse Fried)
- *Should Angel-Backed Start-ups Reject Venture Capital?*
- *Burdens of Proof in Corporate Law*

PRESENTATIONS

SCHOLARLY PAPER PRESENTATIONS

How Do Start-ups Obtain Their Legal Services?, University of Wisconsin Law Review Symposium on "The Changing Role and Nature of In-House and General Counsel," Nov. 2011

Should Angel-Backed Start-ups Reject Venture Capital?, Illinois Corporate Colloquium, Nov. 2010

The New Exit in Venture Capital, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, Illinois), May 2010

The New Exit in Venture Capital, Searle-Kauffman Institute on Law, Innovation, and Growth III, Chapman University School of Law, Mar. 2010

Debt as Venture Capital, INSITE Interdisciplinary Research Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Business, Mar. 2010

Debt as Venture Capital, Wisconsin Faculty Workshop, Feb. 2010

Debt as Venture Capital, Law and Business Center for Advancing Entrepreneurship Speaker Series, Western New England College School of Law, Sept. 2009

The Incorporation Choices of VC-Backed Firms, Fourth Annual Big Ideas Café, Wisconsin Law School, Aug. 2009

Debt as Venture Capital, Fourth Annual Big Ten Aspiring Scholars Conference, University of Illinois College of Law, Aug. 2009

Debt as Venture Capital, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (Denver, Colorado), May 2009

Financing the Next Silicon Valley, INSITE Interdisciplinary Research Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Business, Mar. 2009

Financing the Next Silicon Valley, Wisconsin Faculty Workshop, Jan. 2009

Financing the Next Silicon Valley, Third Annual Law & Entrepreneurship Retreat, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Oct. 2008 (presented by Roger Dennis)

Financing the Next Silicon Valley, Illinois Corporate Colloquium, Sept. 2008

Financing the Next Silicon Valley, First Annual Kauffman Summer Legal Institute (Laguna Niguel, California), July 2008

Law and Entrepreneurial Opportunities (with D. Gordon Smith), Research Symposium on the Economics and Law of the Entrepreneur, Searle Center, Northwestern University School of Law, June 2008

Law and Entrepreneurial Opportunities (with D. Gordon Smith), INSITE Technology Entrepreneurship and Institutions Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Business, June 2008

Financing the Next Silicon Valley, University of Toledo Law Review Symposium on Economic Development, Mar. 2008

Law and Entrepreneurial Opportunities, Second Annual Law & Entrepreneurship Retreat, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Mar. 2008 (presented by Robert Bartlett)

The (Not So) Puzzling Behavior of Angel Investors, Arizona Entrepreneurship and Innovation Seminar, Inaugural Presentation, Oct. 2007

Law and Entrepreneurial Opportunities, Arizona Faculty Workshop, Sept. 2007

The (Not So) Puzzling Behavior of Angel Investors, Cornell Faculty Workshop, Sept. 2007

The (Not So) Puzzling Behavior of Angel Investors, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Humboldt University (Berlin, Germany), July 2007

The (Not So) Puzzling Behavior of Angel Investors, First Annual Law & Entrepreneurship Retreat, University of Wisconsin Law School, May 2007

Individual or Collective Liability for Corporate Directors?, AALS Section on Business Associations, Jan. 2007 (selected from a call for papers)

Individual or Collective Liability for Corporate Directors?, Arizona Faculty Workshop, June 2006

A Return to Descartes: Property, Profit, and the Corporate Ownership of Animals, Law & Contemporary Problems Conference, Duke Law School, Apr. 2006

Reduce, Refine, Replace: The Failure of the Three R's and the Future of Animal Experimentation, University of Chicago Legal Forum Conference, University of Chicago Law School, Oct. 2005

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Strategies for Law Review Placement/Translation (with Victoria Nourse), University of Wisconsin Law School, Oct. 2011

Participant, Searle-Kauffman Institute on Law, Innovation, and Growth III, Chapman University School of Law, Mar. 2010

"Venture Debt," Law and Entrepreneurship Class, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Mar. 2010

Participant, Searle-Kauffman Institute on Law, Innovation, and Growth II, Captiva, Florida, Jan. 2010

Discussant, Law and the New Development State Workshop, University of Wisconsin Law School, Nov. 2009 (commenting on Mario Schapiro's *Development Bank, Law and Innovation Financing in a New Brazilian Economy*)

Participant, Searle-Kauffman Institute on Law, Innovation, and Growth I, Searle Center, Northwestern University School of Law, Sept.-Oct. 2009

Participant, Corporate Governance Roundtable, Searle Center, Northwestern University School of Law, Apr. 2009

Panel Chair & Discussant, Creativity, Law & Entrepreneurship Workshop, University of Wisconsin Law School, Apr. 2009

"Financing for Start-ups: Angel Capital, Venture Capital, & Venture Debt," Stanford Law & Technology Association, Stanford Law School, Apr. 2009

"The SEC and the Financial Crisis," University of Wisconsin Law School, Mar. 2009

Panelist, "The Global Economic Crisis: The Untold Stories," University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for World Affairs and the Global Economy, Nov. 2008

Panelist, "Planning a Career in Law Teaching: Strategies in Law School and Beyond,"
Cornell Law School, Oct. 2008

"The Greening of Venture Capital," University of Arizona Environmental Law Society,
Apr. 2008

"The Legal Infrastructure of Entrepreneurship" (with D. Gordon Smith), First Annual Law
& Entrepreneurship Retreat, University of Wisconsin Law School, May 2007

"Law/Entrepreneurship Exchanges," National Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers
Conference (Cincinnati, Ohio), Oct. 2006

Moderator, Economic Torts-The Dan B. Dobbs Conference on Tort Law, University of
Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Mar. 2006

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS

Fellow, Center for Law, Economics & Finance (C-LEAF), The George Washington
University Law School

Searle-Kauffman Fellow on Law, Innovation, and Growth (2009-10) (selected by Searle
Center at Northwestern University School of Law)

John Strong Teacher of the Year Award, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of
Law, 2006-2007 (selected by student body)

Summer Research Grants, Wisconsin Graduate School (2011, 2010), Wisconsin Law School
(2011, 2010, 2009), Arizona College of Law (2007, 2006, 2005)

SERVICE

University of Wisconsin Law School

Academic Misconduct Hearing Committee, 2011-present (university-wide)

Faculty Appointments Committee, 2009-2011

Faculty Advisor & Advisory Board Member, Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic, 2009-
present

Admissions Committee, 2008-2011

Law Teaching Careers Committee, 2009-2011

Academic Programming Committee, 2009-2010

Outreach Committee, 2010-2011

Student Disabilities Committee, 2008-2009

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law

Academic Enrichment Committee, 2005-2008 (Co-Chair, 2005-2007)

Business/Law Exchange, Co-Creator & Co-Director, 2007-2008 (business school-law
school collaboration)

New Faculty Orientation Committee, Creator & Co-Chair, 2006-2008

Curriculum Committee, 2005-2006

Student Awards Committee, 2005-2006, 2007-2008
Hiring Committee, Director of Academic Enrichment & Faculty Development
Hiring Committee, Career Services Counselor

Professional

Participant, Kauffman Foundation Law & Innovation Meeting, Mar. 2008
Contributor, Kauffman Foundation Entrepreneurship Law ("eLaw") website
Co-Organized Empirical Law & Entrepreneurship "Conference within a Conference,"
Law & Society Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, Illinois), May 2010
Organized Empirical Law & Entrepreneurship "Conference within a Conference," Law
& Society Association Annual Meeting (Denver, Colorado), May 2009
Organized and Hosted Second Annual Law & Entrepreneurship Retreat, University of
Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Mar. 2008

BLOGS, MEDIA

Contributor to *Berkeley Law VC Blog*
Guest contributor to law blogs *Conglomerate* (Sept. 2009, Oct. 2006), *Concurring Opinions*
(Mar. 2009, July 2008), *PrawfsBlawg* (book club, Dec. 2007), *Truth on the Market* (Feb.
2007)
The (Not So) Puzzling Behavior of Angel Investors selected for discussion in *Conglomerate*
blog's Third Annual Junior Scholars Workshop (July 2007)
David Gelles, *New Stock on the Block*, *Financial Times*, Oct. 29, 2010
Robyn M. Perrin, *A Tale of Three Cities*, *Wisconsin Technology Network*, Oct. 28, 2009
Op-Ed, *Complex Financial Innovation to Blame*, *Wisconsin State Journal*, Oct. 5, 2008
Duane Ramsey, *'Angels' Help Entrepreneurs Take Wing*, *Toledo Free Press*, Apr. 11, 2008
Michelli Murphy, *UA Program Lets Students Simulate Real World*, *Arizona Daily Star*, Dec. 3,
2007

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association
American Law and Economics Association
Canadian Law and Economics Association
Law and Society Association
Midwestern Law and Economics Association
State Bar of Georgia (admitted 1999)