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## **EDUCATION**

### **University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall)**

*Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy, May 2008*

*J.D., May 2005*

Dissertation: *Law, Politics, and Preferences: An Economic Analysis of Direct Democracy and the Single Subject Rule*

Committee: Robert Cooter (Chair), Daniel Farber, Rui de Figueiredo, Daniel Rubinfeld  
Passed Field Exams in Law and Economics and Politics, Administration, and Legislation

### Honors:

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant (2007-08)

Chancellor's Dissertation Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley (2007-08)

Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley (2006-07)

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, U.C. Berkeley (2006)

Graduated first in law school class (1 out of 285) (2005)

Order of the Coif (2005)

Jurisprudence and Social Policy Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley (2002-06)

John M. Olin Fellowship in Law and Economics, U.C. Berkeley (2002-05)

### Activities:

Faculty Search Committee for Quantitative Methodologist (2006-07)

Riesefeld Fellow (2005-06) (selected by faculty to assist with LL.M. program)

*California Law Review*, Articles Editor (2004-05) and Member (2003-04)

### **Tulane University**

*B.S., Economics and Political Science, May 1999*

### Honors:

Graduated *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

J. Ernest Tanner Award (for highest GPA in economics), Senior Scholar in Economics

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

### **School of Law, University of Virginia**

*Associate Professor, July 2009 to present*

Teach courses on legislation, election law, and judicial decision-making.

### **Legal Studies Department, University of California, Berkeley**

*Graduate Student Instructor, Spring 2006, Spring 2005, and Fall 2003*

Teaching assistant for undergraduate Public Law and Economics courses taught by Professors Robert Cooter and David Sunding.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

### **U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, San Francisco, CA**

Law Clerk, Judge William A. Fletcher, July 2008 to July 2009

### **World Bank Group, Washington, DC**

Consultant, Doing Business Project, Summer 2005

### **Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP, London, England**

Summer Associate, Summer 2004

### **Clifford Chance LLP, San Francisco, CA**

Summer Associate, Summer 2003

### **Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC**

Assistant to the Director and Research Assistant, International Finance Division, 1999-2002

### **Central Intelligence Agency**

Intern (paid), Directorate of Intelligence, Summer 1998

## **PUBLISHED AND ACCEPTED PAPERS**

“A Theory of Direct Democracy and the Single Subject Rule,” 110 *Columbia Law Review* (forthcoming 2010) (with Robert D. Cooter)

“Less Can Be More: Conflicting Ballot Proposals and the Highest Vote Rule,” 38 *Journal of Legal Studies* 383 (2009) (with Joshua M. Levine)

“Single Subject Rules and the Legislative Process,” 67 *University of Pittsburgh Law Review* 803 (2006)

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“How Much Does Law Matter? Theory and Evidence from Single Subject Adjudication”

“Political Questions in International Law”

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

“Less Can Be More: Conflicting Ballot Proposals and the Highest Vote Rule,” presented at American Law & Economics Association annual meeting, Cambridge, MA, May 2007 and Western Political Science Association annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV, March 2007.

Invited speaker for panel entitled “Judges Overruling the Electorate?: The Single Subject Rule” (with Judge Charles Canady, Professor Saul Levmore, Professor Daniel Lowenstein, and Judge Jeffrey Sutton), Federalist Society’s National Lawyers Convention, Washington, DC, November 2006.

“Political Questions in International Law,” presented at Law & Society Association annual meeting, Baltimore, MD, July 2006.

“Chaos, Direct Democracy, and the Single Subject Rule,” presented at American Law & Economics Association annual meeting, Berkeley, CA, May 2006 and Law & Economics Workshop, U.C. Berkeley, February 2006.

“Single Subject Rules and Public Choice Theory,” presented at Workshop on Strategic Theory of the U.S. Constitution, U.C. Berkeley, August 2005.