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### EDUCATION

PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, THE DIVINITY SCHOOL, with distinction, 2006.  
Dissertation: Religion, Culture, and Liberal Democracy in South Africa.  
Martin Marty Center Dissertation Fellowship, 2004 – 2005.  
Doolittle Fellowship, 2003.  
Overseas Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2003.  
Fulbright Scholar (South Africa), 1993 – 1994.

J.D., YALE LAW SCHOOL, 1999.  
Yale Law Journal: Symposium Editor, 1998 – 1999; Editor, 1997 – 1998.  
Schell Center for International Human Rights Summer Fellow, 1997.  
Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, Student Director.

A.B., BROWN UNIVERSITY, *magna cum laude*, 1991.  
Phi Beta Kappa.  
Honors in Religious Studies.  
Bishop McVickar Prize for Best Honors Thesis in Religious Studies (co-recipient).

### CLERKSHIP

JUDGE JOHN M. WALKER, JR., UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT,  
1999 – 2000.

### PUBLICATIONS

*Condemning Religion: The Political Economy of RLUIPA* (work in progress) (with Christopher Serkin)

*Constitutional Borrowing* (work in progress) (with Robert Tsai).

*Inheritance & Disinheritance: African Customary Law and Constitutional Rights*,  
88 J. RELIGION 466 (2008) (peer reviewed, University of Chicago).

*Excluding Religion*, 156 U. PA. L. REV. 1263 (2008).

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*Witchcraft and Statecraft: Liberal Democracy in Africa*, 96 GEO. L.J. 183 (2007).

*Understanding Laïcité*, 23 J. LAW & RELIGION 371 (2007-08) (reviewing JOHN R. BOWEN, WHY THE FRENCH DON'T LIKE HEADSCARVES: ISLAM, THE STATE, AND PUBLIC SPACE (2007)).

*Witchcraft and the Polis*, 86 J. RELIGION 710 (2006) (peer reviewed, University of Chicago) (reviewing ADAM ASHFORTH, WITCHCRAFT, VIOLENCE, AND DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH AFRICA (2005)).

*Free Exercise and the Problem of Symmetry*, 56 HASTINGS L.J. 699 (2005).

### PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

“Constitutional Borrowing,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference (April 2009) (with Robert Tsai).

“Lawyers’ New Duties Concerning Real Evidence: Obstruction of Justice and Sarbanes-Oxley,” Brooklyn Law School Professional Ethics Series, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP, New York, NY (October 29, 2008).

“Condemning Religion: The Political Economy of RLUIPA,” Municipal Arts Society of New York (October 23, 2008).

Participant, Roundtable on KENT GREENAWALT, RELIGION AND THE CONSTITUTION: ESTABLISHMENT AND FAIRNESS, Notre Dame Law School (October 10, 2008).

“Condemning Religion: The Political Economy of RLUIPA,” Albany Law School Symposium on Religion and Land Use (October 2, 2008).

“The Free Exercise of Culture,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Conference (March 29, 2008).

“Originalism and Living Constitutionalism,” Supreme Court Seminar, Street Law, Inc., Sullivan & Cromwell (January 2008).

“Witchcraft and Statecraft: Liberal Democracy in Africa,” South Africa Reading Group, New York Law School (September 2007).

Co-organizer, Symposium on Religion, Morality, and the Public Square, St. John’s University School of Law (March 2007).

Moderator, Debate on Church-State Law and Policy, American Constitution Society, NYU School of Law (October 2006) (with Noah Feldman and Marci Hamilton).

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“Free Exercise and the Problem of Symmetry,” Taubman Center for Public Policy, Brown University, Providence, RI (November 2006).

Moderator, Constitution Day Panel Discussion on Judicial Independence, St. John’s University School of Law (September 2006).

“Witchcraft and Statecraft: Liberal Democracy in Africa,” New York Pre-Tenure Colloquium, Fordham Law School (April 2006).

“Religion, Culture, and the New African Liberalism,” NYU Law and Humanities Colloquium (June 2004).

“Free Exercise and the Problem of Symmetry,” NYU Legal History Colloquium (October 2003).

“Emerging South African Religious Freedom Jurisprudence,” University of the Witwatersrand Law School, Public Law Working Group, Johannesburg, South Africa (August 2003).

“Free Exercise and the Problem of Symmetry,” NYU Lawyering Faculty Colloquium (Spring 2003).

### TEACHING

Courses: Constitutional Law, Law and Religion, Professional Responsibility.

Recognition: Teaching Award, St. John’s Law School, 2005 – 2006 (based on student evaluations of all courses).

### EXPERIENCE

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL, 2007 – present.

Associate Professor. Appointments Committee, 2008 – 2009.

ST. JOHN’S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, 2005 – 2007.

Assistant Professor.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, LAWYERING PROGRAM, 2002 – 2005.

Acting Assistant Professor.

DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL, 2001 – 2002.

Associate.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Summer 2001.

Visiting Researcher.

## **NELSON TEBBE**

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, NATIONAL DRUG POLICY PROJECT, 2000 – 2001.  
Attorney.

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee and Member of the Executive Committee, Section on Law and Religion, American Association of Law Schools (2008, 2009).

### **PEER REVIEWING**

Cambridge University Press  
Oxford University Press

### **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION**

Admitted to the New York Bar, January 2000.