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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Southern University Law Center**, Baton Rouge, LA  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW (tenure-track) (June 2013–Present)

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## EDUCATION

**Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University**, Baton Rouge, LA  
JURIS DOCTOR, GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CIVIL LAW, *magna cum laude* (May 2010)  
ACTIVITIES & HONORS

- Editor-in-Chief, Vol. 70, *Louisiana Law Review* (2009–2010)
- Member, Order of the Coif
- W. Lee Hargrave Award
- Kate Wallach Memorial Scholar
- LSU Board of Supervisors Scholar

**Louisiana State University**, Baton Rouge, LA  
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, MINOR IN FRENCH HISTORY (May 2007)  
*Student Body President* (2006–2007)

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## PUBLICATIONS

### ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

*Super-Liens to the Rescue? A Case Against Special Districts in Real Estate Finance*, 72.2 WASH. & LEE L. REV. (forthcoming Spring 2015).

*Banks, Break-Ins, and Bad Actors in Mortgage Foreclosure*, 83 U. CIN. L. REV. (forthcoming Spring 2015).

*Commerce, Commonality, and Contract Law: Legal Reform in a Mixed Jurisdiction*, 75 LA. L. REV. (forthcoming Spring 2015) (invited).

*Fairness, Equity, and A Level Playing Field: Development Goals for the Resilient City*, 50 IDAHO. L. REV. 217 (2014) (invited symposium contribution).

*The Perils of Primacy: Successor Liability for Lenders Turned Declarants in Louisiana Common Interest Communities*, 74 LA. LAW REV. 777 (2014) (invited).

*Testing the Reach of UCC Article 9: The Question of Tax Credit Collateral in Secured Transactions*, 64 S. C. L. REV. 143 (2012).

*Towards a Convention for the International Sale of Real Property: Challenges, Commonalities, and Possibilities*, 29 QUINNIPIAC L. REV. 841 (2011) (lead article).

Comment, *Laying to Rest An Ancien Regime, Antiquated Institutions in Louisiana Civil Law and Their Incompatibility with Modern Public Policies*, 70 LA. LAW REV. 1367 (2010).

#### **OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

*The Use of Bank Contractors in Mortgage Foreclosure: Contractual Considerations and Liability Concerns*, 29 PROBATE & PROPERTY (forthcoming Jan./Feb. 2015).

*Legislative Updates in Property Law*, 291 AROUND THE BAR (November 2014).

*Louisiana's New Tax Credit Registry Act: Cutting Down on Fraud in the Marketplace*, 280 AROUND THE BAR (October 2013) (primary drafter of the legislation).

*Making the Case for PACE: The Past, Present, and Future of Sustainability Financing Under the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program*, 262 AROUND THE BAR (December 2011).

*Examining the Mortgage Provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act One Year Out: Advising Clients on the New Regulatory Landscape*, 257 AROUND THE BAR (May 2011).

#### **ACADEMIC WORKS-IN-PROGRESS**

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*Common Interest Ownership Regimes and the Theory of the Semicommons*

*Restoring the Home as Castle: The Mortgage Contract After Dodd-Frank*

*When the Bank Forecloses on Your Facebook Account: A New Framework for Security in General Intangibles*

*Microwaves, Mortgages, and Now Bank Contractors: Regulating the Mortgage Field Services Industry*

#### **TEACHING, AWARDS, & SERVICE**

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##### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Secured Transactions (Real and Personal Property), Common Law Property, Civil Law Property, Sales and Lease (including UCC), Real Estate Transactions and Housing Seminar

##### **AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

Fellow, American Bar Association Section on Real Property, Trusts, and Estates (July 2014–July 2016)  
SULC Rising Star Researcher, Southern University System (2013–2014)

## **LAW SCHOOL SERVICE**

Faculty Development Committee (2013–present)  
Academic Affairs Committee (2013–present)  
Grade Appeals Committee (2014—present)  
Student Affairs Committee (2013—present)  
ABA Self-Study Subcommittee on the Faculty (2013–2014)  
Bar Examination Preparation Subcommittee—Codes I & III (2013–2014)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Phelps Dunbar LLP, Baton Rouge, LA**

ASSOCIATE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS PRACTICE GROUP (September 2010–June 2013)

- Participated in the structuring of complex commercial real estate transactions
- Assisted in the closing of multifamily and mixed-use developments
- Worked on multi-tiered tax credit, tax incremental, and other government incentive financings
- Drafted multipurpose covenants, conditions, and restrictions for commercial subdivisions and developments
- Helped facilitate the closing of community development loans to local organizations

### **Louisiana Department of Economic Development, Baton Rouge, LA**

LAW CLERK, OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNSEL (December 2008–March 2009)

- Worked on legislative reporting projects
- Assisted in the drafting of cooperative endeavor agreements with regional economic development groups

### **Honorable Jay Zainey, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA**

JUDICIAL INTERN (December 2007–January 2008)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### ***Professors Panel: Recent Developments—Foreclosures Fiascos***

Spring Symposium of the Section of Real Property, Trusts, and Estates Law, American Bar Association—Washington DC (May 2015).

### ***Real Estate Basics: Reviewing and Negotiating a Commercial Real Estate Purchase Agreement***

Spring Symposium of the Section of Real Property, Trusts, and Estates Law, American Bar Association—Washington DC (May 2015).

### ***The Sharing Semicommons***

Sharing Economy | Sharing City: Urban Law and the New Economy Symposium, Fordham University School of Law—New York, NY (April 2015).

### ***Common Interest Ownership Regimes and the Theory of the Semicommons***

Section on Property Law's Young Scholars Breakfast, American Association of Law Schools—Washington DC (January 2015) (competitive selection).

***Pot and Property: Issues at the Intersection of Property Law and the Legalization of Marijuana***

Monthly “Professor’s Corner”, hosted by the Real Property, Trusts, and Estate Section of the American Bar Association (June 2014) (moderator).

***Hot Topics in Property and Commercial Law***

Louisiana Legislature’s Annual Continuing Legal Education Seminar—Baton Rouge, Louisiana (December 2014).

***Legislative Updates in Real Estate, Commercial, and Banking Law***

Southern University Law Center’s Annual End-of-the-Year CLE Seminar—Baton Rouge, Louisiana (December 2014).

***Hot Topics in Property and Commercial Law***

Baton Rouge Bar Association’s End-of-the-Year CLE Seminar—Baton Rouge, Louisiana (December 2014).

***How Scholarship Has Contributed to a Respect for Diversity***

Louisiana Diversity Forum, Southern University—Baton Rouge, LA (Oct. 2014).

***Consumer Protection in the Sale of Mineral Rights: Upcoming Issues and Recent Developments***

Gulf Coast Land Institute 2014 Conference—Baton Rouge, LA (October 2014).

***Banks, Break-Ins, and Bad Actors in Mortgage Foreclosures***

Southern University Law Center Faculty Brown-Bag Colloquia—Baton Rouge, LA (October 2014)

***Common Interest Ownership Regimes and the Theory of the Semicommons***

Junior Faculty Scholarship Exchange, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth School of Law—Boston, MA (October 2014).

***Super-Liens to the Rescue? A Case for Moderating Lien Priority Contests***

Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Young Scholars Colloquium—Amelia Island, FL (August 2014).

***Banks, Break-Ins, and Bad Actors in Mortgage Foreclosure***

Junior Scholars Virtual Colloquium hosted by Michigan State University College of Law (August 2014)

***Taxing Property Owners: Assessing the Human Access Inequities***

Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism Research Collaboration Symposium, McGill University Faculty of Law—Montreal, Canada (June 2014).

***Ripped from the Headlines: Recent Developments in Property Law***

Monthly “Professor’s Corner”, hosted by the Real Property, Trusts, and Estate Section of the American Bar Association (June 2014) (co-presented with Tanya Marsh (Wake Forest) and Troy Rule (Arizona)).

***Special Taxing Districts, Super Liens, and Mortgage Meltdowns***

Annual Conference of the Association of Law, Property, and Society, University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law—Vancouver, Canada (May 2014).

***Fairness, Equity, and A Level Playing Field: Development Goals for the Resilient City***

Idaho Law Review Symposium: Resilient Cities: Environment, Economy, Equity, University of Idaho College of Law—Boise, Idaho (April 2014).

***Collateralizing Control: Security Rights in Real Estate CCRs***

Baton Rouge Property Lawyers Association—Baton Rouge, Louisiana (April 2014).

***A Crown on Every Head: The Rise of Super Liens and the Decline of Conventional Priority***

Southern Central Association of Law Schools (SCALS) Traveling Lecture Series, University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law—Little Rock, Arkansas (March 2014).

***Legislative Update: The Louisiana Tax Credit Registry Act***

Louisiana Legislature’s Annual Continuing Legal Education Seminar—Baton Rouge, Louisiana (December 2013).

***Legislative Update: The Louisiana Tax Credit Registry Act***

Southern University Law Center’s Annual End-of-the Year Continuing Legal Education Seminar—Baton Rouge, Louisiana (December 2013).

***A Primer on the Louisiana Tax Credit Registry Act***

Baton Rouge Bar Association’s CLE by the Hour—Baton Rouge, Louisiana (December 2013).

***The Interaction Between State Substantive Law and Federal Tax Law***

Guest Lecturer, LSU Public Finance class (Econ 4110—Dr. Jim Richardson)—Baton Rouge, Louisiana (November 2013) (co-taught with LSU tax professor Phillip Hackney).

***The Anchor Effect—Legal Reform and Tradition in America’s Mixed Jurisdiction***

Faculty Scholarship “Brown-Bag” Colloquium, Southern University Law Center—Baton Rouge, Louisiana (October 2013).

***A Crown on Every Head—The Collision of Special District Liens and Mortgage Rights***

The Central States Law Schools Association’s Annual Scholarship Conference, University of Arkansas School of Law—Fayetteville, Arkansas (October 2013).

***Testing the Reach of UCC Article 9: The Question of Tax Credit Collateral in Secured Transactions***

Annual Conference of the Association of Law, Society, and Property, Georgetown Law Center—Washington D.C. (March 2012).

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**American Bar Association**

Member, Easements, Restrictions, and Covenants Committee, Commercial Real Estate Transactions Group, Section on Real Property, Trusts, and Estates Law (August 2014–present)

Member, Mortgage Lending Committee, Section on Real Property, Trusts, and Estates Law (August 2014–present)

Member, Monthly Professor's Corner Planning Committee, Section on Real Property, Trusts, and Estates Law (August 2014–present)

Member, Membership Committee, Section on Real Property, Trusts, and Estates Law (August 2014–present)

**Louisiana State Law Institute**

Reporter, Committee on Common Interest Ownership Regimes (July 2013–present)

Member, Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute (Nov. 2013–present)

Member, Committee on Landlord–Tenant Law (September 2014–present)

Member, Committee on the Uniform Commercial Code (March 2014–present)

Member, Committee on Security Devices (May 2013–present)

Member, Committee on Mineral Rights—Unsolicited Offers (August 2013–present)

Member, Committee on Unpaid Wages (June 2014–present)

Junior Member, Council (January 2012–December 2012)

**Louisiana State Bar Association**

Member, Louisiana Bar Journal Editorial Board (May 2013–present)

**Baton Rouge Bar Association**

Member and Contributing Writer, Publications Committee (May 2011–present)

*Ex-Officio* Member, Board of Directors (January 2014–December 2014)

Chair, Public Law Section (January 2014–December 2014)

Chair-Elect, Public Law Section (January 2013–December 2013)

Secretary, Public Law Section (December 2011–January 2013)

**LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center Young Alumni Leadership Council**

Member (January 2011–present)

**Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, Inc.**

Member, Research Committee (October 2012–present)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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**Housing Authority of East Baton Rouge Parish**

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Chairperson, Board of Commissioners (September 2014–present)  
Member, Board of Commissioners (August 2013–present)

**The Emerge Center for Communication, Behavior, and Development**

Board Vice President (December 2014–present)  
Board Secretary (December 2012–December 2014)  
Member, Board of Directors (January 2011–present)

**BAR ADMISSION**

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**Louisiana** (admitted October 2010)