



Martin W. Sybbli
Assistant Professor of Law

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA
Assistant Professor of Law, June 2019 – Present
Courses: Contracts, Law and Development

Princeton University, Department of Sociology, Princeton, NJ
Postgraduate Research Associate, February 2019 – May 2019

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Center for the Study of Law and Society (CSLS), Berkeley, CA
Visiting Scholar, May 2016 – July 2018

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Department of Sociology, Princeton, NJ
PhD, Sociology, April 2019
Dissertation Committee: Kim Lane Scheppele (Sociology/Law) (Chair); Miguel A. Centeno (Sociology); Kevin E. Davis (Law—New York University School of Law)

MA, Sociology, September 2016
General Exam Areas: Sociology of Law; Political Sociology; Urban Sociology
Distinction in General Exams

Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton, NJ
MPP (Master in Public Policy), Development Studies, June 2013

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI
JD, December 2003

University of Connecticut, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Storrs, CT
BA, *magna cum laude*, Honors Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, December 2000

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Hon. Marcia G. Cooke, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, Miami, FL, 2004 – 2005

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

- *Law, Growth and the Identity Hurdle: A Theory of Legal Reform*, 95 TUL. L. REV. (forthcoming 2020-2021).
- *Introductory Essay: Sub-Nationalism*, (61(8) AM. BEHAV. SCI. 799 (2017)) (with Miguel Centeno).

- *A Cross-National Comparison of Sub-National Variation*, (61(8) AM. BEHAV. SCI. 908 (2017)) (with Elaine Enriquez and Miguel Centeno).
- *The Functional Threshold of Modern Heritage: Form Versus Function and the Struggle Over Tel Aviv's Concert Hall* (22(2) INT'L J. HERITAGE STUD. 145 (2016)) (with Nir Mualam).
- *The Problem of Offshore Financial Centers* (Work-In-Progress).
- *The Legal Complex and Business Law Reform in the Post-Colony* (Work-In-Progress).

Edited Volume

- (Co-edited with Miguel Centeno) Special Issue: *The "Sub-National Turn": The Growing Importance and Utility of "Scaling Down"* (61(8) AM. BEHAV. SCI. 799-959 (2017)).

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

- Presenter, *Context and the Standardization of Commercial Law*, Culp Colloquium and Emerging Scholars Workshop, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, June 5, 2018.
- Presenter, *Context and the Standardization of Commercial Law*, Law and Economics Workshop, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Toronto, ON (Canada) April 10, 2018.
- Presenter, *Context and the Standardization of Commercial Law*, Center for the Study of Law and Society, Visiting Scholars Speakers Series, University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA, November 17, 2017.
- Commentator, *Law and the Doing Business Indicator*, Eighth Annual John Mercer Langston Writing Workshop, Drexel University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, July 7, 2017.
- Presenter, *Law and the Doing Business Indicators*, Culp Colloquium and Emerging Scholars Workshop, Duke Law School, Raleigh, NC, May 19, 2017.
- Presenter, *Global Governance, Indicators and the Legal Complex: Commercial Law Practice in the British Post-Colonies of Barbados, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago*, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Faculty of Law's 15th Annual Caribbean Commercial Law Workshop: Celebrating Caribbean Commercial Law, Bridgetown, Barbados, July 24, 2016.
- Presenter, *A Cross-National Comparison of Subnational Variation*, the American Sociological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 24, 2015.
- Presenter, *Embedded Capacity: Territorial Inclusion in a Cross-National Comparison of Sub-National State Capacity*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 29, 2014.
- Presenter, *Law and Local Government*, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, May 10, 2013.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

- Princeton University's Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2018-2019
- Princeton University's Harold W. Dodds Fellowship for distinguished academic work, 2017-18 (an honorific fellowship awarded to only five PhD students across the entire graduate school)
- Princeton University Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS), summer research grant, 2016
- Princeton University, Sociology Department, summer research grant, 2016
- University of Michigan Law School, Top 15%, Legal Research and Writing, 2001
- Connecticut Legislature, Outstanding Education Achievement Award, 2000

SELECTED LEADERSHIP, PUBLIC SERVICE & AWARDS

- Class Representative, Woodrow Wilson School, Master in Public Policy, 2012-2013
- Mentor, College Advisor Program, University of Connecticut College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2011-2012
- Honoree, Pro Bono Recognition (for affordable housing representation), Lawyers Clearinghouse (20th Anniversary Ceremony), 2008
- Member, University of Connecticut Alumni Scholarship Committee, 2008
- Board Member, University of Michigan Club of Greater Boston, 2006-2007
- McCullough Student Leadership Award, University of Connecticut, 2000
- University of Connecticut Board of Trustees Leadership Award, University of Connecticut, 2000

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

World Bank, (Short-Term) Consultant

Washington, DC (2012)

Served on Coordination Secretariat for the Caribbean Growth Forum (CGF), an initiative led by the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), and other international financial institutions (IFIs) to identify laws, policies and initiatives to induce economic growth and create jobs in the Caribbean region. Directed legal and procurement matters for Coordination Secretariat, including negotiations in connection with key Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among IFIs regarding each institutions commitment and responsibility for CGF. Liaised with multiple IFIs to ensure involvement of appropriate private sector, civil society and academic stakeholders for key discussions on Caribbean economic growth.

Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office, Assistant County Attorney

Miami, FL (2007-2011)

Served as in-house counsel for inter-governmental affairs, municipal finance and business transactions for Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and Office of the Mayor. Provided legal advice on all aspects of the County's governance, including constitutional, administrative, procurement, property, real estate, civil rights, and tort law matters. Negotiated numerous leases and commercial agreements aimed at facilitating economic growth and community redevelopment. Liaised with members of the Florida House and Senate on behalf of the County, and prepared legislation for consideration by Florida State Legislature. Litigated torts and civil rights cases on behalf of County in state and federal court.

Bingham McCutchen LLP (now Morgan Lewis), Associate

Boston, MA (2005-2007)

Advised corporate clients on corporate and finance transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, special purpose acquisitions, and technology licensing transactions. Represented leading financial institutions and corporate borrowers in a variety of deals, including secured and unsecured single and multi-lender credit facilities and asset-based lending facilities. Advised non-profit organizations on incorporation matters and the negotiation of credit agreements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Law School Service

- Emory Law, Clerkship Committee

Bar Admissions:

- State Bars: Florida, Massachusetts and Washington, DC
- Federal Bars: Southern District of Florida and Supreme Court of the United States

Academic Affiliations:

- Law and Society Association
- Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University

Periodic Peer Reviewer:

- Journal of Law and Courts
- International Journal of Heritage Studies