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**EXPERIENCE**

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**EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Atlanta, GA** **July 2025-Present**

**Visiting Assistant Professor of Practice**

- Courses taught in separation of powers, congressional investigations, and government lawyering.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, D.C.** **2022-January 2025**

**Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs**

- Member of senior executive leadership team responsible for strategic planning, management, and hiring across 50+ person office that manages DOJ's relationship with Congress.
- Led eight-person team that managed DOJ's response to a high volume of sensitive congressional investigations and oversight requests. Advised DOJ leadership on high-stakes congressional inquiries and oversaw response to dozens of subpoenas and hundreds of voluntary requests for testimony, documents, and information.
- Prepared Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Special Counsels, U.S. Attorneys, Assistant Attorneys General, and other DOJ, FBI, and ATF officials to testify before Congress.

**U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, Washington, D.C.** **2019-2022**

**Chief Counsel for Oversight, Chair Richard J. Durbin (2021-2022)**

**Senior Counsel, Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein (2019-2021)**

- Member of senior leadership team responsible for developing and executing Judiciary Committee's agenda and overseeing 31-person staff. Directly managed six-person oversight team that conducted oversight and investigations of the executive branch and private sector.
- Organized high-profile oversight hearings on topics including the January 6 attack, domestic terrorism, hate crimes, threats to election officials, data security, and the FBI's failure to investigate sexual abuse claims against Larry Nassar.
- Advised Chair Richard J. Durbin, Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein, and other committee members on the 2021 and 2020 impeachment trials of President Donald J. Trump.

**O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP, Washington, D.C.** **2008-2015, 2017-2019**

**Counsel & Associate, White Collar Defense Practice Group**

- Oversaw day-to-day case management in high-stakes government investigations and enforcement actions, with a focus on congressional investigations, False Claims Act matters, and healthcare fraud.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, Washington, D.C.** **2015-2017**

**Senior Counsel to the General Counsel (2016-2017)**

**Counsel to the General Counsel (2015-2016)**

- Served as senior in-house counsel to 46,000-person Cabinet department responsible for creating the conditions for economic growth and opportunity. Coordinated with political and career personnel across 450-person legal department to provide customer service-oriented, time-sensitive advice to Secretary, General Counsel, and other Department executives on a range of significant risk management, policy, and congressional oversight matters.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, D.C.**

**Fall 2007**

**Law Clerk, Environmental Enforcement Section**

Drafted motions, pleadings, and legal memoranda for a broad range of civil enforcement actions involving the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and other environmental statutes.

**FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, Washington, D.C.**

**1999-2007**

**Legislative Director, Legislative Representative & Legislative Associate**

Directed all aspects of government affairs strategy for leading environmental organization.

**EDUCATION**

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**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, D.C.**

**May 2008**

Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*

**Honors:** Order of the Coif, CALI Award in Advanced Legal Writing

**DUKE UNIVERSITY, Durham, N.C.**

**May 1998**

Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Science and Policy

**RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

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- *The Real Reason Trump's Purge of Career DOJ Officials Should Alarm You*, Just Security (Jan. 30, 2025)

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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**Select Trainings, Speaking Engagements, and Consulting**

- Instructor, *Oversight and Investigations: What it Means and How to Make it Work*, Project on Government Oversight, 119th Congress Congressional Staff Training Program (Feb. 28, 2025).
- Panelist, *High Crimes and Misdemeanors: The Dual Impeachments of Donald Trump*, American Constitution Society, University of Pennsylvania Law School and Columbia Law School Chapters (March 9, 2021).
- Regularly advise congressional staff and individuals appearing before Congress.

**Professional Memberships**

- Admitted to practice: District of Columbia, Maryland (inactive)
- Member: Edward Bennett Williams Inn of Court, Military Spouse JD Network