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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School | Cambridge, MA

J.D. *magna cum laude*, May 2016

Activities: Articles Co-Chair, *Harvard Law Review*, Volume 129;

Bankruptcy Roundtable; Financial Distress Research Project.

Dean's Scholar Prizes: Property, Politics of Private Law, Poverty Law,
Legal Profession.

Writing Prizes: Steven L. Werner Prize (criminal justice); Addison Brown Prize
(international private law); Irving Oberman Memorial Award (bankruptcy).

Research Assistant For: Richard Fallon, Martha Minow, Adrian Vermeule.

Teaching Fellow For: Richard Fallon.

Harvard Divinity School | Cambridge, MA

M.T.S. in Religion, Ethics, and Politics, May 2016

Honors: *Dean's Fellow* (full scholarship with stipend)

Harvard University | Cambridge, MA

B.A. *magna cum laude* with highest honors in Religion, June 2009

Honors: *summa cum laude* for Honors Thesis; 2009 Thesis Prize for the Comparative
Study of Religion

CLERKSHIP

The Honorable Richard A. Posner (7th Circuit) | Chicago, IL

Law Clerk, June 2016 – June 2017

COURSES

Bankruptcy, Contracts

LEGAL

PUBLICATIONS

[*Bankruptcy & the Benefit Corporation*](#), 96 AM. BANKR. L.J. 93 (2022).

The benefit corporation promises to require the directors of socially minded businesses to balance public benefit with shareholder interests. But will that promise survive the crucible of financial distress? While the benefit corporation's key innovations should persist in bankruptcy, the application of that principle is complicated.

[*The New American Debtors' Prisons*](#), 44 AM. J. CRIM. L. 1 (2017).

State by state, Americans abolished imprisonment for debt in the first half of the nineteenth century. But debtors' prisons are back, in the form of imprisonment for nonpayment of criminal fines, fees, and costs. The old bans on debtors' prisons should be re-interpreted for a new era of mass incarceration.

Note, [*State Bans on Debtors' Prisons and Criminal Justice Debt*](#), 129 HARV. L. REV. 1024 (2016) (separate appendix published at 129 HARV. L. REV. F. 153 (2016)).

State constitutional bans on imprisonment for debt make imprisonment for certain types of criminal fines and fees unlawful. A [separate appendix](#) sets forth the forty-one current state constitutional bans on debtors' prisons.

Recent Legislation, [*Criminal Procedure — Colorado Requires On-the-Record Indigency Proceedings Prior to Incarceration for Failure to Pay Fines.*](#) — H.B. 14-1061, 69th Gen. Assemb., 2d Reg. Sess. (Colo. 2014), 128 HARV. L. REV. 1312 (2015).

Colorado’s legislation requires that indigency determinations be made on the record, yet further work needs to be done on the substantive requirements for indigency.

[*How “Mothballed” Chapter 11 Cases Will Affect Vendors, Landlords,*](#) LAW360, with George Shuster, Paul Jakubowski, and Benjamin Loveland (Apr. 14, 2020).

Many companies seeking bankruptcy protection have attempted to streamline and shorten their Chapter 11 cases. But the COVID-19 pandemic may be disrupting that trend, where some companies have sought to “mothball” their Chapter 11 cases completely and others have petitioned courts for a partial freeze of these cases.

OTHER
ACADEMIC
PUBLICATIONS

Book Review, 15 PHILOSOPHIA CHRISTI 490 (2013) (reviewing WHOSE GOD RULES? IS THE UNITED STATES A SECULAR NATION OR A THEOLEGAL DEMOCRACY? (Nathan C. Walker and Edwin J. Greenlee, eds., 2011)).

Walker and Greenlee’s excellent anthology of essays on the role of religion in public life makes insightful contributions to a typology but lacks progressive religious voices.

Toward the Glittering Heaven: Poetry and Asceticism in Gregory of Nazianzus’ Arcane Poems, 1 KANNENBRIGHT 14 (2010).

This analysis and translation of 1800+ lines of Greek poetry argues that Gregory of Nazianzus fit the form of his *Arcane Poems* to match his message of mysticism.

[*The Spirit in the Machine*](#), HARV. DIVINITY BULL. (Winter 2017, Bicentennial Issue). This award-winning essay imagines what religious studies will look like in 2116.

LEGAL
EXPERIENCE

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP | Boston, MA

Senior Associate, August 2017 – present

Engaged in fast-paced and dynamic bankruptcy practice, combining litigation with transactional work. Managed a bilingual team in a \$1.6-billion securities litigation. Represented medium-sized debtor in chapter 11 case. Defended complex preference and fraudulent transfer actions in *Toys “R” Us*, *Sears*, and *Puerto Rico*. Litigated bankruptcy jurisdictional and procedural issues. Managed complex discovery processes. Championed active pro bono practice including eviction defense, asylum cases, and citizenship applications.

Professor Richard H. Fallon, Jr. | Cambridge, MA

Teaching Fellow, Fall 2015

Taught two sections of undergraduate constitutional law. Prepared lesson plans and taught weekly small groups, held office hours, coordinated joint teaching with a colleague, and graded two sets of papers and exams.

White & Case, LLP | Miami, FL & Mexico City, MX

Law Clerk, Summer 2015

Conducted legal research and editing across a variety of practice groups, including financial restructuring & insolvency, disputes, and project finance. Reviewed and translated Spanish-language legal documents.

Professor John Witte Jr. | Atlanta, GA

Research Assistant, Summer 2014

Conducted legal and interdisciplinary research for book project on the functions of law, including the expressive function of law, behavioral law and economics, and alternative sanctions.

**PRIOR WORK
EXPERIENCE**

The Veritas Forum | Cambridge, MA

NE Regional Director, Dir. of Content Development, 2010–2012

Independent Researcher, Summer 2013

Directed academic dialogue events at over a dozen elite universities. Researched new content in law, psychology, religion, economics, and business.

AmeriCorps | Boston, MA

After School Program Coordinator, 2009–2010

Helped run an After School Program serving a diverse body of 246 students. Coordinated 35 volunteers (over 1200 volunteer hours).

PRESENTATIONS

Christopher D. Hampson, *Bankruptcy & the Benefit Corporation*, paper presented at the 2021 SEALS Prospective Law Teachers Workshop.

Hon. Edward Spillane III, Rep. James White, Christopher D. Hampson & Trisha Trigilio (Jan. 2017). *Debtors' Prison*. Symposium panel at the 2017 Conference of the *Tex. J. C.R.-C.L.*, "Misdemeanor Defendants and the 85th Legislative Session."

Hon. Michael A. Fagone (Bankr. D. Maine), Nancy L. Manzer, Isley Markman Gostin & Christopher D. Hampson (Oct. 31, 2019). *The P's of Evidence: Proper Preparation, Presentation, Pitfalls, and Practice Pointers*. 93rd Annual Fall Conference of the Nat'l Conf. of Bankr. Judges (2019).

CONFERENCES

SEALS Prospective Law Teachers Workshop (FL 2021); American Bankruptcy Institute ("ABI"), Northeast Bankruptcy Conference & Consumer Forum (Virtual 2021, Virtual 2020, RI 2019, VT 2018); ABI, Views from the Bench (DC 2019, DC 2018); U.S. Courts, Roadways to the Federal Bench (MA 2019).

AWARDS

Harvey Fellowship (2014)

Boston Magazine's Inaugural Top Lawyers List (2021)

**BAR
ADMISSIONS**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts (2017)

**COURT
ADMISSIONS**

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts (2019)

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts (2019)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2018)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2019)

**PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS**

American Bar Association (Member); American Bankruptcy Institute (Member); Boston Bar Association (Member)

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent); French (academic reading); German (academic reading); Ancient Greek (academic reading).