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## **EDUCATION**

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*George Washington University, Washington, D.C.*  
Ph.D. in Political Science 2022  
Committee: Sarah Binder (Chair), Eric Lawrence, Steve Balla, Charles Shipan (Michigan), Richard Pierce (GWU Law)  
Fields: American Politics; Quantitative Methodology

*Emory University, School of Law, Atlanta, GA*  
J.D. 2008

*Kenyon College, Gambier, OH*  
A.B. in Political Science & Philosophy 2005

## **RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS**

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**Areas of Specialization:** Regulatory investigations and enforcement; congressional oversight & investigations; administrative law; bureaucratic politics; federal information law.

**Areas of Competence:** Procurement law; tax-exempt entities law; political law/lobbying; judicial politics; jurisprudence; American legal history.

## **NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**TRUST VENTURES LLC**, Austin, TX (Washington, D.C. office) 2020–present  
*Director (Fund has \$400M AUM)* 2017–2020

**THE WHITE HOUSE**, Washington, D.C.  
*Senior Associate Counsel and Special Assistant to the President*

**CAUSE OF ACTION INSTITUTE, INC.**, Washington, D.C. 2011–2017  
*Founder, Executive Director, and President of the Board of litigation, investigations, and crisis communications firm focused on bet-the-company government investigations and enforcement as well as affirmative litigation in regulatory, constitutional, political and public law matters.*

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**, Washington, D.C. 2009–2011  
*Counsel for Oversight & Investigations, Committee on Oversight & Government Reform*

**STAND TOGETHER TRUST**, Washington, D.C. 2008–2009  
*Associate, Legal Reform*

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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*A Pluralist Theory of American Administrative Law*

*The Myth of Accommodation: A Doctrinal and Empirical Assessment*

## **SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Peer reviewed**

*The Law: White House Equities: The New Executive Privilege*, 45 PRES. STUD. QRTL'Y (2015) (with Mark Rozell).

### **Non-refereed**

*The Illusory Precedent of *McGrain v. Daugherty**, 4 UNT DALL. L. REV. 1-9 (2021).  
Originally published at 38 YALE J. REG. NOTICE AND COMMENT (2020)).

*'Drive By' Jurisdictional Rulings: Congressional Oversight in Court*, 48 PEPPERDINE L. REV. (2020) 37-50.

*Kendall v. United States and the Inspector General Dilemma*, 88 U. CHICAGO L. REV. ONLINE (2020).

*Congressional Oversight Disputes as Political Questions, Part I: The Decline of the Interbranch Accommodation Doctrine*, 38 YALE J. REG. NOTICE AND COMMENT (2020).

*Congressional Oversight Disputes as Political Questions, Part II: Accommodation as an Intrabranched Doctrine Governing Committee Investigations*, 38 YALE J. REG. NOTICE AND COMMENT (2020).

*Rationality, Legitimacy, & The Law*, 7 WASH. U. JURISPRUDENCE REV. (2014).

*Redressing Politicized Spending*, 15 FEDERALIST SOC'Y REV. No. 1 (2014).

*The Reductio Ad Absurdum of Regulating Corruption*, JURIST (2013).

*Gmail.gov: When Politics Gets Personal Does the Public Have a Right to Know?* 13 FEDERALIST SOC'Y REV. (2012) (with Michael Pepson).

*Romance is Dead: Mail Order Brides as Surrogate Corpses*, 17 BUFFALO J. GENDER L. & SOC. JUSTICE (2009).

## **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

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*The Myth of Accommodation: A Doctrinal and Empirical Assessment*, American University Law School, Oversight Project (Nov. 6, 2020).

[Administrative Law Consequentialism](#), Center for the Study of the Administrative State, George Mason University (Sep. 17-18, 2020).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Judicial politics (undergraduate).

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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*The Freedom of Information Act*, Charles Koch Institute (April 28, 2016).

Testimony before the U.S. Senate, Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, *Watchdogs Needed: Top Government Investigator Positions Left Unfilled for Years* (June 3, 2015).

Testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, *Hearing: Ongoing Oversight: Monitoring the Activities of the Justice Department's Civil, Tax and Environment and Natural Resources Divisions and the U.S. Trustee Program*. (May 19, 2015).

*Make Your Job Easier With Open Government Tools*, Sunlight Foundation, Advisory Committee on Transparency (Feb. 18, 2015).

*Freedom of Information Act Workshop*, Am. Bar. Assn. Section on Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice (Jan. 26, 2015).

*Helping the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress build a more transparent government*, Sunlight Foundation, Advisory Committee on Transparency (Dec. 11, 2014).

*The Dog Ate My E-mails: Document Retention Policies, Litigation Holds, and Legal Ethics*, Federalist Society 2014 National Lawyers Convention (Nov. 17, 2014).

*DC Transparency Crisis Panel*, Sponsored by Judicial Watch (Mar. 19, 2014).

*State Policy Network: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting* (November 2012).

*Reporter's Toolbox: Practical Tips and Tools for Citizen Journalists*, Americans for Prosperity: Defending the American Dream Summit (Aug. 3, 2012).

*Proposed Freedom of Information Act Regulations*, The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (June 11, 2012).

*Civil & Human Rights Conference*, Sponsored by Make It Safe Coalition, 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building (May 21, 2012).

## **BAR AND COURT MEMBERSHIPS**

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Member of the State Bars of Texas, D.C. and Maryland; U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia; U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICE**

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Council, Administrative Conference of the United States (2020-2021)

Member, D.C. Advisory Committee, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (2016-2020)

Affiliated Scholar, GWU Regulatory Studies Center

Member, Advisory Committee on Transparency, Sunlight Foundation

Member, Federalist Society Executive Committee on Administrative Law

The President's Volunteer Service Award

Eagle Scout