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EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D., February 2011

New Haven, CT

Activities: *Yale Law Journal* – Editor; Admissions Committee
Yale Law & Policy Review – Policy Editor
Research Assistant – Professor Heather Gerken
San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project – Clinic student
American Constitution Society – Co-President; Vice President for Outreach & Publicity

NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH, M.A., Historical Studies, May 2007

New York, NY

Thesis: *Settling for a New Mousetrap: A History of American Election Law and the Missed Opportunities of 2000*

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, B.A., *summa cum laude*, Communication & Media Studies,
Mathematics and Sociology minors, May 2004

Bronx, NY

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa – early inductee
Dengler Award – highest GPA in department

EXPERIENCE

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, ELECTION LAW CLINIC

New York, NY

Litigation Director & Clinical Instructor – Develop and litigate voting rights cases, representing organizational and individual clients in state and federal court; supervise and support students in developing and litigating cases; teach related seminar.

August 2021 –
Present

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT

New York, NY

Senior Staff Attorney; Staff Attorney – Develop and litigate impact litigation voting rights cases, representing organizational and individual clients in state and federal court, including multiple trials; participate in all aspects of client advocacy, including drafting and arguing motions, presenting oral argument in appellate court, and researching and drafting pleadings, memoranda, appellate briefs, and reports to the court; manage discovery; take and defend depositions; work with expert witnesses; supervise law school interns; manage support staff on litigation matters.

April 2017 –
August 2021

BRACEWELL LLP/ZUCKERMAN SPAEDER LLP

New York, NY

Associate – Represented clients in a variety of civil and criminal matters in state and federal court; participated in all aspects of client advocacy, including drafting and arguing motions, and researching and drafting pleadings, memoranda, appellate briefs, and reports to the court; managed large electronic and hard copy discovery; took and defended depositions in civil matters; prepared clients for proffer sessions to prosecutors and accompany clients to proffers; managed internal investigations, including interviewing witnesses and parties, and drafting reports of findings.

September 2013 –
March 2017

HON. ROSEMARY S. POOLER, UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

Syracuse, NY

Law Clerk – Drafted bench memoranda analyzing legal and factual issues and recommending case resolutions; drafted opinions and summary orders, working directly with the Judge on all matters.

August 2012 –
August 2013

YALE LAW SCHOOL

New Haven, CT

Associate Research Scholar in Law, San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project Fellow, Lecturer in Law – Participated in trial and appellate litigation with the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, including *Perry v. Brown* and *Protectmarriage.com v. Bowen*; drafted discovery requests and responses to evidentiary objections; drafted sections of motion for summary judgment; researched and drafted memoranda on various topics, including the First Amendment and

August 2011 –
August 2012

the Voting Rights Act; managed collaboration between City Attorney's Office and clinic students; supervised students on litigation matters; managed clinical budget in compliance with law school policies; co-taught two law school seminars with Professor Heather Gerken.

OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL

Legal Intern – Assisted counsel on litigation, policy, and compliance matters, including research and writing on statutory, administrative, and constitutional issues, privilege review of material proposed for FOIA release, and analysis of ethics rules.

Washington, DC
January – May 2011

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Legal Intern – Researched and drafted memoranda analyzing federal election law and Senate procedure; evaluated legislative proposals.

Washington, DC
June – August 2010

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Voting Rights Research Fellow – Researched and drafted a review of residency and challenge requirements; researched and drafted memoranda regarding felony disenfranchisement, absentee and early voting requirements, and election administration procedures.

Washington, DC
February –
May 2010

SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY, OFFICE OF SENATOR SHELDON WHITEHOUSE

Legal Intern – Researched and drafted memoranda analyzing various legal and policy topics; drafted speeches and rebuttal points; prepared materials for hearings and committee meetings, including Supreme Court confirmation.

Washington, DC
June – August 2009

CAMPAIGN FOR CHANGE (PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN)

Deputy Voter Protection Director – Organized voter protection program for the 2008 general election in Michigan; contacted local election officials to clarify election procedures and ensure their proper application; created and distributed voter education materials; negotiated with local officials over reported violations of registration and election laws; oversaw the assignment of 1,500 volunteer lawyers to precincts throughout the state; directed legal boiler room region, managing a team of ten lawyers fielding questions and complaints on Election Day, responding in real time to problems by liaising with city clerks, state counsel, field staff, and county counsel.

Detroit, MI
August –
November 2008

BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE

Legal Intern – Researched and drafted memoranda analyzing legal topics including fee shifting, National Voter Registration Act compliance, ballot design, due process and election administration, and felony disenfranchisement; assisted in on-going litigation by editing briefs, preparing exhibits, and researching discrete questions.

New York, NY
May – August 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Democratizing the Economic Sphere: A Case for the Political Boycott, 115 W. VA. L. REV. 531 (2012).

Where the Consumer is the Commodity: The Difficulty with the Current Definition of Commercial Speech, 2013 MICH. ST. L. REV. 39 (with Erin Bernstein).