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**Assistant Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law**

Courses Offerings: Corporations, Contracts, Venture Capital Transactions, Business Planning

**Research Fellow & Program Affiliate Scholar, New York University School of Law**

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## SCHOLARSHIP

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### Law Review Articles

[Unbundling Employment: Flexible Benefits for the Gig Economy](#),  
11 DREXEL LAW REVIEW 1 (forthcoming 2018)

[Hyperfunding: Regulating Financing Innovation](#), 89 COLORADO LAW REVIEW 1033 (2018)

[小鸟的述说：推特如何正在颠覆股东积极主义](#), 证券法苑 第十八卷 (2016)  
[*The Bird's Account: How Twitter Is Subverting Shareholder Activism*, 18 SECURITIES LAW REVIEW 511]  
(translation of my 2015 piece into Chinese)

[A Place of Their Own: Crowds in the New Market for Equity Crowdfunding](#),  
100 MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW HEADNOTES 147 (2016)

[Democratizing Startups](#), 68 RUTGERS UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1013 (2016)

[Bridgefunding: Crowdfunding and the Market for Entrepreneurial Finance](#),  
25 CORNELL JOURNAL OF LAW & PUBLIC POLICY 397 (2016)

[A Little Birdie Said: How Twitter Is Disrupting Shareholder Activism](#),  
20 FORDHAM JOURNAL OF CORPORATE & FINANCIAL LAW 695 (2015)

### Peer Reviewed Articles

The Gig Economy, Smart Contracts, and the Disruption of Traditional Work,  
(with Dr. Liya Palagashvili) (under peer review at the Journal of Legal Studies)

[Female Entrepreneurs and Equity Crowdfunding in the US: Receiving Less when Asking for More](#),  
(with Dr. Mark Geiger) 10 JOURNAL OF BUSINESS VENTURING INSIGHTS 99 (2018)

### Book Chapters

Balancing Flexibility and Rigidity (with Dr. Liya Palagashvili)  
in REVIVING AMERICAN LABOR (eds. R Bales & C Garden, forthcoming 2019)

[Startup Financing](#), in STARTUP CREATION (ed. F Torgal, 2016)

## Online Publications

[Preliminary Evidence Suggests That Female Entrepreneurs Raise Less Than Their Male Counterparts via US Equity Crowdfunding. Why?](#),  
Oxford Business Law Blog, November 28, 2018

[Hyperfunding is the Harbinger of New Corporate Finance](#),  
Oxford Business Law Blog, August 9, 2017

[The Gender Equity Gap](#), Oxford Business Law Blog, January 11, 2017

[A Place of Their Own: Crowds in the New Market for Equity Crowdfunding](#),  
Oxford Business Law Blog, November 14, 2016

[Oranburg on Crowdfunding](#), IIT Chicago-Kent Faculty Blog, October 6, 2015

[Crowdfunding Rebooted: It's Not Just for Startups Anymore](#),  
GoodCrowd.info, September 24, 2015

[The Shareholder Revolution Will Be Tweeted, Liked, Shared and +1'd](#),  
CommPro.biz, Sep. 21, 2015

[The Law and Economics of the Series A Gap](#), Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog,  
April 6, 2015

[Crowdfunding under Title III Doesn't Work, But We Can Fix It](#),  
Law & Economics Prof Blog, February 22, 2015

[Twitter Is Disrupting Shareholder Activism](#), Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog, Jan. 14, 2015

## Interviews and Quotations in Newspapers

Gary Rothstein, [With Mega Millions Hitting \\$1.6B, Lottery Pools Should Craft Clear Rules. Best Bet? Put It in Writing](#), Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, October 23, 2018

Amy Qin, [The Big and Small of Working at a Tech Startup. One Intern Got His Name on a Patent Application](#), Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, August 9, 2018

Courtney Linder, [House Bill Would Put Thousands More Autonomous Vehicles on U.S. Roads](#), Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, September 6, 2017

Louise Lee, [The Missing Piece that Could Hold Back Equity Crowdfunding](#),  
The Wall Street Journal, May 1, 2016

Joe Borstein, [Getting High, Battling Trolls, and Killing Zombies—Legally](#),  
AboveTheLaw.com, June 3, 2015

## **Presentations**

The Gig Economy, Smart Contracts, and the Disruption of Traditional Work,  
University of Chicago Law School, April 2018.

Justice! Justice! An Interfaith Panel on Morality and the Law,  
Duquesne University School of Law, April 2018

Blockchain Regulation, Cardozo Law, April 2018

Unbundling Employment Benefits, University of Nebraska, March 2018

Labor Issues & the Sharing Economy, George Mason University, February 2018

Hyperfunding, University of Colorado Boulder School of Law, July 2017

Making Green: Marijuana Finance and Legal Ethics,  
Duquesne University School of Law, November 2016

Bridgefunding, Midwestern Law and Economics Association, September 2015

Bridgefunding, Canadian Law and Economics Association, August 2015

Democratizing Startups, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, August 2015

The Angel/Venture Capital Gap, University of Chicago, December 2014

Convertible Notes and Series Seed Agreements, University of Chicago, May 2013

## **Research Grant Awards and Prizes**

The Clifford Asness Foundation, \$50,000 award for An International Perspective on the Role of Regulation in Entrepreneurship (with Dr. Liya Palagashvili and Richard A. Epstein)

Individual Freedom and Free Markets Funding Area, The John Templeton Foundation,  
\$250,000 award for [Startup Innovation: The Role of Regulation in Entrepreneurship](#),  
(with Dr. Liya Palagashvili and Richard A. Epstein)

Junior Faculty Workshops Grant 2018, The Federalist Society,  
\$3,000 award for the Junior #FutureLaw Colloquium @Duquesne 3.0

Junior Faculty Workshops Grant 2017, The Federalist Society,  
\$3,000 award for the Junior #FutureLaw Colloquium @Duquesne 2.0

Junior Faculty Workshops Grant 2016, The Federalist Society,  
\$3,000 award for the Junior #FutureLaw Colloquium @Duquesne

Junior Scholars Colloquium 2016, The Federalist Society,  
\$1,000 prize for “Hyperfunding: Regulating Financial Innovation”

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Duquesne University School of Law**, Assistant Professor, 2016-present

Contracts I (3 credits, doctrinal)  
Contracts II (3 credits, doctrinal)  
Corporations I (2 credits, doctrinal)  
Corporations II (2 credits, doctrinal)  
Venture Capital Transactions (3 credits, simulation)

**Panthéon Sorbonne, Master 2 Droit anglais et nord-américain des affaires**, Instructor, 2018  
American Business Planning (2 credits, doctrinal)

**Chicago-Kent College of Law**, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2015-2016  
Legal Writing I & II (6 credits, writing)

**Florida State University College of Law**, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2014-2015  
Corporations (4 credits, doctrinal)  
Closely Held Business Organizations (3 credits, doctrinal)  
Electronic Discovery of Digital Evidence (3 credits, simulation)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**New York University School of Law**, Research Fellow & Program Affiliate Scholar, 2016-present

**Strikingly, Inc.**, Startup General Counsel, Silicon Valley, 2014-2018

**Fenwick & West LLP**, Corporate Associate, Silicon Valley, 2012–2014

**Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP**, Antitrust Associate, Washington DC, 2010–2012

## EDUCATION

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**The University of Chicago Law School**, J.D. (2011), with honors

**University of Florida**, B.A., English and Political Science (2006), *magna cum laude*

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### Symposia and Conferences

[The Junior #FutureLaw Scholars Colloquium @Duquesne 3.0 \(2018\)](#), Conference Organizer

[The Junior #FutureLaw Scholars Colloquium @Duquesne 2.0 \(2017\)](#), Conference Organizer

[The Junior #FutureLaw Scholars Colloquium @Duquesne \(2016\)](#), Conference Organizer

## **Continuing Legal Education**

Where You Want Your Practice to Be in 2030, 1 hour

Corporate Governance, Legal Ethics: Large Private Companies, 3 hours

Non-Practicing Entities: How to Deal with Patent Trolls, 1 hour

## **Committee Appointments**

Admissions Committee

Corporate Law Society Advisor

Disciplinary Committee

Distance Education and Simulation Courses Committee

Duquesne Business Law Journal

Facilities, Equipment, and Technology Committee

Student Publications Committee

University Interdisciplinary Curriculum Committee

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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### **District of Columbia**

### **California**