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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia

Assistant Professor of Law, 2020 – Present

Courses: Contracts I, Contracts II, International Trade Regulations, Scholarly Writing

Faculty Advisor: The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois

J.S.D., 2019

LL.M., 2015

Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

LL.B., 2014

B.A. in Economics, 2014

University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Toronto, Canada

Exchange Student, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Large Corporations and Investor-State Arbitration, Harvard International Law Journal (forthcoming)

(Un)stable BITs, Yale Journal of International Law, 47: 247-307 (2022) (with Cree Jones)

Domestic Politics and Settlement in Investor-State Arbitration, Journal of Legal Studies, 50: 145-185 (2021)

Are Arbitrators Biased in ICSID Arbitration? A Dynamic Perspective, International Review of Law and Economics, 66: 1-20 (2021)

Social Science Research and Reform of International Institutions, Chicago Journal of International Law, 22: 156-167 (2021) (invited symposium piece)

Sticky BITs, Harvard International Law Journal, 61: 357-406 (2020) (with Cree Jones)

Development Status and Decision-Making in Investment Treaty Arbitration, International Review of Law and Economics, 59: 1-12 (2019)

China's Market Economy Status under WTO Antidumping Law after 2016, Tsinghua China Law Review, 5: 151-168 (2013)

WORKING PAPERS

The Collateral Consequences of International Agreements: Evidence from Bilateral Investment Treaties (with Adam Chilton)

The Impact of Foreign Investors' Challenges to Domestic Regulation (with Mark Maffett and Mario Milone)

The U.S.-China Competition for Influence: Evidence from Chinese Bilateral Investment Treaties (with Adam Chilton)

Judicial Independence and Citation to Foreign Cases: A Study of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal (with Nuno Garoupa)

NON-ACADEMIC WRITING

Large Corporations and Investor-State Arbitration, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (August 19, 2023)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2023

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting; American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, Boston University; University of Chicago and ETH Zurich Junior Scholars Forum in Law and Social Science; Manne Forum, George Mason University; Georgetown University Law and Economics Workshop; UC-Irvine Symposium on China and International Law; European Association of Law and Economics Annual Meeting, Berlin; University of Michigan ISDS Forum; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Chicago (scheduled); Clarke East Asia Conference, Cornell University (scheduled)

2022

AsLEA webinar; JIEL Junior Faculty Forum; Manne Faculty Forum, George Mason University; Law and Economics Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis; ASIL Research Forum, University of Miami; Legal Scholarship Workshop, University of Chicago; Midwest Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, University of Chicago; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, University of Virginia

2021

Chicago Journal of International Law Symposium, The University of Chicago Law School; Manne Faculty Forum, George Mason University; ASIL Research Forum; Seminar on Current Trends in Public Law Scholarship, The University of Chicago Law School; Law and Economics Workshop, Northwestern University; Law and Economics Colloquium, University of Virginia Law School; Law and Economics Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis; Micro-Economic Policy Seminar, George Mason University

2020

Manne Faculty Forum, George Mason University

2019

George Mason University; Indiana University (Bloomington); Brooklyn Law School; University of California Hastings College of Law; Texas A&M University; Syracuse University; University of Miami; University of Idaho; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Claremont McKenna College; American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, New York University; Conference on International Law, Organization, and Politics, University of Pennsylvania; Law and Economics Colloquium, University of Texas

2018

American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, Boston University; Empirical Legal Studies Replication Conference, Claremont McKenna College; ASIL Research Forum, UCLA School of Law; Midwestern Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, University of Alabama School of Law; Legal Scholarship Workshop, The University of Chicago Law School; Legal Scholarship Workshop, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

2017

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Cornell University; Legal Scholarship Workshop, University of Hong Kong; Regional Colloquium on Global Capitalism and Law, Northwestern University

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Sidley Austin LLP, Washington, DC

International Lawyer, Global Arbitration, Trade and Advocacy, 2019 – 2020

International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes, Washington, DC

Legal Intern, Case Management Team, 2017

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Hong Kong, China

Summer Intern, Dispute Resolution Department, 2014

Ministry of Commerce of China, Beijing, China

Intern, Department of WTO Affairs, 2013

SERVICE

Committees

Academic Standing and Student Affairs; Research, Faculty Development & Workshops; JD Admissions; LLM Admissions; Faculty Selection

Conferences

American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting Area Organizer; European Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting Area Organizer; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies Area Organizer

Referee

BAR ADMISSION

New York; China (inactive)