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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law,
Assistant Professor of Law**

Aug. 2024–Present

- Tenure-track faculty appointment.
- Teaching and research in contract law, business associations, government contracts, and Freedom of Information Act.
- Service on multiple law school faculty committees, including Curriculum Committee, Academic Conduct Committee, and various Ad-Hoc Committees on Free Speech, and the Hybrid Part-Time Program.

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law,
Adjunct Professor of Law**

Aug. 2021–July 2024

- Developed and taught upper-level courses in government contracts and Freedom of Information Act.
- Transitioned from adjunct teaching to full-time faculty service in August 2024.

COURSES TAUGHT AND RESEARCH AGENDA

Courses Taught

- Contracts I and II
- Business Associations
- Government Contracts
- Freedom of Information Act
- The Federal Law of Religion

Research Agenda and Research Interests

- Government contracts and federal procurement
- Defense contracting
- Administrative law and public law dimensions of federal procurement
- Business associations and commercial law
- Professional identity and purpose-centered lawyering

PUBLICATIONS

Books, Treatises, and Book Projects

- Government Contracts: Cases and Materials for Modern Practice (Carolina Academic Press, 2026).
- Teacher's Manual for Government Contracts: Cases and Materials for Modern Practice (Carolina Academic Press, 2026).
- Principles of Government Contracts, Concise Hornbook Series (8th ed.) (West Academic Publishing, forthcoming, Fall 2027).
- Government Contracts in a Nutshell (4th ed.) (West Academic Publishing, forthcoming, Fall 2027).

Law Review Articles and Academic Publications

- Sovereign Immunity and the Surety Exception: The Uncertain Jurisdiction of Federal Surety Claims, 29 U. Pa. J. Bus. L. (forthcoming 2027).
- The English Nightmare and Noble Dream in Matter of A, 14 Wash. U. Global Stud. L. Rev. 317 (2015).
- The Course Forward for Arctic Governance, 13 Wash. U. Global Stud. L. Rev. 155 (2014).

Works in Progress

- A Comprehensive Assessment of the Role of *SEC v. Chenery* in Adjudication of Government Contract Issues (expected submission, Spring 2027).
- The Future of Race and Gender-Based Rules in Government Contracting after *Students for Fair Admissions v. President and Fellows of Harvard College* (in submission).
- The Ephemeral Distinction Between Article I and Article III Courts: A Look from the Perspective of Government Contract Law (expected submission Fall 2027).
- A Call for Increased Study of Government Contract Law in Legal Academia (expected submission Fall 2027).

Other Writing

- Others-Centered Lawyering: A Response to Katya S. Cronin's Value-Centered Lawyering, Holloran Center Professional Identity Implementation Blog (Mar. 26, 2025).

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Nominated for the Rising Faculty Award for new tenure-track faculty (2025-2026 academic year).
- Nominated for University-wide Mentoring Award for graduate students (2025-2026 academic year).

PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist: Bowen Faculty Panel on Arkansas Senate Bill 573 (The 10 Commandments Law).
- Presenter: The Academic Study of Government Contracts, Bowen School of Law Faculty (April 3, 2026). Presentation on Government Contracts: Cases and Materials for Modern Practice.
- Presenter: The Place of Government Contracts in Legal Academia, Arkansas Bar Association (March 20, 2026). Presentation on the importance of government contract law as a field of legal scholarship and teaching, and arguing for greater institutional attention to the subject within legal academia.
- Presenter: The Future of Race and Gender-Based Rules in Government Contracting (Oct. 25, 2023). Presentation addressing the case of *Students for Fair Admission v. President and Fellows of Harvard College* and its effect on government contract set-asides for socially and economically disadvantaged small business.

FACULTY SERVICE

- Member, Curriculum Committee (Aug. 2024-present).
- Member, Academic Conduct Committee (2025-2026).
- Member, Ad-Hoc Committee on Compliance with A.C.A §1-4-133 (2026-present) (committee advised Law School Dean on compliance with Arkansas law mandating display of Ten Commandments).
- Member, Ad-Hoc Committee on Free Speech (2024-2026) (committee drafted faculty-adopted free speech and academic freedom policy).

- Member, Hybrid Part-Time Program Committee (2025-2026) (committee worked on developing curriculum for online and hybrid education, including developing a contract law course that could be delivered in an online/hybrid environment).
- Member, University-wide Planning and Finance Committee (2025-present).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Assistant District Counsel *Jan. 2017–2024*

- Litigated and advised on federal procurement matters across the procurement life cycle, including acquisition planning, solicitation, bid protests, contract administration, and claims litigation for the Little Rock District, Memphis District, and Jacksonville District of the Corps of Engineers.
- Provided advice to district leaders on fiscal law, torts, Freedom of Information Act, general administrative law, and ethics matters.
- Served as Team Leader for the Contracts and Litigation Team during a six-month detail with the Memphis District.
- Worked on major federal projects, including Central Everglades Restoration Program matters for the Jacksonville District.
- Taught construction contracting course at the USACE Learning Center, Huntsville Center.

Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas, Special Assistant United States Attorney *Feb. 2018–Dec. 2022*

- Investigated and prosecuted criminal cases arising within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Supervised charging, investigation, and trial-related matters.

United States Magistrate Judge John M. Bodenhause, Eastern District of Missouri, Judicial Law Clerk *July 2015–Jan. 2017*

- Drafted preliminary memorandum opinions and bench memoranda.
- Assisted with civil docket management, discovery disputes, Rule 16 conferences, and research for criminal pretrial matters.

Washington University in St. Louis, Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, Cannon Fellow *Sept. 2014–July 2015*

- Worked on transactional, litigation, compliance, and risk-management matters involving higher education, healthcare, and corporate issues.
- Drafted contracts, leases, deeds, and negotiated supplier agreements.

United States Magistrate Judges Noelle Collins and Terry Adelman, Eastern District of Missouri, Judicial Intern *Summer 2014*

- Conducted legal research, prepared bench memoranda, and assisted with docket and case management.

EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, J.D., cum laude *2014*

- GPA: 3.81; top 14% of class.
- Associate Editor, Washington University Global Studies Law Review.
- CALI Awards (highest grade): Legal Research; Corporate Law; American Legal History; Energy Utility Law.

- Honors Scholar Awards: top 10% of class during both semesters of second year.
- Dean's List: five semesters.
- Mary Collier Hitchcock Prize for most outstanding writing on the Global Studies Law Review.

University of Georgia, B.A. in History / A.B.J. in Journalism, summa cum laude

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- Overall GPA: 3.92; Journalism GPA: 4.00.
- Presidential Scholar Awards for a 4.00 GPA in six of eight semesters.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Missouri (admitted 2014)
- Arkansas (admitted 2025)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Professional Consulting

- Consulting work on business formation and incorporation for various small business clients in Arkansas.
- Course development for non-law school legal courses at the University of Arkansas.

Other Service

- Parish Finance Council, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
- Ark of Heaven Media, Catholic Radio