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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Harvard Law School

Research and Teaching Fellow, Program on Corporate Governance, 2023–present
Research Assistant to Professors Lucian Bebchuk and Alma Cohen
Teaching Fellow to Professor Lucian Bebchuk
Courses: Corporate & Capital Markets Law & Policy (Fall 2023, 2024, 2025)
Stakeholder Capitalism (Fall 2023, 2024, 2025)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2023
Awards: John M. Olin Writing Prize in Law and Economics
Hyun Park Fellowship in Law and Economics
Honors: Dean's Scholar Prizes in Contracts, Torts, Legislation and
Regulation, Empirical Law & Finance Seminar, Mergers &
Acquisitions Workshop, and Global Antitrust
Activities: *Harvard Law Review*, Editor

Brigham Young University

B.S., *magna cum laude* in Finance, 2020
Japanese Minor

TEACHING/RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Business Associations, Securities Regulation, Contracts, Corporate Finance, Torts

Secondary: Financial Institutions, Antitrust, Law and Economics

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Retail Access to Private Markets (2025) (job market paper)

Rewriting the Rules for Corporate Elections, 100 NYU L. REV. 635 (2025)

Featured on [Bloomberg Law](#), [Shareholder Primacy Podcast](#), [The Activist Investor](#), [DealLawyers.com](#), [HLS Forum on Corporate Governance](#)

Is SEC Registration Costly for Private Fund Advisers? (2025)
Featured on [HLS Forum on Corporate Governance](#)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Delayed Shareholder Votes (with J. Frankenreiter)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard Law School

Corporate & Capital Markets Law & Policy (Teaching Fellow to Professor Lucian Bebchuk)
Stakeholder Capitalism (Teaching Fellow to Professor Lucian Bebchuk)
Contracts (Teaching Fellow to Professor Oren Bar-Gill)

Brigham Young University

Investments (Teaching Assistant to Professors Darren Aiello and Brian Boyer)
Financial Derivatives (Teaching Assistant to Professor Todd Mitton)

PRESENTATIONS

Retail Access to Private Markets

National Business Law Scholars Conference (2025)
HLS Program on Corporate Governance Workshop (2025)

Rewriting the Rules for Corporate Elections

American Law and Economics Association (2025)
NYU Institute for Corporate Governance & Finance Spring Roundtable (2025) (invited)
HLS Law, Economics, & Organizations Seminar (2024)
National Business Law Scholars Conference (2024)
HLS Program on Corporate Governance Workshop (2024)

Is SEC Registration Costly for Private Fund Advisers?

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (2024)
American Law and Economics Association, Roundtable Presenter (2024)
HLS Law and Economics Seminar (2023)
HLS Program on Corporate Governance Workshop (2023)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr LLP

Summer Associate, 2022

U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts

Intern, Securities, Financial, and Cyber Fraud Unit, 2021

SKILLS

Languages: English (native); Japanese (conversational)

Programming: R, Python, LaTeX

BAR ADMISSION

Massachusetts (2023–present)

REFERENCES

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