

## **AARON J. WRIGHT**

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### **PROFESSIONAL**

#### **Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, New York, NY**

*Assistant Clinical Professor of Law & Director of the Cardozo Tech Startup Clinic*, June 2014 – present  
Member of the full-time faculty at Cardozo Law School. Inaugural Professor of the school's Tech Startup Clinic. Counsel startups on wide variety of issues, including company formation, seed financing, employment issues, and intellectual property and regulatory questions.

#### **Jenner & Block, New York, NY**

*Senior Associate*, February 2013 – June 2014

Advised high-profile clients on a variety of cutting-edge intellectual property matters concerning the internet and 3D printing. Advised major internet company on trademark related matters, including new search engine products and new content websites. Successfully represented major hip-hop stars, including Jay-Z and Dr. Dre, in copyright disputes. Drafted terms of service, DMCA policies, and privacy policies for open source mapping startup and local news company.

#### **Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, New York, NY**

*Senior Associate*, October 2009 – February 2013

Represented clients on variety of intellectual property matters, including a multi-billion dollar licensing dispute. Represented clients in nine figure litigations against major investment banks for the sponsorship of securitizations containing toxic residential mortgage backed securities. Gained extensive trial, appellate, and other litigation experience, as well as managed multiple case teams through all phases of disputes: conducted direct examinations at trial; handled oral arguments; performed depositions; drafted appellate brief for New Jersey Supreme Court; drafted pre- and post-trial briefs; assisted with opening and closing statements; prepared correspondence with court and adversaries; negotiated stipulations, including settlement agreements; drafted expert reports, complaints, answers, document requests, interrogatories, requests for admission, corporate representative notices, as well as associated responses.

#### **Hon. William J. Martini, U.S. District Judge, D.N.J., Newark, NJ**

*Law Clerk*, August 2008 – September 2009

Drafted opinions for dispositive motions. Prepared for trials, hearings, and conferences. Communicated with attorneys regarding case management. Managed judicial interns.

#### **Wikia, Inc., New York, NY**

*General Counsel and Vice President of Product and Business Development*, December 2006 – August 2008

Built and sold internet company (ArmchairGM, LLC) in a multi-million dollar deal to Wikia, Inc., the 19th largest website in the United States (according to Quantcast), started by Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales. After joining Wikia, managed the New York office. Programmed and implemented product ideas, and was a key member of a team that built an open source search engine. Negotiated several business development deals with leading media companies. Handled a range of legal issues: drafted responses to DMCA takedown notices; drafted copyright and privacy policies; reviewed contracts, licensing agreements, and employment contracts.

**Jones Day**, New York, NY

*Associate*, September 2005 – December 2006; *Summer Associate*, May 2004 – August 2004  
Represented leading technology companies in a variety of litigations. Researched and drafted memoranda on several white collar matters. Prepared affidavits and assisted with deposition preparation. Managed staff attorneys.

## **EDUCATION**

**Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law**, New York, NY, Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, June 2005

- **Editor in Chief**, *Cardozo Law Review*
- **Honors**: Order of the Coif, Jacob Burns Medal, Dean's Merit Scholarship

**Tufts University**, Medford, MA, Bachelor of Arts in History and Economics, *magna cum laude*, May 2002

**Honors**: Dean's List, Golden Key International Honor Society

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Book**

BLOCKCHAIN AND THE LAW (Harvard University Press, *forthcoming* 2016) (with Primavera DiFilippi).

### **Article**

*Rendered Impracticable: Behavioral Economics and the Impracticability Doctrine*, 26 CARDOZO L. REV. 2183 (2005).

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Cryptocurrency Research Group**

*Co-Founder/Director*, August 2014 – present

A non-profit cross-disciplinary research organization promoting scientific research in the field of cryptocurrencies and blockchain technology.

### **Coincenter**

*Fellow*, December 2014-present

A non-profit research and advocacy center focused on the public policy issues facing cryptocurrency technologies such as Bitcoin.

### **Ledger: The Journal of Cryptocurrency Research**

*Member of the Editorial Board*, January 2015-present

A new journal focused on cryptocurrencies and blockchain technology

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Invited Participant, *Challenges and Opportunities of Cryptoequity*, MIT Media Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, January 15, 2015.

Invited Participant and Workshop Leader, *Cryptoequity and the Law*, Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, January 16-18, 2015.

Presentation, *Cryptolaw*, Cryptoeconomicon Workshop, Mountain View, CA, January 26-29, 2015.

Panelist, *Big Data, Changing Norms, Open Opportunities*, Freedom to Connect Conference, New York, NY, March 2, 2015.

Invited Panelist and Participant, *Blockchain Workshop*, Stanford University, March 22-24, 2015.

Invited Panelist, *New Breakthroughs in Computational Law*, CodeX FutureLaw 2015 Conference at Stanford University Law School, Palo Alto, CA, April 30, 2015.

### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Experienced programmer with proficiency in programming and scripting languages (Javascript/PHP/HTML/CSS) and database design and implementation (SQL).