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EDUCATION

Cornell Law School

J.D. Candidate

Ithaca, NY

May 2026

Activities: Federalist Society, *President* | Lincoln Douglas Society, *President Emeritus* | Cornell Law & Economics, *Vice President*

CALI: Constitutional Law in the News

The University of Alabama

B.A. in History | Minor in Liberal Arts

Tuscaloosa, AL

August 2023

Honors: Dean's List | President's List | Blount Scholars Program | Presidential Scholar

EXPERIENCE

United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana | Monroe, LA

July 2026 - July 2027

Incoming Judicial Law Clerk

Mayer Brown | Houston, TX

May-August 2025

Litigation Summer Associate

- Wrote research memoranda in support of ongoing firm litigation on a wide variety of substantive and procedural questions

Institute for Justice | Austin, TX

May-August 2024

David Kennedy Fellow

- Conducted legal research pursuant to IJ's ongoing constitutional litigation challenges to qualified immunity and the open fields doctrine
- Prepared an internal memo outlining a potential challenge to a regulatory licensure scheme, in connection with IJ's economic liberty goals

University of Alabama College of Arts & Sciences | Tuscaloosa, AL

June-August 2023

Orientation Peer Advisor

Shelby County District Attorney General's Office | Memphis, TN

June-August 2022

Summer Intern

- Prepared materials for use in criminal preliminary hearings in General Sessions Court 15 and full trials in Criminal Court 10
- Transcribed jail calls, reviewed bodycam footage, contacted and coordinated with victims under attorney supervision

EXTRACURRICULARS

Cornell International Law Journal

August 2024 - May 2026

Senior Online Editor, Associate Editor

Texas Review of Law and Politics

August 2024 - May 2026

Guest Editor

Boy Scouts of America

February 2010 - July 2021

Eagle Scout, Senior Patrol Leader, Philmont High Adventure

PUBLICATIONS

Crimson Historical Review

Fall 2022

Rura, Nikolai E. "Apocalypse at Hand: Apocalyptic Imagery in Media during the Thirty Years' War." *Crimson Historical Review* 5, no. 1 (2022): 33–53.