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EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, CT

J.D. expected, May 2026

Activities: Yale Federalist Society – Vice President of Alumni & Development
Yale Law Republicans – Vice President of Events
Yale Law & Policy Review – Executive Editor, *Inter Alia* (vol. 43)

Papers: Throwing the Baby Out with the Bathwater: *The Fourth Amendment's Forgotten Oath or Affirmation*
The Purchase Price Puzzle: *Unraveling the Logic & Legislative History of IRC § 108(e)(5)* (In Progress)

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY, Lubbock, TX

B.S., Economics, May 2022 (GPA: 4.00)

Activities: President of Texas Tech University's Model UN Team
Don Lavoie Fellow – studied Austrian, Virginian, and Bloomington political economy
McLane Scholar – engaged with scholars concerning various economic and political works

Honors: Honors Academic Excellence Award
College of Arts and Sciences Senior Award & Advisors Award

EXPERIENCE

VINSON & ELKINS LLP, Dallas, TX

May 2025 – July 2025

Summer Associate

- Helped conduct due diligence on target companies, annotate acquisition term sheets, and manage closing checklists while rotating through the corporate practice group.
- Assisted in perfecting collateral, reviewing loan agreements, and creating exhibits for loan restructuring in the finance practice group.

YALE FREE EXERCISE CLINIC, New Haven, CT

January 2025 – May 2025

Clinic Member

- Protected a Florida church's constitutional right to select its ministers free from judicial interference.
- Drafted an Eleventh Circuit amicus brief on the ecclesiastical abstention doctrine, highlighting an overlooked strand of early 19th-century common law cases that influenced landmark First Amendment rulings.

SUPERVISED BRIEF WRITING, New Haven, CT

January 2025 – April 2025

Research Assistant to Professor Don Elliott

- Represented a coalition of toxicologists in an administrative challenge to a Biden-era EPA rule imposing substantial compliance costs on industry.
- Drafted an amicus brief in the D.C. Circuit which was subsequently circulated within the Trump administration and contributed to the rule's withdraw.

THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS, Austin, TX

May 2024 – August 2024

Judicial Intern for the Chambers of Justice Evan Young

- Drafted petition review memos, assisted clerks with opinion writing, cite-checked opinions before publication, and analyzed legal issues with the judge and clerks.

TTU ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT, Lubbock, TX

April 2021 – June 2021

Economic Research Assistant

- Collected and organized gasoline price and traffic data from New South Wales, Australia. Used R programming language to interface with Google's Geocoding API.