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Curriculum Vitae

Appointments

Widener University Delaware Law School, Wilmington, DE
Director, Taishoff Advocacy, Technology and Public Service Institute, 2026–
Assistant Professor of Law, 2025–

St. Thomas University College of Law, Miami Gardens, FL
Director, Intellectual Property Certificate Program, 2024–25
Assistant Professor of Law, 2021–25
Adjunct Professor of Law, 2019–21

Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Adjunct Professor of Law, 2020

Education

St. Thomas University College of Law, Miami Gardens, FL
J.D., *magna cum laude*, Rank 6/197, 2012
St. Thomas Law Review, Articles Editor
Best Student Awards: Antitrust, Civil Procedure I & II, Constitutional Law II, Criminal Law, Intellectual Property, Trade Secrets

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
B.B.A., Marketing & Entrepreneurial Management, 2009
Minor, Music Performance

Articles

Artificial Alignment and the Cult of the Ur-Machine (draft in progress)

The Dead Law Theory: The Perils of Simulated Interpretation, Fla. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2027)

Sovereignty in the Technological Singularity, 28 Yale J.L. & Tech. 617 (2026)

Algorithmic Dead Hands: What is Dead May Never Die, 35 Fordham Intell. Prop. Media & Ent. L.J. 83 (2024)

Beyond Incentives: Copyright in the Age of Algorithmic Production, 13 N.Y.U. J. Intell. Prop. & Ent. L. 1 (2024)

NFT-Tethered Sound Recordings and Digital Resale, 14 Harv. J. Sports & Ent. L. 1 (2023)

Patients as Peers: Blockchain Based EHR and Medical Information Commons Models for HITECH Act Compliance, 44 Nova L. Rev. 290 (2020) (with Robert Kain)

The Revolution Will Be Memorialized: Selected Blockchain-Based Smart Contract Use Cases, 94 Fla. B.J. 52 (2020) (with Robert Kain)

Book Chapters

Introduction to AI, *in* MASTERING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (Carolina Academic Press forthcoming 2026)

AI Transparency and Explainability, *in* MASTERING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (Carolina Academic Press forthcoming 2026)

Trademark Use in Web3, NFTs, and the Metaverse, *in* THE LAW OF DIGITAL CONTENT (ABA Publishing 2025)

Awards & Selected Recognition

Outstanding Faculty Service Award, Widener University Delaware Law School, 2025–26

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office & U.S. Copyright Office, *Non-Fungible Tokens and Intellectual Property: A Report to Congress* nn.149, 229 (2024), https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Joint-USPTO-USCO-Report-on-NFTs-and-Intellectual-Property.pdf

Lawrence Solum, *Catanzaro on Originalism and AI*, Legal Theory Blog (Feb. 4, 2026), https://legaltheoryblog.com/2026/02/04/catanzaro-on-originalism-and-ai/ ("A trenchant critique of originalism. Many ideas worth considering. Recommended.")

Lawrence Solum, *Catanzaro on Algorithmic Dead Hands*, Legal Theory Blog (Aug. 28, 2024), https://legaltheoryblog.com/2024/08/28/catanzaro-on-algorithmic-dead-hands/ ("Fascinating and recommended.")

Fifty-Sixth Selected Bibliography on Computers, Technology and the Law, 51 Rutgers Computer & Tech. L.J. 377 (2024) (recognizing *Algorithmic Dead Hands: What is Dead May Never Die* among years "most important and timely Articles on computers, technology and the law.")

SSRN Top 5% Author Rank, 2026

SSRN Top 10 Download Lists
Algorithmic Dead Hands: What is Dead May Never Die (2024)
NFT-Tethered Sound Recordings and Digital Resale (2022)

Scholarly Presentations

The Dead Law Theory: The Perils of Simulated Interpretation, Internet Law Scholars Conference, Cornell Law School (Mar. 7, 2026)

Legal Research and Writing in the Age of AI: Ethics, Pedagogy, and Practice, Widener Law Review Symposium (Feb. 20, 2026) (faculty chair, moderator)

IP Pedagogy and Praxis Panel: Teaching IP in the Prerogative State, AALS Annual Meeting (Jan. 7, 2026)

The Dead Law Theory: The Perils of Simulated Interpretation, Junior IP Scholars Association, New York Law School (Dec. 5, 2025)

AI in Legal Education & Continuing Legal Education Panel, Prompting Legal Solutions: Conference & Competition, Miami Law & AI Lab, University of Miami (Mar. 28, 2025)

AI & Cybersecurity: Friend or Foe?, IP Palooza, St. Thomas University College of Law (Mar. 21, 2025)

Sovereignty in the Technological Singularity, Internet Law Scholars Conference, Santa Clara University School of Law, High Tech Law Institute (Mar. 8, 2025)

Algorithmic Dead Hands: What is Dead May Never Die, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Berkeley Law (Aug. 9, 2024)

The Evolution of Property, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law (Apr. 5, 2024)

The Future of Law in an Era of Artificial Intelligence, St. Thomas University College of Law (Feb. 9, 2024) (moderator)

Artificial Intelligence, Crypto, NFTs, and the Metaverse: Applying Today's Law to Tomorrow and Beyond, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law (Sept. 22, 2023)

Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom, St. Thomas University Faculty Workshop (Aug. 15, 2023)

Works-in-Progress Series: Civil Procedure and Federal Courts, SEALS, Boca Raton, FL (July 27, 2023) (moderator)

Beyond Incentives: Art in the Age of Algorithmic Production, Governance of Emerging Technologies and Science Conference, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (May 18, 2023)

AI and Copyrights, IP Palooza, St. Thomas University College of Law (Mar. 30, 2023) (moderator)

Cryptocurrency Symposium, St. Thomas University College of Law (Mar. 24, 2023)

NFTs and Intellectual Property, Intellectual Property Clinic, Suffolk University Law School (Feb. 9, 2023) (guest lecturer)

NFT-Tethered Sound Recordings and Digital Resale, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, Stanford Law School (Aug. 12, 2022)

Fundamentals of Trade Secret Law, Patents and Innovations, St. Thomas University College of Law (Feb. 7, 2019) (guest lecturer)

Teaching

Widener University Delaware Law School, 2025–

Civil Procedure I (4 credit, required first-year); *Property I* (4 credit, required first-year)

AI-Empowered Lawyering (2 credit, experiential)

St. Thomas University College of Law, 2021–25

Civil Procedure (4 credit, required first-year); *Property* (4 credit, required first-year)

Artificial Intelligence & the Law (2 credit, seminar); *Blockchain & Cryptocurrency* (1 credit, experiential); *Copyright & Content Management* (3 credit, experiential); *Cyberlaw* (2 credit, seminar); *Cyberlaw* (3 credit, experiential); *Cyberprivacy* (3 credit); *Intellectual Property* (1 credit); *Trademarks* (3 credit, experiential)

Academic Service

Widener University Delaware Law School, Wilmington, DE

AI and Technologies in the Classroom Committee, Chair, 2026–; *Faculty Development Committee*, Member, 2026–; *Legal Education Committee*, Member, 2025–26; *Widener Law Review Symposium,* Chair, 2025–2026

St. Thomas University College of Law, Miami Gardens, FL

Academic Standing Committee, Chair, 2024–25; Member, 2022–25; *Curriculum Committee*, Member, 2023–25; *University Education & AI Committee*, Member, 2023–25; *Clinics & Externships Committee*, Member, 2021–23, 2024–25; *Ad Hoc Faculty Handbook Committee*, Member, 2023–25; *Adjunct Review Committee*, Member, 2023–24; *Ad Hoc Apple Computer Task Force*, Member, 2022–24; *Ad Hoc Online J.D. Task Force*, Member, 2021–22, 2024–25

Professional Associations

ABA, Member, 2021–

Del. State Bar Ass'n, Associate Member, 2025–

District of Columbia Bar, Member, 2026–

Fla. Bar, Member, 2012–
Standing Committee on Lawyer Advertising, Vice Chair, 2020–22; Member, 2018–22
Business Law Section, Member, 2012–
AI Taskforce, Academic Chair, 2026–; *Article 12, U.C.C. Digital Assets Task Force*, Vice Chair, 2022–25; *Blockchain & Digital Assets Committee*, Academic Chair, 2021–; Member, 2018–; *eDiscovery & Digital Evidence Committee*, Academic Chair, 2021–25; Chair, 2020–21; Vice Chair, 2019–20; *Computer & Technology Law Committee*, Member, 2017–; *Intellectual Property Committee*, Member, 2017–; *Fla. Civil Rules Amendments Task Force*, Member, 2018–22
Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section, Member, 2015–

International Trademark Association, Inactive Member

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Inactive Member

Governmental Testimony

Non-Fungible Token Study: Copyrights and NFTs, U.S. Copyright Office (Jan. 31, 2023) (later citing testimony in report to Congress)

Blockchain Industry and Academic Program Panels, Fla. Blockchain Task Force, Fla. Legislature (Dec. 13, 2019)

Policy Papers

U.C.C. Article 12 Amendments, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (2024) (editor & contributing author)

Proposed House Bill 991, An Act Relating to Defamation, False Light, and Unauthorized Publication of Name or Likenesses, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (2023) (principal author)

Proposed Senate Bill 1316, An Act Relating to Information Dissemination, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (2023) (principal author)

Proposed Senate Bill 7072, Transparency in Technology Act, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (2021) (principal author)

Proposed House Bill 439, Senate Bill 810: An Act Relating to Prohibited Governmental Transactions with Technology Companies and for Chinese Products, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (2021) (principal author)

Proposed 2020 Revisions to Florida's eDiscovery Civil Rules of Procedure, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (2020) (editor & contributing author)

Florida's New FinTech Sandbox Statute Removes Barriers to Innovation in Digital & Cryptocurrency Servicing, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. Blog (2020) (with Robert Kain)

Proposed House Bill 735: An Act Relating to Blockchain Technology, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (2019) (principal author)

Digital Currency & Distributed Ledger Glossary for Legislators, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (2018) (principal author)

A Survey of Current Regulatory Efforts Concerning Distributed Ledger Technologies, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (2018) (principal author)

Professional & CLE Presentations

Copyright Year in Review, 42nd Annual Fall Institute on IP Law, HIPLA, University of Houston Institute for IP & Information Law (Sept. 18, 2026)

AI & Ethics, Del. Court of Common Pleas, CJE (Apr. 30, 2026)

Art, AI, & Copyright Law, Del. State Bar Ass'n, CLE (Nov. 5, 2025)

AI Lawyering, Widener University Delaware Law School Faculty In-Service Meeting (Oct. 14, 2025)

Smart Due Process, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec., CLE (Aug. 29, 2025)

Fourth Annual Mark J. Wolff Tax Symposium: Impact of Technology and Ethics in Practice Before the IRS and Tax Court, St. Thomas University College of Law (Mar. 20, 2025)

Postmortem IP Rights & Deepfakes, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (Nov. 20, 2024)

Superstars in Trial and an Evening with the Stars: AI Panel Discussion, St. Thomas University College of Law, CLE (Sept. 26, 2024)

AI and the Practice of Law, Fla. Bar Winter Meeting (Jan. 18, 2024) (keynote)

IP Issues in Synthetic Media, Intellectual Property Roundtable, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (Oct. 4, 2023)

Staying Abreast of Generative AI and Ahead of the AI Revolution, ABA, CLE (Sept. 26, 2023)

Generative AI and Copyright Law, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (July 7, 2023)

NFTs: Where Digital Art Meets Legal Confusion, 13th Annual IP Symposium, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (Mar. 31, 2023)

NFTs and Copyrights, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec., CLE (June 23, 2022)

The Next Frontier: Blockchain, NFTs and the Metaverse, 2022 Annual Technology Symposium, Fla. Bar, CLE (June 22, 2022)

Machine Learning and Your Legal Practice, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec., CLE (June 24, 2021)

Searching for Truth: The Use (and Abuse) of AI & Search Term Managed eDiscovery, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec., CLE (June 11, 2021) (moderator)

Keyword Search Basics: Playing Fair, Fla. Bar, CLE (May 4, 2021) (moderator)

Using Standing Orders Under Rule 1.200 to Manage (Electronic) Discovery, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec., CJE (Apr. 29, 2021)

The Future of Digital Evidence Is Here: Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Records: Correcting the Myth of Anonymity, Fla. Bar, CLE (June 28, 2019)

Blockchain Regulatory Strategies for Florida Regulators, Fla. Bar Bus. L. Sec. (Aug. 31, 2018)

Public Talks & Media

Democratic Accountability in the Technological Singularity, Ipse Dixit Podcast (Oct. 23, 2026)

Generative AI & the Art World, Rehoboth Art League, Rehoboth Beach, DE (Oct. 1, 2026)

P.J. D'Annunzio, *Death Photo Privacy Ruling Failed to Clarify Law, Experts Say*, Law360 (July 6, 2026) (quoted on posthumous rights of privacy)

Ghosts in the Machine: Training AI to Outlive Us, TEDx Talk (Nov. 13, 2024)

AI & Entrepreneurship, Annual Small Business Summit, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce (May 1, 2024)

AI & Copyright Theory, Ipse Dixit Podcast (Sept. 25, 2023)

Understanding Washington: A Conversation About Our Current Moment, National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (Feb. 12, 2021)

Amicus Briefs
as Signatory

Kahoot! AS v. Interstellar Inc., Brief of Intellectual Property Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Petitioner, No. 26-198 (U.S. 2026)

BMG Rights Mgmt. (US) LLC v. Vetter, Brief of Intellectual Property Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Petitioners, No. 25-1391 (U.S. 2026)

Google LLC v. VirtaMove, Corp., Brief of Intellectual Property Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Petitioner, No. 25-1230 (U.S. 2026)

Perkins Coie LLP v. U.S. Dep't of Justice, Brief of Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Appellees and Affirmance, Nos. 25-5241, 25-5265, 25-5277 & 25-5310 (D.C. Cir. 2026) (consolidated appeals)

Susman Godfrey LLP v. Exec. Office of the President, Brief of Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, No. 1:25-cv-01107-LLA (D.D.C. 2025)

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr LLP v. Exec. Office of the President, Brief of Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, No. 1:25-cv-00917-RJL (D.D.C. 2025)

Jenner & Block LLP v. U.S. Dep't of Justice, Brief of Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, No. 1:25-cv-00916-JDB (D.D.C. 2025)

Perkins Coie LLP v. U.S. Dep't of Justice, Brief of Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, No. 1:25-cv-00716-BAH (D.D.C. 2025)

In re SanDisk Techs., Inc., Brief of Intellectual Property and Innovation Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Petitioners, No. 25-152 (Fed. Cir. 2025)

Deltona Transformer Corp. v. NOCO Co., Brief of Intellectual Property and Media Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Appellant and Reversal, No. 24-13590 (11th Cir. 2025)

Doe v. GitHub, Inc., Brief of Intellectual Property Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Appellees and Affirmance, No. 24-7700 (9th Cir. 2025)

Free Speech Coal., Inc. v. Paxton, Brief of Internet Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Petitioners, No. 23-1122 (U.S. 2024) (one of eight amici), https://ssrn.com/abstract=4965327

Whyte Monkee Prods., LLC v. Netflix, Inc., Brief and Supplemental Brief of Copyright Professors as *Amici Curiae*, No. 22-6086 (10th Cir. 2024)

Moody v. NetChoice, LLC; *NetChoice, LLC v. Paxton*, Brief of First Amendment and Internet Law Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Respondents in No. 22-277 and Petitioners in No. 22-555 (U.S. 2023)

Hachette Book Grp., Inc. v. Internet Archive, Brief of Law Professors as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Defendant-Appellant, No. 23-1260 (2d Cir. 2023)

Uniloc USA, Inc. v. Apple Inc., Brief of Intellectual Property Law Professors as *Amici Curiae*, No. 21-1568 (Fed. Cir. 2022)

Columbia House of Brokers Realty, Inc. v. Designworks Homes, Inc., Brief of Copyright Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Petitioners, No. 21-1217 (U.S. 2022)

Policy Letters *as Signatory*

Letter to FCC Chairman Brendan Carr Re: "Jawboning" of Comedian Jimmy Kimmel (Sept. 30, 2025)

Letter to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Re: Legislative Proposal to Sunset Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act (May 21, 2024)

Letter to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Re: S. 1094, Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (June 12, 2023)

Letter Re: S. 3663, the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) (Dec. 6, 2022)

Letter Re: S. 673, Journalism Competition and Preservation Act of 2022 (Dec. 6, 2022)

Letter to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Re: Law Professor Concerns About the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (Sept. 7, 2022)

Letter to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Intellectual Property Re: Civil Society and Ranking Member Tillis (Mar. 29, 2022)

Industry Experience

Law Office of Zachary L. Catanzaro, P.A., Boca Raton, FL
Cyberlaw & Intellectual Property Boutique, Consultant, 2021–; Attorney, 2015–21

Shearin & Kahn, LLC, Boca Raton, FL
Trial Practice, Partner, 2013–15; Associate, 2012–13

Kain Spielman, P.A., Fort Lauderdale, FL
Cyberlaw & Intellectual Property Boutique, Law Clerk, 2012

Supreme Court of Florida, Tallahassee, FL
Certified Legal Intern to the Honorable James E.C. Perry (ret.), 2011

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Intern to the Honorable Magistrate Judge Barry S. Seltzer (ret.), 2010

Admissions

Fla. Bar, 2012
D.C. Bar, 2026
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 2014
Supreme Court of the United States, 2017
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 2018
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2019
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, 2019