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### EMPLOYMENT

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**Winston College of Law, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN**

Assistant Professor of Law

2023–present

**University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA**

Karsh Fellow

Lecturer in Law

Program Director, Karsh Center for Law & Democracy

2021–2023

**Amazon.com, Inc., Seattle, WA**

Senior Corporate Counsel for Network Technologies (Amazon Web Services)

Senior Product Manager (Amazon Web Services)

2017-2023

**Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA**

Attorney for Cloud Computing Division (Microsoft Azure)

Director of Business Development

2013-2017

**Hogan Lovells U.S. LLP, McLean, VA**

Associate Attorney – Technology, Media, and Transactions

2012-2013

**MH2 Technology Law Group LLP, Tysons Corner, VA**

Associate Attorney – Patent Prosecution

2011-2012

**Finnegan LLP, Reston, VA**

Associate Attorney – Electrical Practice Group, Patent Litigation and Prosecution

2008-2011

## EDUCATION

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### **Vanderbilt University Law School**, Nashville, TN

J.D., May 2008

John W. Wade Scholar – Full, three-year scholarship

*Vanderbilt Law Review* – Managing Editor

Dean's List

Best Oralist Award

### **Indiana University**, Bloomington, IN

B.S. (Computer Science), 2003

B.M. (Music Performance: Classical Guitar), 2003

Honors Scholar

Founders Day Award

Graduation with Distinction

Assistant instructor for seven computer science courses

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Law Journal Articles**

*Generative Cybersecurity* (in progress)

*Balancing the Digital Fourth Amendment* (in progress)

*Who Controls the Internet Now?* (in progress)

*The Unpropertied Internet*

110 CORNELL L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (2025)

*The Five Internet Rights*

98 WASH. L. REV. 527 (2023)

*Masters of Their Own Domains: Propertization as a Bulwark Against DNS Censorship*

19 COLO. TECH. L. J. 43 (2021)

*Toward a RFRA That Works*

61 VAND. L. REV. 1027 (2008)

### **Other Writings**

*Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity* in ELGAR CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE LAW (forthcoming in 2025)

*Artificial Intelligence and Telecommunications* in ELGAR CONCISE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE LAW (forthcoming in 2025)

*Social Media Isn't a Public Function, but Maybe the Internet Is*

LAWFARE (March 14, 2023), <https://www.lawfaremedia.org/article/social-media-isnt-public-function-maybe-internet>

## CLASSES TAUGHT

- Property
- Computer Crime and Digital Evidence
- Cybersecurity Law and Policy
- Artificial Intelligence Seminar
- Internet Law
- Internet Regulation Seminar
- Computer Programming

## PRESENTATIONS

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*Presenting the Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries* (presenter)

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers 83  
Prague, Czech Republic (Jun. 8-11, 2025)

*Generative Cybersecurity* (presenter)

11th Eleventh Law and Computer Science Roundtable  
Penn Carey Law, Philadelphia, PA (Jun. 4-5, 2025)

*Presenting the Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries* (presenter)

American Registry for Internet Numbers  
Charlotte, North Carolina (Apr. 28, 2025)

*The Unpropertied Internet* (presenter)

Workshop at the Wake Forest University School of Law (Mar. 20, 2025)

*Privacy & Cybersecurity in Practice* (panelist)

Panel discussion at the University of Tennessee College of Law (Mar. 10, 2025)

*An Update on Internet Coordination Policy 2* (presenter)

Asia Pacific Regional Internet Conference on Operational Technologies  
Petaling Jaya, Malaysia (Feb. 27, 2025)

*International and Space Policy Dimensions of LEO Satellite Internet Constellations* (presenter)  
U.S. Space Command Academic Engagement Enterprise Fall Symposium  
University of Colorado (Nov. 20, 2024)

*Combatting Internet Crimes Against Children* (moderator)  
Panel discussion at the University of Tennessee College of Law (Nov. 18, 2025)

*The Unpropertied Internet* (presenter)  
Workshop at the University of Arizona College of Law (Oct. 25, 2024)

*Connecting the Threads* (discussant)  
Tennessee Journal of Business Law Symposium, Knoxville, TN (Sep. 20, 2024)

*An Update on Internet Coordination Policy 2* (presenter)  
Africa Internet Summit, Mauritius (Sep. 11, 2024)

*The Unpropertied Internet* (presenter)  
Workshop at the University of Richmond School of Law (May 22, 2024)

*Artificial Intelligence and Existential Risk* (panelist)  
Center for Artificial Intelligence Security Research (CAISER)  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Mar. 19, 2024)

*Artificial Intelligence and the Law* (presenter)  
Symposium on AI Technologies and Their Implications, Planet+AI (Feb. 22, 2024)

*The Unpropertied Internet* (presenter)  
Workshop at the University of Tennessee College of Law (Feb. 5, 2024)

*The Unpropertied Internet* (presenter)  
Innovation Policy Colloquium, NYU School of Law (Jan. 25, 2024)

*The Unpropertied Internet* (presenter)  
Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) (Jan. 3, 2024)

*AI Personhood* (guest lecturer)  
Seminar: Artificial General Intelligence: Separating the Hype from the Science  
University of Tennessee Department of Engineering and Computer Science (Nov. 27, 2023)

*Connecting the Threads* (discussant)  
Tennessee Journal of Business Law Symposium, Knoxville, TN (Oct. 6, 2023)

*Social Media & Democracy* (panelist)  
81st Judicial Conference of the Fourth Circuit, Greensboro, NC (June 30, 2023)

*May Gathering: Social Media & Democracy* (moderator)

Karsh Center for Law & Democracy, UVA Law, Charlottesville, VA (May 26, 2023)

*Innovation and Competition in the Startup Ecosystem* (moderator)

Colloquium: Antitrust and Innovation in the Digital Age

Virginia Law & Business Review, UVA Law, Charlottesville, VA (April 17, 2023)

*Internet Governance in the Quantum Age*

Center for Quantum Networks, Zoom (November 4, 2022)

*The Five Internet Rights*

Junior Faculty Forum for Law & STEM, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (co-sponsored by Stanford and University of Pennsylvania) (October 20-21, 2022)

*Privacy and Data Security in the Global Cloud*

ABA Annual Meeting, Webinar (Nov. 2013)

*Onboarding to Tech Transactions*

Vanderbilt Law & Business Society, Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville, TN (Oct. 2013)

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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*Pitch Perfect*, UT Torchbearer Magazine (Apr. 30, 2025)

## **LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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### **Harvard University, Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society**

- Faculty Associate

### **American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN)**

- Vice Chair of the Address Supporting Organization Address Council (ASO AC), a group of 15 members that develops global policy for the allocation of IP addresses worldwide and serves as a liaison to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
- Lead draftsman for a new constitution to govern the global IP address ecosystem, a leadership position that has taken me to Malaysia, Japan, Mauritius, Turkey, Czech Republic, and Mexico

### **Bar Memberships**

- Washington Bar (2014)
- United States Patent Bar (registered patent attorney) (2012)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (2010)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2009)
- Virginia Bar (2008)

## AWARDS

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*Wilkinson Junior Research Professorship Award* (Mar. 2025)

*John Reginal Hill Faculty Scholar Award* (Mar. 2025)