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## EDUCATION

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

J.D., *summa cum laude*, April 2009

- Class Rank: 1 of 150
- Editor-in-Chief, *Brigham Young University Law Review*
- Order of the Coif
- Recipient of the John S. Welch Award for Outstanding Legal Writing

Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

B.S., *magna cum laude* and University Honors, April 2006

- Valedictorian of the School of Social Work
- Honors Thesis: *Debating Reform: An Analysis of Various Proposals for Social Security Reform*
- Academic full-tuition scholarship

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Valparaiso University Law School, Valparaiso, IN

*Assistant Professor of Law*, August 2015–Present

- Trusts and Estates, Property, and Remedies

Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL

*Bruce R. Jacob Visiting Assistant Professor of Law*, July 2013–July 2015

- Trusts and Estates, Property, and Administrative Law

## JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

The Honorable Jay S. Bybee, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Las Vegas, NV

*Law Clerk*, August 2009–August 2010

## PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

*Property Interests in Digital Assets: The Rise of Digital Feudalism* (work-in-progress).

*Death and Privacy in the Digital Age*, 94 N.C. L. Rev. \_\_\_\_ (2016) (forthcoming).

*Inherit the Cloud: The Role of Private Contracts in Distributing or Deleting Digital Assets at Death*, 83 FORDHAM L. REV. 799 (2014).

*Substantive Due Process in Exile: The Supreme Court’s Original Interpretation of the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment*, 13 WYO. L. REV. 151 (2013).

*Death by a Thousand Cuts or Hard Bargaining?: How the Supreme Court’s Indecision in Wilkie v. Robbins Improperly Eviscerates the Bivens Action*, 23 BYU J. PUB. L. 119 (2008).

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Covington & Burling LLP, Washington, DC

*Associate*, October 2010–May 2013

*Summer Associate*, May 2008–August 2008

- Member of the Mass Tort Litigation and Consumer Litigation Groups
- Member of trial team representing BP in civil litigation arising from Deepwater Horizon incident
- Researched issues arising from a company’s extortion payments, including mass tort claims under the Alien Tort Statute
- Drafted tort justice reform on behalf of multinational companies
- Volunteered at the D.C. Bar Landlord Tenant Resource Center to assist self-represented individuals understand, prepare, and present cases in court

J. Reuben Clark Law School, Provo, UT

*Teaching Assistant*, January 2008–April 2008

- Planned and conducted weekly review sessions for first-year constitutional law students

DibbsBarker, Sydney, Australia

*Legal Extern*, July 2007–August 2007

- Researched commercial legal issues involving corporate leadership liability, Sydney Harbor developments, and property disputes

Justice Jill Parrish, Utah Supreme Court, Salt Lake City, UT

*Judicial Intern*, May 2007–June 2007

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

*Privacy after Death*, Eleventh Circuit Legal Scholarship Forum, Stetson University College of Law, FL (December 2014)

*Inherit the Cloud*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Amelia Island, FL (August 2014)

*Digital Assets and Private Contracts*, Eleventh Circuit Legal Scholarship Forum, Stetson University College of Law, FL (November 2013)

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Trusts and Estates, Property, Administrative Law, Family Law, Professional Responsibility

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

District of Columbia (2010)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2010)

California (2009)