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Professional License

State Bar of Texas

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Education

Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law

Dallas, Texas

DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE CANDIDATE

In Progress

- Supervisor: Carla Reyes
- Dissertation (Working Title): The Monetary Singularity

Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law

Dallas, Texas

JURIS DOCTOR

Graduated: May 2022

- GPA: 3.362 | Cum Laude
- *International Law Review Association*, Administrative Managing Editor
- Business Law Concentration Certificate

Southern Methodist University

Dallas, Texas

M.S. IN APPLIED ECONOMICS AND PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS

Graduated: May 2017

Southern Methodist University

Dallas, Texas

B.S. ECONOMICS & B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY

Graduated: May 2015

Legal Experience

The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)

Rome, Italy

BANK INSOLVENCY WORKING GROUP INTERN

March 2023 - June 2023

- Conducted extensive research on international laws and regulations related to bank insolvency to support UNIDROIT Secretariat's project on Bank Insolvency. Reviewed existing international instruments in business insolvency law and bank crisis management as well as academic articles
- Performed in-depth analysis on recent legislative proposal from European Commission to reform EU crisis management and deposit insurance framework. Research enabled expansion of knowledge on bank failure management beyond US regime.
- Supported various UNIDROIT projects by attending meetings and events related to other law areas including agriculture and modernization of private law. Gained understanding of breadth of UNIDROIT's work as an international organization

Carla L. Reyes, Associate Professor of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law

Dallas, Texas

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

August 2022 - May 2023

- Discriminatory Dataveillance in Primary Education (investigating the trades primary schools made in student privacy to gain quick and affordable access to technology in the wake of COVID-19 shift to virtual learning, and calling for the use of privacy enhancing technologies to reclaim a realm of meaningful student privacy)
- Assisted with drafting school district records requests (for multiple states) and conducted research on data agreements

Small Business and Trademark Clinic, SMU Dedman School of Law

Dallas, Texas

STUDENT

January 2022 - May 2022

- Interviewed prospective clients and managed active caseload involving business formation, employment contracts, copyright and trademark document preparation

Criminal Clinic, SMU Dedman School of Law

Dallas, Texas

STUDENT

May 2021 - August 2021

- Solely managed a caseload of over 30 clients during the summer term as only clinic participant and represented clients by conducting interviews, plea negotiations, drafting motions, and trial preparation

Magistrate Judge Irma C. Ramirez, U.S. District Court

Dallas, Texas

JUDICIAL EXTERN

Summer 2020

- Review pleadings, research legal issues, and draft proposed Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations in a prisoner civil rights case and in a prisoner habeas and mandamus case
- Read applicable rules of procedure, statutes, and pleadings prior to observing proceedings in the courtroom

Other Professional Experience

Mary Kay

Addison, Texas

FP&A FORECASTING

May 2018 - July 2019

- Facilitated communication of approved forecast quantities to Supply Chain/Inventory Control to purchase and schedule production of regular line and limited-edition products
- Analyzed trends, product sales relationships and other factors that cause sales-to-forecast variances and correspond with regional marketing teams

Hilton Inc.

Addison, Texas

REVENUE SPECIALIST (SEPT. 2015 – AUG. 2016) & REVENUE MANAGER (SEPT. 2016 – APR. 2018)

September 2015 - April 2018

- Conducted quantitative analysis to forecast revenue, costs, expenses, and potential risk/opportunity associated with capital expenditures; performed ad-hoc analysis and reporting to create presentations
- Trained newly hired employees on forecast validation and ad-hoc analysis/reporting for hotel ownership

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Austin, Texas

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION SPECIALIST INTERN - DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE

Summer 2014

- Assisted with bank examination assessment of safe and sound banking practices, effective internal controls and procedures, and compliance laws and regulations

U.S. Attorney's Office - Northern District of Texas

Dallas, Texas

WORK-STUDY STUDENT ASSISTANT

Spring 2014 and Spring 2015

- Worked with Division of Outreach and Communication by assisting with district initiatives such as Project Safe Neighborhoods, Project Safe Childhood, and North Texas Human Trafficking Task Force

Paper Presentations

WINIR Institutional Innovation and Evolution Challenges to the Modern World Order

University of Catania, Sicily, Italy

PRESENTER: PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP YOUNG SCHOLAR

September 2023

- *Addressing Wealth Inequality and Environmental Injustice through Technological Innovations in Banking: Exploring Digital Cash, Central Bank Digital Currencies, and the Disaggregation of Quantitative Easing*

Academic & Professional Service

Bank for International Settlements, Financial Stability Institute

Basel, Switzerland

CONFERENCE OBSERVER AND TRANSCRIBER

March 2023

- Participated as an observer to the 4th Working Group Meeting on Bank Insolvency, hosted by the Bank for International Settlements in Basel
- Gained firsthand exposure to international financial discussions and policy debates, enhancing understanding of global economic trends and issues related to bank insolvency

Honors & Awards

2023	Maguire Center for Ethics and Responsibility Graduate Fellow, Southern Methodist University	Dallas, Texas
2022	Robert B. Rowling Center for Business Law & Leadership Scholar, SMU Dedman School of Law	Dallas, Texas
2021	Robert B. Rowling Center for Business Law & Leadership Scholar, SMU Dedman School of Law	Dallas, Texas
2015	Engaged Learning Fellow, Southern Methodist University	Dallas, Texas
2014	Maguire Center for Ethics and Responsibility Undergraduate Fellow, Southern Methodist University	Dallas, Texas

Professional Associations

2023	Young Scholar, World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research
2020	Member, Texas State Bar Association
2019	Member, American Bar Association
2019	Certified Financial Planning (CFP®), Certification - In Progress

Article in Progress

Addressing Wealth Inequality and Environmental Injustice through Technological Innovations in Banking: Exploring Digital Cash, Central Bank Digital Currencies, and the Disaggregation of Quantitative Easing

In Preparation

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND CENTRAL BANKING

- Analyzed how quantitative easing (QE) exacerbates wealth inequality and proposed utilizing digital cash, central bank digital currencies (CBDCs), or decentralized cryptocurrencies to facilitate targeted distribution of QE funds. Discussed feasibility and ethical challenges of implementing digital cash and CBDCs, including privacy concerns
- Invited for Presentation at the Young Scholar's Pre-Conference Workshop for the WINIR Institutional Innovation and Evolution Challenges to the Modern World Order conference hosted by the University of Catania in Sicily, Italy, on September 19, 2023