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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Harvard Law School

Research and Teaching Fellow, Program on Corporate Governance, 2023–present

Research Assistant to Professors Lucian Bebchuk and Alma Cohen

Teaching Fellow to Professor Lucian Bebchuk

Courses: Corporate & Capital Markets Law & Policy (Fall 2023, 2024, 2025)
Stakeholder Capitalism (Fall 2023, 2024, 2025)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School

J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2023

Awards: John M. Olin Writing Prize in Law and Economics
Hyun Park Fellowship in Law and Economics

Honors: Dean's Scholar Prizes in Contracts, Torts, Legislation and
Regulation, Empirical Law & Finance Seminar, Mergers &
Acquisitions Workshop, and Global Antitrust

Activities: *Harvard Law Review*, Editor

Brigham Young University

B.S., *magna cum laude* in Finance, 2020

Japanese Minor

TEACHING/RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Business Associations, Securities Regulation, Contracts, Corporate Finance, Torts

Secondary: Financial Institutions, Antitrust, Law and Economics

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Retail Access to Private Markets (2025) (job market paper)

Featured on [Bloomberg](#), [Fund Board Views](#), [The Lever](#), [HLS Forum on Corp. Gov.](#)

Cited in a [speech by SEC Commissioner Crenshaw](#)

Rewriting the Rules for Corporate Elections, 100 NYU L. REV. 635 (2025)

Featured on [Bloomberg Law](#), [Shareholder Primacy Podcast](#), [The Activist Investor](#), [DealLawyers.com](#), [HLS Forum on Corp. Gov.](#)

Cited in [Wright v. Farello](#), No. 2024-0306, 2025 WL 3012956 (Del. Ch. Oct. 27, 2025)

Is SEC Registration Costly for Private Fund Advisers? (2025)

Featured on [HLS Forum on Corp. Gov.](#)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Delayed Shareholder Votes (with J. Frankenreiter)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard Law School

Corporate & Capital Markets Law & Policy (Teaching Fellow to Professor Lucian Bebchuk)

Stakeholder Capitalism (Teaching Fellow to Professor Lucian Bebchuk)

Contracts (Teaching Fellow to Professor Oren Bar-Gill)

Brigham Young University

Investments (Teaching Assistant to Professors Darren Aiello and Brian Boyer)

Financial Derivatives (Teaching Assistant to Professor Todd Mitton)

PRESENTATIONS

Retail Access to Private Markets

Miami Law & Finance Workshop, Virtual (November 2025)

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Washington, DC (October 2025)

HLS Law & Economics Seminar, Cambridge, MA (October 2025)

National Business Law Scholars Conference, Los Angeles, CA (June 2025)

HLS Program on Corporate Governance Workshop, Cambridge, MA (June 2025)

Rewriting the Rules for Corporate Elections

American Law and Economics Association, New York, NY (May 2025)

NYU Institute for Corporate Governance & Finance Spring Roundtable, New York, NY (May 2025)

HLS Law, Economics, & Organizations Seminar, Cambridge, MA (November 2024)

National Business Law Scholars Conference, Davis, CA (June 2024)

HLS Program on Corporate Governance Workshop, Cambridge, MA (January 2024)

Is SEC Registration Costly for Private Fund Advisers?

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Atlanta, GA (November 2024)

American Law and Economics Association, Ann Arbor, MI (May 2024)

HLS Law & Economics Seminar, Cambridge, MA (March 2023)

HLS Program on Corporate Governance Workshop, Cambridge, MA (March 2023)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr LLP

Summer Associate, 2022

U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts

Intern, Securities, Financial, and Cyber Fraud Unit, 2021

SKILLS

Languages: Japanese (conversational)

Programming: R, Python, LaTeX

BAR ADMISSION

Massachusetts (2023–present)

REFERENCES

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