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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law**, Dallas, USA.

*Professor* (2024 – present)

Courses Taught: Secured Transactions, Bankruptcy Law, International Business Transactions, Blockchain and the Law, Contracts

**University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School**, Philadelphia, USA.

*Visiting Associate Professor* (2019 – 2024)

Courses Taught: Secured Transactions Law, Blockchain and the Law (*2023 Teaching Award*), International Business Transactions

**University of Nottingham School of Law**, Nottingham, United Kingdom.

*Associate Professor* (2019 – 2024)

*Assistant Professor* (2013 – 2018)

Courses Taught: Contracts, Secured Transactions Law, Bankruptcy Law, Company Law, Intellectual Property Law, International Sale of Goods, Conflict of Laws

**University of Chicago Law School**, Chicago, USA.

*Visiting Research Fellow* (July 2017 – September 2017)

**King's College London Dickson Poon School of Law**, London, United Kingdom.

*Visiting Research Fellow* (January 2013 – August 2013)

## PUBLICATIONS – Monographs

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*DIGITAL COMMERCIAL LAW* (Oxford University Press, 2026) (with Christopher K. Odinet)

## PUBLICATIONS – Articles in Law Reviews and Peer-Reviewed Journals

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*The Moneyness of Stablecoins*, 136 YALE L.J. (forthcoming 2026) (with Christopher K. Odinet and Yesha Yadav)

*Bankrupt Crypto Organizations*, 104 N.C. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026) (with Kara Bruce and Christopher K. Odinet)

- Awarded the 2026 Submission of the Year Award by the Southeastern Association of Law Schools

*Digital Assets and the Property Question*, 78 FLA. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026) (with Christopher K. Odinet)

- Featured in the Oxford Business Law Blog, 18 March 2025
- Featured in The ALI Adviser, 3 April 2025

*Debt Tokens*, 173 U. PA. L. REV. (2025) (with Diane Lourdes Dick and Christopher K. Odinet)

- Featured in The ALI Adviser, 16 May 2024

*Crypto in Real Estate Finance*, 75 ALA. L. REV. (2023) (with R. Wilson Freyermuth and Christopher K. Odinet)

- Awarded the Shook Hardy Bacon Research Award

*Access To Medicines and Pharmaceutical Patents: Fulfilling The Promise Of TRIPS Article 31 bis*, 91 FORDHAM L. REV. (2023) (with Ezinne Igboqwe)

*The Private Law of Stablecoins*, 54 ARIZ. ST. L.J. (2022) (with Kara Bruce and Christopher K. Odinet)

- Awarded the Grant Gilmore Award of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers in recognition of “superior writing in the field of commercial finance law”
- Cited by the Bank for International Settlements, *Cryptocurrencies and decentralised finance: functions and financial stability implications* (2025)

*Commercial Law Intersections*, 72 HASTINGS L.J. 999 (2021) (peer-reviewed) (with Giuliano G. Castellano)

- Cited by the World Bank: *Distributed Ledger Technology and Secured Transactions Frameworks: A Primer* (2020); *Coordinating Prudential Regulation and Secured Transactions Frameworks: A Primer* (2020)
- Featured in the Duke University School of Law FinReg Blog, 30 June 2020

*Secured Transactions and IP Licenses: Comparative Observations and Reform Suggestions*, 81 LAW & CONTEMP. PROBS. 155 (2018)

- Cited by the World Bank, *Collateral Registry, Secured Transactions Law and Practice* (2020)
- Featured in the Oxford Business Law Blog, 13 June 2018

*Intellectual Property License Contracts: Reflections on a Prospective UNCITRAL Project*, 86 U. CIN. L. REV. 1251 (2018)

*Commercial Agency and the Duty to Act in Good Faith*, 36 OXFORD JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES 661 (2016) (peer-reviewed)

*An Exploration of the European Dimension of the Commercial Agents Regulations*, 39 LLOYD'S MARITIME AND COMMERCIAL LAW QUARTERLY 544 (2013) (peer-reviewed)

- Cited by the Advocate General of the European Court of Justice, *The Software Incubator* (Self-employed commercial agents – Concepts of ‘sale’ and ‘goods’ – Supply of computer software) Opinion of Advocate General Tanchev, [2020] EUECJ C-410/19\_O (17 December 2020)

*The Protection of Traditional Foods in the EU: Traditional Specialities Guaranteed*, 19 EUROPEAN LAW JOURNAL 545 (2013) (peer-reviewed)

*Security Interests over Intellectual Property*, 6 JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW & PRACTICE 93 (2011) (peer-reviewed)

*The UNCITRAL Annex on Security Rights in IP: A Work in Progress*, 4 JOURNAL OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW & PRACTICE 743 (2009) (peer-reviewed)

## **PUBLICATIONS – Essays, Book Chapters and Book Reviews**

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*Seeing the Intangible: Juliet Moringiello's Enduring Legacy in Property Law*, AM. BANKR. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026) (with Christopher K. Odinet)

*Regulating Decentralized Stablecoins: Comparing MiCAR and the GENIUS Act*, IOWA L. REV. ONLINE (2026) (with Christopher K. Odinet)

*Regulating Centralized Stablecoins: Comparing MiCAR and the GENIUS Act*, NOTRE DAME L. REV. REFLECTION (2026) (with Christopher K. Odinet)

- Cited by the Bank of Italy, *Stablecoins in the Payments Ecosystem: Reflections on Responsible Innovation*

*Tokenized Real Estate: The Law and Tech of Digital Deeds*, OHIO ST. L.J. ONLINE (2026) (with Christopher K. Odinet) (forthcoming)

- Featured in the Oxford Business Law Blog, 20 October 2025

*DAOs in Financial Distress* (forthcoming *Foundations of Decentralized Organizations: Blockchain and the Future of Corporate Law*, eds. Kevin Werbach, Eva Micheler, and Bianca Kremer) (with Kara Bruce and Christopher K. Odinet)

*Decentralizing Bankruptcy Law*, 44 THE BANKRUPTCY LAW LETTER 1 (2024) (with Kara Bruce and Christopher K. Odinet)

*The Intersection of NFTs and Structured Finance*, 103 B.U. L. REV. (2023) (with Christopher K. Odinet)

*Floating Liens Over Crypto-in-Commerce*, 99 IND. L.J. (2023) (with Christopher K. Odinet)

- Featured in The ALI Adviser, 3 July 2023

*How to Create a Floating Lien on Digital Assets*, BUSINESS LAW TODAY (2023) (with Jordan Jenquin and Christopher K. Odinet)

*Stablecoins in Bankruptcy*, 42 THE BANKRUPTCY LAW LETTER 1 (2022) (with Kara Bruce and Christopher K. Odinet)

*Personal Property Security Law: International Ambitions and Local Realities*, in INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW 283 (Lucio Ghia ed. 2019) (with Giuliano G. Castellano)

- Featured in the Oxford Business Law Blog, 5 June 2020

*Security Interests over Intellectual Property Rights in Italy: Critical Analysis and Reform Proposals*, in INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE SECURED TRANSACTIONS LAW 259 (Spyridon Bazinas and Orkun Akseli eds. 2017)

Joseph McMahon & Michael Cardwell, *Research Handbook on EU Agriculture Law: Book Review*, 54 COMMON MARKET LAW REVIEW 969 (2017)

Jens Hartig Danielsen, *EU Agricultural Law: Book Review*, 51 COMMON MARKET LAW REVIEW 1307 (2014)

*Amendments to the Italian Code for Industrial Property*, GRUR INTERNATIONAL 1111 (2010)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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*Bailment of Digital Assets* (Article)

## PUBLICATIONS – Italian Law Commentaries and Case Notes

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Commentary to Articles 103–106, 111, 167 Italian Copyright law; Articles 138–140 Industrial Property Code, in COMMENTARIO BREVE ALLE LEGGI SU PROPRIETA INTELLETTUALE E CONCORRENZA (Luigi C. Ubertazzi, ed. 2019)

Commentary to Articles 103–106, 111, 167 Italian Copyright law; Articles 138–140 Industrial Property Code, in COMMENTARIO BREVE ALLE LEGGI SU PROPRIETA INTELLETTUALE E CONCORRENZA (Luigi C. Ubertazzi ed. 2016)

Commentary to Articles 103–106, 111, 167 Italian Copyright law; Articles 138–140 Industrial Property Code, in COMMENTARIO BREVE ALLE LEGGI SU PROPRIETA INTELLETTUALE E CONCORRENZA (Luigi C. Ubertazzi ed. 2012)

*Garanzie “reali” e diritti IP: per un censimento dei materiali* {} A historical analysis of statutory provisions regulating the taking of security in IP rights in Italy {}, IL DIRITTO D’AUTORE 557 (2009) (peer reviewed)

Case Notes:

- *Trib. Milano, ord. 10 December 2008*, (2009) AIDA 1305
- *Trib. Roma, 16 September 2008*, (2009) AIDA 1306–1312
- *Trib. Roma, 14 June 2007*, (2008) AIDA 1224

- *Trib. Roma*, 23 January 2008, (2008) AIDA 1244
- *Trib. Milano*, 24 April 2008, (2008) AIDA 1247
- *Trib. Milano*, 10 December 2006, (2007) AIDA 1240
- *App. Torino*, 13 January 2006, (2007) AIDA 750–754
- *Cass.* 13 June 2006, (2007) AIDA 686–693
- *Cass.* 19 September 2005, (2007) AIDA 656–664
- *CJEU C-169/05*, (2007) AIDA 585–592
- *Trib. Roma*, 3 October 2006, (2006) AIDA 1175–1177
- *Trib. Roma*, 10 July 2006, (2006) AIDA 1168–1174
- *Trib. Bari*, 13 June 2006, (2006) AIDA 1166–1167
- *Trib. Roma*, 20 December 2005, (2006) AIDA 1146–1151
- *Trib. Milano*, 3 December 2004, (2006) AIDA 1144–1145

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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**Foundation Courses:** Contract Law, Tort Law

**Elective Courses:** Secured Transactions, Bankruptcy Law, Business Organizations, International Business Transactions, Blockchain and the Law, Copyright Law, Trademarks Law, Patent Law

## EDUCATION

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**University of Pavia**, Pavia, Italy.

Ph.D. in Commercial Law – Intellectual Property Law (April 2010)

Thesis: “I Diritti Di Garanzia su Diritti Di Proprieta Intellettuale” (Security Interests over IP Rights)

**University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK.

LLM in International Commercial Law (Merit) (June 2008)

Thesis: “IP Rights As Security For Debt Finance”

**University of Pavia**, Pavia, Italy.

Laurea in Giurisprudenza (Juris Doctor equivalent) 110/110 *summa cum laude* (April 2006)

Thesis: “La Tutela Giuridica Del Software: Diritto D’autore E Brevetto” (Appropriating Software: Patents and Copyright Protection)

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**American Law Institute (ALI)**

- Member (October 2025 – present)

**UNIDROIT – International Institute for the Unification of Private Law**

- Member of the Drafting Committee for the Working Group developing the UNIDROIT Principles on Verified Carbon Credits (June 2024 – present)
- Member of the Drafting Committee for the Working Group developing the UNIDROIT Principles on Digital Assets (April 2022 – May 2023)
- Member of the Working Group developing the UNIDROIT Model Law on Warehouse Receipts (April 2022 – May 2024)

**Uniform Law Commission**

- Study Committee on Commercial Law Framework for Voluntary Carbon Credits (September 2024 – present)
  - Co-Reporter

- Drafting Committee on the Virtual Currency Customer Protection Act (June 2023 – April 2025)
  - Reporter
- Permanent Editorial Board for the Uniform Commercial Code (March 2022 – present)
  - Associate Research Director (co-appointment with Professor Carla Reyes)
- Enactment Committee for the 2022 Uniform Commercial Code Amendments (August 2022 – present)
- UCC and Emerging Technologies Committee (Joint Committee with the American Law Institute) (June 2019 – July 2022)
  - Member of the Digital Assets Working Group
  - Member of the Governing Law Working Group
  - Member of the Documents of Title Working Group

#### **American Bar Association Business Law Section – Uniform Commercial Code**

- Co-Chair, Sub-Committee for UCC and Emerging Technologies (September 2022 – present)
- Vice Chair, Sub-Committee for UCC Article 2 and 7 (March 2022 – present)
- Member of the Task Force on Tokenized Payment Instruments (August 2022 – present)

#### **Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

- Advisor for International Commercial Law affairs (2008 – 2020)
- Delegate to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) (2008 – 2017), representing the Italian government in the negotiations for:
  - The UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions: Guide to Enactment (2017)
  - UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions (2016)
  - UNCITRAL Guide on the Implementation of a Security Rights Registry (2013)
  - UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Secured Transactions: Supplement on Security Rights in Intellectual Property (2010)

#### **Kozolchyk National Law Center**

- Content director for International Development Bank funded project to facilitate the use of IP rights as collateral in Jamaica (January 2021 – June 2022)
- Content director for the IFC-World Bank report on the impact of blockchain technology on secured transactions law reform (January 2018 – March 2020)
- Content director for the UNIDROIT Report on the best practices for electronic collateral registries (June 2019 – September 2019)

### **AWARDS – SCHOLARSHIPS**

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**Southeastern Association of Law Schools.** Paper of the Year (2026)

**Southern Methodist University.** Provost Research Fellowship Award (2025)

**University of Missouri.** Shook Hardy Bacon Research Award (2024)

**American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers.** Grant Gilmore Award for Superior Writing in Commercial Finance (2023)

**University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School.** Teaching Award for Blockchain and the Law course (June 2023)

**University of Nottingham.** Nominated for LLM lecturer of the year award (December 2017)

**University of Nottingham.** Nominated for the University of Nottingham Student Union Teaching Award (Febru-

ary 2017)

**University of Nottingham.** LLM lecturer of the year award (March 2016)

**University of Pavia.** Italian Government Ph.D. scholarship (September 2006 – April 2010)

## **PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS**

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**Georgetown Law, Institute of International Economic Law, Washington DC.** “Control and Ownership of Digital Assets under Private Commercial Law” (2026)

**Bank Policy Institute, Washington DC.** “The Moneyiness of Stablecoins” (2026)

**UNCITRAL Colloquium: Colloquium on Harmonizing Law in the Age of Digital Trade and Finance, New York City.** “Control As A Method For Third Party Effectiveness For Security Rights” (2026)

**The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Dallas.** “The Law and Regulation of Stablecoins” (2026)

**Association of American Law Schools, New Orleans.** “Bankrupt Crypto Organizations” (2026)

**Association of American Law Schools, New Orleans.** “Regulating Centralized Stablecoins” (2026)

**Pacific Law Foundation, Arlington.** “Bundle of Sticks’ Has Become Inadequate for Modern Digital Assets and Should Be Refined” (2025)

**American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Toronto.** “Decrypting Crypto: Valuation, Due Diligence, and Legal Risks for Lenders” (2025)

**The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York City.** “Crypto and the Property Question” (2025)

**UNCITRAL Colloquium: Navigating the new era of digital finance, New York City.** “Verified Carbon Credits as Collateral in Secured Transactions” (2025)

**VII Conference on International Coordination of Secured Transactions Reform.** “Verified Carbon Credits: Private Law Regime and Use as Collateral” (2024)

**Practicing Law Institute, San Francisco.** “NFTs in Commercial Transactions” (2024)

**Harvard University, Harvard-Wharton Insolvency and Restructuring Conference, Boston.** “DAOs in Financial Distress” (2024)

**University of Pennsylvania, Regulation & Governance Conference, Philadelphia.** “Debt Tokens” (2024)

**BYU/UChicago, Winter Bankruptcy Conference, Park City.** “Debt Tokens” (2024)

**American Bar Association, Business Law Section.** “From Traditional to Digital: The Evolving Legal Landscape of Commercial Transactions” (2024)

**Office of the Comptroller of The Currency, Washington DC.** “Tokenization” (2024)

**University of Chicago, Chicago.** “Digital Assets & the 2022 UCC Amendments” (2024)

**Association of American Law Schools, Washington DC.** “Debt Tokens” (2024)

**American Bar Association, Business Law Section.** “Busting Myths About Digital Assets and Uncovering the True Technology Mechanics Impacting Your Clients and Practice” (2023)

**UNIDROIT, Rome.** “The DAPL Principles and the Transfer of Digital Assets” (2023)

**TerraLex/ACC, New York.** “2022 UCC Amendments and the Dawn of Controllable Electronic Records” (2023)

**American Bar Association, Business Law Section.** “Introducing Article 12 of the Uniform Commercial Code” (2023)

**KCON, Texas A&M Law School, Fort Worth.** “UCC Article 12: It is All About Control!” (2023)

**Association of American Law Schools, San Diego.** “Digital Assets, Virtual Currencies, & UCC Reform” (2023)

**The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, New York.** “The Private Law of Stablecoins” (2022)

**Baruch College, New York City.** “The emerging private law framework for digital assets” (2022)

**UNIDROIT, Rome.** “Enforcement and Digital Assets: Rights of Secured Creditors” (2022)

**Brooklyn Law School, New York City.** “Commercial Law Harmonization: Past as Prologue” (2022)

**American Bar Association, Business Law Section 2022 Spring Meeting, Atlanta.** College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. “UCC and Emerging Technologies” (2022)

**American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers.** “UCC and Emerging Technologies” (2021)

**University of Wien, Vienna.** “ULC/ALI Project on Digital Assets: Comparative observations” (2021)

**UNIDROIT, Rome.** “Model Law on Warehouse Receipts: Contractual Issues” (2020)

**UNIDROIT, Rome.** “Distributed Ledger Technology and international sales of commodities” (2019)

**Universidad Carlos III Madrid, II Conference on International Coordination of Secured Transactions Law Reforms.** “Distributed ledger technology as the bridge between general secured transactions registers and assets specific registration systems?” (2018)

**American Bar Association, Business Law Section 2017 Meeting, New Orleans.** “Making the Intangible Untouchable: Creating, Perfecting and Enforcing Security Interests in Intangibles in Cross-Border Transactions” (2017)

**UNCITRAL, Fourth International Colloquium on Secured Transactions, Vienna.** “International principles of contract law for IP licences” (2017)

**University of Leeds, Secured Transaction Law Reform Conference.** “Priority rules for the taking of security over IP rights in English law: the case for reform” (2017)

**Secured Transaction Law Reform Conference, London.** “Taking security over IP” (2015)

**Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.** “The Italian legal framework for personal property security: the case for reform” (2014)

**University of Glasgow, Yearly Intellectual Property Conference.** “Security interests over IP rights under English, Scottish and International Law” (2011)

**International Chamber of Commerce of Istanbul.** “Taking security over IP rights under the UNCITRAL legislative guide on Security Interests” (2010)

**Yeditepe University, Istanbul.** “The legal nature of IP rights: past, present and future” (2010)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**University of Bournemouth.** Lecturer in Commercial law, IP law and International law (2011 – 2013)

**University of Pavia.** Lecturer in Trademarks law and Roman law (2010 – 2011)

**University of Florence.** Lecturer in Copyright Law and European Union law (2008 – 2011)

## LANGUAGES

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Italian, English and French. Fluent

Spanish and German. Competent

## REFERENCES

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### United States of America

**Professor David Hoffman**

William A. Schnader Professor of Law,  
Deputy Dean, University of Pennsylvania

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University of Nottingham

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### International Organizations

**Professor Ignacio Tirado**

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