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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University

Professor of Law for Designated Service or Project, January 1, 2021 – Present

Adjunct Professor of Law, November 2016 – December 31, 2020

Director of Food and Beverage Law Clinic, November 2016 – Present

Practice: Founder and director of the Food and Beverage Law Clinic, a live client in-house clinic in which students provide transactional legal services to farmers, mission-oriented food and beverage entrepreneurs, and not-for-profit organizations seeking to build a more just and sustainable food system.

Teaching: Food and Beverage Law Clinic Seminar (Spring 2017 – Present)
Drafting Legal Documents (Summer 2020, Fall 2021)
Nonprofit Organizations (Spring 2021)

Yale Law School

Eugene Ludwig/Robert M. Cover Fellow and Clinical Lecturer in Law, July 2015 – November 2016

Practice: Co-taught the Community and Economic Development Clinic, a live client in-house clinic representing not-for-profit organizations, community development corporations, neighborhood associations, and small foundations.

Teaching: Supervised student practice and co-taught seminar classes on corporate governance, finance, real estate development, professional responsibility, negotiation, and drafting skills. Co-taught legal research and writing pilot program for first-year students.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, New York, NY, Summer 2005, October 2006-June 2015

Associate: Represented wide range of companies and financial institutions in domestic and cross-border financing transactions and other corporate matters, including acquisition financings, project financings, structured financings, loans to individuals and trusts, and bankruptcy-related matters. Represented nonprofit organizations on a pro bono basis in connection with corporate matters. Taught internal continuing legal education programs, including twelve-session course on drafting skills for first-year attorneys.

Goldman, Sachs & Co., New York, NY, January – August 2012

Legal Secondee: Worked in in-house legal group covering a variety of lending activities, including Urban Investment Group responsible for investments benefitting urban communities.

New York Legal Assistance Group, New York, NY, Summer 2004

Legal Intern, Equal Justice America Fellow: Represented indigent clients in connection with immigration and healthcare matters.

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PUBLICATIONS

Nurturing a More Just and Sustainable Food System: The First Year of Pace Law's Food and Beverage Law Clinic, Natural Resources & Environment (quarterly publication of the ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources) (2018).

Beyond Corporate Form; A Response to Dan DePasquale's, Surbhi Sarang's and Natalie Vena's Forging Food Justice through Cooperatives in New York City, 45 Fordham Urb. L.J. 1121(2018).

When Social Enterprises Fail, 62 Vill. L. Rev. 27 (2017).

Teaching Law Students About Business and Finance, 18 Transactions: Tenn. J. Bus. L. 541 (2016) (with Barbara Wagner).

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, J.D., 2006

University of Pennsylvania, B.A., History, Economics, 2003

Honors: Dean's List

PRESENTATIONS

Charitable Farming and Food Organizations

Invited Presenter, New York City Bar Association Committee on Non-Profit Organizations, June 22, 2021 (via Zoom)

Solar Farm Apiaries: Opportunities for Bees and Beekeepers

Invited Panelist, American Beekeeping Federation, June 22, 2021 (via Zoom)

Farm Law 101

Presenter, New York Kitchen, February 2, 2021 (via Zoom)

Farm Lease Agreements (CLE)

Presenter/Organizer, Farm Leasing and Conservation Practices: Incentivizing Secure Tenure and Climate Resilience, Elisabeth Haub School of Law, November 19, 2020 (via Zoom)

COVID, Climate Change, and Crisis: The Future of Farming

Invited Panelist, Earthjustice, July 14, 2020 (via Zoom)

The Pandemic and Our Food System: Why We Might Want to Move Our Food Supply Closer to Home

Panelist, Pace University, June 24, 2020 (via Zoom)

The Future of Meat

Panelist, Pace University, March 6, 2020

Food Systems and Business Structures

Invited Presenter, Food Law Student Leadership Summit, University of Arkansas School of Law, February 29, 2020

Legal Structures for Social Enterprise: Benefit Corporations, Cooperatives, and Nonprofits

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Invited Presenter, Farm Law Primer, Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming, February 25, 2020

Private Law Issues: Conservation Easements and Solar Leases (CLE)

Moderator, Law at the Intersection of Renewable Energy and Agriculture, Elisabeth Haub School of Law, November 6, 2019

What's Law Got to Do with It? A Conversation About a Sustainable and Just Food System

Presenter, New York State Health Foundation, May 20, 2019

Recent Litigation and Proposed Legislative Changes (CLE)

Presenter, Protecting Farms for the Future: The Law and Practice of Agricultural Conservation Easements, Kingston, NY, April 11, 2019

Legal Advice for Farm Businesses

Presenter, Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY) Winter Conference, January 20, 2019

Legal Agreements

Invited Presenter, Entrepreneurship Intensive, Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, December 11, 2018

Nonprofits and Social Enterprises

Invited Presenter, Farm Beginnings, GrowNYC, December 11, 2018

Legal Issues and Resources for Small and Mid-Sized Farms

Presenter, Cornell Cooperative Extension Agriculture, Food & Environmental Systems In-Service, November 15, 2018

Legal Support for Farmers, Food Entrepreneurs, and other Food System Stakeholders

Panelist, 2018 Transactional Clinic Conference, Chicago-Kent College of Law, April 28, 2018

Food Law for Young Farmers

Presenter, Young Farmers Conference, Stone Barns Center for Food & Agriculture, December 8, 2017

Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative

Land Use Leadership Alliance Training Program, Poughkeepsie, NY, December 1, 2017

Forging Food Justice through Cooperatives in New York City

Invited Respondent, Fordham Urban Law Journal's Cooper-Walsh Colloquium, October 20, 2017

Food Law Challenges and Solutions: Identifying Issues and Accessing Services

Invited Panelist, National Farm Viability Conference, Albany, NY, May 24, 2017

U.S. Food Systems Law and the Role of Lawyers in the "Food Movement"

Invited Panelist, Canadian Bar Association Environmental, Energy & Resources Law Summit, Montreal, QC, April 28, 2017

Business/Corporate Law Panel

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Invited Panelist, Sharing Scholarship, Building Teachers Conference, Albany Law School,
February 4, 2017

Direct Legal Services for Farmers as a Means for Environmental and Animal Welfare

Moderator, Environmental and Animal Law: Building Collaboration, Yale Law School,
November 5, 2016

Agriculture, Climate Change, and the USDA

Moderator, Yale Food Systems Symposium, Climate Change and Agriculture: The
Forgotten Industry, September 30, 2016

Teaching Corporate Finance Using Clinical Client Work

Presenter, Conference on Transactional Law and Skills Education, Emory University
School of Law, June 11, 2016

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2007), Connecticut (2015)

BOARDS

Board Member and Secretary, Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York
(NOFA-NY)

Advisory Council Member, National Food Law Student Leadership Network