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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Georgia State University, J. Mack Robinson College of Business, Atlanta, Georgia
Department of Risk Management and Insurance

Assistant Professor of Legal Studies, 2015 – present

Secondary Appointment, Georgia State University College of Law

Courses Taught: Legal Environment of Business; Intellectual Property Law

St. John's University School of Law, Queens, New York

Assistant Professor of Law, 2011 – 2015

Courses Taught: Introduction to Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Property Law

Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 2014 - 2015

Courses Taught: Intellectual Property, Property Law, International Intellectual Property

Stanford Law School, Stanford, California

Thomas C. Grey Law Fellow and Lecturer, 2009 - 2011

Courses Taught: Federal Pre-trial Litigation, Legal Research and Writing

EDUCATION:

Yale Law School, J.D. 2003

Yale Law Journal

Yale Human Rights & Development Law Journal (Co-Executive Editor)

Olin Fellow, Center for Studies in Law, Economics, and Public Policy

University of Texas at Austin, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2000

Dual major in the Plan II Honors Interdisciplinary Program and Economics

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS:

Hon. Mary Margaret McKeown, Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, San Diego, California, 2005 - 2006

Hon. Charles P. Sifton, United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York, 2004 - 2005

PUBLICATIONS:

Similar Secrets, 167 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW __ (forthcoming 2019), with Joseph Fishman

The Uses of IP Misuse, 68 EMORY LAW JOURNAL __ (forthcoming 2019)

- Selected for presentation at the 2018 Huber Hurst Research in Legal Studies and Ethics Seminar

The Trade Secret–Contract Interface, 103 IOWA LAW REVIEW __ (forthcoming 2018)

- Selected for presentation at the 2017 Junior Scholars in Intellectual Property Workshop (blind-review selection process)

Trade Secret Precautions, Possession & Notice, 68 HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL 357 (2017)

Of Fences and Definite Patent Boundaries, 18 VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF ENTERTAINMENT & TECHNOLOGY LAW 563 (2016)

Trade Secret Fair Use, 83 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 1401 (2014)

Improvement Doctrines, 21 GEORGE MASON LAW REVIEW 657 (2014)

- Selected for presentation at the 2013 Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum (blind-review selection process)
- Reviewed in JOTWELL (“The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)”), August 2, 2013, <http://ip.jotwell.com/unauthorized-improvement-across-property-law/>

A Trade Secret Approach to Protecting Traditional Knowledge, 36 YALE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 371 (2011)

Billboards and Big Utilities: Borrowing Land Use Concepts to Regulate ‘Nonconforming’ Sources Under the Clean Air Act, 112 YALE LAW JOURNAL 2553 (2003)

Tortious Interference and the Law of Contract: The Case for Specific Performance Revisited, 111 YALE LAW JOURNAL 735 (2001)

WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

Valuing Business Method Patents: An Empirical Examination (draft in progress), with A. Bharadwaj & T. Chan

Abandoning IP (draft in progress)

Productive “Possessors” in Patent Law (draft in progress)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding New American Business Law Journal (ABLJ) Reviewer Award, Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, 2017

Dean's Teaching Award, St. John's Law School, 2014

Dean's Award for Outstanding Scholarship, St. John's Law School, 2013

Best New Law Professor, Student Bar Association Award, St. John's Law School, 2012

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS:

The Uses of IP Misuse, Huber Hurst Research in Legal Studies and Ethics Seminar, Warrington College of Business (selected presenter), University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, February 2018

The Uses of IP Misuse, Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2017

Trade Secret Misuse, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (selected presenter), Cardozo Law School, New York, NY, August 2017

The Trade Secret-Contract Interface, Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, August 2017

IP Abandonment, Grey Fellows Forum, Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, May 2017

The Trade Secret-Contract Interface, Junior Scholars in Intellectual Property Workshop (selected presenter – blind review), Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI, May 2017

The Trade Secret-Contract Interface, Intellectual Property Colloquium (invited presenter), St. John's University School of Law, Queens, NY, April 2017

Trade Secret Precautions, Possession and Notice, Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business Conference, Durham, NC, November 2016

Trade Secret Precautions, Possession and Notice, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (selected presenter), Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, August 2016

Secrecy Precautions in Trade Secret Law, Works in Progress Intellectual Property Colloquium (selected presenter), University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA, February 2016

Possession Problems in Patent Law, Texas A&M Intellectual Property Scholars Roundtable (selected presenter), Texas A&M University School of Law, Fort Worth, TX October 2015

Of Fences and Definite Patent Boundaries, Law & Society Association Conference, Seattle, WA, June 2015

Definite Patent Boundaries, Association for Law, Property & Society (selected presenter), University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA, May 2015

The Myth of Definite Boundaries in Patent Law, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA, March 2015

Trade Secret Fair Use, Association for Law, Property & Society (invited presenter), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, May 2014

Improvement Doctrines, Yale Law School, Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum (selected presenter – blind review), New Haven, CT, June 2013

Improvement Doctrines, Law & Society Association Conference, Boston, MA, May 2013

Improvement Doctrines, Georgia State University School of Law Faculty Workshop (invited presenter), Atlanta, GA, April 2013

Improvement Doctrines, Hofstra IP Colloquium (invited presenter), Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, April 2013

Improvement Doctrines, CUNY School of Law Faculty Workshop (invited presenter), Long Island City, NY, March 2013

Improvement Doctrines in Property and Intellectual Property, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA February 2013

A Taxonomy of Improvement Doctrines in Property and Intellectual Property, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (selected presenter), Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, August 2012.

A Taxonomy of Improvement Doctrines in Property and Intellectual Property, Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property Colloquium (selected presenter), University of Houston School of Law, Houston, TX, February 2012.

Trade Secret Law and the Doctrine of Prior Restraint: An Uncertain Intersection, Northeast People of Color and Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, November 2011.

A Disclosure Metric for Traditional Knowledge, Joint Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty and Western Law Teachers of Color, University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ, March 2010.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES:

Zhitao Yin, Committee Member, Georgia State University, *Essays on the Impacts of Digital Technology on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Productivity*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

Academy of Legal Studies in Business

Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business

Admitted to Practice Law in New York (2004) and California (2007)

Atlanta IP Inn of Court (2017)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Reviewer: AMERICAN BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL

RMI Department Hiring Committee, 2017-18

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:

Covington & Burling, San Francisco, California

Associate, 2007-2009

Represented clients in federal and state cases involving patent, antitrust, privacy, disputed ownership of artwork and cultural antiquities, breach of contract, insurance coverage, and employment discrimination. Represented several pro bono clients.

Sullivan & Cromwell, New York, New York

Associate, 2003-2004

Represented clients on matters involving project finance. Prepared SEC filings, financial statements, and responses to SEC comment letters. Represented pro bono asylum clients before an immigration judge.