

# MATTHEW R. CUSHING

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## EDUCATION

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**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL**, J.D., *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif* May 2010

**Honors:** UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW, *Senior Editor*, *Associate Editor*  
Oscar Milton Davis Prize: awarded for obtaining the highest third-year GPA  
Silverman-Rodin Scholar: half-tuition scholarship awarded for achievement and leadership

**BOSTON COLLEGE**, B.A., *summa cum laude*, International Studies May 2007

**Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa; Dean's list, First Honors 2003-2007  
**Thesis:** *Freedom in Sight: Economic Development as the Vehicle for Democracy in Russia*

## CLERKSHIPS

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**THE HON. DOUGLAS P. WOODLOCK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS,**  
Boston, MA 2011-2012

**THE HON. ANDREW J. KLEINFELD, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, NINTH CIRCUIT,**  
Fairbanks, AK 2010-2011

## ADMINISTRATION

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**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL**, Boulder, CO 2019-present  
*Director of Executive and Community Learning Programs*

Founded Colorado Law Executive Education program; worked with faculty to develop custom programs to serve the educational and development needs of large organizations, General Counsel, startups, and individuals from across the globe; marketed programs to directors, executives and founders, in-house counsel, bar associations, and attorneys.

Organized state-wide high school moot court competition as the head of the Colorado chapter of the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project; worked with judges, volunteers, and law students to create and run competition and select six high school students to represent Colorado in the national Marshall-Brennan moot court competition in Washington, D.C.

Organized eight-week Mini Law School lecture series for non-lawyers; developed theme for each year's lecture series and recruited faculty; marketed program to high school teachers and college pre-law advisors around the country as well as local Colorado communities.

## TEACHING

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**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL**, Boulder, CO 2017-2020  
*Lecturer – Advanced Appellate Advocacy*

Taught semester-long appellate advocacy course to upper-level students in weekly class sessions, culminating in mock appellate argument before panel of local appellate practitioners and judges. Duties included: creating appellate writing assignments; teaching appellate writing structure and advocacy skills; editing student writing and providing critical feedback.

*Instructor – Appellate Advocacy Practicum* Spring 2020-present  
Guided upper-level students as they represented individuals in appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, from client interviews and brief writing through oral argument.

*Instructor – Education and the Constitution* 2019-present  
Prepared law students to teach Constitutional law and features of our legal system at underprivileged high schools around Colorado, culminating in a state-wide moot court competition as a part of the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project.

**UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW**, Denver, CO  
*Adjunct Professor – Appellate Advocacy*

2018-2020

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL**, Philadelphia, PA  
*Arthur Littleton and H. Clayton Louderback Legal Writing Instructor*

2009-2010

Selected by faculty to teach first year law students legal writing and research skills in weekly class sessions, culminating in appellate oral arguments before a panel of judges in the spring semester. Duties included: creating trial-level and appellate writing assignments; teaching legal advocacy skills; editing student writing; and mentoring students through their first year of law school.

## **PRACTICE**

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**JONES DAY**, Columbus, OH

2016-2017

*Associate, Issues and Appeals Group*

Briefed numerous cases before state and federal trial and intermediate appellate courts, and before the Ohio and U.S. Supreme Courts, on behalf of both private and state-official clients. Briefed and argued *Tanner v. Yukins*, No. 15-1691, before the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, resulting in a 3-0 decision granting Ms. Tanner a writ of habeas corpus and release from prison after 17 years of wrongful imprisonment for a crime she did not commit.

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**, Columbus, OH

2014-2015

*Simon Karas Fellow, Appeals Section*

Briefed numerous cases before the United States and Ohio Supreme Courts on behalf of various state agencies and the Attorney General. Argued *State v. Terrance Brown*, No. 2014-0104, before the Ohio Supreme Court as *amicus curiae* on behalf of the Attorney General, and *Federer v. Ohio Department of Natural Resources*, No. 15-AP-000104, before the Tenth District Court of Appeals on behalf of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

**BOIES, SCHILLER & FLEXNER LLP**, Armonk, NY

2012-2014

*Associate*

Represented 50% owner of largest privately-held domestic beverage company in two-month-long valuation trial; first and second-chaired multiple depositions; drafted numerous motions to compel and other discovery motions and letter briefs; drafted substantive and dispositive motions, oppositions and reply briefs, including numerous appellate briefs to New York's intermediate appellate division.

Represented owners of closely held national propane company in multi-day dissolution trial; second chaired portions of trial; prepared witnesses for trial testimony, and drafted witness direct and cross examination outlines; worked with outside vendors to create opening statement presentation.

**CRAVATH, SWAINE & MOORE**, New York, NY

Summer 2009

*Summer Associate*

Researched and wrote client letters, memoranda, and motions in the firm's litigation department; led team of summer associates and paralegals in large pre-trial preparation project for multi-billion dollar trial in Texas; and acted as lead New York summer associate liaison to Texas trial site.

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL**, Philadelphia, PA

2009-2010

*Member, Supreme Court Clinic*

One of eight students selected by faculty for year-long clinic; researched and wrote memoranda, certiorari petitions, oppositions to certiorari, reply briefs for petitioners, and merits briefs in cases including *Padilla v. Kentucky*, No. 08-651.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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Colorado; New York; Ohio (inactive)

United States Supreme Court

United States Courts of Appeals for the Sixth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits