

MATTHEW R. CUSHING

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EDUCATION

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

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

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

Founded Executive Education program at Colorado Law; 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

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL, Boulder, CO 2017-present
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.

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

Lecturer – 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-present

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

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

Colorado; New York; Ohio (inactive)
United States Supreme Court
United States Courts of Appeals for the Sixth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits