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## **EDUCATION**

### **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, College of Law, Champaign, IL**

*Juris Science Doctor (J.S.D.) candidate*

Thesis: *Fiduciary Duties in the ICO process* –advisor Prof. Verity Winship  
Partial tuition scholarship recipient

Activities: JSD representative, 2019—2020; Memberships: BLSA, AAUW

Relevant Coursework: Securities Regulation, Securities Litigation, Secured Transactions, Empirical Methods in law, Genomics and the Law.

Teaching Assistant

Contracts, Spring 2020 (Prof. Ralph Brubaker)

Civil Procedure, Spring and Fall 2019 (Prof. Verity Winship)

Research Assistant

College of Law, Fall and Summer 2020 (Prof. Verity Winship)

Unicorn Shareholders Suit, Small Business Surveys NSF-project, Settlements Message Women in Gender and Global Perspectives, Playful by Design project (Prof. C. Murphy)

Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal

Editor

### **University of Michigan, Ann-Arbor**

*ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research*

Workshops: Data Science & Text Analysis, Categorical Data Analysis

Lectures: Matrix Algebra, Python, LaTeX

### **Uniforma – Interuniversity Consortium for Legal Continuing Education, Milan, Italy**

*Master of Trusts (M.A.)*, 2017

Honors/Awards: Full tuition scholarship and stipend

### **University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Boalt Hall), Berkeley, CA**

*Master of Laws (LL.M.)*, 2016

Relevant Coursework: Privacy Law, Cybersecurity

### **Università degli Studi di Genova, School of Economics, Genoa, Italy**

*Master in Maritime and Transportation Insurance (M.A.)*, 2013

Honors/Awards: European Social Fund Scholarship

### **Università degli Studi di Genova, School of Law, Genoa, Italy**

*Juris Doctor (J.D.)*, 2011

Thesis: *The Floating Lien: A Legal Flow* – under the supervision of Prof. M. Lupoi

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*The New Frontier of Data Privacy and Ownership Structure: Tokenizing Genomics*

Biotech companies have resorted to blockchain and unregulated vehicles, such as initial coin offerings, to assure privacy and a cheap way of monetizing DNA while funding the company. This paper explains how biotech blockchain companies have promised investors control over genetic data but obscured other dynamics within the company ownership structure. Not only do

token holders lack voting rights, but they are in a new vulnerable position: the company has possession over their genetic data. At the same time, traditional shareholders surreptitiously gain more power and control. This paper examines blockchain genomic companies whose background description offers a better understanding of the concrete risks' investors face through a case study approach.

*Empirical Methods in Comparative Law: Data Talks.*

In recent years, new empirical methods applied to law emerged in bankruptcy and corporate law. Empirical methods face a constant increase and pervasive expansion to uncommon areas such as constitutional law, criminal law, and family law. However, they are timidly used in comparative law.

The Article proposes that current methodologies and tools would not be obscured by empirical research but enhanced by mapping a concrete interaction between theory and human activity. The comparatist, as an anthropologist of the law, is already accustomed to observing and comparing but would receive great aid in constructing a well-defined theory, capable to persuade, supported by concrete evidence.

*Fairy Tales from Singapore, Smart Contracts and its interpretative canons.*

In 2020, Singapore's Court of Appeals ruled against the Japanese crypto exchange Quoine a case related to a breach of contract when the exchange (unlawfully) reversed several trades. The defense stated that the reverse process dealt with an issue of mistake. Indeed, following the lecture of the code it was possible to assess that even in this self-executing world, so patented in blockchain, contract formation problems are possible. The Article explores the court reasoning in assessing mistake and proposes a framework to establish a connection between the digital and real world.

*FinTech, ICO e CryptoAssets in Italia. Il ruolo della CONSOB: un'analisi.*

In 2019, the Consob (Italian Securities and Exchange Commission) organized a public hearing followed by a consultation paper aimed to reach a great number of experts dealing with Initial Coin Offerings and inclusive finance. The consultation paper reflects Consob *testing the waters* towards future regulation—in a reverse engineering mechanism which places the regulator in a subordinate position asking for input from the regulated. The article explores Consob's role in educating potential investors and carefully assessing the state of the art in the Italian/European scenario of cryptoasset exchanges. Furthermore, it analyzes and provides an insight of Consob's position after the 61 replies received.

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

[Le offerte iniziali e gli scambi di crypto-attività](#) (Initial Offers and Exchanges of Crypto-Assets), CONSOB (Italian Securities and Exchange Commission), Comment published on Final Report (2020).

[New ICO Intermediaries](#), 5 ITALIAN LAW JOURNAL 731 (2019), University of Illinois College of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No. 20-12 (with Verity Winship).

[El fideicomiso en América Latina, reflexiones para la comparación jurídica](#) [Latin-American Trusts, reflections on Comparative Law], 45 ACTUALIDAD CIVIL [ACT. CIV.] 315 (2018) (Peru).

*Il Waqf: Charitable Trust dei modelli Islamici [Waqf: Islamic model of Charitable Trusts]*, 1 TRUSTS E ATTIVITÀ FIDUCIARIE [T&AF] 148 (2013) (It.).

*Gli obblighi del trustee nel sistema Statunitense: Issue e Children nel Testamentary Trust [Trustee's duties in the American system: Issue & Children on Testamentary Trusts]*, 1 T&AF 37 (2012) (It.).

#### **BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

DIRITTO MARITTIMO ED ECONOMIA [MARITIME AND NAVIGATION LAW] 2015 (It.). (with Patrizia Cremonese).

*I contratti conclusi in internet, in IL RISARCIMENTO DEL DANNO AL CONSUMATORE [Contracts via the Internet, INDEMNIFIABLE DAMAGES ON CONSUMER CASES] TRATTATI 165* (Paolo Cendon, ed., 2014) (It.).

#### **TRANSLATIONS**

MAURO GRONDONA, *La responsabilidad de los preponentes y el nexo de occasionalidad necesaria: función del instituto y problemas operativos*, 11 ACT. CIV. 174 (2015) (Peru). From Italian to Spanish.

NICOLAS MALUMIÁN, *Il fideicomiso di garanzia*, 4 T&AF 361 (2012) (It.). From Spanish to Italian.

Book X “Trusts” of the *Common Frame of Reference*. Universität Osnabrück, Prof. Dr. Sculte-Nölke, European Legal Studies Institute. Translation from English to Italian, under the European Commission project: *B-Brussels: Translation of legislative models with regard to contract law*. (2011) (EUR.). (with Matteo Patrone).

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

*The New Frontier in Data Privacy and Ownership Structure: Tokenizing Genomics*

- Machine Lawyering Conference: Human Sovereignty and Machine Efficiency in the Law – The Chinese University of Hong Kong (January 2021).

*Empirical Methods in Law: Data Talks*

- American Society of Comparative Law “Annual Conference” – YCC panel, Law and Methodology (October 2020).
- YCC Conference “New Topics and Methods in Comparative Law Research” (June 2020)

*New ICO Intermediaries*

- “Exploring cryptocurrencies and other related markets,” roundtable. Law and Society National Conference (May 2020).
- University of Luxembourg (November 2019)

#### **BLOG POSTS**

[Auditing Crypto-Financing](#), Duke Law, The FinReg Blog (Mar. 10, 2020)(with Verity Winship)

[Auditing Initial Coin Offerings and Smart-Contracts](#), CUHK, Center for Financial Regulation and Economic Development, Machine Lawyering (Mar. 3, 2020)(with Verity Winship)

**TEACHING/ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE****University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign***Teaching Assistant* – College of Law, 2019—2020

Held office hours and review sessions for LLM and JD students. Drafted additional learning material.

*Research Assistant* –

College of Law, 2020

Collected, digested, and summarized small business surveys for a National Science Foundation funded project.

Conducted legal research, digested and summarized law articles on unicorns shareholders lawsuits.

Collected and organized empirical qualitative literature for an article project centered on settlement rates and people's perception of settlements.

Women &amp; Gender in Global Perspectives, Migration Game Design Working Group, 2019—20

Collected relevant content readings to create a syllabus on design game in which participants will develop a project aimed to foster empathy towards Central American migrants and refugees. Assessed copyright aspects.

**Università degli Studi di Genova, Genoa, Italy***Master's in legal Translations - Department of Linguistics*, 2012—present

English Legal History, Sale of Goods, Family Law, Contracts and Torts

*Lecturer – Department of Law*

- Seminars: US legal system, Contracts: Promissory Estoppel, Defenses to Contracts. Prof. A. Fusaro, 2017—2018
- Modules: Common Law—US legal System, Prof. E. Grasso, Imperia, 2016—2018 and Prof. F. Brunetta d'Usseaux, 2014—2017. Peru, Andean Regions, Prof. E. Grasso, Imperia, 2016
- Guest Lect. 'Legal Education' in the US. Prof. E. Ceccherini, 2016—2017

*Graduate Teaching Assistant* - Comparative Law, 2012—2018*Bar Exam Tutor* - Post Graduate School of Legal Professions, 2011—2015**Uniforma – Interuniversity Consortium for Legal Continuing Education, Genoa, Italy***Researcher*, 2011—2013*Editor Trusts Law Review* – Giurisprudenza Estera, peer-reviewed law journal, 2011—2013*Tutor/Mentor, Master in Trusts and Fiduciary Entrustments*, 2013**EXPERIENCE****Law Office of Paolo Ghiara**, Genoa, Italy, 2017—2018*Associate***SUNIA – Syndicate of Tenants and Assignees**, Genoa, Italy, 2015—2016*Regional Project Coordinator*, EU Project EnerSHIFT, quality of social housing buildings initiative**ClaimsConsult s.a.s.**, Genoa, Italy, 2015

*Claims Handling—Average Adjuster*, marine and cargo claims specialist

**Kuehne & Nagel S.R.L.**, Genoa, Italy, 2012

*Intern*

**Private practice**, Genoa, Italy, 2001—2011

*Mediator*, Labor Law, Immigration Law, tertiary sector

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Sexual Misconduct Policy Reform Committee**, University of Illinois, College of Law, 2020

**Legal Clinic**, Community of Legal Services in East Palo Alto – CLSEPA, East Palo Alto, CA, 2016

*Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Clinic*—volunteer

**UNAR** (National Office Against Racial Discrimination), Genoa, Italy, 2011.

*Towards a Regional Center of Racial Anti-Discrimination*—project participant

**CGIL**, Immigration Amnesty, Genoa, Italy, 2009

*Mediator and Coordinator*

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

[European Law Institute](#)

[American Society of Comparative Law](#)

[Law and Society Association](#)

[Berkeley Global Society](#) (Board)

### **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, certification. Dec. 2020.

Shipbroker license, National Qualification, Dec. 2009 (inactive).

### **LANGUAGES**

Spanish (native), English (fluent), Italian (fluent), French (basic knowledge).