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EDUCATION

2012-2015

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
COLLEGE OF LAW, J.D.**

Magna Cum Laude

Honors/Awards:

- Rickert Award for Excellence in Legal Writing (Top 8)
- Rickert Award for Excellence in Service (Top 8)
- CALI Excellence for the Future Awards: Family Law, Regulations of Financial Institutions
- Best Note Distinction: *Elder Law Journal*, 2014
- Dean's List: Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015
- Corporate Counsel Women of Color Scholarship recipient
- Legal Writing and Analysis – Top 10%
- Introduction to Advocacy – Top 10%
- Pro Bono Notation

Selected Activities:

- **Elder Law Journal**, *Managing Editor, Executive Administrative Editor, Member*
- **HNBA Internal Moot Court**, *Competition Editor, Participant (Best Overall, Best Oralist)*

2008-2012

**NORTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY, B.A.,**

*Psychology and Legal Studies
(Dept. Honors), Minor in
International Studies*

- Thesis of Distinction: *Legitimacy of False Light Claims as an Independent Tort*
- Highest Order of Excellence Society Award



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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL

Waco, TX

Assistant Professor of Law

May 2022 – present

- *Courses Taught:* Family Law, Advanced Family Law, Children and the Law, LARC 3 (Persuasive Communication)
- *Committee Appointments:* Admissions & Recruitment, Diversity, Faculty Scholarship & Collaboration, Long Range Plan Implementation & Monitoring, ABA Standard 303, Faculty Appointments

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW

Chicago, IL

Director of Online Graduate Programs/Lecturer

Nov. 2021 – May 2022

- *Courses Taught:* LLM/MJ Thesis/Capstone Project (for MJ in Compliance and Enterprise Risk Management, MJ in Health Law)

Adjunct Professor

Aug. 2020 – May 2022

- *Courses Taught:* Legal Writing I, Legal Writing II

LEGAL PRACTICE

KOGUT & WILSON, L.L.C.

Chicago, IL

Partner

Feb. 2021 – Nov. 2021

Associate Attorney

Feb. 2017 – Feb. 2021

- Represented and advocated for clients in contested court hearings, trials, and statuses in high net worth divorce, child support, and allocation of parental responsibilities cases (Cook, Lake, Kane, DuPage, and Will Counties)
- Drafted and negotiated substantive petitions, motions, Pre-nuptial and Post-nuptial Agreements, Allocation Judgments, and Marital Settlement Agreements
- Led and participated in mediation and collaborative divorce cases
- Acted as first and second chair for family law trials and hearings (prepared and organized all exhibits and pre-trial motions, stipulations, and disclosures; managed trial notebooks; drafted and filed witness testimony outlines, witness disclosures, and expert witness reports; conducted witness testimony at trial)

HURST, ROBIN & KAY, LLC

Chicago, IL

Summer Associate/Associate

May – Aug. 2014; Aug. 2015 – Feb. 2017

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Bar Admission, Illinois, November 2015

Bar Admission, Texas, July 2022

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *The Role of Children in Child Custody Mediations*, ___ FAM. L. Q. ___ (Fall 2025, forthcoming)
- *Safeguarding Children's Voices in Child Protective Proceedings*, 102(1) DENVER L. REV. (2025, forthcoming).
- Examples and Explanations: Family Law (Aspen Publishing, 7th Ed.), co-authored with Nancy Ver Steegh and Robert Oliphant. (2024, forthcoming).
- Illinois Divorce Forms (40 forms total); LexisNexis (2024).
- *Best Interests of the Child and the Expanding Family*, 14(1) U.C. IRVINE L. REV. 263 (2024).
- *Consideration of Ameliorative Measures in International Child Abduction Cases Post-Golan*, 54(3) SETON HALL L. REV. 687 (2024).
- *Family Law Toolkit*, Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section Council, 2022, 2023, and 2024 editions. (Author of Discovery/Trial Preparation, Indirect Civil Contempt, Attorney Fees sections).
- *When Providers and Families Cannot Agree: A New Look at Due Process for End-of-Life Care Disputes*, 61(1) HOUSTON L. REV. 91 (2023).
- *2022 Survey of Illinois Law: Family Law*, 47 S. ILL. UNIV. L. J. 581 (2023).
- *Fighting Over Cryptocurrency in Divorce Amid the Chill of "Crypto Winter"*, Duke University Financial Regulations Blog (2022).
- *Cryptocurrency, NFTs, and the "Metaverse": Addressing the Expanding World of Virtual Assets in Divorce Proceedings*, 127 PENN STATE L. REV. 1 (Oct. 2022).
- *2019-2021 Survey of Illinois Law: Family Law*, 46(4) S. ILL. UNIV. L. J. 632 (Fall 2022).
- *Calculating "Income" for Domestic Support Obligations in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic* (co-authored with Kimberly S. Krieg, PhD, CPA), 74(4) OKLA. L. REV. 653 (2022).
- *I Do Solemnly Sponsor* (with Russell D. Knight), 109(9) ILL. BAR J. (Sept. 2021).
- *An Overview of Islamic Marriage Contracts and Enforceability in Divorce Proceedings*, 64(11) ISBA FAMILY LAW SECTION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER (May 2021).
- *Five Tax Concepts Family Law Attorneys Should Know* (with Kimberly S. Krieg), 64(6) ISBA YLD News (June 2020).
- *The Spike in Silver Splitters: Examining Special Considerations for Graying Divorces*, 28 ELDER L.J. 39 (May 2020).
- *A Little Bit of Everything: The Case of In re the Marriage of Hamilton*, 63(3) ISBA FAMILY LAW SECTION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER (Oct. 2019).

- *2017-2018 Survey of Illinois Law: Family Law*, 43(4) S. ILL. UNIV. L. J. 845 (2019).
- *Is Cryptocurrency the New Swiss Bank Account?* (with Janice Boback), 107(5) ILL. BAR J. 18 (May 2019). Also published: 62(8) ISBA FAMILY LAW SECTION COUNCIL NEWS (Mar. 2019).
- *Enforcement of Premarital Agreements Following Kranzler and Woodrum*, ISBA FAMILY LAW SECTION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER (2018).
- *Child Support Software – Risks and Benefits*, FAMILY LAWYER MAGAZINE (2018).
- *Changes to the Maintenance Statute and Case Law in Illinois*, ISBA FAMILY LAW SECTION COUNCIL NEWSLETTER (2017).
- *Arguing Affidavits of Support*, 105(8) ILL. BAR J. 17 (Aug. 2017).
- Stress-Free Divorce Volume 02: Conversations with Leading Divorce Professionals, Chapter, Remarkable Press (2017).
- *Upcoming Changes to Illinois Child Support Law*, 61(1) ISBA YLDNEWS (2016).
- *Increasing the Role of Agency Deference in Curbing Online Banking Fraud*, 91(2) N.D. L. REV. 329 (2016).
- Best Note Distinction: *When “Yes” Might Mean “No”: Standardizing State Criteria to Evaluate the Capacity to Consent to Sexual Activity for Elderly with Neurocognitive Disorders*, 22(2) ELDER L.J. 449 (2015).

SELECTED PODCAST/VIDEO/RADIO COMMENTARY

- *Cryptocurrency, NFTs, and Divorce*, Texas Family Law Insiders Podcast, December 2022.
- *What Divorce Process is Right for You?*, GrownGirl Divorce Podcast, November 2021, available at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/grown-girl-divorce-podcast/id1536683497>.
- *Vladek on Texas Abortion Ban, Newman on Elijah McClain, Tang on COVID-19 Vaccination Divorce Disputes, and Much More*, WGN Legal Face-Off, available at <https://wgnradio.com/wgn-plus/legal-face-off/vladeck-on-texas-abortion-ban-newman-on-elijah-mcclain-tang-on-covid-19-vaccination-divorce-disputes-and-much-more/>.
- *What is Collaborative Family Law and How to Manage the Video Conferencing of Court?*, Thriving in Chaos Project Podcast, available at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/ep-99-stephanie-tang-what-is-collaborative-family-law/id1450562748?i=1000529217922>.
- *Collaborative Divorce Model*, Divorce for Busy Millennials Podcast, April 2021, available at <https://podcasts.apple.com/mg/podcast/collaborative-divorce-model-with-stephanie-tang-esq/id1504917818?i=1000518134357>.
- *Alternative Dispute Resolution in Divorce*, Thriving in Chaos Podcast, April 2021.

- She's On Top! Podcast, March 19, 2021, *available at* <https://anchor.fm/shesontop/episodes/Shes-On-Top-with-Stephanie-Tang-et7u96>.
- *Legal Counsel*, Heather's Detours Podcast, *available at* <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1123589/8141320-season-2-episode-8-legal-counsel>.
- *Cultural Issues in Divorce*, Divorce Shield LIVE, March 5, 2021, *available at* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzNyCnXlAes>.
- *Five Things Family Law Attorneys Should Know About the Amended Child Support Law*, Illinois State Bar Association Quick Takes (2017), *available at* <https://www.isba.org/iln/2017/11/30/quick-takes-your-practice-amended-child-support-law-illinois>.
- *Let's Talk Divorce!: Negotiating Custody Agreements*, Impact Makers Radio (2017), *available at* <https://impactmakersradio.com/stephanie-tang-family-law-attorney-and-mediator-chicago-il/>.

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Topic 1: *Structuring International Financial Settlements*
Topic 2: *International Relocation*
Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section Council: Family Law with a Global Twist (October 2024).
- *Cryptocurrency, NFTs, and Divorce*, LawPracticeCLE (August 2024).
- *Incubator Presentation: The Role of Children in Child Custody Mediation Teaching Show & Share: Advocacy Exercises for Child Protective Proceedings*
Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference (June 2024).
- *Cryptocurrency, NFTs, and Divorce*, MyLawCLE (May 2024).
- *Work-in-Progress Presentation: Safeguarding Children's Voices in Child Protective Proceedings*
Texas Junior Scholars Workshop (December 2023).
- *Legal and Financial Considerations in Gray Collaborative Divorces* (presented with Carol Hughes, PhD), Collaborative Divorce Illinois (November 2023).
- *Promoting Your Scholarly Impact*, AAPI/MENA Women in the Legal Academy Workshop (October 2023).
- *Remember the Least: Human Trafficking and the Need for a Strong Foster Care System*, Moderator, Families & Foster Care Coalition (August 2023).
- *Work-in-Progress Presentation: Consideration of Ameliorative Measures in International Child Abduction Cases Post-Golan*
Family Law Pedagogy Demonstration: Mock Client Intake
Southeast Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting 2023 (July 2023).

- *Teaching Skills Show & Tell: Mapping Out Custody Orders*
Work-in-Progress Presentation: Safeguarding Children's Voices in Child Protective Proceedings
Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference (June 2023).
- *Work-in-Progress Presentation: Safeguarding Children's Voices in Child Protective Proceedings*
Texas Tech Faculty Colloquium (June 2023)
- Topic 1: *Family Law Jurisdiction*
Topic 2: *The Relocation Closing Argument (Interactive)*
Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Update 2023: A French Quarter Festival (April 2023, forthcoming).
- *Post-Dobbs Landscape: Where do we go from here?* (Presented with Professor Roberta Kwall, Professor Nadia Sawicki, and Lindsey Lusk), University of Illinois College of Law Women Lead Summit (March 2023).
- *Cryptocurrency, NFTs, and Divorce*, Lake County Bar Association Family Law Annual Meeting (February 2023).
- *Cryptocurrency, NFTs, and Divorce*, New Mexico Third Judicial District Court Family Law Group (February 2023).
- *Work-in-Progress Presentation: Best Interests of the Child and the Expanding Family*
Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (January 2023).
- Asian-American and Pacific Islander Leadership Panel, Baylor University (November 2022).
- Topic 1: *Spousal Maintenance, Child Support, & Calculations*
Topic 2: *Equitable Distribution of Property and Debt*
Topic 3: *Discovery, Trial Preparation, and Organization*
Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section Family Law Toolkit CLE (October 2022).
- *Professionalism, Advocacy, and Family Law*, Anderson Center for Advocacy and Professionalism (University of Illinois College of Law, October 2022).
- *Incubator Presentation: Best Interests of the Child and the Expanding Family*
AAPI/MENA Women in the Legal Academy Workshop (September 2022).
- *Cryptocurrency, NFTs, and Divorce*, Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section (June 2022).
- *Illinois Civil Litigation Skills for Paralegals*, Half Moon Education, Inc. (December 2021).
- *Illinois Family Law Practice for Paralegals*, Half Moon Education, Inc. (May 2021).
- *Examining the Income Shares "Cliff Effect"*, Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Section; Presented with Margaret Bennett and Nancy Chausow Shafer (March 2021).
- *Divorce 101: Pro Bono Training for Volunteer Attorneys*, Chinese American Service League/Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (March 2021).

- *College Expenses and Divorce and COVID: Questions, Complications and Answers*, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (September 2020).
- *Practice Makes Perfect – Family Law Back to Basics* (Topic: Discovery, Trial Preparation & Organization; Presented with Elizabeth Wakeman), Illinois State Bar Association (January 2020).
- *The Future of Marriage and Co-Parenting* (Presented with Mario Ventrelli), DePaul Family Law Symposium: The New American Family (November 2019).
- *Social Media Evidence* (Moderator), Illinois State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Professional Development Luncheon (presented with Khalid Hasan, Michael Zhang, and Karen VanderMeer) (2019).
- *The Forgotten Family Member: Pet Custody* (Presented with Representative Stephanie Kifowit and Senator Linda Holmes), International Society of Family Law North American Regional Conference (June 2019).
- *The Marital Home and Divorce*, with Michael Schenk, Guaranteed Rate (February 2019).
- *Drafting Marital Settlement Agreements*, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (September 2018).
- *Senate Bill 2289: Upcoming Changes to Maintenance Law*, Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois (July 2018).
- *Understanding the Importance of a Financial Plan*, with Tony Peng, Cathay Bank (July 2018).
- *Exploring a Career in Law*, Northwestern University (January 2018, Sept. 2019, Sept. 2020, Sept. 2021, Sept. 2023).
- *Highlights of the 2017 Income Shares Model*, Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois (September 2017).
- *Upcoming Changes to Illinois Child Support Law*, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (July 2017).
- *Domestic Relations Case Training*, Pro Bono Network (2017).

AWARDS/CERTIFICATIONS

- Illinois State Bar Association 2023-2024 Continuing Legal Education Achievement Award
- Certified Financial Litigator, American Academy of Certified Financial Litigators, 2020
- Illinois State Bar Association Young Lawyer of the Year Award, 2019
- Avvo Client's Choice Award for Outstanding Client Reviews, 2016-2019, 2021
- Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch, 2020-2021

- Emerging Lawyers, Leading Lawyers Network, 2018-2021
- Rising Star in Family Law, Super Lawyers, 2018-2022
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Distinguished Service Award, 2017 (for Pro Bono work)
- Collaborative Divorce Illinois, Collaborative Law Certification, 2016
- Center for Conflict Resolution 40-Hour Mediation Certification, 2015
- Certified Notary Public, Illinois

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference, Planning Committee Member, 2023-Present
- AAPI/MENA Women in the Legal Academy Workshop, Planning Committee Member, 2023-Present
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow, 2023-Present
- Family Law Scholars & Teachers & Teachers Conference, Planning Committee Member, 2023-Present
- Dispute Resolution Center – Waco, Board Member, 2023-Present
- American Association of Law Schools Family and Juvenile Law Section, Secretary (2024-Present), Executive Committee Member, 2023-Present
- Asian Leaders Network -Waco (501(c)(3) Organization), Secretary, 2022-Present
- Texas Children’s Commission Standards of Representation Committee, Reporter, 2022-Present
- Pro Bono Network, Advisory Council Member: 2021-2022
- Center for Disability and Elder Law, Young Professionals Board, Secretary: 2019-2022, Board Member 2017-2022
- Collaborative Divorce Illinois, Fellow, 2016-2022
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Chinatown Legal Clinic, Volunteer, 2015-2022
- Illinois State Bar Association, Family Law Section Council, Chair, 2022-2023, Vice Chair: 2021-2022, Secretary: 2020-2021, Case Law Committee Chair: 2017-present
- Illinois State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division Section Council, Member 2014-2022

LANGUAGES

- English (fluent)
- Mandarin Chinese (speaking/comprehension: intermediate; reading/writing: beginner)
- Spanish (speaking/comprehension/reading/writing: classroom study)