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## **EDUCATION**

**Tulane Law School**, New Orleans, LA (JD, 1997)

Moot Court Board / Appellate Team Coach, 1996-1997  
Tulane Senior Appellate Competition Finalist, 1996-1997  
Tulane Junior Appellate Competition Champion, 1995-1996

**Howard University**, Washington, DC (BA, Economics, 1989)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**New Jersey City University**, 2016-Present

**Rank:** Assistant Professor, School of Business

**Courses:** Business Law I (including Honors sections)  
Business Law II (lecture and on-line courses\*)

\*Completed the “*Quality Matters Rubric Online Workshop*” on 2/6/18.

**Committees:** *Standing Committee on Transportation Law*, Member – AL010 (a national committee of the Transportation Research Board), 3/15/18 - 4/14/20;  
*NJCU University-Wide Cybersecurity Committee* (NJCU School of Business Representative), March 2018 – present;  
*NJCU Senator* – Department of Accounting (university-wide representative), 2017 – present;  
*NJCU General Education Curriculum Committee* (university-wide committee), 2017 – present.  
*Business and Economics Research Committee* (f/k/a *NJCU School of Business Student Research Showcase Committee*) (founding committee member, 2016 - present);  
*NJCU Dept. of Accounting Curriculum Committee* (2016-present); and  
*NJCU Accounting Department Scholarship Committee* (2016).

**Tulane University Law School**, New Orleans, LA  
(January 7, 2013 – January 11, 2013; January 9, 2012 – January 13, 2012)

*Instructor, Intersession Program:* Mergers & Acquisitions/Transactional Practice Boot Camp. Lectured in Intersession Course for 2L’s and 3L’s interested in careers in transactional/corporate legal practice. One of four (4) founders of this experiential teaching program. The success and effectiveness of the program in its inaugural year (including the other intersession program

sections offered – Civil Litigation and Criminal Law) resulted in Tulane Law being voted one of the 20 Most Innovative Law Schools by National Jurist Magazine in 2012. The Intersession is designed as an intensive skills training experience, using simulation exercises, with the objective of helping students learn the skills they will need when they take their first legal jobs. Gave a one hour plenary lecture to the full group of Transaction Intersession students, covering the due diligence process in corporate transactions, and then guided students through the various drafting, document review and transaction analysis components involved in executing an Asset Purchase Acquisition Transaction. *Received official invitation to again participate in program during Intersession, January 2018.*

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Business Law	Contract Law	Law & Entrepreneurship
Business Transactions	Contract Law Theory	Governance, Risk & Compliance
Business Associations	Commercial Law	

## PUBLICATIONS

Bell, Michael, *Constructing an Approach to Endogenize Norms of Cooperation for the Entrepreneurial Venture(r)*, Michigan State University Journal of Business and Securities Law, Volume 14, Issue 2, 2014.

Co-Authored Publication(s):

Bridgehall, R., Lee, EunSu, Bell, Michael, *Strategic Global Logistics Management For Sourcing Road Oil in the U.S.*, Journal of International Trade, Logistics, Volume 3, Number 2, 2017.

## REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (PEER-REVIEWED)

- 2018 Bridgelall, R., Lee, EunSu, Bell, Michael, “*Strategic Transportation and Logistics Management for Importing Crude Oil to Produce Asphalt and Road Oil in the United States*,” Transportation Research Board 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, 18,00072.
- 2017 Bridgelall, R., Lee, EunSu, Bell, Michael, “*Five Elements of Importing Asphalt Feedstock*,” Decision Sciences Institute 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

## UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**2018 National Business Law Scholars Conference**, Presenter (accepted to present scholarly abstract), Athens, Georgia (at University of Georgia School of Law), June 21-22, 2018.

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**M. BELL & ASSOCIATES, P.C.**, New York, NY (July 2003 – July 2016)

*Principal, General Corporate and Business Law, Private Equity and Trusts & Estate Planning.* The firm counsels both early-stage and more mature companies, and individual entrepreneurs on structuring and executing various business transactions. Representation includes advice on the formation and organization of business and professional companies, advice on general corporate governance, counsel on ongoing business affairs and certain strategic business transactions,

including private equity and mergers and acquisition transactions. The Trusts & Estate Planning Practice is an outgrowth of the firm's work with entrepreneurs and small businesses, and primarily involves advice and counsel to individuals on estate planning (including wills and trusts), with particular focus on the needs of owners of closely-held businesses.

**KING & SPALDING LLP**, New York, NY (February 2001-June 2003)

*Associate, Private Equity Practice Group.* Represented clients making equity investments in diverse companies, clients involved in leveraged buy-out transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and other business combinations and strategic transactions; drafted loan documentation, security collateral documentation and coordinated various members of corporate legal team.

**WHITE & CASE LLP**, New York, NY (1997-2001) and London, England (summer, 1996)

*Associate, Bank Finance Practice Group.* Represented large financial institutions in secured and unsecured lending transactions, with particular focus on acquisition finance transactions, in which the law firm's clients arranged financing for the acquisition of target companies. Heavily involved in coordination of multi-practice legal teams in facilitating the execution and closing of the group's transactions.

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSE**

**Admitted to practice in New York**

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**CREDIT LYONNAIS, N.A.**, New York, NY (May 1992-July 1994)

*Assistant Treasurer.* Officer and analyst in financial institutions group responsible for investment banking and asset management/mutual fund relationships.

**MANUFACTURERS HANOVER** (now JP Morgan Chase), New York, NY (1989-1992). *Senior Credit Analyst.* Administered a middle-market corporate banking portfolio as a member of a lending team. Prepared operating and financial analysis of middle-market and emerging growth companies.

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

**Comprehensive Development Inc. (CDI)** ([www.cdi-ny.org](http://www.cdi-ny.org)): January 2007 – March 2011. *Member, Board of Directors.* CDI is a non-profit organization that is in partnership with Manhattan Comprehensive Night and Day High School (MCNDH), and which has a strong affiliation with The Robin Hood Foundation and its overall mission to fight poverty in New York. Served in various leadership capacities, including Board Secretary, Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee, Chair of the Audit Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee.

**Special Assistant District Attorney of Counsel** – (August 2003-January 2004): Researched and drafted, pro bono, an appellate brief (criminal law) for the New York Supreme Court (Appellate Division: First Department). Represented the People of the State of New York in the defendant's appeal of a conviction on one count each of (i) Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in or near School Grounds (NY Penal Law §220.44), and (ii) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (NY Penal Law § 220.16[1]). On appeal, defendant contended that the trial court improperly admitted evidence of the uncharged drug sales that he made subsequent to the sale underlying the charged crimes. As Special Assistant District Attorney of Counsel, I was scheduled to present oral argument, but the case was unanimously decided in favor of the State based on the briefs. In the brief, I cited to 40 NY State criminal cases and 4 penal statutes.

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

On behalf of the Bar Association of the City of New York, gave lectures on "*How to Structure Your Small Business*". Lectures given at Baruch College Zichlin School of Business - 6/29/2005; Upper Manhattan Business Solutions Center – 7/28/2005; and The Science, Industry & Business Library (SIBL) – 11/16/2006.

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### **CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

**2017 National Business Law Scholars Conference**, Attendee, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 2017

**Third Party Management by Design Workshop**, Attendee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2, 2017.

**New York Association of Certified Fraud Examiners**, Attendee, New York, New York, July 17, 2017.

**Reinvent Law NYC 2014** (New York, New York, Feb. 7, 2014). Attended this conference devoted to law, technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the legal services industry. The conference was designed for those interested in the future of law or technology or entrepreneurship/innovation.

**Tulane Corporate Law Institute** (New Orleans, La). Attended in April 2004, April 2008 and April 2011. One of the leading conferences for finance and legal professionals. Covers the latest developments from across the US.