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## ***CURRICULUM VITAE***

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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2023-present	<b>University of Michigan, Stephen M. Ross School of Business</b> <i>Ann Arbor, Michigan</i> Assistant Professor of Business Law
2019-2022	<b>University of Colorado School of Law</b> <i>Boulder, Colorado</i> Adjunct Professor of Law
2020-2022	<b>University of Denver Sturm College of Law</b> <i>Denver, Colorado</i> Adjunct Professor of Law

### **EDUCATION**

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**University of Michigan Law School**, Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, 2012  
*Ann Arbor, Michigan*

Honors: Order of the Coif  
Activities: Michigan Journal of Environmental and Administrative Law, *Managing Articles Editor*

**Cornell University**, Master of Regional Planning, 2008  
*Ithaca, NY*

**Cornell University**, Bachelor of Science, *Urban and Regional Studies*, 2007  
*Ithaca, NY*

Honors: Meinig Family Cornell National Scholars

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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#### ***SCHOLARLY ARTICLES***

*Putting The “Why” In YIMBY*, 57 ARIZ. ST. L.J. \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2025).

*The Black Box of Single-Family Zoning Reform*, 65 B.C. L. REV. 2327 (2024).

*Sign and Advertising Regulation After City of Austin v. Reagan National Advertising: Lessons for Practitioners and Questions for Academics*, 52 URB. LAW. 239 (2023) (invited essay).

*Tackling the Affordability Crisis in the West: The Colorado Housing Affordability Project and the Challenge of Zoning Reform*, 58 IDAHO L. REV. 513 (2022) (with Andrew L.W. Peters, Heidi Aggeler, Avilia Bueno, Julia Jones, and Susan Daggett).

*Building A More Equitable Land Use Regulatory System: Toward a Twenty-First-Century Zoning Enabling Act*, 29 J. AFF. HOUS. & CMTY. DEV. L. 493 (2021) (with David A. Brewster).

*Promise Unfulfilled? Planning, Zoning, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing*, 48 URB. LAW. 785 (2016).

*Sign Regulation After Reed: Suggestions for Coping With Legal Uncertainty*, 47 URB. LAW. 569 (2015) (with Alan C. Weinstein).

*Planning and Zoning for Group Homes: Local Government Obligations and Liability Under the Fair Housing Amendments Act*, 47 URB. LAW. 225 (2015) (with Dwight H. Merriam).

Note, *Environmental Aesthetics and Free Speech: Toward a Consistent Content Neutrality Standard for Outdoor Sign Regulation*, 2 MICH. J. ENVTL. & ADMIN. L. 185 (2012).

#### **PRACTICAL ARTICLES**

*Legislatively Adopted Exactions Are Now Subject to Heightened Scrutiny, But Only Time Will Tell What That Really Means*, 47 ZONING & PLAN. L. REP. no. 7, Jul. 2024.

*U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Camping Bans, but Challenges of Addressing Homelessness Remain*, PLANETIZEN, Jul. 8, 2024.

*Creating Missing Middle Housing Through State and Local Zoning Reform*, WESTERN PLANNER, Sept. 2022.

*Modern Family: Zoning and the Non-Nuclear Living Arrangement*, ZONING PRACTICE, May 2020 (with David A. Brewster).

*Land Use Applications: Putting The Petition Clause In Context*, 42 ZONING & PLAN. L. REP. (Sept. 2019) (with Andrew L.W. Peters and David A. Brewster).

*Takings Precedent Overruled*, PLANNING, Aug.-Sept. 2019, at 13.

*A Planning Primer on Private Restrictive Covenants*, PLANNING, May 2019, at 14 (with Vincent P. Forcinito).

*Reed, Rembrandt, and Wright: Free Speech Considerations in Zoning Regulation of Art and Architecture*, 41 ZONING & PLAN. L. REP. (Dec. 2018).

*Takings Decision to be Reversed?*, PLANNING, Dec. 2018, at 12 (with David A. Brewster)

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Curriculum Vitae

*Down With Speech Regulation? Assessing the Legal and Practical Implications of Janus and National Institute of Family & Life Advocates for States and Local Governments*, STATE & LOCAL L. NEWS, Fall 2018, at 6 (with J. Thomas Macdonald, & Chelsea M. Marx).

*100 Years On, Housing Discrimination Persists*, PLANNING, Nov. 2017, at 10.

*Understanding the First Amendment Limitations on Government Regulation of Artwork*, STATE & LOCAL L. NEWS, Winter 2017, at 9.

*Panhandling Protected by First Amendment*, PLANNING, Oct. 2016, at 9 (with Matthew S. Bender).

*Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Assessing the Impact One Year Later*, W. PLANNER, Jul.-Aug. 2016, at 7.

*Supreme Court Upholds 'Disparate Impact'*, PLANNING, Aug.-Sept. 2015.

*U.S. Supreme Court Reiterates First Amendment Requires Content Neutral Sign Regulations*, PLAN. & ZONING NEWS, Jul. 2015, at 2.

*The Promise and Challenge of Planning and Zoning for Group Homes*, 38 ZONING & PLAN. L. REP., no. 2 (2015) (with Dwight H. Merriam).

*Reed v. Town of Gilbert to Address Content Neutrality in Sign Regulation*, 66 PLAN. & ENVTL. L., no. 9, 4 (2014).

*U.S. Supreme Court Deals Setback to Some Rail-Trails in the West*, PLAN. & ZONING NEWS, Mar. 2014, at 6-7.

*Decision to Know: Utility Air Regulatory Group v. Environmental Protection Agency*, 66 PLAN. & ENVTL. L., no. 10 (2014).

*Supreme Court to Review Validity of 'Effects Tests' in Fair Housing Litigation*, COLO. REAL ESTATE J., Oct. 16, 2013, at 18C.

*Cell Tower Case Clarifies Agency Powers*, 65 PLAN. & ENVTL. L., no. 9, 10 (2013).

## **BOOKS**

MICHIGAN SIGN GUIDEBOOK: THE LOCAL PLANNING & REGULATION OF SIGNS, 2<sup>ND</sup> ED. (2020)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, LAND USE, AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT: PROTECTING FREE SPEECH AND EXPRESSION 2017 (editor)

GROUP HOMES: STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE AND DEFENSIBLE PLANNING AND REGULATION 2015 (with Dwight H. Merriam).

MICHIGAN SIGN GUIDEBOOK: THE LOCAL PLANNING & REGULATION OF SIGNS 2012 (with Mark A. Wyckoff) (winner of the 2012 Michigan Association of Planning's Excellence Award for Best Practice)

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

*Zoning*, in COLORADO LAND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT LAW (Donald L. Elliott, ed., 2021) (multiple editions) (with multiple coauthors).

*Government Regulation of Art and Architecture*, in LOCAL GOVERNMENT, LAND USE, AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT: PROTECTING FREE SPEECH AND EXPRESSION (2017).

### **WORKING PAPERS**

The Roots of Zoning Reform (February 28, 2025) (unpublished manuscript) (on file with author).

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Real Estate Law**, Univ. of Mich., Stephen M. Ross School of Business, 2024-present (*separate courses taught to BBA and MBA students*)

**Land Use Planning**, Univ. of Colo. Law Sch., 2019-23

**Land Use Planning**, Univ. of Denver Sturm Coll. of Law, 2020-23

### **SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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*'The most challenging home buying market we've ever seen'*, POLITICO, Jun. 14, 2024 (quote)

*Home prices have reached new records, yet consumer confidence rose. What gives?*, MARKETPLACE, May 28, 2024 (audio interview)

*Colorado takes a new – and likely more effective – approach to the housing crisis*, THE CONVERSATION, May 24, 2024 (commentary)

*Priced out of home ownership – 'It makes me want to throw up'*, BBC, May 26, 2024 (quote)

*What exactly goes into closing costs?*, CNN BUSINESS, May 4, 2024 (quote)

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS**

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2025      *The Roots Of Zoning Reform: Building The Growth Coalition Of The 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Arizona Bar Association and Arizona Planning Association Land Use Update, Tempe, Ariz. (Jun.) (invited keynote)

*The Roots of Zoning Reform*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference Cheever Academic Workshop, Denver, Colo. (Mar.)

*Sheetz and Exactions: What SCOTUS's Latest Land Use Case Tells Us*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Arthur C. Nelson, Brian Duffany & Cameron Artigue)

*The Fair Housing Act Protects and Encourages Housing for Aging Americans*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Don Elliott, Diana Jenkins & Elizabeth Garvin)

- 2024      *Deconstructing YIMBY*, State & Local Government Works in Progress Conference, Phoenix, Ariz. (Nov.)
- Putting the “Why” in YIMBY*, Ass’n of Law, Property & Society Annual Conference, Malibu, Calif. (June)
- Putting the “Why” in YIMBY*, ABA Section of State and Local Government Spring Meeting, White Plains, N.Y. (May)
- Reforming Zoning: State Responses to the Housing Crisis*, Am. Plan. Ass’n Nat’l Conference Bettman Symposium, Minneapolis, Minn. (Apr.) (with Don Elliott, Aline Fader, and Diana Jenkins)
- The Black Box of Single-Family Zoning Reform*, Seminar Presentation, Taubman Coll. of Architecture and Urban Planning, U. of Mich., Ann Arbor, Mich. (Mar.)
- The Fairly Debatable Incentive Structure of Land-Use Appeals*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference Cheever Academic Workshop, Denver, Colo. (Mar.)
- Exactions Are Back at the Supreme Court*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Arthur C. Nelson, Brian Duffany & Ashleigh Kanat)
- Financing Housing to Create Access*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Vivek Sah, Mark Falcone, Luke Teater & Daniel Smith)
- The Black Box of Single-Family Zoning Reform*, AALS Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. (Jan.)
- 2023      *Partnering With Local Governments*, ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law, New Orleans, La. (Oct.) (with Jennifer Bragar & Toni Jackson)
- 2022      *City of Austin v. Reagan National Advertising, Inc.*, ABA Section of State and Local Government Fall Conference, Portland, Ore. (Sept. 2022)
- Meeting the Housing Affordability Challenge: Making the Case for State and Local Zoning Reform*, Arizona Land Use Update, Tempe, Ariz. (June) (invited keynote)
- Growth in Other Cities & Lessons Learned*, Idaho L. Rev. Symposium, “Boomtown! Growth and a Clash of Identity in the American West,” online (Apr.)
- Signs and SCOTUS: Reviewing its New Billboard Decision*, Am. Plan. Ass’n Nat’l Conference, San Diego, Calif. (Apr.) (with John M. Baker)

- Zoning and Planning for Housing Affordability*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Housing Workshop, online (Mar.)
- 2021 *Sign Regulation*, Michigan Ass'n of Planning annual conference, online (Oct.)
- City of Austin v. Reagan National Advertising, Inc., Am. Plan. Ass'n Policy and Advocacy Conference, online (Sept.)
- A Brief History of Affordable Housing in the United States*, National Ass'n for Cty. Cmty. and Econ. Dev. conference, online (Sept.)
- Fair Housing Mandates are Alive and Well*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, online (May) (with Don Elliott, Heidi Aggeler & Dan Pontius)
- Municipal Responses to the Housing Affordability Challenge*, IMLA Mid-Year Seminar, online (Apr.) (with Mary Ellen Bench)
- Affordable Housing and Zoning Workshop*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, online (Mar.) (with multiple panelists)
- Brian J. Connolly, *Update on Fair Housing Obligations for Local Governments*, IMLA Webinar (Jan.)
- 2020 Brian J. Connolly, *Residential Growth Limits in Colorado*, APA Colorado Annual Conference, online (Oct.) (with Heidi Aggeler & Travis Parker)
- Housing and Racial Bias*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Ideas RoundUp, online (Aug.) (with Heidi Aggeler)
- Housing for Diversity: Ending Segregation Through Zoning*, Am. Plan. Ass'n webinar (Jul.) (with Lisa Alexander, Sara Bronin & Kellen Zale)
- Planning for Climate Change: Practical Strategies for Local Governments*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar. 2020) (with Don Elliott & Molly Mowery)
- Group Homes For Those In Recovery: Recent Developments and Understanding What Stakeholders Want*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Dwight Merriam, Steven Polin, and Steve Elkins)
- Exactions in the Climate Change Era*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Jessie Lawrence, Sarah Rockwell, & J. Thomas Macdonald)
- Tips and Defenses to FHA Violations*, IMLA Webinar (Mar.)
- 2019 *Sign Regulation After Reed*, CLE International Land Use Law Conference, Denver, Colo. (Dec.)

*Fine-Tuning Your Sign Ordinance: Legal and Practical Principles*, Michigan Association of Planning Annual Conference, Kalamazoo, Mich. (Sept.)

*Everything Old Is New Again: Legal and Practical Approaches to Nonconformities*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, San Francisco, Calif. (Apr.) (with Matt Goebel & Matt Seubert)

*Achieving Aesthetic Excellence: Zoning & Design Review Requirements and Processes*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Chris Shears, Nore Winter, Don Brandes & Analiese Hock)

*Public Places, Private Messages: How the First Amendment Shapes Street Art and Advertising*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Andrew Peters, Tracy Weil & Stephen Wilson)

2018 *A Sign (Code) of the Times*, Land Use Law Center Annual Conference, White Plains, N.Y. (Dec.) (with Don Elliott, Victoria Polidoro & Natalie Quinn)

*Regulatory Takings and Exactions*, CLE International Land Use Law Conference, Denver, Colo. (Nov.)

*Land Use: A Local Government's Obligations Under the Fair Housing Act*, IMLA Annual Conference, Houston, Tex. (Oct.) (with Michael Allen & Patricia Link)

*Planning By Direct Democracy: Initiative and Referendum*, APA Colorado Annual Conference, Keystone, Colo. (Oct.) (with Tim Cox)

*Entitlements for the Long Term: The Intricacies of Vested Rights in Colorado*, Colo. Bar Ass'n Real Estate Symposium, Vail, Colo. (Jul.)

*Sober Living Homes and the Law*, Colo. County Attorneys' Ass'n Annual Conference, Grand Junction, Colo. (Jun.)

*Reed: Practical Strategies, Three Years Later*, Ariz. Land Use Update, Tempe, Ariz. (Jun.)

*Drafting Content Neutral Sign Codes*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, New Orleans, La. (Apr.) (with Evelyn Campo, Alexandra Carter & Frank Duke)

*After Inclusive Communities: Disparate Impact Revisited*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, New Orleans, La. (Apr.) (with David Callies, Don Elliott, & Edwin Voss)

*Opioid/Heroin Crisis and Land Use*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, New Orleans, La. (Apr.) (with Sagar Shah, Denise Harris & Brandon Marshall)

*Relevant Parcel Analysis and Murr: Understanding the Supreme Court's Latest Takings Case*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Erin Clark, Justin Pidot, and Don Elliott)

*Zoning, Aesthetics, and the First Amendment: New Challenges to Old Problems*, National CLE Conference, Vail, Colo. (Jan.)

2017 *Special Topics in Planning and the First Amendment: Signs, Adult Businesses, Religious Land Uses, and More*, APA Planning and Law Division Webcast (Dec. 2017) (with Evan Seeman and Dan Bolin)

*Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Unfulfilled Promise?*, University of Detroit Mercy Law School Symposium, Detroit, Mich. (Nov.)

*First Amendment Review: Public Forum and Government Speech*, ABA webinar (Oct.) (with Jerry Hicks, Tom Macdonald, Kevin O'Neill & Ashley Scott)

*Takings Law Review: Murr v. Wisconsin and Relevant Parcel Analysis*, APA Colorado Annual Conference, Telluride, Colo. (Oct.) (with Don Elliott & Marcus McAskin)

*Vested Rights and Development Agreements: What Planners Should Know*, APA Colorado Annual Conference, Telluride, Colo. (Oct.) (with Eric Heil)

*The Sobering Truth About Sober Living Homes*, Colo. Muni. League Annual Conference, Breckenridge, Colo. (Jun.) (with Tonya Haas-Davidson).

*Real Estate Law for Planners*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, New York, N.Y. (May) (with Evan J. Seeman, David S. Silverman & Brian R. Smith)

*Planners and the Public Realm*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, New York, N.Y. (May) (with Alan C. Weinstein)

*Planning and Zoning for First Amendment-Protected Land Uses*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, New York, N.Y. (May) (with Evan J. Seeman & Noel W. Sterrett)

*Homes on the (Front) Range: Residential Development and Assured Water Supply Laws in the American West*, ABA Section of Real Property, Trusts, and Estates Symposium, Denver, Colo. (Apr.) (with Anne Castle & Beorn A. Courtney)

*Land Use and the First Amendment After Reed: A Case Law Update*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Cameron Artigue & J. Thomas Macdonald)

*Untangling Construction Defects: Consumer Protection, Affordable Housing & Planning*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Matt Goebel & Richard K. Mahrle)



*Full House: Tuning up Your Land Use Regulations to Promote Housing Choices*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Chris Duerksen, Heidi Aggeler & Craig Richardson)

*Speech Regulation in a Post-Reed World*, National CLE Conference, Snowmass, Colo. (Jan. 2017)

2016 *Speech Regulation in a Post-Reed World*, CLE International Land Use Law Conference, Denver, Colo. (Nov.)

*What's All the Buzz About Construction Defects?*, APA Colorado Annual Conference, Colo. Springs, Colo. (Oct.) (with Matt Goebel)

*Defining "Sign" and Other Pesky Sign Regulation Problems*, APA Colorado Annual Conference, Colo. Springs, Colo. (Oct.) (with Donald L. Elliott & Todd C. Messenger)

*Panhandling & Solicitation: Understanding the First Amendment Implications*, ABA webinar (Jun.) (with Sorell E. Negro, Kirsten Clanton & Joseph W. Mead)

*The New World of Municipal Sign Codes*, Colo. Muni. League Annual Conference, Vail, Colo. (Jun. 2016) (with Donald L. Elliott, FAICP)

*Practical Strategies for Speech Regulation in a Post-Reed World*, IMLA Mid-Year Seminar, Washington, D.C. (Apr.) (with Susan L. Trevarthen)

*Inclusive Communities and the Fair Housing Act*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, Phoenix, Ariz. (Apr.) (with David L. Callies, Edwin P. Voss & Donald L. Elliott)

*Fair Housing in Big Cities*, Big City Planning Directors Institute, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, Phoenix, Ariz. (Apr.)

*2015 Supreme Court Review: Signs, Fair Housing, Takings and Clean Air*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with David L. Callies, FAICP & Justin Pidot)

*Housing in the West: Looking Backward and Forward*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Arthur C. Nelson, FAICP & Dwight H. Merriam, FAICP)

*Does HUD Understand Us? Applying Fair Housing Requirements*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Heidi Aggeler & Donald L. Elliott, FAICP)

*Signs*, IMLA webinar (Feb.) (with John M. Baker, Susan L. Trevarthen, FAICP, Daniel R. Mandelker, FAICP, & Dwight H. Merriam, FAICP).

*What's Going On With Fair and Affordable Housing? Legal Issues and Analysis*, National CLE Conference, Vail, Colo. (Jan.)

2015 *Fair and Affordable Housing: Have We Made a Dent?* CLE International Land Use Law Conference, Denver, Colo. (Dec.) (with Heidi Aggeler, Tyler Downs & Cris White)

*Sign Regulation After Reed v. Town of Gilbert: Strategies for Legal and Planning Practice*, Otten Johnson/Clarion Associates Workshop, Denver, Colo. (Nov.) (with Donald L. Elliott, FAICP)

*The Law of AFFH: Legal Background and Practical Tips*, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Summit, Denver, Colo. (Nov.) (with Donald L. Elliott, FAICP)

*Reed v. Town of Gilbert: What it Means for Local Sign Regulation*, Douglas Cty. Managers Meeting, Parker, Colo. (Nov.)

*How the Supreme Court Has Shaped First Amendment Issues for Local Governments: Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, IMLA Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nev. (Oct.)

*New Directions for Sign Regulations*, APA Colorado Annual Conference, Steamboat Springs, Colo. (Oct.) (with Todd Messenger & Derek Holcomb)

*Housing and Takings: A Look at the Supreme Court's Inclusive Communities Project and Horne Decisions*, APA Planning & Law Division webinar (Aug.) (with David L. Callies, FAICP, Donald L. Elliott, FAICP & Steven Polin)

*Understanding Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, APA Planning & Law Division webinar (Jul.) (with John M. Baker, Daniel R. Mandelker & Susan L. Trevarthen)

*The New World of Sign Regulation: Understanding the Supreme Court's Reed v. Town of Gilbert Decision*, ABA webinar (Jul.) (with John M. Baker & Susan L. Trevarthen)

*Commercial Real Estate Zoning and Land Use, Fundamentals of Commercial Real Estate Series*, ABA webinar (May) (with Kenneth Tinkler, James E.A. Slaton, Sorrell E. Negro & Jennifer M. Bragar)

*Content Neutral Sign Regulation After Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, Seattle, Wash. (Apr.) (with John M. Baker & Alan C. Weinstein)

*What's Fair in Fair Housing?*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, Seattle, Wash. (Apr.) (with Heidi Aggeler & Mitzi Barker)

*Exactions and Impact Fees: Tips for Practitioners in the Post-Koontz Era*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Cameron Artigue & Karen Aviles)

*Content Neutrality at the U.S. Supreme Court: A Reed v. Town of Gilbert Update and Oral Argument Analysis*, ABA webinar (Jan.) (with John M. Baker & Susan L. Trevarthen)

*Exactions in Practice*, National CLE Conference, Vail, Colo. (Jan.)

2014 *Federal Fair Housing Act and Group Homes*, CLE International Land Use Law Conference, Denver, Colo. (Dec.)

*Fair Housing, Affordable Housing, and Local Planning and Zoning: Understanding the Obligations and Reducing Your Community's Legal Risk*, Planning & Law Division Webinar (Nov.) (with Don Elliott, FAICP)

*Application Malfunction Junction: Making the Process Work (Better) for Planners and Developers*, APA Colorado Annual Conference, Crested Butte, Colo. (Oct.) (with Andrew Firestine & Marcus McAskin)

*Watch Out: The Feds Are Paying More Attention to Fair Housing!*, APA Colorado Annual Conference, Crested Butte, Colo. (Oct.) (with Don Elliott, FAICP & Heidi Aggeler)

*Planning and Siting Group Homes: What Advocates, Local Governments and Neighbors Need to Know*, ABA webinar (Jun.) (with Steven Polin, Daniel Mandelker & Dwight Merriam)

*Coming To Grips With Content Neutrality*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, Atlanta, Ga. (Apr.) (with Alan Weinstein & Randal Morrison)

*Can Planners and Developers Learn to Get Along Better?*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, Atlanta, Ga. (Apr.) (with Don Elliott, FAICP & Mary Kay Peck, FAICP)

*Understanding and Navigating the Contemporary Fair Housing Challenge*, Am. Plan. Ass'n Nat'l Conference, Atlanta, Ga. (Apr.) (with Don Elliott, FAICP)

*Three Approaches To The Regulation of On-Premises Signs*, ABA webinar (Mar.) (with David Hickey, Kathryn Hurd, Dawn Jourdan & Alan Weinstein)

*Getting To Kum Ba Yah in the Development Process*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with Mary Kay Peck & Dominic Mauriello)

*Understanding and Navigating the Contemporary Fair Housing Challenge*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar. 2014) (with Don Elliott, FAICP)

*When It All Goes Wrong, Dynamics of the Land Use Case Workshop*, Rocky Mtn. Land Use Inst. Annual Conference, Denver, Colo. (Mar.) (with J. Thomas Macdonald, Bill Kyriagis & Bryan Treu)

*The Supreme Court's Takings Cases of 2013*, National CLE Conference, Vail, Colo. (Jan.)

2013 *New Developments in the Federal Fair Housing Act*, CLE International Land Use Law Conference, Denver, Colo. (Nov.)

*Zoning for Persons With Disabilities*, APA Colorado Annual Conference, Vail, Colo. (Oct.) (with Stefanie Sommers & Fred Jarman)

*Zoning for Group Homes*, Am. Plan. Ass'n National Conference, Chicago, Ill. (2013) (with Aaron Cook, Steven G. Polin & Roger Waldon)

*Sign Regulation in Michigan*, training sessions for Michigan municipal officials and attorneys, various locations in Mich. (Jan.) (with Mark A. Wyckoff)

2012 *Fair Housing Law in Michigan*, Collaborative Fair Housing Conference, East Lansing, Mich. (Nov.)

*New Signs, New Battles: the Modern Constitutional Challenges in Sign Regulation*, Am. Plan. Ass'n National Conference, Los Angeles, Calif. (Apr.) (with Randal R. Morrison & Alan C. Weinstein)

2011 *Sign Regulation in Michigan*, Mich. Ass'n of Municipal Attorneys Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, Mich. (Oct. 2011) (with Mark A. Wyckoff)

#### **AMICUS BRIEFS**

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Brief of Amicus Curiae Am. Plan. Ass'n, *Sheetz v. County of El Dorado*, No. 22-1074 (S. Ct. 2024).

Brief of Amicus Curiae Am. Plan. Ass'n, *City of Austin v. Reagan National Advertising*, 142 S. Ct. 1464 (2022).

#### **AWARDS**

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International Municipal Lawyers Association, *Amicus Service Award*, 2020

ABA Section of State and Local Government, *Jefferson B. Fordham Up & Comer Award*, 2018

Best Lawyers in America: Land Use and Zoning Law, 2021-23

Super Lawyers Rising Star: Land Use and Zoning, 2016-23

Michigan Association of Planning, *Planning Excellence Award for Best Practice*, 2012

Michigan Law School, *First Year Legal Practice Honors*, 2010

Michigan Law School, *Dean's Scholarship*, 2010-12

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Cornell University, *Meinig Family Cornell National Scholar*, 2004-07

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## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

**Otten Johnson Robinson Neff + Ragonetti, P.C.**, Shareholder and Director, 2018-2023

Associate, 2013-2017

Summer Associate, 2012

*Denver, Colorado*

**Westchester County Department of Planning**, Planner, 2008-2010

*White Plains, New York*

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### **ADMISSIONS**

State of Colorado

State of Michigan

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh and Tenth Circuits

U.S. Supreme Court

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

**Urban Land Institute**

**American Planning Association**

Planning & Law Division (*Chair, 2021-2022; Secretary/Treasurer, 2017-18*)

Amicus Committee, *2019-present (Chair, 2025-present)*

**Michigan Association of Planning**

Law Committee, *2023-present*

**American Bar Association**

Section of State & Local Government Law (*Academics Committee, Co-Chair, 2023-present; Land Use Committee, Vice Chair, 2018-2021; Publications Oversight Board Member, 2019-present*)

Real Property, Trusts and Estates Section

**State Bar of Michigan**

Real Property Section (*Zoning Committee Member, 2024-present*)

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SERVICE

**Colorado Housing Affordability Project**, Co-Founder and Working Group Member, 2020-2024 (*provided research, education, and advocacy in support of statewide zoning reforms in Colorado; reforms were eventually adopted in 2024*)

**Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute**, Advisory Board Member, 2015-present

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**National CLE Conference**, Environmental Law, Land Use, Energy and Litigation Co-Chair,  
2018-19

**Downtown Denver Leadership Program**, Class of 2014