

XIAO WANG
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Assistant Professor of Law, School of Law, July 2023 – Present

Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy, August 2023 – Present

Director, Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, July 2023 – Present

Director, Supreme Court and Appellate Litigation Program, January 2024 – Present

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois

Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, July 2021 – June 2023

Director, Appellate Advocacy Center, Bluhm Legal Clinic, July 2021 – June 2023

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut

J.D., May 2014

- Coker Teaching Fellow, Constitutional Law (Professor Cristina Rodríguez)
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, Chair
- Supreme Court Advocacy Clinic
- Harry S. Truman Scholar

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

M.P.P., May 2009

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

B.A., Economics (with Highest Distinction), May 2008

- Phi Beta Kappa, Echols Scholar, University Lawn Resident
- Jefferson Scholar

CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Lucy H. Koh, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, San Jose, California

Law Clerk, September 2015 – September 2016

Hon. Karen N. Moore, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Cleveland, Ohio

Law Clerk, August 2014 – August 2015

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

[*Truth, Fiction, and Abolition*](#), 123 MICH. L. REV. 1027 (2025) (with Samuel Weiss)

[*Sacred Thoughts, Secular Harms*](#), 125 COLUM. L. REV. F. 133 (2025)

[*Are Appellate Clinics Effective?*](#), 31 CLIN. L. REV. 427 (2025)

[*Religion as Disobedience*](#), 76 VAND. L. REV. 999 (2023)

[*The Old Hand Problem*](#), 107 MINN. L. REV. 972 (2023)

[*Is Roe the New Miranda?*](#), 13 CALIF. L. REV. ONLINE 1 (2022)

[*From the Bird's Eye: The Sixth Circuit's Efforts to Breathe Life into Substantive Reasonableness Review*](#), 33 FED. SENT'G REP. 221 (2021)

[*In Defense of \(Circuit\) Court-Packing*](#), 119 MICH. L. REV. ONLINE 32 (2020)

[*Increasingly Antidemocratic? An Empirical Examination of the Supreme Court Nomination and Confirmation Process*](#), 11 CALIF. L. REV. ONLINE 242 (2020)

SELECTED ARGUMENTS

Ames v. Ohio Department of Youth Services, 145 S. Ct. 1540 (2025)

Cunningham v. Cornell University, 145 S. Ct. 1020 (2025)

Stanard v. Dy, 88 F.4th 811 (9th Cir. 2023)

Spillard v. Ivers, 2023 WL 4992827 (9th Cir. 2023)

Dickinson v. Cochran, 833 F. App'x 268 (11th Cir. 2020)

Lee v. United States, 974 F.3d 670 (6th Cir. 2020)

Roberts v. Mars Petcare US, Inc, 874 F.3d 953 (6th Cir. 2017)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

How 'We the People' Are Overturning the Supreme Court, CHI. TRIB. (Nov. 28, 2023) (with Michael P. Bellis)

The Supreme Court Is Making Religion an All-Purpose Excuse for Ignoring the Law, L.A. TIMES (June 18, 2023)

It's Time to Abandon (or Closely Monitor) Judicial Life Tenure, BLOOMBERG (Apr. 17, 2023)

How Federal Judges Made a Political Game Out of Taking Senior Status, BALLS AND STRIKES (Mar. 10, 2023)

Direct Democracy Saved Abortion Rights in Kansas – But We're Not In Kansas Anymore, CHI. TRIB. (Aug. 19, 2022)

Dobbs, International Law, and Glass Houses, AL JAZEERA (July 12, 2022) (with Juliet Sorensen)

Once More Unto the Breach: A Discussion of Recent Data Breach Litigation, CORP. COUNSEL (July 25, 2017) (with Edward J. Bennett and Matthew H. Blumenstein)

LEADERSHIP AND RECOGNITION

- 2025: [Law360 Legal Lion of the Week](#) (June 2025)
 [Law360 Legal Lion of the Week](#) (April 2025)
 [University of Virginia Research Achievement Award](#)
- 2024: [AALS Harold Berman Award for Excellence in Legal Scholarship](#)
- 2023: [Bloomberg Law School Innovation Program Award](#)
- 2021 & 2020: [Rising Star, Super Lawyers](#) (Appellate Litigation)

TEACHING AND SERVICE

University of Virginia Courses

Supreme Court Litigation Clinic

University of Virginia Service

Clerkship Committee

Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal Committee

Other Service

National Appellate Clinic Network (Founder and Organizer)

En Banc Institute (Founder and Organizer)

National Conference of Bar Examiners Review Committee

Northwestern Courses

Supreme Court Clinic

Federal Appellate Litigation Clinic

Outstanding Small Class Professor Award, Nominee, 2022

Childres Award (Most Outstanding Teacher), Nominee, 2023

Northwestern Service

Clerkship Committee

Raoul Berger Senior Research Prize Committee

Bluhm Legal Clinic High School and College Outreach Committee

Bluhm Legal Clinic Hiring Committee

Appellate Curricular Concentration Advisor

Law School Diversity Mentor

National Moot Court Team Coach

National Science Foundation Convergence Accelerator Program, Systematic Content Analysis of Litigation Events Open Knowledge Network (“SCALES OKN”)

LECTURES, INTERVIEWS & OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, *Designing and Directing an Appellate Clinic*, AALS CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Apr. 29, 2025)

Interview, *Cases and Controversies: Justices to Weigh Evidence Rule in Reverse Discrimination Suit*, BLOOMBERG LAW PODCAST (Feb. 7, 2025)

Keynote, *(Direct) Democracy and the Constitution*, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CONSTITUTION DAY (Sept. 18, 2023)

Interview, *Southwest Appeals Religious Training Order*, BLOOMBERG LAW PODCAST (Aug. 17, 2023)

Panelist, *Partnering With Non-Profit Organizations to Address Urgent Needs*, AALS CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Apr. 29, 2023)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Wilkinson Stekloff LLP, Washington, D.C.
Associate, November 2018 – June 2021

Williams & Connolly LLP, Washington, D.C.
Associate, November 2016 – November 2018
Summer Associate, May 2013 – August 2013

United States Attorney's Office, Boston, Massachusetts
Legal Intern, June 2012 – August 2012

Cooperative Arts & Humanities High School, New Haven Schools, New Haven, Connecticut
Instructor for Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, 2012 – 2014

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

McKinsey & Company, Atlanta, Georgia
Business Analyst, August 2009 – August 2011
Summer Business Analyst, June 2008 – August 2008

United States Senate Finance Committee, Washington, D.C.
Policy Analyst, January 2009 – May 2009

Virginia Policy Review, Charlottesville, Virginia
Advising Editor, May 2009 – Present
Founder and Editor-in-Chief, January 2008 – May 2009

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, District of Columbia, and Federal Circuits

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Northern District of California, Central District of California, District of Columbia, and Western District of Michigan

California and Washington, D.C.