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Scott is an accomplished senior policy strategist and legislative attorney with more than a decade of experience in banking, tax, consumer financial protection and mortgage finance. He has appeared on camera, radio, and in print media interviews with CNN, *Time Magazine*, NPR, CBS radio, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg Law*, *The Atlantic*, *American Banker*, Politico, and NBC. He was also an invited witness to offer testimony for hearings held by the U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services Committee and the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions. Scott has published many pieces in academic journals on topics including political identity, race and law. He has published articles in *Harvard Latinx Law Review*, *University of District of Columbia Law Review*, and *Nova Southeastern Law Review* (upcoming 2021)

After earning his undergraduate degree in English from UW-Madison in 2006, Scott knew he wanted to stay in Wisconsin for law school. After he visited Marquette Law School and spoke with some alumni, his decision was made:

"I was impressed with the law school's mission, as well as its commitment to build a diverse applicant pool." His undergraduate studies prepared him for the intensive writing demands of law school, but he also wanted to supplement his quantitative and accounting background, so he enrolled in the MBA program concurrently with the JD. After earning those degrees, he moved to Washington, DC, where he earned an LL.M. from Georgetown Law in the financial services regulation program to align with his (then) current work at the U.S. Senate where he was an economic policy advisor.

His motivation has always been and remains based in equality, specifically economic fairness. "As the first generation of my family to be born in the United States, first in my family to obtain a law degree and an MBA, first generation to finish college, and first in my family to own a home, my priority and personal mission has always been to find a way to create solutions. I have been very proactive in finding as many spaces as possible to accomplish this." Marquette Law School is proud to count him among our alumni.