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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI

- *Clinical Professor of Law*, July 2023 to present
- *Clinical Associate Professor*, July 2018 to June 2023
- *Visiting Clinical Associate Professor*, November 2014 to June 2018
- *Adjunct Professor*, Fall 2012 to Spring 2014
- Designed, launched, and currently direct the Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic, an in-house clinical program that has provided transactional legal services to more than 700 entrepreneurs and startups in southeastern Wisconsin since its inception. Supervise law students interviewing and counseling clients, drafting business legal documents, writing legal memoranda, and preparing governmental filings.
- Courses: Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic (Classroom Component), Business Associations, Business Planning, Contract Drafting, Civil Pretrial Practice

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

Certificate of Completion, 40-Hour Mediation Skills Training Program, March 2008

Boston University Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Boston, MA

MA in Philosophy, May 2004

Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA

JD, *cum laude*, May 2003

- *Honors*: G. Joseph Tauro Scholar; Dean's Award in Criminal Law
- *Activities*: Staff Member, *Boston University Public Interest Law Journal*; Cast Member, Legal Follies; Representative, American Bar Association Law School Division; Co-Director, Law Student Orientation

University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

BS, with honors, in Zoology, May 1999

- *Honors*: Tobin Award for Outstanding Male Graduate of the University of Wyoming (sole recipient, 1999); Phi Beta Kappa National Honorary
- *Activities*: President (representing 8,000 students), ASUW Student Government; Ex-Officio Trustee, UW Board of Trustees; UW Honors Program

SERVICE TO MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

LAW SCHOOL COMMITTEES

Member, Teaching and Assessment Committee (2017 to present)

Member, Moot Court Committee (2015 to 2023)

Member, Blockchain Working Group (2018 to 2019)

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Member, University Innovation Council (2014 to present)

Member, Curricular and Academic Board, Blue & Gold Ventures (Student Run Business Program) (2019 to 2020)

Member, University Blockchain Lab Faculty Advisory Group (Spring 2018)

Member, College of Business Administration's Entrepreneurship Curriculum Review Committee, Member (2017 to 2018)

SERVICE TO THE BAR AND COMMUNITY

State Bar of Wisconsin, Business Law Section Board, Madison, WI
Member (2026 to present)

BizStarts, Inc., Milwaukee, WI
Mentor (2015 to present)

gBETA (startup accelerator), Milwaukee, WI
Mentor (2015 to 2022)

gener8tor (startup accelerator), Milwaukee, WI
Mentor (2015 to 2020)

M7's Marshaling Our Resources: Entrepreneurship Initiative, Milwaukee, WI
Advisory Council Member (representing Marquette University) (2016 to 2023)

Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Conference, Madison, WI
Steering Committee Member (2017 to 2021)

Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation, Milwaukee, WI
Volunteer (2016 to 2020, Outstanding Volunteer Service Award in 2017)

Small Business Affinity Group, Milwaukee, WI
Member (2015 to 2019)

Office of Lawyer Regulation's Make a Difference Initiative, Madison, WI
Task Force Member (2016 to 2017)

The Commons, Milwaukee, WI
Mentor (2015 to 2018)

Startup Milwaukee, Inc., Milwaukee, WI
Advisor (2012 to 2018)

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Nathaniel S. Hammons, *Hollow Lawyers: The Cognitive Cost of Generative AI And "Practice-Ready" Legal Education* (work-in-progress presented at Marquette University Law School Faculty Workshop, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 24, 2026)

NATHANIEL S. HAMMONS (lead author) ET AL., *THE WISCONSIN BUSINESS ENTITY HANDBOOK* (State Bar of Wis. 1st ed. 2024)

Nathaniel S. Hammons, *Intellectual Property Issues for Startups Participating in Entrepreneurship Support Programs in Wisconsin*, 22 MARQ. INTELL. PROP. L. REV. 2 (2018)

Richard F. O'Malley, Jr., & Nathaniel S. Hammons, Revision and Supplement to Chapter 5, *Investigation and Development of the Product Liability Case*, PRODUCT LIABILITY PRACTICE, ILL. INST. FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUC. (2006)

PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, AND WORKSHOPS

NATIONAL

Co-Presenter, *Integrating Generative AI into Our Classrooms, Clinics, and Professional Lives*, Transactional Clinical Conference, St. Louis, Missouri (May 1, 2024)

Co-Presenter, *ChatGPT and Transactional Legal Clinics: Should We Care?*, Transactional Clinical Conference, Boston, Massachusetts (June 10, 2023)

Co-Presenter, *Social Justice? Screening for Underrepresented Entrepreneurs*, Transactional Clinical Conference, Berkeley, California (May 4, 2019)

Presenter, *The Balanced Scorecard: A Tool for Measuring and Enhancing the Impact of Transactional Legal Clinics*, Transactional Clinical Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (June 2, 2017)

REGIONAL

Presenter, *Negotiation Workshop for Water Technology Startups*, BREW (Business, Research & Entrepreneurship in Water) Technology Accelerator, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (June 19, 2025)

Presenter, *Recent Legal Developments Impacting Startups*, CLE presentation by Marquette University Law School, Madison, Wisconsin (June 22, 2022)

Panel Moderator, *Understanding NFTs and Cryptocurrency: A Primer*, Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Conference, online (June 3, 2021)

Panel Moderator, *Securing Your First Customers: How to Make Sales in a Challenging Time*, Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Conference, online (June 4, 2020)

Panel Moderator, *It's OK to Fail, Especially If You Learn from It*, Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (June 5, 2019)

Panel Moderator, *Beg, Borrow, or Bootstrap: Ways to Finance Your Startup*, Entrepreneurs' Conference, Madison, Wisconsin (June 5, 2018)

Presenter, *Intellectual Property Issues for Startups Participating in Entrepreneurship Support Programs in Wisconsin*, Marquette Intellectual Property Law Review Symposium Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (October 27, 2017)

Presenter, *Legal Issues in Representing Early-Stage Technology Startups*, CLE presentation by Marquette University Law School, Green Bay, Wisconsin (June 13, 2017)

Panel Moderator, *What Founders Should Know: Common Hurdles, Mistakes and Pitfalls*, Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Conference, Madison, Wisconsin (June 7, 2017)

Panel Moderator, *The Five Questions Every Startup Needs to Get Right*, Wisconsin Early-Stage Symposium, Madison, Wisconsin (November 17, 2016)

LOCAL

Workshop Presenter, *Business Organizations 101*, Wisconsin Small Business Development Center and Wisconsin Center for Technology Commercialization, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (June 5, 2026)

Workshop Presenter, *Legal Essentials for New Businesses*, BizStarts, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (multiple presentations 2021 to present)

Workshop Presenter, *Legal Essentials for Startups*, Marquette University 707 Hub, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (multiple presentations 2017 to present)

Presenter, *Legal Essentials for Launching a Startup During a Pandemic*, CLE presentation, Marquette University Law School, online (July 14, 2020)

Workshop Presenter, *Startup Law 101*, the Young Enterprising Society, online (May 28, 2020)

Presenter, *Legal Pitfalls for Startups*, CLE presentation, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (November 15, 2019)

Presenter, *Common Ethical Pitfalls in Representing Startups*, CLE presentation, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (November 8, 2019)

Workshop Presenter, *Legal Entities and Structures for Small Businesses*, African American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (January 16, 2019)

Workshop Presenter, *Protecting Your Assets: Using the Law to Protect and Grow Your Small Business*, African American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (November 14, 2018)

Panelist, *Pitfalls and Opportunities: Critical Decisions in the Early Stages of Your Company*, Startup Week Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (November 6, 2018)

Presenter, *Financial Screening of For-Profit Clients by Transactional Legal Clinics: Promoting Justice, Mission and Goals*, Marquette University Law School Faculty Workshop Series, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (April 3, 2018)

Presenter, *Startup Law Essentials: Best Practices When Forming and Launching a New Venture*, CLE presentation, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (November 8, 2017)

Workshop Presenter, *Legal Essentials for Small Businesses*, UW-Milwaukee Small Business Development Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (multiple presentations 2014 to 2017)

Presenter, *Legal Essentials for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs*, CLE presentation, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (November 10, 2015)

Presenter, *Legal Issues in Representing Tech Startups*, CLE presentation, Milwaukee Bar Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (May 20, 2014)

Presenter, *Startup Law 101: Legal Essentials for Entrepreneurs*, gener8tor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (July 11, 2013)

Presenter, *Contract Law Basics*, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois (multiple presentations 2006 to 2009)

GRANTS RECEIVED

Neighborhood Entrepreneur Project, \$35,000, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (January 1 to December 31, 2021)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Wisconsin Legal Innovator Award, State Bar of Wisconsin (2022)

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law Office of Nathaniel S. Hammons, Milwaukee, WI

Principal, September 2011 to October 2014

- Represented more than three dozen startup companies and entrepreneurs in Wisconsin on business formation and governance, intellectual property, business contracts, financing, employment issues, business disputes, and other legal matters.

New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Rochester, NY

Appellate Court Attorney, August 2009 to July 2011

- Prepared confidential memoranda advising appellate panels on nearly 100 cases involving contracts, business disputes, real estate, personal injury, products liability, and criminal matters.
- Drafted judicial decisions for issuance by the Court.

DePaul University, Chicago, IL

Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, 2006 to 2009

- Supervised the process for the legal review of business contracts at DePaul, a large Catholic university with more than 24,000 students and 5,000 employees.
- Counseled university officers and staff in purchasing, risk management, compliance, internal audit, sponsored research, and facilities operations on an array of legal issues impacting the university.
- Managed civil lawsuits involving the university.

Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, IL

Associate, Product Liability and Mass Torts Group, 2003 to 2006; Summer Associate, Summer 2002

- Represented *Fortune* 100 clients in lawsuits involving product liability and mass torts.
- Advised corporate clients on tort liability and regulatory compliance.

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Simply Contracts LLC, Milwaukee, WI

Chief Executive Officer and President, October 2010 to 2019

- Co-founded and served as chief executive officer of the company, a small business that provided online legal forms and information to consumers.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Wisconsin (2011)

New York (2009)

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2003)

Illinois (2003, currently inactive)

MEMBERSHIPS

Wisconsin Bar Association

Milwaukee Bar Association

American Bar Association

Clinical Legal Education Association

Association of American Law Schools