

Julie D. Lawton

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ACADEMIA

2011-Present **DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW** Chicago, IL

- *Faculty Director*, Business Law (Aug 2025 – Present)
- *Interim Dean* (May 2024 – June 2025)
- *Associate Dean for Experiential Learning* (Jul 2018 – Jun 2022)
- *Interim Director of Legal Clinics* (Jan 2017-Jul 2018)
- *Professor of Law* (2017-Present)
- *Associate Professor of Law* (2014-2017)
- *Assistant Professor of Law* (2011-2014)

Administrative Experience: Interim Dean; Associate Dean for Experiential Learning

Professor Experience: Law professor teaching business and real estate courses. Doctrinal courses taught include Contracts, Real Estate Transactions, Introduction to Corporate Finance (*Course Creator and textbook author*), Corporate Finance, and Accounting for Lawyers. Clinical courses taught include the Business Law Clinic (*Founding Director*) and the Housing and Community Development Legal Clinic (*Founding Director*).

2003-2011 **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER** Washington, D.C.

Senior Clinical Supervisor (2005-2011)
Clinical Teaching Fellow (2003-2005)

Senior supervising instructor in the Affordable Housing and Community Development Legal Clinic, including direct supervision of second and third-year law students. Taught clinical seminar on affordable housing, real estate development, contracts, negotiations, and community and economic development. Provided legal and business counsel to low and moderate-income tenant groups, cooperatives, and condominiums on all aspects of the development of affordable housing including acquisition, conversion, and renovation of multi-family residential buildings.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2007-2011 **LAWTON DEVELOPMENT, LLC** Washington, D.C.

Founder, Managing Member

Real estate development company managing the acquisition and redevelopment of multi-family residential properties in Washington, D.C. Obtained project funding from governmental, commercial banking and non-profit lenders.

1997-2001 **MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP** Washington, D.C.

Associate, Financial Services Group

Advised national banks, credit card issuers and payment system associations on various consumer credit transactions, including managing the negotiation and execution of multimillion-dollar co-brand credit card agreements, counseling a retail credit card issuer on the sale of one of the country's largest consumer credit card portfolios, and counseling a credit card issuer on the development of an international corporate card program. Counseled financial institutions on the development of new consumer financial products and services, including e-commerce initiatives and retail payment systems. Advised

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financial institutions on consumer credit regulatory and compliance issues, including the federal Truth in Lending Act and the federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

Summer 1995	MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP <i>Financial Services Group</i>	Washington, DC
Summer 1994	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY <i>Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service</i> <i>Financial Institutions and Products Division</i>	Washington, DC
1993-1994	BANK OF AMERICA <i>Financial Analyst, Commercial Banking</i> Conducted financial analysis of banking clients, including financial statement, industry and profitability analysis, management assessment, and financial projections for Commercial Banking, Private Banking and Franchise Banking clients seeking commercial loans.	Atlanta, GA
Fall 1992	KIDDER, PEABODY INVESTMENT BANK <i>Investment Banking Retail Products</i>	New York, NY
Summer 1992	ANCHOR SAVINGS BANK <i>Retail Banking</i>	Tallahassee, FL
Summer 1991	WACHOVIA BANK <i>Corporate Banking</i>	Atlanta, GA

EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, D.C.
LL.M

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Washington, D.C.
Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY, School of Business and Industry, Tallahassee, FL
B.S., Business, *Magna Cum Laude*

LICENSES

Licensed in Illinois (Active); Maryland and Washington, D.C. (Inactive)

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Scholarship, Media, Awards and Leadership Roles

Books

Business Fundamentals for Law Students, 2nd ed. (Carolina Academic Press) (2027)

Articles

Slavery, Unjust Enrichment and Restorative Justice (work in progress)

Teaching Social Justice in Law Schools: Whose Morality Is It?, **50 Indiana L. Rev. 813** (2017)

Am I My Client? Revisited: The Role of Race in Intra-Race Legal Representation **22 Mich. J. Race & Law 13** (2016) (Lead Article) excerpted in *Multicultural Lawyering* Carolina Academic Press (2021)

Who Is My Client? Client Centered Lawyering with Multiple Clients, **22 Clinical L. Rev. 145** (2015) (peer-reviewed, peer-edited, blind submission law review published by New York University)

Unraveling the Legal Hybrid of Housing Cooperatives, **83 UMKC L. Rev. 117** (2015)

Limited Equity Cooperatives: The Non-Economic Value of Homeownership, **43 Wash. U. J.L. & Pol'y 187** (2013)

Tenant Purchase as a Means of Creating and Preserving Affordable Homeownership, **20 Geo. J. on Poverty L. & Pol'y 55** (2012)

Symposia

The Imposition of Social Justice Morality in Legal Education, **4 Ind. J.L. & Soc. Equality 57** (2016), Symposium: *Living Without in America*

Warsaw Rebuilt: Incorporating Affordable Housing by Design, **63 Studia Luridica 115** (2016) (University of Warsaw law review)

Preserving Homeownership Through the Power of the Collective: Lessons for Barcelona, **297 Revista de Derecho Urbanístico y Medio Ambiente 31** (2015) (lead article)

Book Reviews

Book Review, **21 J. Aff. Hous. & Comm. Dev. L. 281** (reviewing *Academic Entrepreneurship and Community Engagement: Scholarship in Action and the Syracuse Miracle* (2011))

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Peer Reviews

Peer Reviewer, **Real Estate Transactions Treatise** (forthcoming 2027)

Peer Reviewer, **Journal of Urban History**, *Fighting Redlining and Gentrification in Washington, DC: The Adams-Morgan Organization and Tenant Right to Purchase* (2014)

Peer Reviewer, **DePaul Journal of Social Justice**, *From Ethical Demands to the Coming Integration* (2013)

Media

CBS Chicago: *'Cash deal' offered to homeowners in Illinois draws numerous consumer complaints*, July 2023

Fox News: *Ketanji Brown Jackson Sworn in as Supreme Court Justice*, June 2022

ABC7 News: *Prominent attorneys on historic confirmation of Judge Jackson to Supreme Court*, April 2022

Fox News: *Deathtraps for firefighters: U.S. cities aim to fix widespread abandoned building problem*, March 2022

CBS Chicago: *DePaul Business Law Clinic helps build businesses by matching law students with women entrepreneurs*, December 2021

CBS Chicago: *Following challenges from the pandemic, local business owner turns to DePaul's law program for legal help*, November 2021

Chicago Daily Law Bulletin

- *DePaul Law Class Gives Students a Sense of the Real World*, Feb 15, 2019
- *DePaul University Legal Clinic Gives Students Hands-On Learning Experience*, Oct 23, 2015

Philanthropy Magazine, *Philanthropy or Social Activism?* Fall 2016

Insight Into Diversity Magazine, *Social Justice Education at Law Schools: Imperative or Imposition?* Jun 2016

Media coverage of my article, *The Imposition of Social Justice Morality in Legal Education*:

- Wall Street Journal (Law Blog), *Law Schools are 'Indoctrinating Students with a Social Justice Morality' Says Professor*, Apr. 13, 2016
- TaxProf Blog, *Clinical Law Prof Questions Indoctrinating Students with Social Justice Morality and Requiring Pro Bono by Students, Not Faculty and Administrators*, Apr 14, 2016
- Above the Law, *Are Law Schools Just Liberal Indoctrination Factories*, Apr 19, 2016
- Chicago Appleseed, *Law Schools and the Duty of Pro Bono Service*, May 31, 2016

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Dialogue Magazine and DePaul Newsline (DePaul University publications)

- *New Business Law Clinic Aims to Assist DePaul Entrepreneurs, February 21, 2019*
- *Entrepreneurial Ventures in Business and Law: Professor Lawton Infuses Business and Entrepreneurship into the Law Student Experience, Summer 2016*
- *Students Bring Legal Literacy Program to Mercy Housing, Summer 2014*

Awards

- *Coleman Foundation Fellow, 2015-2016*
- *DePaul Engage Faculty Recognition, 2015* (One of 40 faculty in the University whose teaching and mentorship played an important role in student development as socially responsible and engaged citizens and leaders).

Leadership

- Interim Dean (May 2024 – Present)
- Associate Dean for Experiential Learning (Jul 2018-Jun 2022)
- Chair, Curriculum Committee (2023 – 2024)
- Law School Dean Search Committee (2014-2015); 2024
- Interim Director of DePaul Legal Clinics (2017-2018)
- **ABA** Site Visit Team Member
 - Feb 2020
 - Feb 2018
- **AALS** Section on Clinical Legal Education, Treasurer and **Executive Committee** (2015-2017)
- **AALS** 2016 Conference on Clinical Legal Education **Planning Committee**
- **AALS** Section on Clinical Legal Education, Co-Chair, Diversity in Leadership Committee (2012-2017)
- Leading People at DePaul Cohort (2018-2019)
- Host and Co-Organizer, 13th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference at DePaul University College of Law
- Chair, Faculty Council Budget Committee (2015-2017)
 - University Faculty Compensation Study for Tenure-Line Faculty (2015-2017)
 - Co-Chair (2014-2015)
- Strategic Resource Allocation Committee (University Budgeting Committee) (SRAC) (2014-2017; 2018-2021)
- Faculty Council Executive Committee (2015-2017)
- Law School Dean Review Committee (2019)

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Presentations

2021

- Invited Panelist, **AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education**, Clinical, Externships, and Experiential Law Program Directors Workshop
- Invited Panelist, **AALS Clinicians of Color Workshop**, "Risk Mitigation & Best Practices for Engaging in Racial Justice Work"

2019

- Invited Panelist, **AALS Annual Meeting**, Section on Transactional Law and Skills, *Transactional Law and Finance: Challenges and Opportunities for Teaching and Research* Panel
- Presenter, **NYU Clinical Law Review Writers Workshop**, *Business Fundamentals for Lawyers textbook*
- Presenter, **AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education**, *Business Fundamentals for Lawyers textbook*
- Invited Panelist, **AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education**, Clinicians of Color Workshop

2018

- Moderator, **DePaul University College of Law**, Business and Commercial Law Journal Annual Symposium, *Lending and Litigating: A Look into Chicago's Commercial Real Estate Market*

2017

- Invited Presenter, **University of Michigan**, Michigan Journal of Race and Law Speaker Series, *Am I My Client? Revisited: The Role of Race in Intra-Race Legal Representation*

2016

- Invited Presenter, **New York Law School Clinical Theory Workshop**, *Am I My Client? Revisited: The Role of Race in Intra-Race Legal Representation*
- Presenter, Southern California Clinical Scholarship Workshop, **UC Irvine**, *Am I My Client? Revisited: The Role of Race in Intra-Race Legal Representation*
- Presenter, **AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education**, *The Personal Identities of Housing Cooperatives*
- Presenter, **Univ. of Iowa - The Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop**, *Teaching Social Justice in Law School: Whose Morality Is It?*
- Host and Moderator, **ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law**, Law School Initiative Program, *Careers in Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*

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2015

- Invited Panelist, Symposium of the **Indiana Journal of Law and Social Equality at Indiana University-Bloomington**, *The Imposition of Social Justice Morality in Legal Education*
- Presenter, **AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education** *The Imposition of Social Justice Morality in Legal Education*
- Invited Participant, Study Space VIII Warsaw: Urban Recovery and Resilience in the Wake of Conflict, Crisis and Disaster

2014

- Presenter, **AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education** *Who Is My Client? Client Centered Lawyering with Multiple Clients*
- Panelist, **AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education**, *Navigating the Complexities of the Clinical Job Market*
- Moderator, **AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education** Work-in-Progress Session
- Invited Participant, Study Space VII Barcelona: Beyond Affordable Housing: An Interdisciplinary Multinational Approach to Adequate Housing Options
- Panelist, DePaul University College of Law, *Law Practice 101: Public Interest*

2013

- Presenter, **Northeast People of Color Conference (University of Puerto Rico)**, *Unraveling the Legal Hybrid of Housing Cooperatives*
- Plenary Panelist, **AALS Law Clinical Director's Conference**, *Clinic Staffing Structures: Clinical Teaching Fellowships*
- Presenter, **AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education**, *Limited Equity Cooperatives: The Non-Economic Value of Homeownership*
- Presenter, **Chicago Junior Faculty Workshop**, *Limited Equity Cooperatives: The Non-Economic Value of Homeownership*

2012

- Presenter, **Arizona State University Southwest Junior Clinicians Conference**, *Maximizing Clinical Fellowships*
- Working Group Facilitator, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education
- Presenter, NYU Clinical Writer's Workshop, *Limited Equity Cooperatives: The Non-Economic Value of Homeownership*
- **Speaker and Co-Host of DePaul CPIL Vincentian Symposium: Neighborhoods and the Legacy of Segregation in Chicago: A Discussion about Historical and Present Racism in Housing, Education, and Incarceration**
- Presenter, **DePaul SBA Diversity Week Panelist**, *Social and Political Challenges Facing Communities of Color in Affordable Housing*

2011

- Presenter, **Annual Transactional Clinicians' Conference**, *Specialized Clinics*

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2010

- Presenter, **Association for Law, Property and Society**, Tenant Purchase as a Means of Creating and Preserving Affordable Homeownership

2007

- Featured Speaker, **Howard University School of Law Fair Housing Clinic Community Presentation**, *Washington, D.C. Tenant Purchase Rights*
- Plenary Panelist, **Howard University School of Law's Third Annual Fair Housing Law for the People**

Service

University

- Interim Dean (2024 – Present)
- Chair, Faculty Council Budget Committee (2015-2017)
 - University Faculty Compensation Study for Tenure-Line Faculty (2015-2017)
 - Co-Chair (2014-2015; 2018- 2021)
- Strategic Resource Allocation Committee (University Budgeting Committee) (SRAC) (2014-2017; 2018-2021)
- Faculty Council Executive Committee (2015-2017)
- Law School Dean Search Committee (2014-2015); 2024
- Faculty Council (Alternate) (2013-2014)
- Hooder, Commencement (2015; 2019; 2022)

College

- Associate Dean for Experiential Learning (2018-2022)
- Interim Director of Legal Clinics (2017-2018)
- Member:
 - Admissions Committee (2020-2023)
 - Appointments Committee (2012-2014; 2021-2022)
 - Budget Advisory Committee (2014-2015)
 - Business and Entrepreneurship Committee (2014-Present)
 - Career Services Advisory Committee (2014-2015)
 - Curriculum Committee (2016-2021; 2023-2024)
 - Faculty Handbook Committee (Contributor for new Faculty Handbook) (2011-2012)
 - Faculty Programs Committee (2022-2023)
 - Minority Scholarship Review Committee (2012)
 - Public Interest Committee (2011-2015)
 - Readmissions Committee (2014-2016)
 - Skills Faculty Task Force (2013-2014)

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- Strategic Planning Committee (2015-2016; 2018-2021)
- Technology, Online Learning and Facilities Committee (2012-2015)
- Long-Term Contract Renewal Review Committee for legal writing professor

Profession

2020

- **ABA** Site Team Member

2018

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2016

- **AALS** Section on Clinical Legal Education, Treasurer and **Executive Committee** (2015-2017)
- **AALS** 2016 Conference on Clinical Legal Education **Planning Committee**
- **AALS** Section on Clinical Legal Education, Co-Chair, Diversity in Leadership Committee (2012-2017)

2014

- **Host and Co-Organizer**, 13th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference at DePaul University College of Law
- Invited Judge, **Law Meets Transactional Negotiation Competition**, Northwestern University
- Invited Judge, **BLSA International Negotiations Competition** (Milwaukee, WI)

2013

- Participant, First District Appellate Court Access to Justice meeting
- Invited Participant, Chicago Lawyers Committee for Public Interest, “Economic Factors and the Chicago Nonprofit Sector”
- Panelist, HUD Conference on Housing Cooperatives, “Legal Clinic for HUD Sponsored Housing Cooperatives”
- Participant, Chicago Transactional Clinicians Quarterly Meetings

Community

2014

- Chicago Community Loan Fund Coops and Community Workshop

2013

- Tutor, Legal Prep Charter High School