

# Conor James Clarke

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## Education

### **Yale University**

2015 -  
PhD in Law (expected)  
“Essays in Tax Law & Economics” (in progress)

### **Yale Law School**

2015  
J.D., May 2015  
Judge Ralph K. Winter Prize in Law & Economics  
Articles & Essays Editor, YALE LAW JOURNAL  
Executive Editor, YALE LAW & POLICY REVIEW

### **London School of Economics**

2011  
M.Res, Quantitative Methods in Political Science  
Marshall Scholar

### **The University of Birmingham (UK)**

2010  
M.Sc, Economics  
Marshall Scholar

### **Amherst College**

2008  
B.A., Social Theory (interdisciplinary)  
Summa Cum Laude & Phi Beta Kappa with Distinction

## Experience

### **Law Clerk, Judge Alex Kozinski**

2016  
I will be clerking on the Ninth Circuit starting in May of 2016

### **Summer Tax Associate, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom**

2014  
Worked on tax planning, deal, and controversy matters with firm's DC practice

### **Summer Intern, Department of Justice Civil Appellate Staff**

2013  
Worked on appellate and constitutional litigation in the federal circuit courts

### **Staff Editor and Fellow, the ATLANTIC**

2009  
Edited economics and business content

### **Associate Editor, the GUARDIAN**

2007  
Wrote and solicited opinion content for the newspaper's website

2006

**Editorial Assistant, the NEW REPUBLIC**  
Edited and reported for the magazine and website

### **Research Interests**

**Primary:** Tax Law, Tax Policy

**Secondary:** Organizational Law, Empirical Legal Studies, Law & Economics

### **Writing**

#### **I. Working Papers**

Income Inequality and the Corporate Tax: 1913 - 2012 (with Wojciech Kopczuk)

Corporate Governments: The Law and Economics of Single-Purpose Governments (with Henry Hansmann)

Does Clerks Affect Judges? Journal Membership and Judicial Opinions: A Fixed Effects Approach (with Edward Fox)

#### **II. Published and Forthcoming Work**

What Are Tax Havens and Why Are They Bad?  
95 TEX. L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (*forthcoming* 2016) (review essay)

New Research on the Stubborn Persistence of Tax Expenditures  
150 TAX NOTES 1462 (2016)

Note, Perceptions of Tax Expenditures and Direct Outlays: A Survey Experiment  
124 YALE LJ. 1252 (2015) (with Edward Fox)

Comment, The Uneasy Case Against *Auer* and *Seminole Rock*  
33 YALE L. & POL'Y REV. 175 (2014)

Note, Is the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court Really a Rubber Stamp?  
66 STAN. L. REV. ONLINE 125 (2014)

Comment, Merging and Dissolving Special Districts  
31 YALE J. ON REG. 493 (2014)

Beyond Discretion: Prosecution, the Logic of Sovereignty, and the Limits of Law  
33 LAW & SOC. INQUIRY 387 (2008) (with Austin Sarat)

### **III. Edited Books & Works in Collection**

CREATIVE CAPITALISM (Simon & Schuster 2009) (edited with Michael Kinsley)

Complexity, Contingency, and Change in Law's Knowledge Practices, *in* HOW LAW KNOWS (Stanford 2006) (with Austin Sarat, Lawrence Douglas & Martha Umphrey)

### **IV. Early-Stage Projects**

America's Passthrough Exceptionalism: What It Looks Like and Why It Matters

Corporations and Income Inequality

Education, Taxation, and Intergenerational Inequality

Measuring Judicial Ideology: A New Approach (with Edward Fox)

### **V. Commentary**

I have written many pieces of reporting and commentary for the ATLANTIC, GUARDIAN, NEW REPUBLIC, SLATE, and others. This selection emphasizes some recent writing on law, political science, and economics.

“How the Wolf of Wall Street Created the Internet,” SLATE (2014)

“You Should Get a Tax Break For Working From Home,” ATLANTIC (2013)

“Love Stinks: An Economic Manifesto,” ATLANTIC (2012)

“The Case for Ignoring Obama’s Speech,” ATLANTIC (2011)

“So Long, Souter,” GUARDIAN (2009)

“Spreading the Wealth,” GUARDIAN (2009)

“Bill Us Later,” SLATE (2009)

“How Scalia Lost His Mojo,” SLATE (2006)

### **VI. Legal Writing**

“Brief For Amici Curiae the Associated Press, Daily News, L.P., the New York Times Company, and ProPublica,” *Issa Kohler-Hausmann v. New York City Police Department* (2014) (N.Y. Supreme Court)

### **Presentations & Workshops**

“Income Inequality and the Corporate Tax,” ALEA (2016) (scheduled)

“Income Inequality and the Corporate Tax,” YLS (2016)  
“The Law and Economics of Single-Purpose Governments,” YLS (2015)  
“The Taxation of Single Parents,” National Tax Conference (2015) (discussant)  
“The Law and Economics of Single-Purpose Governments,” YLS (2015)  
“Tax Expenditures and Direct Outlays,” National Tax Conference (2014)  
“Jointly Optimal Income Taxes,” National Tax Conference (2014) (discussant)  
“Disappearing Claims and the Erosion of Public Law,” YLS (2014) (discussant)  
“Information Access Law,” Information Society Project Ideas Lunch (2014)  
“The Law and Economics of Single-Purpose Governments,” YLS (2014)

### **Teaching Experience**

Law 10001B: Introduction to Constitutional Law (YLS 2014) (assistant)  
Government 225: Public Choice and Politics (LSE 2011-12) (sections)  
Government 100: Introduction to Political Philosophy (LSE 2011-12) (sections)  
Economics 260: The Political Economy of Public Policy (LSE 2011) (sections)

### **Fellowships, Grants & Prizes**

Dean’s Fellow, Yale Law School (2015 – 2016)  
Resident Fellow, Information Society Project (2015)  
Ralph K. Winter Prize in Law & Economics (2014)  
Student Fellow, Information Society Project (2012 – 2014)  
Knight Law & Media Scholar (2012 - 2014)  
Oscar M. Ruebhausen Grant (2013)  
Adjunct Fellow, Institution for Social and Policy Studies (2012 – 2013)  
LSE Marshall Scholarship (2010)  
University of Birmingham Marshall Scholarship (2009)  
Frederick S. Lane Prize (2008)  
Latham Scholarship (2006)

### **Professional Membership**

American Law & Economics Association (since 2014)  
Connecticut Bar Association (since 2015)  
National Tax Association (since 2014)  
Society for Empirical Legal Studies (since 2015)

### **Skills**

Stata, Taxsim, LaTek

### **Other**

I have been interested in climbing and mountaineering for many years, and have completed ascents up to 5.13 (sport), 5.12 (traditional), and V7 (bouldering)