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EMPLOYMENT

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL
PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL LAW

(8/07 – present)

FOUNDER/DIRECTOR, BROOKLYN LAW INCUBATOR & POLICY CLINIC

Founding director of the pioneering [Brooklyn Law Incubator & Policy \(BLIP\) Clinic](#), which functions as a full-service law firm for socially-virtuous, bootstrapped, tech-oriented startup ventures. BLIP has represented more than 1500 ventures often pursuing novel issues that the law has not anticipated in all phases of law and policy, with a strong focus on regulatory law and compliance. Each semester upwards of 30 law students are selected from more than 100 applicants to explore issues at the intersection of law and technology.

Teach classes in tech law and policy, telecommunications, startups, entrepreneurship and related issues.

FACULTY CHAIR AND INNOVATION CATALYST,
CENTER FOR URBAN BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Founder, Faculty Chair, and *Innovation Catalyst* to the Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship, which serves as a hub for law, technology, and entrepreneurship. Founded and oversee the CUBE Innovators' Invitational, designed to challenge law students in the greater NY area, to build legal technology ventures. Run the CUBE Consultation Centers, which, in collaboration with multiple NY law firms, provides pro bono legal consultations for NY-based tech-oriented startups and entrepreneurs. Use Brooklyn Law School as the hub for multiple Meet-Up groups working at the intersection of law and technology.

FOUNDER/DIRECTOR, BROOKLYN JUSTICE LAB (PREVIOUSLY BROOKLYN SMART LAB)

Founder, Brooklyn Law Justice Lab, which uses code and no-code tools to build access to justice tools and apps. Building a global repository of access to justice toolsets and apps and a fix-it shop to update and translate existing A2J apps across time and jurisdictions.

Founded and lead multiple strategic partnerships with law schools, technology schools, incubators, think tanks, trade associations, public interest groups, and various consortia, both domestic and international, to explore tech law and legal tech issues.

FACULTY LEAD, FINTECH LAW AND POLICY MASTERS IN LEGAL STUDIES

Leading Brooklyn Law School's launch of a Masters in Legal Studies Program in Fintech Law and Policy.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
VISITING PROFESSOR

(8/24 –1/25)

Primarily affiliated with Stanford's Codex: The Stanford Center for Legal Infomatics. Focused on the following projects (1) Reimagining a Living, Breathing Constitution for the Digital Age; (2) Advancing User Empowerment and Privacy Through the Creation of Data Coops and Workers Coops; and (3) Using AI to Advance Democratic Process.

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

(5/16 –7/16)

FULBRIGHT SPECIALIST

Built collaborative tech law and policy projects between European and US law schools. Used the University of Amsterdam’s Institute for Information Law as a base to buildout a network of 28 European law schools to harness technology to advance the law and legal process.

MIT MEDIA LAB

(12/15- 6/16)

VISITING PROFESSOR

Taught technology law and policy, including the first law and blockchain class, designed to bring together law students, technology students, and business students to prototype ventures to use blockchain to disrupt and all conceivable industries and sectors. Helped launch law.mit.edu and the MIT Computational Law Report. Used MIT as a technology partner to advance and enhance issues and applications at the intersection of law and technology. Have built out similar relationships with Rensselaer Polytechnic institute.

LEGAL TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY

(9/14 – 6/17)

FOUNDING MEMBER

With \$400k support from the Kauffman Foundation, established a US-based network of law schools committed to harnessing technology to advance law and access to justice.

**QUEEN MARY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON,
CENTER FOR COMMERCIAL LAW STUDIES**

(9/13 –6/15)

VISITING PROFESSORIAL Fellow

Focus on transnational technology law and entrepreneurship and building trans-national partnerships to advance tech law and legal tech. Helped to establish qLegal, a legal incubator for UK based ventures. Later advised and helped the formation of the Ulster University Legal Innovation Centre.

iLINC NETWORK OF EUROPEAN LAW SCHOOL STARTUP CLINICS

(9/13 – present)

FOUNDER/ADVISOR/CORE-PARTNER

Received \$650k grant from the European Commission to build network of law clinics with consortium of European law schools to represent the European startups. Core partners include University of London, University of Amsterdam, University of Leuven, and University of Hamburg, and 12 affiliated law schools. Advised each of the 28 European law schools on how to build out programs to allow law students and lawyers to work with technologists and tech ventures and to harness technology tools and process to advance the legal profession and legal processes.

LEGAL HACKERS

(1/12 – present)

“GODFATHER”

Ran first Legal Hackathon in 2012 and founded Legal Hackers, which has grown into the largest community of tech-oriented lawyers in the world, with tens of thousands of members across 180+ chapters on five continents. The Legal Hackers global community runs scores of legal hackathons and prototyping sessions, with an eye towards teaching 21st Century attorneys and policy advocates to think and function like the agile, creative ventures creating the systems and structures for the Digital Age. Through Legal Hackers, I have led hundreds of technologists and lawyers around the world to figure out how to deploy technology tools to advance the law and legal process.

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

(9/10 – 6/11)

ADJUNCT ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Taught telecommunications law and policy. Advised the student legal tech club.

- PULVER.COM ENTERPRISES and HOLDING COMPANIES** (4/04 – 6/07)
GENERAL COUNSEL / WARTIME CONSIGLIERE
Chief Counsel to pulver.com Enterprises, which incubates Internet-based and Web 2.0 companies and controls approximately 50 operating companies touching various aspects of Internet communications, both voice and video. Oversaw the legal, policy and business affairs and development for Free World Dialup, Network2, pulver Innovations, pulverTV, pulverradio, pulver Consulting, Tello, Vivox, WHP Wireless, VON Magazine, and the VON and other pulver.com Conferences. Advocated before state, Federal, and international bodies on behalf of the Internet communications community.
- ASSOCIATION FOR LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES** (4/99 – 4/05)
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL
President and chief legal counsel to national trade association representing competitive telecommunications carriers. Responsibilities included formulating, litigating, negotiating, and advocating positions before state and Federal judicial, legislative, and administrative bodies.
- FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION** (6/97 – 4/99)
**SENIOR ATTORNEY, COMMON CARRIER BUREAU,
POLICY & PROGRAM PLANNING DIVISION**
Focused on transitioning telecommunications industry from regulated monopoly to competitive industry with emphasis on implementing local competition provisions of 1996 Telecommunications Act and promoting deployment of advanced telecommunications services.
- NEW JERSEY RATEPAYER ADVOCATE** (3/96 – 6/97)
DEPUTY PUBLIC ADVOCATE
Represented ratepayers on telecommunications and cable issues (with some consideration of energy and water matters) before state and Federal judicial, legislative, regulatory, and other administrative bodies.
- TELECOM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (1/94 -- 4/96)
PRESIDENT and GENERAL COUNSEL
Focused on telecommunications and general commercial practice. Emphasis on joint venture projects to build and operate advanced wireless voice, data, and video delivery systems in developing countries; transactional work related to cellular, paging, video, and local loop bypass telephony; general commercial litigation; film and entertainment law; adjunct faculty at Rutgers Law School.
- NEW JERSEY PUBLIC ADVOCATE** (3/93 - 1/94)
ASSISTANT DEPUTY PUBLIC ADVOCATE
Managed docket of Constitutionally-based class action litigation protecting the public interest against government encroachment.
- DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL** (11/91 – 3/93)
ASSOCIATE
Worked on all phases of litigation and corporate transactions.
- CHIEF JUSTICE WILENTZ, NJ SUPREME COURT** (9/90 – 9/91)
LAW CLERK
Analyzed legal issues, wrote bench memoranda, and drafted opinions for the Chief Justice of New Jersey on landmark cases with broad state and national import.
- Admitted to practice law in New Jersey (since 1991) and New York (since 1992)**

EDUCATION

RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL. *J.D.* with honors.

Activities: Law Review, Notes and Comments Editor; Legal Writing Instructor; Student Bar Association. Internship with the Honorable H. Lee Sarokin (D.NJ). Legislative Assistant to John Conyers (D. MI)

Awards: Order of the Coif; Eli Jarmel Public Interest Prize.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY. *A.B. cum laude general studies.*

Activities: Editor, *Harvard Crimson*; Editor, *Harvard Independent*; Disc Jockey, WHRB; Chairman, Quincy House Committee; Math, physics, and economics tutor; Phillips Brooks House Association.

Awards: Finalist, Wendell Prize (awarded to top ranked freshman); Harvard College Scholarship; Quincy House Scroll; Dean's List every semester.

SAMPLING OF PUBLIC SECTOR AND NON-PROFIT BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- Former Chair, Obama for America, Internet Governance Working Group
- Chief Wrangler, FCC Transition Team, Obama Administration
- NYC Mayor Eric Adams, Tech Transition Team
- Biden for President, Technology Transition Team
- Founder and Advisor, Legal Hackers
- Founder/Advisor, Legal Technology Laboratory
- Founder/Advisor, iLINC Network of European Startup Law Clinics
- Board Member, Internet Society – NY
- Fellow, Columbia Institute for Tele-Information
- Founder and Advisor, Free Law Founders
- Former Chair, VON Coalition
- Founder and Former Executive Director, Video on the Net Alliance
- President, Global IP Alliance
- Former Board Member, Rights International
- Former Co-Chair, Federal Communications Bar Association, CyberLaw Committee
- Former Chair, Federal Communications Bar Association, NY Chapter
- Fellow, ForHumanity
- Former Board Member, North American Numbering Counsel
- Former Board Member, Universal Service Administrative Company
- Advisor and pro bono counsel to multiple Incubators and Accelerators
- Committee Member, American Civil Liberties Union, Fairness Doctrine Committee

RECENT AWARDS

- American Legal Technology Award -- Inaugural Education Award Finalist (2023)
- BLIP Clinic: Bloomberg Inaugural Top 10 Law School Innovators (2022)
- FastCase50 Honoree (honoring a diverse group of lawyers, legal technologists, policymakers, judges, law librarians, bar association executives) (2017)

SAMPLING OF PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

Commentator and Expert on Tech, Entrepreneurship, Communications, and Internet Law and Policy. Multiple Awards for Innovation and Leadership in Law and Pedagogy.

- Profile in The Huffington Post: *At Brooklyn Law, A Tech-Focused Clinic Helps Startups Off The Ground* https://www.huffpost.com/entry/brooklyn-law-incubator-policy-clinic_n_817674
- **Profile in New Learning Times:** [Jonathan Askin](#)
- **'Hackathon' movement may jump-start a legal career:** https://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/hackathon_movement_may_jump_start_a_legal_career
- **Profile in Technical.ly:** [Talking about the internet and revolution with law professor Jonathan Askin](#)
- **Profile in ABA Journal:** [Thanks to Legal Hackers, hackathons are an important tool for making law more accessible](#)
- **Jonathan Askin FastCase50** <https://www.fastcase.com/fc50winners/jonathan-askin/>
- **Bloomberg Law Announces Top 10 Law School Innovators** <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/bloomberg-law-analysis/analysis-bloomberg-law-announces-top10-law-school-innovators>

SAMPLING OF WRITINGS

(available at <https://www.brooklaw.edu/Contact-Us/Askin-Jonathan/Writings>)

- Jonathan Askin, *From Data Co-opting To Data Co-opting: Using New Corporate Structures, Data Corporate-hood, And Data Personhood To Prioritize Data Privacy*, 20 *Hastings Bus. L.J.* 177 (2024) https://repository.uclawsf.edu/hastings_business_law_journal/vol20/iss2/3
- *Federal Trade Commission PETITION FOR RULEMAKING UNDER 15 U.S.C. § 57 (a) SEEKING REGULATION OF ADVERTISING TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES AND AGENCIES ENGAGED IN PROGRAMMATIC ADVERTISING* <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FTC-2023-0002-0002> January 17, 2023
- *Federal Communications Commission PETITION FOR RULEMAKING: In the Matter of Dis/Connect Chandelier -- a Petition for Rulemaking of 47 C.F.R. 2.805*, January 26, 2023 <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FTC-2023-0002-0002>
- *Amicus Brief to SCOTUS re Thaler v. Vidal* https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/22/22-919/263745/20230417152807928_230404a%20AC%20Brief%20for%20efiling.pdf
- *Understanding the Scope of Business Law Clinics: Perspectives from the United Kingdom, Israel and the United States*, 5 *Journal of International & Comparative Law* 217 (2018). *Understanding the Scope of Business Law Clinics: Perspectives from the United Kingdom, Israel and the United States*, 5 *Journal of International & Comparative Law* 217 (2018) https://bf7a9af6-5aee-492b-860a-d8fa5f228f03.filesusr.com/ugd/2965fb_81d2d6f9ee974608a654a026323aae12.pdf
- *Trust in a Trustless System -- Decentralized, Digital Identity, Customer Protection, and Global Financial Security* <https://law.mit.edu/pub/trustinatrustlessystem/release/1>
- *Commentary on COVID-19 Contact Tracing Privacy Principles* <https://law.mit.edu/pub/commentaryoncovid19contacttracingprivacyprinciples/release/1>

- *An Automated < BLIP in MIT Computational Law Report's > Formation*
<https://law.mit.edu/pub/anautomatedformation/release/1>
- *Cannabis Reform White Paper: High Stakes: The Evolving Landscape of Cannabis Law and Pressing Legal* [CFRCR Cannabis Federal Policy White Paper - v.Final - as of 7-21-2023.pdf](#)
- *Domain Theft White Paper* https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-BGviOfSvoLRV1_j9tojuuMw6g-fF3yw/view?ths=true
- *Global Spreadsheet of Blockchain Regulation*
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EljFkq_92irghTWYGzAxM_1vYonNtGsb8wz7AzthZaE/edit#gid=0
- *Search Engine Hacking Needs A Legislative Fix, Law360*
<https://www.law360.com/technology/articles/1595481/search-engine-hacking-needs-a-legislative-fix>
- *Mobile Signal Jamming: Reclaiming Zones of Privacy in Our "Always On" World*
<https://datacatalyst.org/mobile-signal-jamming-reclaiming-zones-of-privacy-in-our-always-on-world/>
- *From User Exploitation to Data Coops: The Never-Ending Battle for Control of Users and the Online, and Offline, Experience* <https://datacatalyst.org/from-user-exploitation-to-data-coops-the-never-ending-battle-for-control-of-users-and-the-online-and-offline-experience/>
- *The Lorax in the Monkey House: Injecting Innovation and Competition into Platform Services Markets* <https://datacatalyst.org/the-lorax-in-the-monkey-house-injecting-innovation-and-competition-into-platform-services-markets/>
- *Op-Ed. As restaurants' COVID-19 crisis ends, government's emergency powers should end too, June 15, 2022. City & State* <https://www.cityandstateny.com/opinion/2022/06/restaurants-covid-19-crisis-ends-governments-emergency-powers-should-end-too/368186/>
- *From Bleak House to Geek House: Will Europe Breed the Best, Next-Generation of Entrepreneurs and Lawyers?* https://www.huffpost.com/entry/from-bleak-house-to-geek_b_4593072
- *European Law Schools Gaining The Advantage, National Law Journal*
<http://www.nationallawjournal.com/id=1202637723585/European-Law-Schools-Gaining-the-Advantage>
- *What The Facebook Didn't Learn at Harvard, We Need to Teach at Law School HuffPo*
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jonathan-askin/what-the-facebook-didn't-l_b_4269219.html
- *A Remedy to Clueless Tech Lawyers, Venture Beat* <http://venturebeat.com/2013/11/13/a-remedy-to-clueless-tech-lawyers/>
- *EshipLaw, iLINC, and Building the Network of Network for Startup Law Clinics*
https://www.eshiplaw.org/files/EShipLaw_iLINC_and_Building_the_Network_of_Network_for_Startup_Law_Clinics.pdf
- *Marriage Is Totally Gay, HuffPo,* https://www.huffpost.com/entry/marriage-is-totally-gay_b_3340987
- *Dirty Pictures, Dirty Water and Dirty Politics, HuffPo* http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jonathan-askin/dirty-water-dirty-picture_b_1584935.html
- *Occupy Wall Street as a Pivoting Startup: "Generation Why Not" in a "Yeah But" World, HuffPo,*
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jonathan-askin/occupy-wall-street-millennials_b_1069483.html

- *Occupy Wall Street -- The 'What If' Generation's Public Beta Test*, October, HuffPo
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jonathan-askin/occupy-wall-street-generation_b_1010850.html
- *Relegating New Jersey To a Wallflower in the Information Revolution*, New Jersey Law Journal
<http://www.law.com/jsp/nj/PubArticleNJ.jsp?id=1202498075910&slreturn=1&hbxlogin=1>
- *New Jersey's "Too Much Media" Opinion Might Mean Too Little New Media*, Huffington Post
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jonathan-askin/new-jerseys-too-much-medi_b_874021.html
- *Something Wiki'ed This Way Comes*, HuffPo http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jonathan-askin/something-wikied-this-way_b_792611.html
- *Room for Debate, A Threat of Regulation May Be Enough*, New York Times
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jonathan-askin/something-wikied-this-way_b_792611.html
- *Google is Anakin, Verizon is the Emperor, and the Dark Side is Winning*, TechCrunch
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jonathan-askin/something-wikied-this-way_b_792611.html