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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA May 2027 (expected)
S.J.D.

Dissertation: Political Determinants of Bankruptcies in China

Research Fields & Supervisors: Bankruptcy and Corporate Reorganization with Prof. Mark Roe (Principal); Comparative Corporate Law with Prof. Reinier Kraakman; China's Political Economy with Prof. Mark Wu

Fellowships & Grants: Graduate Program Fellow (2021-2022); Cravath International Summer Travel Grants (2023, 2025, 2026); Conference Grants (2025, 2026); Fairbank Center Graduate Conference Grant (2026)

Research: Research Assistant to Prof. William Alford, Prof. Howell Jackson, Prof. Mark Roe

Teaching: Teaching Fellow, Bankruptcy (Spring 2022, Fall 2022)

Service: Harvard Law School Bankruptcy Roundtable — Chief Editor, Crypto-Bankruptcy Series

"Crypto-Bankruptcy Series: Concluding Thoughts," [\[link\]](#)

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 2016
LL.M.

F.Y. Chang Scholar, Honors Thesis on Intragroup Guarantees and Complications in Bankruptcy

University of Oxford, St. Hilda's College 2012
Magister Juris

China Oxford Scholar, Distinction in Public International Law

Beijing Foreign Studies University 2011
LL.B. and B.A. in English

Scholarships, Honor Thesis on International Humanitarian Law

EXPERIENCE

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX 2025 – 2026
Visiting Scholar, Comparative Political Economy and Society

Texas A&M University School of Law, Fort Worth, TX 2024 – 2025
Visiting Scholar, Global Program

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 2019 – 2021
Bankruptcy Fellow

Visiting Scholar / East Asia Legal Studies

Articles published on Harvard Law School Bankruptcy Roundtable:

- "China Continues to Issue New Rules in Promotion of Corporate Rescue Culture ..." [\[link\]](#)
- "Tribune II: Law Firm Perspectives" [\[link\]](#)
- "Ultra III: Law Firm Perspectives" [\[link\]](#)
- Teaching Fellow to Prof. Mark J. Roe's Bankruptcy course (Fall 2019 & Fall 2020)
- Coordinator, Harvard Law School Bankruptcy Roundtable — newsletter, blog, and @HLSBankruptcy Twitter

Reorg, Hong Kong SAR (Part-time/Remote) 2019 – 2020
China Analyst

Articles published:

- "China NPL Investors Call US-China Trade Deal 'Positive' Development ..." (w/ Shasha Dai)
- "China's Bankruptcy Laws: New Rules Promoting Corporate Rescue Culture ..."
- "PKU Founder Group 2019s PRC Bankruptcy Process Likely to Trigger Defaults ..." (w/Jeff Burton, James Shi)

- "China's Yet-to-Be-Unveiled Personal Bankruptcy Law Poised to Affect Value of Debt Guarantees ..."
- "PKU Founder 2019s Onshore Bonds Likely in Default ..." (w/ James Shi)
- Webinar: Developments in China 2019s Bankruptcy Law (w/ Shasha Dai)

Kirkland & Ellis, Hong Kong SAR 2016 – 2019
Restructuring / Litigation Associate

Fangda Partners, Shanghai 2012 – 2015
Dispute Resolution Associate

SJ Berwin LLP (later merged with **King & Wood Mallesons**), London 2012
Summer Vacation Scheme

MWE China Law Offices (in alliance with **McDermott Will & Emery**), Shanghai 2010
Summer Associate

BAR ADMISSIONS, MEMBERSHIPS & EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Bar Admissions: China (qualified 2013, registered 2014); New York (admitted 2017)

Professional Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute (2020-); INSOL International & INSOL China (2020-); Law & Society Association (2020-); American Society of Comparative Law (2024-); American Law and Economics Association (2025-); Association for Asian Studies (2025-); European Corporate Governance Institute (2025-)

Editorial Experience: Harvard International Law Journal, Editor. HLS Bankruptcy Roundtable, Chief Editor. Kanfa (BFSU Law Review), Chief Editor.

CONFERENCES & COMMUNITY WORK

- SMU Law Goldberg Symposium, Welcome to Y'all Street — Attendee (2026)
- SMU Law Faculty Workshop Series — Attendee (2025, 2026)
- Ian Fletcher Cross-Border Insolvency Moot — Coach to Universitas Brawijaya, Indonesia (2025)
- Alumnae-I Network for Harvard Women, Dallas DSG — President (2025, 2026)
- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting — Panel Chair and Discussant (2025)
- Texas A&M Law Faculty Workshop Series — Attendee (2024, 2025)
- Chinese Politics Research in Progress — Workshop Attendee (2024, 2025, 2026)
- Harvard College Admission Alumni Interviewer (2024, 2025, 2026)
- Faculty Women's Club of the UTSW — Board Member & Chair, More for Moms Group (2024, 2025, 2026)
- Annual Meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law — Attendee (2024, 2025)
- Harvard Club of Dallas — Member and Volunteer (2023, 2024, 2025)
- Language Access Program at Harvard Law School Clinical Programs — Volunteer (2023, 2024)
- The Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting — Attendee (2022)
- Tsinghua University Law School — Advisor on Student Research Training (2021)
- East China University of Political Science and Law — Guest Lecturer (2021)
- Insolvency 2020 by American Bankruptcy Institute — Attendee (2020)
- INSOL PRC Webinar — Attendee (2020)
- ECGI / Global Corporate Governance Colloquia — Attendee (2020)
- Distressed Investing 26th Annual Conference — Attendee (2019)
- SJTU Siyuan Bankruptcy Law Saloon — Attendee (2019)
- Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women, Rainlily Clinic — Counsel (2018, 2019)
- HK Duty Lawyer Service, Clinic — Counsel (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)
- Project Doing Business, World Bank — Contributor, China's bankruptcy law and practice (2015, 2016)
- Willem C. Vis Moot, Shanghai Round — Arbitrator (2015)
- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot, China Round — Judge (2014)
- Pro Bono Project for Anti-Domestic Violence Network of China Law Society — Researcher (2010)