BIOGRAPHIES

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Transactional Lab & Clinic (TLC) at the University of Michigan Law School sits at the intersection of legal education and practice.

For our clients, we design and use tools in support of efficient and informed deal making. We draft contracts, create templates, and negotiate language all to serve our client’s business objectives.

We prepare our students to be effective lawyers, with deal skills and knowledge. Our students understand business clients—their pressures and needs—and work to deliver useful work product.

TLC engages with leading practicing lawyers and business people to provide our students with a window into some of the myriad transactional practices and perspectives in the world. Practitioners give firsthand accounts of lessons learned in the trenches of deal work—and, in so doing, demonstrate how every experience comes with the potential for continued learning.

Fundamentally, TLC and transactional practice are about supporting collaboration for the creation of joint gain. We think collaboration works best when we get to know each other, and, so, we welcome you to take the opportunity to get to know us on the pages that follow.

With sincerity,

Michael L. Bloom
Director, Transactional Lab & Clinic
Michael L. Bloom is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan Law School, where he teaches contracts, business, and transactional law classes and directs the Transactional Lab & Clinic. He is the founder of Praktio, an online training tool for learning practical skills and knowledge for working with contracts.

Prior to joining the Law School faculty, he was a Lecturer in Law and the Executive Director of the Corporate Lab Transactional Clinic, which he co-founded, at the University of Chicago Law School. Additionally, he practiced corporate and transactional law at Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago, with a focus on technology transactions and mergers and acquisitions.

Prof. Bloom is the co-author of two books on contracts from a transactional perspective: *Contracts and Commercial Transactions* and *Contracts: A Transactional Approach*, both published by Aspen. One of his primary teaching and research objectives is to develop innovative materials and methods for introducing practical elements into legal education, in particular with respect to contracts and transactions.

Prof. Bloom earned his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he served as a Teaching Fellow and helped launch a community development bank as part of the Community Development Financial Institutions Clinic. He earned his B.A. “with highest distinction” from the University of Michigan, where he studied American history and was a Dean's Merit Scholar and a member of the Bentley Society.
Donna Cao

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Donna Cao is a second-year student at the Law School, where she is actively involved in Res Sista Loquitur: Women of Color Coalition and the Immigration and Labor Law Association.

Prior to law school, Donna spent two years working in human resources for Cisco Systems, where she worked on diversity programming, student pipelining, and employee learning. Before that, Donna earned her B.S. in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University with a minor in inequality studies.

In her free time, Donna enjoys volunteer work, cooking, and fitness classes.
Irma Cruz is a second-year student at the Law School, where she is in the Michigan Journal of Environmental and Administrative Law. She also serves on the executive board of both the Latino Law Students Association and Racial Justice Coalition.

Irma spent this past summer working in the Southfield, Michigan office of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP. This upcoming summer, she will be working in the Los Angeles office of Jones Day.

Prior to law school, Irma spent three years as a third grade teacher in Houston, Texas through Teach for America. Before that, Irma earned her B.A. in sociology (with criminology emphasis) and English from Hope College, where she graduated with honors. In college, she was actively involved in mentoring young Latinos (by preparing high school students for SATs and college applications) and serving her broader Latino community (by preparing adults for their citizenship test).

In her free time, Irma enjoys dancing and going to the movie theater.
Adam Cusick is a second-year student at the Law School, where he is an associate editor for the *Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review*.

Adam spent the past summer working for the Community and Economic Development Clinic at the Law School, where he primarily advised small businesses on intellectual property issues.

Prior to law school, Adam spent a year as an intern for the Michigan Elder Justice Initiative and working for the Boy Scouts of America. Prior to this, Adam earned his B.A. in history, political theory, and constitutional democracy at Michigan State University, where he graduated with honors and participated in the Spartan Marching Band.

In his free time, Adam enjoys cooking and watching movies.
Timothy Featherston is a second-year student at the Law School, where he is an associate editor and junior editor coordinator of the *Michigan Journal of Environmental and Administrative Law*.

Timothy spent his past summer working for the Illinois Attorney General Office in the Antitrust division. There he aided the Assistant Attorneys General in the preparing and drafting of legal memoranda, as well as in the preparation for a deposition.

Prior to law school, Timothy obtained his B.A. in political science with honors from the University of Michigan.
Vic Ghazal is a third-year student at the Law School, where he is on the *Michigan Business & Entrepreneurial Law Review*. During his time at the Law School, he has focused his educational experience around developing an understanding of transactional, regulatory and corporate issues.

This past summer, Vic worked on a variety of consumer financial protection reform matters at a non-profit political advocacy organization in Washington, D.C. Prior to law school, he worked at a corporate law firm in Houston, Texas.

Vic earned his B.A. in economics from Grinnell College, with a minor in policy studies. At Grinnell, he played on the varsity soccer team and was involved in student government and economics research.

In his free time, Vic enjoys playing soccer, basketball, and squash.
Emily Hu is a second-year student at the Law School, where she serves on the executive board of both the Entrepreneurship & Law Association and the JDs in the D student organization. She is interested in technology and currently works with the U-M Tech Transfer Office.

Prior to law school, Emily worked for a venture capital firm in Beijing, focusing on municipal fund investments in the technology, media, and telecommunications sector. She was the chief operations manager of an education startup in Shanghai, building and training a team from scratch. As side-projects, Emily started a social enterprise providing affordable cloud-based ERP (enterprise resource planning) services to small business owners and Project Rippling, a non-profit project educating people about social entrepreneurship that has attracted national exposure in China.

Emily earned her B.A. in political studies from Bard College, with a minor in global and international studies. At Bard, she played on the varsity lacrosse team and was the Chair of the Socially Responsible Investing Committee.
Aaron Jones is a second-year student at the Law School and enrolled in the Real Estate Development Program at the Rackham Graduate School. His professional and educational experiences are preparing him for a career in urban revitalization through real estate development.

In the past, Aaron has engaged in numerous entrepreneurial ventures focused on property management and redevelopment in suburban Detroit. In the summer of 2018, Aaron will be returning to his hometown to work in the corporate transactional practice at Belin McCormick in Des Moines, Iowa.

Aaron earned his B.A. in economics from the University of Michigan, with a minor in business administration. During this time, he was the president of the social entrepreneurship organization, Enactus, worked as a Property Management intern, and competed as a professional pool player.
Adam Osielski is a third-year student at the Law School, where he is on the *Michigan Journal of Environmental & Administrative Law*.

Adam spent this past summer working on a variety of energy and environmental matters in the Washington, D.C. office of Covington & Burling LLP. The previous summer, he worked at Miller & Chevalier Chartered, focusing on general litigation.

Prior to law school, Adam spent several years as a commercial electrician in Washington, D.C., before moving to Port-au-Prince, Haiti to launch a solar energy company. He earned his B.A. in French from the University of Notre Dame, with a supplemental major in theology.

Adam enjoys traveling, running, and learning new languages.
Rosa Parmose is a third-year student at the Law School, where she is a contributing editor of the *Michigan Law Review*.

Rosa spent this past summer working on corporate matters in the New York and London offices of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. The prior summer, she interned for the Honorable Kevin J. Carey at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware.

Rosa earned her combined B.A. and Master Degree in Law (J.D. equivalent) at Bocconi University in Milan, Italy, where she graduated with the highest honors. At Bocconi University, she was an editor of *Bocconi Legal Papers* (Law Review).

In her free time, Rosa enjoys cooking and playing table soccer.
Megan Stamm is a second-year student at the Law School and associate editor of Michigan Journal of Environmental and Administrative Law. She has focused her legal studies on health law and corporate issues.

Megan spent this past summer working as in-house counsel at McLaren Health Care Corporation in Flint, Michigan. She worked on matters involving FDA regulations for medical technology, real estate transactions, and labor disputes.

Prior to law school, Megan earned her B.A. with honors at Western Michigan University. While attending Western Michigan, she was a member of the varsity softball team and interned for a criminal defense attorney.

In her free time, Megan enjoys watching movies, cooking, and traveling.