Justin Weinstein-Tull

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Academic Appointments

Arizona State University
Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Constitutional Design, 2024-Present
Associate Professor of Law, 2018-2024
Teaching: Constitutional Law; Federal Courts; State and Local Courts; Fourteenth Amendment; Federalism; The New Deal

Stanford Law School
Thomas C. Grey Fellow and Lecturer in Law, 2014-2018
Teaching: Federal Litigation; Legal Research and Writing

Other Employment

Munger, Tolles & Olson, Litigation Associate
San Francisco, CA, 2012-2014

Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Voting Section, Trial Attorney
Washington, DC, 2009-2012
- Defended the constitutionality of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act in *Shelby County v. Holder*.
- Enforced the National Voter Registration Act and the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voter Act against states.
- Monitored elections around the country.

Honorable Sidney Thomas, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Law Clerk
Billings, MT, 2008-2009

Education

Yale Law School
J.D., June 2008
Activities: Notes Editor, Yale Law Journal; American Constitution Society

Harvard Kennedy School of Government
M.P.P., June 2008

Stanford University
M.A., Modern Thought and Literature, June 2002
B.S. with honors, Symbolic Systems, June 2002

Publications

Foundations of Law in Local Courts (work-in-progress)

Localist Judicial Federalism: Power and Opportunity in Local Courts (work-in-progress)

State Courts as Sites of Resistance, Persistence, and Democracy, in Pushback: How States Can Counter Authoritarianism (Erwin Chemerinsky & Aziz Huq, eds. forthcoming 2027)

Local Institutions as Public Law Misfits, 104 Washington University Law Review (forthcoming 2027) (with Maria Ponomarenko)

Federalism in the Shadows, 17 UC Irvine Law Review (forthcoming 2027)
Selected for the 2025 National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars

Contract Law and Civil Justice in Local Courts, 2026 Wisconsin Law Review 1 (2026) (with Cathy Hwang)
Featured in Jotwell: Journal of Things We Like (Lots), May 19, 2026

Traffic Courts, 112 California Law Review 1183 (2024)
Winner of the AALS Civil Procedure Section Best Junior Scholarship Award
Featured in Jotwell: Journal of Things We Like (Lots), June 13, 2023

Finding Equality in Local Government, 4 American Journal of Law and Equality 525 (2024)
Reviewing Michelle Wilde Anderson, The Fight to Save the Town: Reimagining Discarded America (2022)

The Experience of Structure, 55 Arizona State Law Journal 1513 (2024)
Selected for the 2023 ACS Junior Scholars Workshop

Voting Under Federal Election Laws, in The Oxford Handbook of American Election Law (Eugene Mazo, ed., 2024)

Pandemic Governance, 63 Boston College Law Review 1949 (2022) (with Yanbai Andrea Wang)

Constructing the Right to Vote, 96 New York University Law Review 1127 (2021) (with Josh Sellers)

The Structures of Local Courts, 106 Virginia Law Review 1031 (2020)
Featured in Jotwell: Journal of Things We Like (Lots), September 10, 2020
Selected for the 2020 Stanford/Harvard/Yale Junior Faculty Forum
Selected for the 2020 ACS Junior Scholars Workshop
Selected for the 2020 National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars

State Bureaucratic Undermining, 85 University of Chicago Law Review 1083 (2018)

Abdication and Federalism, 117 Columbia Law Review 839 (2017)

Election Law Federalism, 114 Michigan Law Review 747 (2016)
Cited in United States v. Louisiana, 196 F. Supp. 3d 612 (M.D. La. 2016)

A Localist Critique of Shelby County v. Holder, 11 Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties 291 (2015)

Expanding Congressional Power in Gonzales v. Carhart, 93 Virginia Law Review In Brief 149 (2007) (student comment)

Service and Other Appointments

Arizona Indigent Defense Study Advisory Committee, Member, 2026-Present
Appointed by Arizona Chief Justice Timmer

Arizona Judicial College, Board Member, 2019-Present
Appointed by Arizona Chief Justice Bales in 2019
Reappointed by Arizona Chief Justices Brutinel and Timmer in 2022 and 2025

Arizona Civil Rights Advisory Board, Member, 2024-2026
Chair, Subcommittee on Disability
Appointed by Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs

Center for Justice Innovation, RWJF Municipal Courts Steering Committee Member, 2024–2026

Occasional Reviewer/Referee: Yale Law Journal, Stanford Law Review, Columbia Law Review, Journal of Urban Affairs, Oxford University Press

Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
Faculty Hiring Committee, 2026-2027, 2023-2024
Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2025-2026
Anti-Racism Steering Committee, 2020-2023
Dean's Search Committee, 2021-2022 (selected by peers)
Clerkship Committee, 2020-2022
University Senate, 2019-2022 (selected by peers)
Ad Hoc Committee on Independent Studies, 2021
Ad Hoc Committee to Revise the Honor Code, 2019-2020
Readmissions Committee, 2018-2019

Selected Presentations

Foundations of Law in Local Courts
- State and Local Courts Workshop, April 2026 (University of Pennsylvania)

Localist Judicial Federalism: Power and Opportunity in Local Courts
- Public Law Colloquium, February 2026 (Washington University School of Law)
- State and Local Courts in the Age of Trump, January 2026 (AALS)
- State and Local Government Law Works-in-Progress, December 2025 (Michigan Law School)
- Urban Law Journal Cooper-Walsh Colloquium, October 2025 (Fordham Law School)
- Critical Approaches to Public Law Workshop, April 2025 (University of Virginia)
- Civil Access to Justice Roundtable, March 2025 (Vanderbilt Law School)

Contract Law and Civil Justice in Local Courts
- The Modern State of Unconscionability, January 2026 (AALS)

Federalism in the Shadows
- National Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars, March 2025 (University of Arizona)
- State and Local Government Law Works-in-Progress, November 2024 (Arizona State University)
- USC Gould School of Law Faculty Workshop, November 2024
- UCLA School of Law Faculty Workshop, October 2024
- University of Florida, Levin College of Law Faculty Workshop, October 2024
- Critical Approaches to Public Law Workshop, April 2024 (Boston College)
- Public Law in the States, June 2021 (University of Wisconsin)

Traffic Courts
- Touro Law Center Faculty Workshop, March 2024
- Texas A&M School of Law Faculty Workshop, October 2023
- Arizona State University Faculty Workshop, October 2023
- State and Local Government Law Conference, October 2023 (Northwestern Law School)
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 2023
- Rutgers Law School Faculty Workshop, March 2023
- Urban Law Journal Cooper-Walsh Colloquium, October 2022 (Fordham Law School)

The Experience of Structure
- Workshop Series on Critical Approaches to Public Law, February 2023
- American Constitution Society Junior Scholars Public Law Workshop, January 2023 (AALS)
- Grey Fellows Forum, June 2022 (Stanford Law School)
- Arizona State University Faculty Workshop, April 2022
- Local Government Works-in-Progress Workshop, November 2021 (Cardozo)

The Structures of Local Courts
- PAC-12 Access to Justice Series, November 2021 (Arizona State University)
- American Constitution Society Junior Scholars Public Law Workshop, January 2020 (AALS)

U.C. Irvine College of Law Faculty Workshop, December 2019
Arizona State University Faculty Workshop, December 2019
State and Local Government Law Works-in-Progress, September 2019 (University of Virginia)
Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, September 2019 (University of Arkansas)
Grey Fellows Forum, May 2019 (Stanford Law School)

State Bureaucratic Undermining
Law school faculty workshops, September 2017-February 2018 (University of Oklahoma, Wake Forest University, University of Illinois, University of Miami, Suffolk University, Boston University, Louisiana State University, Cornell University, University of Southern California, Arizona State University, University of California-Los Angeles)
Stanford Law Fellows Workshop, September 2017 (Stanford Law School)
Rights and Ills Workshop, June 2017 (Stanford Law School) (Organizer)
Executive Power Workshop, April 2017 (University of Wisconsin Law School)
Ninth Annual Junior Faculty Federal Courts Workshop, April 2017 (Emory Law School)

Abdication and Federalism
Law school faculty workshops, November-December 2016 (Northwestern University, Tulane University, University of Arkansas, Florida State University)
Constitutional Law Colloquium, November 2016 (Loyola of Chicago School of Law)
Stanford Law Fellows Workshop, June 2016 (Stanford Law School)
Grey Fellows Forum, April 2016 (Stanford Law School)
Federalism (course), Guest lecture, February 2016 (Stanford Law School)

Election Law Federalism
Stanford Law Review Symposium on the Law of Democracy and the 2016 Election, February 2016 (Stanford Law School – paper presentation and panel discussion)
Legal Studies Workshop (course), Guest lecture, November 2015 (Stanford Law School)
Grey Fellows Forum, May 2015 (Stanford Law School)
Stanford Law Fellows Workshop, October 2014 (Stanford Law School)
Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and Scholars Roundtable, February 2015 (Washington and Lee Law School)

A Localist Critique of Shelby County v. Holder
Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Speaker Series, May 2015 (Stanford Law School)