

EDUCATION

- University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*** May 2016
GPA: 3.991, Dean's List
- University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, B.A., Political Science and History, *with Distinction*** Dec. 2012
GPA: 3.866, Dean's List
Study Abroad: University College Cork (Cork, Ireland), Spring 2012

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Chief Judge John R. Tunheim, U.S. District Court, Minneapolis, MN** Aug. 2017 – Present
- Hon. Judge Tracy M. Smith, Minnesota Court of Appeals, St. Paul, MN** Aug. 2016 – Aug. 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- iLaw Ventures, Online** May 2016 – July 2016
Administrative Law Teaching Assistant
Designed quizzes and discussion questions based on administrative-law cases and agency regulations. Graded quizzes and responses to discussion questions. Answered students' substantive questions about lecture materials.
- Myers Thompson P.A., Minneapolis, MN** May 2015 – Aug. 2015
Summer Law Clerk
Prepared employment-based nonimmigrant petitions and immigrant petitions for *Fortune 500* companies and international athletes. Drafted novel appellate arguments for gang-based asylum applications.
- Immigration & Human Rights Clinic – Center for New Americans, Minneapolis, MN** Sept. 2014 – May 2015
Certified Student Attorney
Formulated unique particular-social-group definitions for victims of sexual predation by Central American gangs. Wrote briefs, motions, and affidavits on behalf of asylum applicants. Represented clients in Immigration Court.
- Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis, MN** June 2014 – Aug. 2014
Refugee and Immigrant Program Law Clerk
Prepared asylum, U visa, and T visa applications for clients from Central America, Syria, and Africa. Deliberated with attorneys on case acceptance. Designed advisory pamphlets about U.S. immigration procedures.
- Nicholas Bednar Social Media & Marketing, Minneapolis, MN** June 2012 – Aug. 2016
Owner
Customized content for clients' social-media profiles. Compiled and analyzed statistical information. Attracted clients by developing comprehensive marketing plans for their businesses. Invested in a profitable business model.

RESEARCH AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- Professor Stephen Meili – University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN** Aug. 2015 – May 2016
Research Assistant
Researched the use of international human rights law by Ecuador and the United Kingdom in developing immigration law and policy.
- Stephen Meili, *The Human Rights of Non-Citizens: Constitutionalized Treaty Law In Ecuador*, 31 GEO. IMMIGR. L.J. 347 (2017)
 - Stephen Meili, *Do Human Rights Treaties Matter?: Judicial Responses to the Detention of Asylum-Seekers in the United States and the United Kingdom*, 48 N.Y.U. J. INT'L L. & POL. 209 (2015)

NICHOLAS R. BEDNAR

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Professor Robert Stein – University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN Apr. 2015 – Aug. 2016
Research Assistant

Conducted research and editing for contributors to *The Rule of Law in the 21st Century*, including Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Justice Richard Goldstone, Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, and Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers. Compared Justice Brennan's pursuit of coalition building with Justice Scalia's adherence to ideology. Drafted a history of death-penalty jurisprudence. Formulated questions in preparation for the 2015 Stein Lecture with Justice Scalia.

- THE RULE OF LAW IN THE 21ST CENTURY (Robert A. Stein and Justice Richard J. Goldstone eds. 2015)
- Robert A. Stein, *The History and Future of Capital Punishment in the United States*, 54 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 1 (2017)
- Robert A. Stein, *A Consequential Justice*, 101 MINN. L. REV. HEADNOTES 1 (2016)

Professor Kristin Hickman – University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN Aug. 2014 – May 2016
Research Assistant

Composed case descriptions of recent rulemaking and *Auer* deference cases for inclusion in her *Administrative Law Treatise*. Researched the effects of agency culture on agency decisionmaking.

- KRISTIN E. HICKMAN & RICHARD J. PIERCE, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW TREATISE (5th ed. and Supp.)
- Kristin E. Hickman, *Pursuing a Single Mission (or Something Closer to It) for the IRS*, 7 COLUM. J. TAX. L. 169 (2016)

Minnesota Law Review, Minneapolis, MN Aug. 2014 – May 2016
Lead Articles Editor (Volume 100); Staff Member (Volume 99)

Managed a team of ten articles editors in editing legal scholarship. Chaired the Articles Selection Committee for Volume 100. Restructured the journal's staff in partnership with the Editor-in-Chief. Participated in executive board meetings. Journal ranked ninth in impact score during tenure.

PUBLICATIONS

Weight Watchers: Transparency and Compliance Delays, 3 J. REG. COMPLIANCE __ (forthcoming 2018)

- Symposium contribution: *What Is the Role of Regulation if It Is Not Enforced?*

Chevron's Inevitability, 85 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 1392 (2017) (with Kristin Hickman)

- Presented by Professor Kristin Hickman at the 2016 ABA Administrative Law Conference.
- Review: Adrian Vermeule, *Chevron as a Legal Framework*, JOTWELL (Oct. 24, 2017).

The Clear-Statement Chevron Canon, 66 DEPAUL L. REV 819 (2017)

Deferring to the Rule of Law: A Comparative Look at United States Deference Doctrines, 47 MEMPHIS L. REV. 1047 (2017) (with Barbara Marchevsky)

- Symposium contribution: *The Fragile Fortress: Judicial Independence in the 21st Century*.

Asylum's Interpretative Impasse: Interpreting "Persecution" and "Particular Social Group" Using International Human Rights Law, 26 MINN. J. INT'L L. 145 (2017) (with Margaret Penland)

DACA on the Docket, MINN. L. REV. DE NOVO (Jan. 19, 2017)

Social Group Semantics: The Evidentiary Requirements of "Particularity" and "Social Distinction" in Pro Se Asylum Adjudications, 100 MINN. L. REV. 355 (2015)

- Awarded the Volume 35/36 Note and Comment Award.

Defying Auer Deference: Skidmore As a Solution to Conservative Concerns in Perez v. Mortgage Bankers Association, MINN. L. REV. DE NOVO (June 24, 2015)

- Cited by Brief of National School Boards Association in *Gloucester County School Board v. G.G.*, No. 16-273, 137 S. Ct. 1239 (2017).

HONORS AND AWARDS

Lockhart Award , University of Minnesota Law School Awarded at commencement to one student exemplifying excellent scholarship, leadership, and service.	May 2016
Student Service Award , Minnesota Justice Foundation Awarded for completing 432 hours of pro bono service during law school.	May 2016
Order of the Coif , University of Minnesota Law School Awarded to students in the top 10% of the graduating class.	May 2016
Book Award in Great Cases , University of Minnesota Law School	Dec. 2016
Volume 35/36 Note and Comment Award , Minnesota Law Review Awarded to the authors of the three best student notes.	Apr. 2015
Human Rights Center Fellowship , University of Minnesota Human Rights Center Granted for work completed at the Advocates for Human Rights.	May 2014
Honors in Legal Writing and Law and Practice , University of Minnesota Law School	May 2014
Book Award in Constitutional Law , University of Minnesota Law School	Dec. 2013
Dean's Distinguished Scholarship , University of Minnesota Law School	Aug. 2013 – May 2016

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association <i>Member</i>	2017 – Present
Minnesota State Bar Association <i>Member</i>	2016 – Present
Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society <i>Member</i>	2016 – Present
American Bar Association <i>Member</i>	2015 – Present
Voices for Immigration Student Association (VISA) , University of Minnesota Law School <i>Founding President</i> Organized presentations to educate students and practitioners about immigration law.	2014 – 2016
Asylum Law Project , University of Minnesota Law School <i>Director (2014 – 2015); Treasurer (2013 – 2014)</i> Restructured the organization. Arranged volunteer trips for over fifty students to eight volunteer destinations.	2013 – 2015
International Relations Society , University College Cork <i>Member</i>	2012
Housing and Residential Life Grant Board , University of Minnesota <i>Board Member</i> Managed a fund and approved grants for organizations seeking University funding.	2010 – 2011
Centennial Hall Council , University of Minnesota <i>Treasurer</i> Managed funds for the Centennial Hall Council. Organized student events.	2010 – 2011

CERTIFICATES

Data Science , Microsoft Professional Program	Expected Aug. 2018
Psychological First Aid , National Child Traumatic Stress Network	July 2017
Irish Politics , University College Cork	May 2012

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota	Oct. 2016
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INTERESTS

Coral Husbandry, Mountain Biking, Board Games, and Travel (Europe and Southeast Asia)