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## SUMMARY

I served as a committee staff director, as a congressional investigator, and in other senior positions in Congress and the White House for more than two decades before entering academia.

In various capacities, I served on the Senate Trial Team in the first impeachment of President Donald Trump for soliciting foreign interference in the 2020 election and obstructing Congress. I helped lead the joint House of Representatives' fact-finding investigation by the Committees on Oversight and Reform, Intelligence, and Foreign Affairs, and I assisted with draft impeachment reports, Articles of Impeachment, and trial materials.

I also directed or staffed numerous high-profile investigations during the Clinton, Bush, Obama, and Trump Administrations, including inquiries into false claims of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, the outing of CIA operative Valerie Plame, causes of the 2008 financial collapse, the "Fast and Furious" gunwalking operation at ATF, management crises at the Secret Service, the escalation of prescription drug prices, the illegal addition of a citizenship question to the U.S. Census, the intentional separation of migrant children from their families, and others.

I also advised or served on several special investigative entities, including the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis (2020-2021), the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi (2014-2016), and the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina (2005-2006).

## EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC  
LL.M. in International and Comparative Law, 1999  
LL.M. in Advocacy, 1997

University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA  
J.D., 1994

University of California, Los Angeles  
B.A. in English Literature, 1991

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Law Review Publications*

*House Rules: Congress and the Attorney-Client Privilege*, 100 WASH. U. L. REV. 455 (forthcoming 2022).

### ***Selected Contributions to Congressional Reports***

From 1998 to 2021, I drafted, contributed to, or edited more than 50 congressional reports, including majority, minority, and bipartisan reports for Members and Committees. A full list is available at [this link](#), and a select number are listed below.

H. PERM. SELECT COMM. ON INTEL., H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM, AND H. COMM. ON FOREIGN AFFS., THE TRUMP-UKRAINE IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY REPORT, H.R. REP. NO. 116-335 (2019).

MAJ. STAFF OF H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM, 116TH CONG., REP. ON CHILD SEPARATIONS BY THE TRUMP ADMIN. (Comm. Print 2019).

H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM, RESOL. RECOMMENDING THAT THE H.R. FIND WILLIAM P. BARR, ATT’Y GEN. OF THE U.S., AND WILBUR L. ROSS, JR., SEC’Y OF COM., IN CONTEMPT OF CONG. FOR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH SUBPOENAS DULY ISSUED BY THE COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM, H.R. REP. NO. 116-125 (2019).

DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF THE H. SELECT COMM. ON THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE 2012 TERRORIST ATTACK IN BENGHAZI, 114TH CONG., REP. ON HONORING COURAGE, IMPROVING SEC., AND FIGHTING THE EXPLOITATION OF A TRAGEDY (Comm. Print 2016), *reprinted in* H. SELECT COMM. ON THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE 2012 TERRORIST ATTACK IN BENGHAZI, FINAL REPORT, H.R. REP. NO. 114-848, at 645-989 (2016).

H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND GOV’T REFORM, U.S. SECRET SERVICE: AN AGENCY IN CRISIS, H.R. REP. NO. 114-385 (2015).

MIN. STAFF OF H. SELECT COMM. ON THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE 2012 TERRORIST ATTACK IN BENGHAZI, 113TH CONG., COMPENDIUM OF INVESTIGATIVE RESOURCES AND DATABASE—BENGHAZI ON THE RECORD: ASKED AND ANSWERED (Comm. Print 2014).

MIN. STAFF OF H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND GOV’T REFORM, S. COMM. ON COM., SCI., AND TRANSP., S. COMM. ON HEALTH, EDUC., LAB., AND PENSIONS, 112TH CONG., REP. ON SHINING LIGHT ON THE “GRAY MARKET”: AN EXAMINATION OF WHY HOSPITALS ARE FORCED TO PAY EXORBITANT PRICES FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FACING CRITICAL SHORTAGES (Comm. Print 2012), *reprinted in* *Short-Supply Prescription Drugs: Shining a Light on the Gray Market: Hearing Before the S. Comm. on Com., Sci., and Transp.*, 112th Cong. 3-39 (2012).

MIN. STAFF OF H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND GOV’T REFORM, 112TH CONG., REP. ON FATALLY FLAWED: FIVE YEARS OF GUNWALKING IN ARIZ. (Comm. Print 2012), *reprinted in* H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND GOV’T REFORM, RESOL. RECOMMENDING THAT THE H.R. FIND ERIC J. HOLDER, JR., ATT’Y GEN., U.S. DEP’T OF JUST., IN CONTEMPT OF CONG. FOR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA DULY ISSUED BY THE COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND GOV’T REFORM, H.R. REP. NO. 112-546, at 172-266 (2012).

MIN. STAFF OF H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND GOV'T REFORM, 112TH CONG., REP. ON AN EXAMINATION OF ATTACKS AGAINST THE FIN. CRISIS INQUIRY COMM. (Comm. Print 2011), *reprinted in A Legis. Proposal to Create Hope and Opportunity for Invs., Consumers, and Entrepreneurs: Hearing Before the H. Comm. on Fin. Servs.*, 115th Cong. 225-61 (2017).

MIN. STAFF OF H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND GOV'T REFORM, 112TH CONG., REP. ON S. COMM. ON COM., SCI., AND TRANSP., FIGHTING ON THE HOME FRONT: THE GROWING PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL FORECLOSURES AGAINST U.S. SERVICEMEMBERS (Comm. Print 2011), *reprinted in Consumer Fin. Prot. Efforts: Answers Needed: Hearing Before the H. Comm on Oversight and Gov't Reform*, 112th Cong. 12-28 (2011).

MAJ. STAFF OF H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT AND GOV'T REFORM, 110TH CONG., REP. ON PRIV. MIL. CONTRACTORS IN IRAQ: AN EXAMINATION OF BLACKWATER'S ACTIONS IN FALLUJAH (Comm. Print 2007).

MIN. STAFF OF H. COMM ON GOV'T REFORM, 109TH CONG., REP. AND DATABASE ON DOLLARS, NOT SENSE: GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING UNDER THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION (Comm. Print 2006), *reprinted in Northern Lights and Procurement Plights: The Effect of the ANC Program on Fed. Procurement and Alaska Native Corp.: Joint Hearing Before the H. Comm. on Gov't Reform and H. Comm. on Small Bus.*, 109th Cong. 15-115 (2006).

MIN. STAFF OF H. COMM. ON GOV'T REFORM, 108TH CONG., REP. AND DATABASE ON IRAQ ON THE REC.: THE BUSH ADMIN.'S PUB. STATEMENTS ON IRAQ (Comm. Print 2004), *reprinted in* 150 CONG. REC. H1103-09 (daily ed. March 16, 2004).

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Law Director, Federal Legislation Clinic Georgetown University Law Center	2021—Present
Staff Director, Committee on Oversight and Reform Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, U.S. House of Representatives	2011—2021
Senior Director and Counsel for Legislative Oversight National Security Council, The White House	2009—2011
General Counsel, Committee on Energy and Commerce Rep. Henry A. Waxman, U.S. House of Representatives	Jan.—Sept. 2009
Chief Investigative Counsel, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Rep. Henry A. Waxman, U.S. House of Representatives	2006—2009
Counsel, Democratic Staff, Subcommittee on National Security Committee on Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives	1998—2005

Adjunct Professor 1997—1998  
Federal Legislation Clinic, Georgetown University Law Center

Teaching Fellow 1995—1997  
Federal Legislation Clinic, Georgetown University Law Center

Staff Attorney and Executive Fellow 1994—1995  
Legal Affairs Office, Office of the Governor, State of California

#### **PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Panelist, *Portraits in Oversight: Elijah Cummings*, Levin Center, Wayne State University Law School (Feb. 17, 2022).