

## GRAYON WILLIAM SOTIR, M.A.

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### EDUCATION

#### **JURIS DOCTOR** (Expected May 2023)

*University of North Carolina School of Law* (2020-2023).

- Senior Staff Editor, *North Carolina Journal of International Law*, Vol. 48.
- 64 Hours, *Pro Bono*.

— *Cornell Law School* (Summer 2022)

*Courses:* Laws of Europe, Comparative Legal Studies, Globalizing Constitutional Law, Corporate Acquisitions and Capital Structure.

— *Vanderbilt Law School* (Summer 2022)

*Courses:* Comparative Perspectives on Counterterrorism, International Arbitration, Transnational Litigation.

— *University of Chicago Law School* (2018)

*Courses:* International Law, Human Rights Law, Comparative Law, Law and Economics, Roman Law.

#### **MASTER OF ARTS in International Relations** (2018)

*University of Chicago* (2017-2018)

M.A. Thesis (Honors): *Making Diplomatic Assurances Effective: State Protections Against Torture*, Dr. Tom Ginsburg, University of Chicago Law School.

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS in Political Science, English, PPE** (2017)

*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill* (2015-2017)

B.A. Thesis (Honors): *Moby-Dick: The Masculine Mystique and the Inexorable Self*, Dr. Timothy Marr.

— *Duke University* (2016-2017)

Capstone Thesis: *In Defense of National Partiality*, Dr. Richard Salsman, Duke University.

### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

#### **ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF MEDIA LAW**, Chapel Hill, NC

**July 2022 - Present**

*University of North Carolina Hussman School of Journalism*

Teaching an undergraduate course in Media Law to students of UNC's Journalism School. The course explores the relationship between U.S. media law and ethics using an international perspective.

#### **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW**, Chapel Hill, NC

**April 2022 - Present**

*Research Assistant to Prof. Rick Su [Part-time]*

Researching the historical development of home rule in various states for the support of interested Municipal Leagues; creating a unique model to categorize sanctuary cities alongside Rick Su.

**INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW**, Chapel Hill, NC **May 2021 - May 2022**  
*Research Assistant to Prof. Thomas A. Kelley [Part-time]*  
Analyzing African court decisions to better understand the application of international human rights standards in Mozambique and Niger; cite-checking the human rights scholarship of Thomas A. Kelley.

**COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONS PROJECT**, Chicago, IL **July 2019 - Dec 2019**  
*Research Assistant [Freelance]*  
In association with Google Ideas and the University of Chicago Law School, tabulated the world's constitutions using Python. Generated empirical data that is now widely accessible to scholars of comparative law and international relations.

### **NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN**, Davis, CA **Jan 2021 - July 2021**  
*Policy and Speech Writer [Contract]*  
Drafted IR and environmental policy for congressional candidate Kermit L. Jones, M.D., J.D.

**WILLIAMS MULLEN**, Raleigh, NC **July 2019 - July 2021**  
*Legal Assistant [Full-time]*  
Provided legal research and writing support for Am 200 law firm. Assisted with a variety of administrative tasks. Assisted Rick Zechini in Government Relations policy research.

**WHITE & CASE VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM** **Summer 2019**  
*Legal Internship [Virtual]*  
Experiential learning assignments in project finance, mergers and acquisitions, patent law, due diligence, and legal research. Successfully completed 07/06/2019.

**NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY**, Raleigh, NC **Jan 2012 - Aug 2014**  
*Marketing Internship [Part-time]*  
Gave public lectures at elementary schools across NC, assisted with philanthropic efforts, lobbying, social media, press releases, account management, etc.

### **OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

- Global, national, and local politics.
- The UN, EU, IMF, and World Bank.
- Research administration, academic collaboration, and project management.
- Written and verbal communication skills.
- Experience abroad in 28 countries.
- French as a second language (advanced).
- Public speaking and marketing.
- Arts philanthropy and access.
- Classically-trained pianist and composer.