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**EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC HONORS**

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**, Ann Arbor, MI

* *Juris Doctor*, *cum laude*, 1974
Honors: Articles Editor of ***Michigan Law Review***
Best brief in moot court section
Case Club judge
* *Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude*, 1971
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, Pi Sigma Alpha (honorary fraternities)
James B. Angell Scholar

**CONSULTANT AND EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE**

Have served as expert witness and/or consultant in **approximately 60 cases** involving, among other things, (a) securities of various types, including collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) and mortgage-backed securities (MBS), (b) derivatives of various types, including credit default swaps (CDS), interest rate swaps and currency swaps, (c) legal malpractice and conflicts of interest, and (d) loan agreements.  This work, based on my experience as Counsel, Special Counsel and Partner at Mayer, Brown &  Platt, Schulte, Roth & Zabel, Duane Morris and Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, has included  (a) working on behalf of plaintiff claiming that bond trustee had failed to do its job; (b) working on behalf of two major pension funds in case brought against major bank in federal court involving fraud in the sale of MBS; (c) working on behalf of major investment bank defendant in arbitration brought by another major investment bank involving interpretation of language in nine CDO indentures; (d) working on behalf of 40,000 plaintiffs in class action brought in federal court against two major investment banks involving misrepresentations in the sale of credit-linked notes (CLNs) backed by CDOs and CDS; and (e) working on behalf of plaintiffs in Federal Claims Act case against major insurance company and several major commercial/investment banks involving false claims of over $100 billion relating to MBS, CDOs and CDS.

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

***Securities:*** Private Placements, Rule 144A and Regulation S Offerings, Quarterly and Annual SEC reports, and Fraud/Failure to Disclose

***Derivatives:*** Credit Default Swaps (CDS), Interest Rate Swaps, Currency Swaps, and Credit-Linked Notes (CLNs)

***Structured Finance:*** Cash, synthetic and hybrid Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDOs), Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLOs), Collateralized Bond Obligations (CBOs), Asset-Backed Securities (ABS), Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS), Asset-Backed Commercial Paper (ABCP) and Structured Investment Vehicles (SIVs)

***Finance:*** Asset-Based Lending, Secured Loans, and Repurchase (Repo) Agreements

***Corporate:*** Joint Ventures, M&A, and Licensing Agreements

**Legal:** Malpractice, Ethical Violations, Conflicts of Interest and Standard of Care

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**CRAIG A. WOLSON, ESQ.,**New York, NY, *Attorney, Consultant, and Expert Witness,* 2008-Present; **BURGHER GRAY LLP**, New York, NY, *Of Counsel*, 2022-Present; **YK LAW LLP**, New York, NY, *Of Counsel*, 2022-Present;**TAYLOR LOUIS LLP**, New York, NY, *Of Counsel*, 2018-22;**LAW OFFICES OF JOHN F. LANG,** New York, NY, *Of Counsel*, 2011-15;**TULLY RINCKEY PLLC**, Albany, NY, *Of Counsel*, 2009-12;**SALON MARROW DYCKMAN NEWMAN & BROUDY LLP**, New York, NY, *Of Counsel*, 2008-08; **CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT LLP**, New York, NY, *Special Counsel (CWT equivalent of Income Partner)*, 2006-08; **DUANE MORRIS LLP**, New York, NY, *Partner*, 2003-06; **SCHULTE ROTH & ZABEL LLP**, New York, NY, *Special Counsel*, 2001-03; **MAYER, BROWN & PLATT**, New York, NY, Counsel, 1999-2001; **BROWN & WOOD LLP**, New York, NY, *Counsel*, 1997-98; **WILLIAMS & HARRIS LLP**, New York, NY, *Partner*, 1995-97; **CHEMICAL BANK**, New York, NY, *Vice President and Assistant General Counsel*, 1988-95; **J.D. MATTUS COMPANY, INC.**, Greenwich, CT, *Vice President, Secretary, General Counsel and Director*, 1985-88;**THOMSON MCKINNON SECURITIES INC.**, New York, NY, *Vice President and Assistant General Counsel*, 1981-85; **SHEARMAN & STERLING**, New York, NY, *Associate*, 1974-81.

**PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

*Chairman and/or Member (appointed)*,**NY City Bar Association Structured Finance Committee**, 2004-Present
*Member (appointed)*, **NY City Bar Association Corporation Law Committee**, 1997-2000 & 2003-06
*Member (appointed)*, **NY City Bar Association Project Finance Committee**, 2000-03
*Member (appointed)*, **NY City Bar Association Securities Regulation Committee**, 1994-97

**Arbitrator** (specializing in structured finance, securities and derivatives matters), **American Arbitration Association**, 2010 - present

**New York Super Lawyer**, *Law & Politics Magazine* (national professional magazine; selected by peers), 2006

**Judge, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th , 70th and 71st Annual National Moot Court Competitions**, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021

**Who’s Who in the World** (1989-1990 & 1993-present); **Who’s Who in America** (1992-present); **Who’s Who in American Law** (1986-present); **Who’s Who in Finance and Business** (1989-present); **Who’s Who in the East** (1989-present); **Who’s Who of Emerging Leaders** (1987); **Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award** (2018-present)

**Best Lawyers in America** (2021)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Co-Editor and Co-Author:**

*Frequently Used Terms in Securitization and Structured Finance Transactions* (V. Tucker and C. Wolson ed. 2015)

"A Call for Industry Awareness of Risks Relating to Residual Interests in Securitizations," published in December 2021 *Business Law Today*

Comment Letter to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System dated July 29, 2020 relating to the Board’s Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility (“TALF”), submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System dated June 5, 2020 relating to TALF, submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to the Securities and Exchange Commission dated October 20, 2016 requesting permanent extraterritoriality exemption from Rule 17g-5(a)(3) requirements under the Securities Exchange Act, submitted by the Structured Finance Committee of the New York City Bar Association (Craig A. Wolson, Founder and Chair from 2004-08)

Comment Letter to the U.S. Department of the Treasury dated August 5, 2016 relating to the Treasury’s White Paper issued on May 10, 2016 entitled “Opportunities and Challenges in Online Marketplace Lending,” submitted by the Structured Finance Committee of the New York City Bar Association (Craig A. Wolson, Founder and Chair from 2004-08)

Comment Letter to the U.S. House of Representatives dated June 15, 2016 and relating to H.R. 4166, the Expanding Proven Financing for American Employers Act (intended to provide tailored credit risk retention requirements to certain qualifying collateralized loan obligation), submitted by the Structured Finance Committee of the New York City Bar Association (Craig A. Wolson, Founder and Chair from 2004-08)

Comment Letter to the U.S. House of Representatives dated June 15, 2016 and relating to H.R. 4620, the Preserving Access to CRE Capital [through the commercial mortgage-backed securities market] Act of 2016, submitted by the Structured Finance Committee of the New York City Bar Association (Craig A. Wolson, Founder and Chair from 2004-08)

White Paper dated October 5, 2015, entitled “Current Issues in Securitization” and based on an educational program presented by the Structured Finance Committee of the New York City Bar Association (Craig A. Wolson, Founder and Chair from 2004-08) on April 14, 2015

"Annual Review of Federal Securities Regulation," published in Summer 2015 The Business Lawyer

Comment Letter to SEC dated May 6, 2014 relating to two proposing releases pertaining to asset-backed securities (ABS)—in particular, the disclosure of asset-level information; submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to SEC dated November 12, 2013 relating to reproposal of rules pertaining to risk retention in transactions involving ABS, released jointly by the OCC, the Federal Reserve Board, the FDIC, the SEC, the Federal Housing Finance Agency and HUD; submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to Uniform Law Commission dated November 8, 2013 relating to the Commission's proposed Residential Real Estate Mortgage Foreclosure Process and Protections Act, submitted by the Securitization and Structured Finance Committee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to Uniform Law Commission dated May 2, 2013 relating to the Commission's proposed Residential Real Estate Mortgage Foreclosure Process and Protections Act, submitted by the Securitization and Structured Finance Committee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section

Supplemental Comment Letter to SEC dated August 10, 2012 relating to the SEC's proposed  rules pertaining to risk retention in transactions involving ABS,  submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to SEC dated February 13, 2012 relating to the SEC's proposed rule relating to the prohibition against conflicts of interest in certain securitizations, submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to SEC dated November 16, 2011 relating to the SEC's re-proposal of the shelf eligibility conditions for ABS, submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to SEC dated November 15, 2011 relating to the SEC's proposed changes to Rule 3a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (in particular, to delete the investment-grade ratings requirement of the Rule), submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to SEC dated November 14, 2011 relating to the SEC's Concept Release relating to interpretive issues under the Investment Company Act of 1940 pertaining to the status under the Act of companies that are engaged in the business of acquiring mortgages and mortgage-related instruments, submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to SEC dated August 19, 2011 relating to the SEC's proposed rules pertaining to credit rating agencies, submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to SEC dated July 20, 2011 relating to the SEC's proposed rules pertaining to risk retention in transactions involving ABS, submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to SEC dated November 30, 2010 relating to the Commission's proposed rule pertaining to certain requirements to be imposed on rating agencies in connection with reports accompanying credit ratings of ABS and requirements to be imposed on ABS issuers to disclose demands for repurchase of assets and whether such assets were repurchased, submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to SEC dated November 17, 2010 relating to the Commission's proposed rules pertaining to risk-retention with respect to securitizations, submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to SEC dated November 17, 2010 relating to the Commission's proposed requirement that an ABS issuer perform a review of the assets underlying certain ABS offerings, submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to Financial Stability Oversight Council dated November 8, 2010 relating to the Council's Study Regarding the Implementation of the Prohibitions on Proprietary Trading Imposed by the Dodd-Frank Act, submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

"Structuring Commercial Mortgage Securitization Special Purpose Entities After General Growth Properties," published in November 2010 *Bloomberg Law Reports*

Comment Letter to SEC dated October 29, 2010 relating to the Commission's proposed rule concerning conflicts of interest pertaining to certain securitizations, submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

Comment Letter to SEC dated August 17, 2010 relating to the Commission's proposed amendments to Regulation AB, submitted by American Bar Association Business Law Section

"Securitization in the Post-Crisis Economy: An ABA Business Law Section White Paper" (paper completed on November 20, 2009 by American Bar Association Business Law Section, presented to Congress on January 22, 2010 and sent to the FDIC on March 5, 2010)

"Reviving Securitization--A Response to Critics," published in June 8, 2009 *Law 360*

"Special Report on the Preparation of Substantive Consolidation Opinions," published in February 2009*Business Lawyer*

New York City Bar Association Statement to Obama Transition Team Regarding Regulation of Financial Services, December 2008

Comment letter re American Securitization Forum proposal (Project RESTART RMBS Disclosure Package), August 20, 2008

Comment letter to Financial Accounting Standards Board re Revised Exposure Draft of Proposed Amendments to FASB Statement No. 140 Relating to Transfer of Financial Assets, October 28, 2005

**Author**:

"The Real Estate Investment Trust: State Tax, Tort and Contract Liabilities of the Trust, Trustee and Shareholder," March 1973 *Michigan Law Review* (reprinted in *The Real Estate Investment Trust--Problems and Opportunities* (L. Oliensis ed. 1974))

**Editor**:

New York City Bar Association Structured Finance Committee Blog, 2015-19

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Moderator:

Seminar: "The Upheaval in the Subprime Market: The Direct and Indirect Effects of Same on the Structured Finance Market," New York City Bar Association, January 2008

Seminar: “What Every Finance Lawyer Needs to Know About Securitization,” New York City Bar Association, May 2007

Speaker:

Seminar on Securitization of Project Finance Loans, New York City Bar Association, April 2003