

## DANIEL B. ROSENBAUM

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### TEACHING POSITIONS

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**University of Detroit Mercy School of Law** 2018 – Present

*Visiting Assistant Professor* (2020 – Present)  
Teaching Property Law, Local Government Law, and Estates & Trusts

*Adjunct Professor* (2018 – 2020)  
Taught Property Law to first-year law students enrolled in the Dual JD Program, offered in conjunction with the University of Windsor Faculty of Law in Ontario, Canada

### EDUCATION

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**Harvard Law School, 2015**

Honors: Dean's Scholar Prize in "Revitalizing America's Cities"

Activities: *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, Editor  
Harvard CityLaw, Editor  
Law and Local Government Group

Research: *Relative Decay: TIF Development and the Suburbanized Blighting Test in Greater St. Louis*

**Washington University in St. Louis, 2011**

B.A. *magna cum laude* in History

Honors: History Department High Honors  
Lynne Cooper Harvey Writing Prize for American Culture Studies

Thesis: *Sacred Landscapes: The Emergence of the Neighborhood School Ideology and the Failure of Public School Integration in Benjamin Willis' Chicago*

### OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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**Wayne County Land Bank, Detroit, MI** 2016 – 2020

*Executive Director* (2018 – 2020)

Responsible for managing and developing 2,000 properties across Metro Detroit. Oversaw programs designed to remediate blight, ensure neighborhood stability, prevent housing vacancy, and repurpose tax-foreclosed properties. Advised and assisted municipalities across Metro Detroit on issues of divestment, land ownership, title, and development. Helped facilitate coordination and resolve disputes between governmental entities.

*General Counsel (2016 – 2018)*

Wrote and implemented policies applied to properties and property transactions across 27 local communities. Drafted and negotiated purchase agreements for large industrial developments. Ensured compliance with federal, state, and local law, particularly with regards to taxation, property foreclosure, environmental liability, and government ethics. Managed litigation efforts brought under nuisance and statutory causes of action.

**United States District Court**, Jefferson City, MO

2015 – 2016

*Law Clerk to Judge Nanette K. Laughrey*

Managed over 50 active civil litigation cases. Drafted substantive orders on motions for dismissal, summary judgment, intervention, remand, class certification, and settlement approval.

**Mayer Brown, L.L.P.**, Chicago, IL

Summers 2014 – 2015

*Summer Associate*

Performed work for Government Relations and Real Estate practice groups. Conducted focused research and writing on the topics of municipal home rule, tax-increment financing, highway tolling, and property foreclosures.

**New York City Law Department**, New York City, NY

2014 – 2015

*Clinical Fellow*

Prepared advisory opinions on environmental and property law issues. Proposed and drafted legislative changes to the New York City Administrative Code. Researched compliance with federal and state law, particularly in the area of statutory preemption.

**City of Chicago Department of Law**, Chicago, IL

2013

*Legal Counsel Fellow*

Researched and wrote memoranda regarding mayoral authority, licensing agreements on city-owned property, regulatory conflicts on federal property, education policy, and public safety. Drafted and edited ordinances in close coordination with city aldermen.

**VOLUNTEER LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

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**World Jewish Restitution Organization**, New York, NY

Conduct research on topics regarding Jewish property and nationalized property in 20<sup>th</sup>-century Europe.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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“Towards Mission Creep: Fragmented Local Governance in the Face of Crisis” (*forthcoming*)

“Confronting the Local Land Checkerboard” (*in progress*)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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“Public Land in Detroit,” Marygrove College, August 16, 2019

“Introduction to Land Banking,” MMTA Advanced Institute, May 21, 2019

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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State Bar of Michigan

State Bar of Illinois (inactive)