

## Benjamin Edwards

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## FOCUS AREAS

Corporate  
Corporate Governance

## EXPERIENCE

Benjamin (Ben) Edwards is Senior Of Counsel at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he advises clients on corporate governance matters, with a particular focus on providing guidance to Nevada-incorporated companies.

Additionally, Ben serves as Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Research and Professor of Law at the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), where he focuses on research and writing in business and securities law and corporate governance. Ben has made significant contributions to the development of Nevada's corporate law and its infrastructure.

Ben is a member of the Corporate Laws Committee of the American Bar Association. This committee has jurisdiction over the Model Business Corporation Act, which is followed in whole or in part by a majority of states.

A highly respected voice in his field, Ben is a prolific author whose writing has been featured in numerous law journals as well as prestigious publications such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Hill*, *The Washington Post*, and *Bloomberg Law*. He is also an editor and frequent contributor to the *Business Law Professor* blog.

Before entering academia, Ben practiced in the New York office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, where he represented clients in complex civil litigation, including securities class actions arising out of the Madoff Ponzi scheme and matters connected to the 2008 financial crisis.

Earlier in his career, Ben clerked for the Honorable Samuel H. Mays, Jr. at the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee.

Ben practices virtually in Nevada. He is licensed in Nevada, Michigan, and New York.

## CREDENTIALS

### Education

- J.D., Columbia Law School, 2007  
*2006 James Kent Scholar; 2005 Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar; Recipient, Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law Certificate for Achievement; Business Editor, Columbia Human Rights Law Review; Executive Editor, Columbia Journal of Environmental Law*
- B.A., Philosophy, University of South Carolina Honors College, 2004  
*Magna Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa; Omicron Delta Kappa; Recipient, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award and Josiah Morse Award; 2003-2004 Student Body Treasurer*

### Associations and Memberships

- Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2022-present

- Member, Corporate Laws Committee, Business Law Section, American Bar Association, 2025-present
- Public Member, Nevada State Board of Finance, 2022-2026
- Member, Board of Directors, Public Investors Advocate Bar Association, 2017-2020 and 2023-2026
- Member, Executive Committee, Section on Securities Regulation, American Association of Law Schools, 2021-2026
- Member, Executive Committee, Section on Transactional Law & Skills, American Association of Law Schools, 2022-present

### Honors

- Recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Service Award from Public Investors Advocate Bar Association
- Recipient of the 2013-2017 Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO) Committee Service Award from Public Investors Advocate Bar Association
- Recipient of the 2016-2017 Fiduciary Duty Committee Service Award from Public Investors Advocate Bar Association
- Recipient of the 2014-2015 Legislative Committee Service Award from Public Investors Advocate Bar Association
- Recipient of the 2015 Amicus Committee Service Award from Public Investors Advocate Bar Association
- Recipient of the Sanctuary for Families' Pro Bono Achievement Award in 2012

### Admissions

- State Bar of Michigan
- State Bar of Nevada
- State Bar of New York

## INSIGHTS

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### Select Publications

- Co-author, Nevada Business and Commercial Law (2026 Edition)
- Co-author, "Federal Prosecutors' Ethics Abuse," *The Hill*, May 7, 2025
- "Why Companies Are Opting for 'Dexit' and Moving to Nevada," *The Financial Times*, March 17, 2025
- Co-author, "Navigating Divergent Institutional Interests Across the Banking Regulatory Landscape," *Illinois Law Review* 1677, 2025
- Co-author, "Why Public Companies Are Leaving Delaware for Nevada," *The Wall Street Journal*, June 9, 2024
- "Attributing Identity and Responsibility to Artificial Entities," *States, Firms, and Their Legal Fictions*, Cambridge University Press, 2024
- Co-author, "Stockbroker Secrets," 26 *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Business Law* 793, 2024
- "Stephen Miller's Right-Wing Lawsuit Machine Must Be Stopped," *Daily Beast*, December 1, 2023
- "Long Overdue, FINRA's Expungement Reforms Are Still Inadequate," *Financial Planning*, November 15, 2023
- "DeSantis' Bud Light Legal Threats Are Dumb, Bad for Florida," *Daily Beast*, July 23, 2023
- Co-author, "Of Marks and Markets: An Empirical Study of Trademark Litigation," 75 *South Carolina Law Review* 1, 2023
- "The Implications of Corporate Political Donations," *American Bar Association Human Rights Magazine*, October 24, 2022
- "The Supreme Court as a Systemic Risk," *The University of Chicago Business Law Review Blog*, July 22, 2022
- "The President as CEO: Executive Privilege and Corporate Law," *The University of Chicago Business Law Review Blog*, February 28, 2022
- Co-author, "Supreme Risk," 74 *Florida Law Review* 543, 2022
- "Risk to the Global Financial System from U.S. Court System," *Oxford Business Law Blog*, September 27, 2021
- "The Supreme Court as a Source of Systemic Risk," *The FinReg Blog*, September 9, 2021
- "Supreme Risk for FINRA and Other SROs," *Columbia Blue Sky Blog*, August 30, 2021
- "Over-Eager Economic Development Legislation May Backfire," *The Nevada Independent*, March 30, 2021
- "Should Senators Be Allowed to Trade Stocks at All? Amid the Obvious Conflicts, Probably Not," *Salon*, December 28, 2020
- "COVID-19 Bill Limiting Liability Would Strike the Wrong Balance," *The Hill*, August 7, 2020
- "The CFPB Needs an Effective Whistleblower Program to Oversee Payday Lending," *Jurist*, July 10, 2020

- “Interested in Becoming a Law Professor?” *ABA: The Young Lawyer*, 2020
- “Adversarial Failure,” 77 *Washington & Lee Law Review* 1057, 2020
- “The Fate of State Investor Protection,” 21 *Tennessee Journal of Business Law* 213, 2020
- Co-author, “Uncovering the Hidden Conflicts in Securities Class Action Litigation: Lessons from the State Street Case,” 75 *Business Lawyer* 1551, 2020

### Select Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, Irving L. Goldberg Symposium: Welcome to Y’all Street: Texas Corporations & Texas Shareholders, SMU Dedman School of Law, February 2026
- Panelist, Mergers & Acquisitions 2026: Advanced Trends and Developments, Practising Law Institute, February 2026
- Presenter, Nevada Supreme Court Commission to Study the Adjudication of Business Law Cases, January 2026
- Panelist, “A New Day at the SEC,” Association of American Law Schools Section on Securities Regulation, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2026