

Kaitlin Ainsworth Caruso

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Maine School of Law Visiting Professor	2021-present
Yale Law School Lecturer in Law, San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project Fellow	2010 – 2011

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D. Activities: <i>Yale Law & Policy Review</i> , notes editor, vol. 27 San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project, student director Temporary Restraining Order Project, director	2010
Northwestern University, B.A. <i>magna cum laude</i> Major in Psychology, minor in English Literature Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Golden Key honor society	2006

OTHER EXPERIENCE

New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs Acting Director	Newark, NJ	2018- 2021 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Oversaw a 500+ person regulatory and enforcement division of the Department of Law and Public Safety, focused on consumer protection and the regulation of businesses and licenses professions.● Managed the division's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as an institution and for licensees statewide.● Oversee complex investigations and litigation, including in the area of predatory and student lending.● Direct policy development on emerging issues areas including professional responsibility, healthcare, and consumer finance.		
Deputy Director for Policy and Strategic Planning		2018 - 2021
Acting Deputy Director for the Office of Consumer Protection		2019 - 2020

- Helped to develop and implement the division’s legislative, regulatory and enforcement agendas, including re-tooling its enforcement efforts to respond to federal enforcement gaps.
- Coordinated the division’s participation in multi-state and federal advocacy relating to consumer protection and consumer finance.

New York City Law Department New York, NY 2016- 2018

Senior Counsel for Strategic Advocacy, Chair of the Strategic Advocacy Committee

- Led a task force of leaders from across Law Department divisions, which was established to identify and incubate potential impact litigation in areas including consumer protection, civil rights and federalism.

On assignment, Special Counsel, Office of Counsel to the Mayor

- Acted as a Deputy Counsel focused on legislation, special projects, and guiding a team of professionals through a period of institutional transition.

Senior Counsel, Legal Counsel Division

- Reviewed and negotiated proposed local legislation and regulations, and advised City agencies on a variety of issues, including civil rights, land use review, and labor law.

New York City Council New York, NY 2014— 2016

Legislative Counsel

- Researched, drafted, counseled on and negotiated local legislation on issues including transit, land use, labor and employment, and civil rights.

Hon. William J. Kayatta, Jr., First Circuit Court of Appeals Portland, ME 2013 – 2014
Law Clerk

State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General Chicago, IL 2012 – 2013
Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Fraud Bureau

Hon. Harry D. Leinenweber, U.S. District Court, N. D. IL Chicago, IL 2011 – 2012
Law Clerk

PUBLICATIONS

Who and What is a City For? Municipal Associational Standing Reexamined, 62 Wm. & Mary L. Rev. Online 2021).

Associational Standing for Cities, 47 Conn. L. Rev. 59 (2014).

RECENT PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

Guest Lecturer, *Investigations and Case-Building – Skills, Tools, and Strategies* (and related titles)

Yale Law School: Spring 2019, Spring 2021

Berkeley Law School: Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Panelist, *Investigative Toolkit*, Public Rights Project, Fall 2019

Panelist, *Consumer Protection Enforcement and Policy*, Federal Trade Commission Hearings on Competition and Consumer Protection in the 21st Century, Summer 2019

Panelist, *How the government brings cases: enforcement case lifecycle and the case generation process*, Public Rights Project Fellowship Orientation, Fall 2018

Panelist, *Roundtable with State and Local Government Officials*, State and Local Government Law Works in Progress Workshop, Fordham Law School, Fall 2018

COURSES

Civil Procedure

Local Government

Civil Rights Litigation

Local Government in Action

This experiential seminar course exposed students to local government theory and practice by combining doctrinal classes with hands-on experience.

Advanced SFALP

The advanced counterpart to Local Government in Action.

MEMBERSHIPS & CERTIFICATIONS

Member, New Jersey Bar 2018

Member, New York Bar 2015

Member, Illinois Bar (*inactive*) 2010

Bar Member, First Circuit Court of Appeals 2014

General Bar Member, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois 2011