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Academic Appointment **Emory University**, Department of Political Science
Assistant Teaching Professor, 2023-Present
Director of Experiential Learning, 2024-Present
Affiliate Graduate Faculty, Laney Graduate School, 2023-Present

Education **University of Georgia**, School of Public and International Affairs
Ph.D., 2023
Dissertation: *Framing the Law: Judges and Jury Instructions*
Field Exams: American Politics (major); Methodology (minor)
University of Florida, Levin College of Law
J.D., *cum laude*, 2013
University of Central Florida
B.A., Political Science, Minor in History, *magna cum laude*, 2009

Publications “How the Politics of Federal Judicial Selection Affect Judicial Diversity and Public Confidence in Courts.” 2024. **Matthew E. Baker**, Christina L. Boyd, Jennifer B. Hickey, and Adam G. Rutkowski, *Law & Contemporary Problems*, 87(1): 85-118.

“Race and Gender in Judicial Selection in the United States” In *Research Handbook on Judicial Politics*. Michael P. Fix and Matthew D. Montgomery, eds. Edward Elgar Publishing. 2024. **Matthew E. Baker**, Christina L. Boyd, Aidan N. González, and Karson A. Pennington.

“From Roadside Stops to the Courthouse Stairs: Defendant Race and the Attorney’s Role in Routine Cases.” 2024. Todd A. Collins and **Matthew E. Baker**, *Journal of Law and Courts*, 12(1):67-86

“Congressional Constraint? The Review of *In Absentia* Immigration Removal Orders in the Federal Circuit Courts.” 2023. Christina L. Boyd, Roberto F. Carlos, Margaret H. Taylor, **Matthew E. Baker**, and Elise Blasingame. *Political Research Quarterly*, 76(4): 1674-1690.

“Release Roulette: The Rural-Urban Pretrial Detention Divide in Florida.” Fall 2021. **Matthew E. Baker**, *University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy*, 32(1): 1-48.

“The Effects of Judge Race and Sex on Pretrial Detention Decisions.” 2021. Ethan D. Boldt, Christina L. Boyd, Roberto F. Carlos, and **Matthew E. Baker**, *Justice System Journal* 42(3-4): 341-358.

“Book Review: *The Judicial Tug of War* by Adam Bonica and Maya Sen.” 2021. **Matthew E. Baker** and Christina L. Boyd, *Law and Politics Book Review* Vol. 31(6).

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Teaching	<p>Emory University, Department of Political Science</p> <p>POLS190: The American Jury Trial</p> <p>POLS208: Research Design and Methods (Undergraduate)</p> <p>POLS350: American Legal System</p> <p>POLS354: Criminal Justice</p> <p>POLS386: Professional Development in Political Science and Beyond</p> <p>POLS494: U.S. Trial Courts</p> <p>University of Georgia, Department of Political Science</p> <p>Criminal Law</p> <p>University of Central Florida, Department of Legal Studies</p> <p>Legal Research</p> <p>Professionalism and Civility in the Law</p> <p>Law and Society</p> <p>Law and the Legal System</p> <p>Legal Writing</p> <p>Individual Liberties and the Law</p> <p>University of Central Florida, Department of Political Science</p> <p>American National Government</p>
Research In Progress	<p>“Thumb on the Scale: An Empirical Study of Judge Drafted Jury Instructions” (Revise and Resubmit, <i>Law & Policy</i>)</p> <p>“Implicit Bias Jury Instructions: A Window into Judicial Behavior”</p> <p>“Attorney Characteristics and Outcomes in State Criminal Trial Courts” with Todd A. Collins and Maya Rezak</p> <p>“Differences in Indigent Defense Attorney Advocacy” with Ethan D. Boldt</p> <p>“Partisans in Robes: the Slow(er) Path to Confirmation” with Adam G. Rutkowski</p> <p>”Federal Judicial Nomination Simulations in the Political Science Classroom” with Nancy Arrington and Adam Rutkowski</p>
Conference Presentations & Invited Talks	<p>APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, 2025</p> <p>Southern Political Science Association, 2025, 2024, 2023</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association, 2024, 2022</p> <p>University of Virginia: Law & Social Science Colloquium, 2023 (Invited)</p> <p>American Political Science Association, 2023</p> <p>New Directions in Law & Society Conference, UMass Amherst, 2022</p> <p>UCF Undergraduate Law Forum, 2022</p>
Research Experience	<p>Graduate Student Project Manager, 2022-2023</p> <p>“<i>Creating the Judicial Database and Research Agenda</i>”</p> <p>Under NSF Grant SES-2141551 held by Christina L. Boyd</p> <p>Graduate Research Assistant, 2021-2022</p> <p>David Cottrell. <i>Incumbency and Gerrymandering</i>. University of Georgia.</p> <p>Graduate Research Assistant, 2020-2021</p> <p>Christina L. Boyd. <i>Judicial Politics</i>. University of Georgia.</p>

Discipline Service	<p>Listserv Moderator APSA Law & Courts Section, 2024-Present</p> <p>Reviewer Political Research Quarterly, American Politics Research, Justice System Journal, Socius</p> <p>Discussant Conference on Empirical Legal Studies 2024 Southern Political Science Association Meeting 2025, 2024, 2023 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting 2024</p>
Department & University Service	<p>Undergraduate Policy Committee, 2023-2025 Working Group on Experiential Education (Chair), 2023-2025 Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor, 2023-2025 University Senate, Campus Development Committee, 2025-Present</p>
Teaching Certifications	<p>University of Central Florida IDL 6543 Interactive Distributed Learning Certified, Summer 2019 <i>10 Week training to develop completely online courses</i> <i>Completed development of "Law and Society" course</i></p>
Awards and Fellowships	<p>University of Georgia Graduate School Travel Award, <i>APSA</i> 2023 Graduate School Travel Award, <i>New Directions in Law & Society Conference</i> 2022 Lauth Fellowship 2019-2020 UGA Mekis Scholarship 2019-2020 Zell Miller Scholarship Fall 2019 Askew Scholarship Fall 2019</p> <p>University of Florida Dean's List: Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012 Pro Bono Outstanding Achievement Certificate</p> <p>University of Central Florida Political Science "Shining Knight" Alumnus, July 2017 Burnett Honors College Graduate, 2009</p>
Professional Experience	<p>Law Offices of Matthew Baker, P.A November 2018-July 2019</p> <p>Public Defender's Office, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Orange County, Florida September 2013-November 2018 <i>Assistant Public Defender, Circuit Court</i> Conducted 25 jury trials as counsel of record.</p> <p>University of Central Florida, Mock Trial Program Coach August 2016-July 2019 <i>Trial Team Coach</i></p>
Professional Memberships	<p>The Florida Bar, September 2013-Present American Political Science Association Southern Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association Florida Supreme Court Certified County Court Mediator (inactive)</p>

Community
Engagement

Guest Speaker, Prelaw Society Meeting,
Troy University, March 2023

Volunteer Attorney, Florida Rights Restoration Coalition,
Fines and Fees Modification, 2021

Instructor, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Course
Digital Evidence, February 2019

Instructor, Public Defender Summer Intern Seminar
Digital Evidence, May 2018

Guest Speaker, Florida Virtual School Safe Driving Seminar
Effects of a DUI, April 2017

Guest Lecturer, UCF Legal Studies
Evidence Course, Spring 2017, Patricia Cashman

Guest Speaker, UCF Legal Studies,
Capstone Course Fall 2016, Marc Consalo

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