

# CHARLES F. MARTEL

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### **University of California Irvine School of Law**

Lawyering Skills Assistant Visiting Professor, 2025-26  
Teaching lawyering skills courses

### **Lewis and Clark Law School**

Assistant Professor of Law, June 2022-present  
Teaching first year and advanced lawyering skills courses (including public interest/voting rights).

### **University of Maryland Carey School of Law**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 2020-2022  
Taught first year and advanced lawyering skills courses (including asylum/refugee rights).

### **Washington and Lee University School of Law**

Professor of Practice and Coordinator, Washington D.C. Program, 2013-2015  
Courses taught: Legislation—National Security and the Law on the Use of Military Force; Legal Professionalism

### **American University Washington College of Law**

Adjunct Professor, Legal Writing and Rhetoric, 2006-2008

## ACADEMIC ARTICLES ON THE LAW

*Letter from an American Law School: The Fierce Urgency of Taking a Stand in a Time of Trump*, (currently submitted for publication)

*Power for the People: Recognizing the Constitutional Right to Vote for President*, 46 Cardozo Law Review 1788 (Fall 2024), <https://cardozolawreview.com/power-for-the-people-recognizing-the-constitutional-right-to-vote-for-president/>

*I was a Stranger, and You Welcomed Me*, Harvard Human Rights Journal (essay on work with refugees in Greece)(April 29, 2022), [I Was a Stranger, and You Welcomed Me \(harvard.edu\)](https://www.harvard.edu/human-rights-journal/2022/04/29/i-was-a-stranger-and-you-welcomed-me)

*Racism and Bigotry as Grounds for Impeachment*, New York University Review of Law and Social Change, 45 Rev. L. & Soc. Change 197 (Fall 2021), <https://socialchangenyu.com/review/racism-and-bigotry-as-grounds-for-impeachment/>

*Give Peace a Chance: How Considering Peace Process Obligations Would Have Improved the Rulings of the International Court of Justice and the Israeli Supreme Court on the Israeli Security Barrier*, 17 Duke Journal of Comparative & International Law 305 (Spring 2007), <http://scholarship.law.duke.edu/djcil/vol17/iss2/2>

*Are Americans Good Samaritans? How Martin Luther King's Example Can Empower America's Humanitarian Majority*, St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice, 9 Scholar 213 (Winter 2007)

*Bring It on Home: A Gulf Coast Marshall Plan Based on International Humanitarian Standards*, 32 Vermont Law Review 57 (Fall 2007), <http://lawreview.vermontlaw.edu/files/2012/02/martel.pdf>

## SELECTED EDITORIALS AND ESSAYS ON LAW AND POLICY

*Power for the People: Recognizing the Constitutional Right to Vote for President*, <https://balkin.blogspot.com/2024/10/power-for-people-recognizing.html> (Balkinization, October 13, 2024)

*The Constitution Says You Have the Right to Vote For President. The Supreme Court Should Say So* <https://ballsandstrikes.org/scotus/supreme-court-right-to-vote-for-president/> (Balls and Strikes, July 11, 2024)

*Congress Should Investigate the Trump Administration's Coronavirus Response*, <https://www.lawfareblog.com/congress-should-investigate-trump-administrations-coronavirus-response> (Lawfare, June 1, 2020)

*Trump Administration Using Pandemic as Excuse to Target Asylum Seekers: Planned 'Expulsions' From US Are Illegal, Harmful*, Human Rights Watch, (co-authored with Grace Meng), <https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/04/07/trump-administration-using-pandemic-excuse-target-asylum-seekers> (April 7, 2020)

*What Child is this? A Refugee Child*, <https://blogs.icrc.org/law-and-policy/2019/12/23/what-child-refugee-child/> (International Committee of the Red Cross Humanitarian Law and Policy, December 23, 2019)

*Trump's Orders for the Military to Intern Civilians are Unlawful. James Mattis Should Say No* <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2018/06/james-mattis-must-reject-donald-trumps-unlawful-order-for-the-military-to-intern-civilians.html> (Slate, June 29, 2018)

*Misogynist Apartheid: Saudi Arabia's Original Human Rights Sin*, <https://www.justsecurity.org/61442/misogynist-apartheid-saudi-arabias-original-human-rights-sin/> (Just Security, November 18, 2018)

## **AWARDS**

Carr Ferguson Award for Scholarship, Lewis and Clark Law School, 2024 (award for innovative scholarship with public impact)

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

Global Summit on Constitutionalism, *The Right to Vote for President Under the U.S. Constitution*, University of Texas (March 20, 2025)

Association of American Law Schools (AALS), *Teaching Law in a Time of Trump: Taking a Stand for the Law, Academic Freedom, and Our Community* (with Dean Erwin Chemerinsky and Dean Anthony Varona) (January 11, 2025)

Society of American Law Teachers, *Disrupting Elitist, Establishmentarian Echo Chambers: Arguing for a Constitutional Right to Vote for President*, Boston University School of Law (September 21, 2024).

Global Legal Skills Conference, *When Lawyering is the Difference Between Life and Death: Teaching Refugee Law in America*, University of Bari, Italy (June 6, 2024)

*Power for the People: Recognizing the Constitutional Right to Vote*, Lewis and Clark Law School Faculty Colloquium (November 14, 2023)

Plenary Panel, Conference on Applied Legal Storytelling, Legal Writing Institute, City University, London, UK, on my essay *I Was a Stranger, and You Welcomed Me* (July 26, 2023)

Presentation at Law and Society Association Global Meeting, on my article *Racism and Bigotry as Grounds for Impeachment*, (July 15, 2022)

Guest Lecturer, Washington & Lee University School of Law, Election Law and Voting Rights, *Bush v. Gore and its Legacy* (April 1, 2014)

## **QUOTES AND MEDIA REFERENCES**

Election Law Blog, *Power for the People: Recognizing the Constitutional Right to Vote* <https://electionlawblog.org/?p=146079> (October 6, 2024)

New York Times, *Do you have the right to vote*, Jamelle Bouie, New York Times (January 22, 2024), <https://www.nytimes.com/live/2024/01/11/opinion/briefing/voting-rights-constitution?smid=url-share>, on my article *Power for the People: Recognizing the Constitutional Right to Vote for President*

Al Jazeera, *Cuban asylum seekers in Greece “forcibly expelled” to Turkey*, Melissa Pawson, Al Jazeera (January 10, 2022) <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/1/10/like-a-nightmare-cubans-allege-expulsions-to-turkey?fbclid=IwAR3HvY8U70d6vpaoc5FHN1Gzcjnj-mFeSspbM02biwxtP8bYoDCWjrjCNUQ>

## **EDUCATION**

### **London School of Economics**

LLM in International Human Rights Law, graduated with Distinction, top fifteen percent of class, 2005

### **Washington & Lee University School of Law**

JD, 1985

### **Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.**

BA, 1982

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Human Rights Watch**

*Acting Deputy Director, Washington D.C. Office*, January 2020-April 2020 (temporary role)

Worked on human rights in U.S. immigration and foreign policy, implications of coronavirus crisis.

### **Advocates Abroad (lawyers’ non-profit supporting refugees seeking asylum in Europe)**

*Pro Bono Attorney*, 2017-2020

### **Pro Bono U.S. Immigration Work (for three organizations-Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law/University of Maryland School of Law/Annapolis Immigration Justice Network) 2018-2020**

### **St. Bernard Project/SBP (disaster response and preparedness non-profit), Washington, D.C.**

*Director, Disaster Resilience and Recovery Lab*, 2015-2017

### **Legal Services Corporation (National oversight of legal aid funding), Washington, D.C.**

*Assistant General Counsel/Consultant*, 2013-2014

### **Obama Campaign—Organizing for America, Virginia Headquarters Coordinator, Voting Rights Team, Fall 2012**

### **The Constitution Project (civil liberties non-profit), Washington, D.C.**

*Staff Director, Task Force on Detainee Treatment*, 2011 (planned inquiry on treatment of detainees)

### **United States Senate**

*Counsel, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee*, 2009-2011

*Chief Counsel, Senate Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery*, 2008-2009

### **Law Firm Practice and Independent Consulting, 1985-2004**

Practice included work with Cooley, Hunton Andrews, McGuireWoods

## **CIVIC SERVICE**

- **Lewis and Clark Law School, BIPOC Mentoring and Community Program**, Board Member 2022-present
- **Lewis and Clark Law School, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**, 2022-2023
- **Voting Protection Corps, National Advisory Board** 2019-2020
- **Voting rights program management in political campaigns**, 2001-2016

- **Certified Stand Up Paddleboard Instructor**, 2019-present (volunteer with water sports programs for wounded veterans and disadvantaged children)
- **Faculty Advisor, Law Student Hurricane Network, American University Washington College of Law**, 2007-08
- **Red Cross Military Therapy Dog Guide, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center**, 2004
- **Volunteer for Disaster Recovery in post Katrina New Orleans and post-Earthquake Haiti**, 2006-2010