

## **ADAM WRIGHT**

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### **TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Criminal Law, White Collar Crime, Criminal Procedure, Public Corruption

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY LAW SCHOOL**

Assistant Professor, August 2025 – Present

Visiting Assistant Professor, August 2023 – August 2025

*Courses:* Criminal Law – Winter 2024, Winter 2025, Winter 2026  
Criminal Procedure: Adjudication – Fall 2023, Winter & Fall 2024, Fall 2025  
White Collar Crime – Fall 2023, Fall 2024  
Criminal Pretrial Advocacy – Winter 2024, Fall 2025  
Special Topics in Criminal Law: Public Corruption – Winter 2026

*Honors:* Professor of the Year – 2025 & 2026 (voted by law students)

*Service:* Moot Court Committee, 2023 – Present  
American Inn of Court, 2024 – Present  
*Law Review* Note Advisor, 2024 – Present  
Honor Council, 2025 – Present  
Library Committee, 2023 – 2025  
Assessment Committee, 2024 – 2025  
Petitions Committee, 2024 – 2025

### **EDUCATION**

#### **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, 2004

#### **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

Bachelor of Arts with High Honors, 2001  
Political Theory & Constitutional Democracy, James Madison College  
Truman Scholar

### **PUBLICATIONS**

*Why Didn't Anyone Go to Jail? The Flint Water Crisis as a White-Collar Crime*, 55 STETSON LAW REVIEW 589 (2026) (invited symposium contribution)

*CRIMINAL PRETRIAL ADVOCACY* (4th ed., West 2026) (with Peter J. Henning, Karen McDonald Henning & Leonid Feller)

*Corruption as Contract: Taking Quid Pro Quo Seriously*, 77 BAYLOR LAW REVIEW 1 (2025)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, San Francisco, CA**

Assistant United States Attorney

National Security & Special Prosecutions Unit, September 2015 – July 2016

Organized Crime & Drug Enforcement Unit, October 2012 – September 2015

### **UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Cincinnati, OH**

Assistant United States Attorney, August 2009 – September 2012

### **VORYS LLP, Cincinnati, OH**

Litigation Associate, May 2007 – July 2009

### **ROPES & GRAY LLP, Boston, MA**

Litigation Associate, September 2004 – April 2007

## **PRESENTATIONS**

*Criminal Procedure & United States v. Maduro*, Panel, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, February 2026

*Recent Developments in Michigan Criminal Law & Procedure*, Training for University of Detroit Mercy Public Safety Officers, December 2025

*Social Developments in White Collar Crime*, Symposium on Prosecutorial Independence & White Collar Crime, Stetson Law Review, March 2025

*The Impact of Snyder & the Centrality of Quid Pro Quo*, Panel on Developments in White Collar Crime, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, July 2024

*Constitution Day: The Trump Indictments*, Panel, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, September 2023

*United States v. Chamberlain*, Department of Justice Domestic Terrorism Seminar, May 2016

*A Guide to the Guidelines*, United States Attorney's Office, NDCA, October 2015

*E-Discovery 101: A Training for Judges & Clerks*, United States District Court, SDOH, August 2012

*Pill Mills & Pain Clinics: United States v. Volkman*, Federal Law Seminar, July 2012

*Pill Mill Prosecutions*, Department of Justice National Advocacy Center, June 2012

## **MEDIA & PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

Interviewed by ABC-WXYZ Channel 7 (Detroit) regarding plea agreement in *State v. Sherrone Moore* (March 2026)

Guest Commentary, *How the Justice Department Failed Flint*, Bridge Michigan (February 2026)

Interviewed by ABC-WXYZ Channel 7 (Detroit) regarding ICE enforcement and city ordinances (February 2026)

Interviewed by ABC-WXYZ Channel 7 (Detroit) regarding jury selection in *State v. Burks* (January 2026)

Interviewed in *Brian Entin Investigates* YouTube Podcast regarding murder trial in *State v. Burks* (December 2025)

Quoted in *Law360* regarding citizen-initiated criminal prosecution of car accident death (November 2025)

Quoted in *Gongwer News* regarding potential embezzlement charges against grant recipient (August 2025)

## **MEDIA & PUBLIC COMMENTARY (CONT.)**

Quoted in *Gongwer News* attorney-client privilege claims in investigation of state entity (July 2025)

Interviewed by ABC-WXYZ Channel 7 (Detroit) regarding preliminary hearing in *State v. Burks* (July 2025)

Interviewed by ABC-WXYZ Channel 7 (Detroit) regarding motion for new trial in *State v. Crumbley* (April 2025)

Quoted in *Detroit News* regarding prosecution of former CFO of Riverfront Conservancy (June 2024)

Interviewed by ABC-WXYZ Channel 7 (Detroit) regarding arraignment in *State v. Chidester* (April 2024)

Interviewed three times by ABC-WXYZ Channel 7 (Detroit) regarding jury selection, verdict, and sentencing stages in *State v. Crumbley* (March 2024)

## **OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Harvard University**

Teaching Fellow, Spring 2004

Awarded Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

### **JUSTICE, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Harvard University**

Assistant Head Teaching Fellow, Fall 2003

Teaching Fellow, Fall 2002

Awarded Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

## **ADMISSIONS**

Massachusetts, 2004 – Present

Michigan, 2018 – Present

Ohio, 2007 – Present (inactive)

California, 2020 – Present (inactive)