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About

Seth C. Oranburg is a law professor and scholar whose work sits at the intersection of technological disruption, institutional trust, and legal design.



He studies how technological disruption destabilizes moral norms and social trust, and how legal design can restore integrity to markets and institutions.

His work spans corporate and securities regulation, contracts, trade secrets, and digital assets (including cryptocurrency and decentralized autonomous organizations). Oranburg asks how law builds organizational trust—and how it responds when institutions fail.

Before entering academia, Oranburg practiced venture finance and emerging-company law at Fenwick & West LLP in Silicon Valley, and antitrust law at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft in Washington, DC. He earned his J.D., with honors, from the University of Chicago Law School and his B.A., magna cum laude, from the University of Florida.

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He researches how technology changes what people consider right and wrong, and how it breaks down trust in institutions. He looks for ways the law can help rebuild that trust and keep markets honest.

His work covers business law, securities rules, contracts, trade secrets, and digital money—including cryptocurrency and online autonomous organizations.

Oranburg asks: How does law create trust in organizations? What should law do when institutions fail?

Before becoming a professor, he worked as a lawyer helping startups and venture capitalists at Fenwick & West in Silicon Valley. He also worked on antitrust cases at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft in Washington, D.C.

He graduated with honors from the University of Chicago Law School and magna cum laude from the University of Florida.

When he isn't working, Attorney Oranburg enjoys discovering new hiking trails near his home in New Hampshire, spending time with his daughter, Zeeva, and cooking with his wife, Talia.



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Network governance is a club good: excludable through ostracism, nonrivalrous up to congestion, voluntarily joined, and financed by members. Courts that displace a network's authority to ostracize rule-breakers weaken the excludability that makes governance valuable to members and non-members alike. When the ostracism mechanism loses credibility, members defect, governance quality declines, and the positive externalities governance creates for non-members disappear. Courts should recognize doctrines that defer to network decisions as implicit Pigouvian subsidies that reduce governance costs and help prevent the undersupply of socially valuable governance.

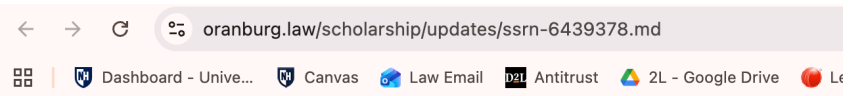
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Courts awarding standard contract remedies can destroy private network governance. In collectively governed trading networks, commercial cooperation depends on the credible threat of ostracism — a club good that is excludable and nonrivalrous. When judicial intervention displaces the network's authority to exclude violators, it converts collective exclusion from a property rule into a liability rule and degrades the club good into a public good. Making one obligee whole through expectation damages can produce a net welfare loss by weakening the credibility of exclusion. Connects Buchanan's club goods theory to Calabresi and Melamed's property/liability distinction through the empirical work of Bernstein, Greif, Landa, and Ostrom.

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