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Adding to an already impressive list of new faculty, the Indiana University Maurer School of Law is pleased to announce **CJ Ryan**, of the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, will join the Law School for the start of the spring 2024 semester.

In addition to his role on the Brandeis faculty, Ryan is an affiliated scholar at the American Bar Foundation.



CJ Ryan

A recognized expert in legal education, trust law, non-profit law, and the law surrounding student loans, Ryan teaches Decedents' Estates & Trusts, Secured Transactions, and Law & Economics. He has previously taught Property, Tax, and Statistics for Lawyers. In addition to writing in the doctrinal areas in which he teaches, much of his research centers on corporate governance, the legal profession, the economics of higher education, and technology transfer.

"Maurer is a special law school," Ryan said of his decision to move north. "From afar, I have always admired its rich history and its peerless group of scholars trained in the law & society tradition. Maurer is the kind of place where scholars and students can address why the law is the way it is and shape the conversation around what it can be. More than that, it's a law school that trains the brightest in the next generation of lawyers—for Indiana and for the world. I'm so excited to be a part of this mission and I feel very fortunate to be joining the Maurer community."

An interdisciplinary scholar, he has written more than 20 articles that have appeared in law reviews — such as the *Alabama Law Review*, *Georgetown Law Review*, *Illinois Law Review*, and *SMU Law Review* — specialty journals at NYU, Georgetown, and Notre Dame, and peer-reviewed journals, including the *Journal of Legal Education and Research in Higher Education*.

“CJ is a tremendous young scholar and teacher who will bring energy and passion to Baier Hall,” said Indiana Law Dean **Christiana Ochoa**. “We’re fortunate to have brought in an outstanding group of faculty over the past year, and we’re thrilled CJ will be a part of that class.”

The Law School added seven new members to the faculty—Valena Beety, Yvette Butler, Cindy Cho, Gabrielle Goodwin, Andrew Hammond, Jenn Oliva, and Cynthia Williams—throughout 2023, resulting in one of the school’s strongest hiring seasons in history.

Ryan said he’s excited to continue his research in Bloomington. He just started a project examining the economy of trust litigation in San Francisco, using filings from every trust case heard in the courts of that county over a six-year span.

“So little is known about litigation in the trust law space, and the findings that will emerge from the study will surely shed light about what motivates parties to bring claims in the courts involving trusts,” he said.