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Professor Sheppard holds a B.A. from the College of the Holy Cross, a J.D. *cum laude* from Boston College Law School, and an LL.M. and J.S.D. from Harvard Law School.

After receiving his J.D., Professor Sheppard clerked for the Honorable Levin Campbell of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and Justice Martha Sosman of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. He then worked for a year in private practice in Boston, and later became a staff attorney for the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He joined the faculty at Seton Hall University School of Law in 2010.

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Professor Sheppard recently completed a five-year term as an Associate Dean at Seton Hall University School of Law, and he is currently a distinguished scholar-in-residence at NYU School of Law. His research examines the relationship between the manner in which the law is expressed and the consequences that it brings about. He is most interested in human behavior within a legal context, such as judicial decision-making or lawyer conduct, and computer automation, particularly the capacity for machines to interpret legal language. He has published academic work on the *Vanderbilt Law Review*, *Yale Press*, *Cambridge University Press*, *University of Toronto Law Journal*, *Harvard Law Review Forum*, *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*, and *Boston College Law Review*, among others. Professor Sheppard is also a frequent commentator on developments in legal services technology, having contributed articles to national publications like the *ABA Journal's* *Legal Rebels* series and *Bloomberg*. He has also published guest essays on issues of international and domestic justice in the *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *The Hill*, and on *Slate*.

Professor Sheppard was a co-author of the report analyzing the legality of the 2009 Honduran coup for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Honduras, a project lauded by numerous governments as well as by the Organization of American States and the United Nations. Professor Sheppard has also served as an empirical researcher and consultant for organizations such as the Perception Institute and the Last Resort Exoneration Project, where he helped bring about the exoneration of Sheldon Thomas.