



## Office of Inclusion and Engagement Alumni Advisory Board Member



## Benjamin Cheng L'13

Ben is a law professor at Georgetown Law who teaches U.S. law to international law students. Before joining the faculty, Ben worked in the Office of Career Strategy, where he oversaw career advising for a section of first year students. In that capacity, he specialized in advising students from underrepresented and underserved backgrounds as well as international students from all class years. In addition, he co-led the law school's efforts on all career-related diversity and inclusion initiatives, including deepening student club and affinity group relationships and managing employer relationships with law firms, government entities and private companies. Prior to that, Ben worked in the Office of Graduate Careers, where he led and administered the Taxation Interview Program, an annual interview program connecting more than 50 tax-focused law and accounting firm employers with over 170 tax-focused students, and advised domestic and international LL.M. students of many backgrounds.

Outside of law school, Ben co-teaches a class on Georgetown University called "Mastering the Hidden Curriculum," a course designed specifically for first-generation and low-income students. The class examines the research and theory about first-generation college students and complicates the discourse around identity and experiences as a first-generation college student and the efforts made to expand access to higher education. Moreover, the class introduces and equips students with the skills and cultural capital to navigate Georgetown's academic community and collegiate environment. Previously, Ben served on the board of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund (AEF), a non-profit focused on providing public interest scholarships to DC-area students as well as career-related professional skills programming throughout the year.

Prior to Georgetown Law, Ben worked in private practice, where he was an associate at an international law firm. Before law school, he was a strategy consultant for a consulting firm in Boston and then served as an analyst for an international investment bank in New York City. Ben obtained his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a Comments Editor on the University of Pennsylvania Law Review. As a law student, he also represented indigent clients with the Custody and Support Assistance Clinic. He received his A.B. in Biochemical Sciences from Harvard University.