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Maria O'Brien Hylton: Professor Hylton is a noted labor and benefits law specialist. She began her teaching career at Boston University School of Law in 1988. She taught at De Paul University College of Law from 1989 until rejoining the Boston University faculty in 1995, and was a visiting professor at the University of Chicago Law School in 1993.

While in law school, Professor Hylton was editor of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*. After graduation, she served as a law clerk for Judge Gilbert S. Merritt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and then as an associate at the Boston law firm of Hale and Dorr. She has numerous publications to her credit, most recently, “Central Falls Retirees v. Bondholders: assessing Fear of Contagion in Chapter 9 Proceedings,” forthcoming in *Wayne L. Rev.* and “Disclosure to the Rescue in the Tennessee Law Review. She also is the co-author of “Cases and Materials on Employee Benefits Law” and “Using Civil Remedies for Criminal Behavior: Rationale, Case Studies, and Constitutional Issues.” Her most recent lectures include “The Future of Public Pension Plans,” “Employee Benefits in Turmoil” and “Public Pensions and Retiree Health.”

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