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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL – Madison, WI, 2010-present

Associate Dean for Experiential Learning & Clinical Professor – 2019-present

Coordinate and oversee experiential learning programs and courses, including law clinics, externships, the legal research & writing program, and other skills courses. Teach legal research, writing, advocacy, and other skills courses.

Director of Legal Research & Writing & Associate Clinical Professor – 2010-2019

Coordinate and oversee the legal research and writing program. Work with faculty to develop and refine course content and pedagogy. Act as program liaison and manage program outreach. Teach legal research, writing, and skills courses.

CORNELL LAW SCHOOL – Ithaca, NY, 2006-2010

Clinical Professor of Law – 2009-2010; Visiting Clinical Professor of Law – 2006-2009

Taught the first-year lawyering course, including legal analysis, objective and persuasive legal writing, and oral advocacy. Collaborated with law librarians to integrate research instruction into the lawyering skills courses.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS SCHOOL OF LAW – Minneapolis, MN, 2001-2006

Director of Lawyering Skills & Associate Professor of Law

Designed and implemented the lawyering skills curriculum. Assisted in recruiting, mentoring, and reviewing lawyering professors and adjunct professors. Created a peer writing assistance program for students. Taught lawyering skills courses.

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW – Houston, TX, 1990-2001

Director of Legal Research & Writing – 1993-2001

Coordinated the legal research and writing program, which served 400+ full- and part-time students each year. Taught first-year legal research and writing courses.

Other Subjects Taught: Professional Responsibility, Comparative Legal Systems, International Human Rights Law, International Criminal Prosecutions

C.L.E.O. Professor – 1992, 1995

Designed and taught a summer course in legal research, analysis, and writing for pre-law students in a program sponsored by Council on Legal Education Opportunity.

Assistant Professor of Legal Research & Writing – 1990-1993

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, FIRST DISTRICT – Houston, TX, 1984-89

Senior Staff Attorney – 1985-89

Wrote legal memoranda and proposed opinions in 250+ civil and criminal case appeals. Edited all opinions before publication. Presented continuing legal education writing programs. Mentored and supervised research attorneys and briefing attorneys.

Briefing Attorney – 1984-85

Judicial clerkship with Chief Justice Frank G. Evans.

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin

B.J. (cum laude) - Journalism
B.A. (magna cum laude) - History

University of Texas School of Law

J.D. (licensed in Texas)

Texas Board of Legal Specialization

State Board Certification
Civil Appellate Law, 1989-99

PUBLICATIONS

A GUIDE TO TEACHING LAWYERING SKILLS (2012) (with Joel Atlas, et al.).

Book Review, 37 INT’L J. LEGAL INFO. 259 (2009) (reviewing Mary Ellen O’Connell, THE POWER AND PURPOSE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, INSIGHTS FROM THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF ENFORCEMENT (2008)).

Book Review, 35 INT’L J. LEGAL INFO. 335 (2007) (reviewing Fernando R. Teson, HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION: AN INQUIRY INTO LAW AND MORALITY (3d ed. 2005)).

The Attorney-Client Privilege as an Obstacle to the Professional and Ethical Development of Law Students, 33 PEPPERDINE L. REV. 677 (2006).

A New Approach to Legal Citation Form, 13 APPELLATE ADVOCATE 17 (Fall 2000).

PROTECTING THE RECORD (1993) (with David Keltner & Lynne Liberato).

The Impact of Bankruptcy on State Appellate Proceedings: What Happens Now? 27 HOUSTON LAWYER 61 (Sept./Oct. 1989).

PRESENTATIONS

- “Some User-Friendly Tools to Support Online Learning in Legal Research & Writing,” 2018 Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (Milwaukee, WI, July 2018).
- “A Few Tools for Blending Online Learning into LR&W Courses” (co-presenter), Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference (Indianapolis, IN, Sept. 2017).
- “Using Screen Casting as a Teaching Tool” (workshop participant), Association of Legal Writing Directors Innovative Teaching Workshop (Minneapolis, MN, July 2017).
- “Attorney Research Skills” (panelist), Wisconsin Law Librarians Association (Madison, WI, Nov. 2015).
- “Appellate Advocacy Workshop—Power Advocacy: Tips & Techniques” (co-presenter), Marquette Law School (Milwaukee, WI, Oct. 2014).
- “Blended Learning: Can Online Skills Instruction Replace Traditional Classroom Teaching?” Capital Area Legal Writing Conference (Washington, D.C., March 2014).
- “Preparing Students for the Expectations of Legal Employers” (with Ruth Roberts), 16th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute (Palm Desert, CA, May 2012).
- “Managing Change: Potential and Pitfalls” (with Mary Ray), Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference (Sacramento, CA, June 2011).
- “Attorney Research Skills” (panelist), Wisconsin Law Librarians Association (Madison, WI, Feb. 2011).
- “Legal Ethics and Legal Writing” (panel speaker), Conference on Legal Education Reform After Carnegie: Bringing Law-in-Action to the Law School Classroom (Madison, WI, Oct. 22, 2010).
- “Designing Effective Collaborations Between Legal Writing Faculty and Law Librarians” (with Thomas Mills), Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference (Milwaukee, WI, Oct. 2009).
- “Rethinking Success and Failure in Designing Legal Writing Assignments,” Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference (Portland, OR, Aug. 2009).
- “Teaching the Unwritten Rules of Law Practice,” 13th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute (Indianapolis, IN, July 2008).

“The Attorney-Client Privilege Rules and Legal Education,” Testimony to the ABA Presidential Task Force on the Attorney-Client Privilege (Salt Lake City, UT, Feb. 2005).

“The Architecture of Writing,” and “Honing Your Writing Skills,” In-House Legal Writing Seminars, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP (Minneapolis, MN, May & July 2004).

“Developing Policies for Legal Research & Writing Programs,” Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference (Chicago, IL, July 1997).

“Effective Legal Writing,” CLE Workshop for City of Houston Attorneys’ Office (Houston, TX, 1992).

SERVICE

Deputy Editor, 2015 ABA INTERNATIONAL LAW YEAR IN REVIEW
2013 ABA INTERNATIONAL LAW YEAR IN REVIEW

Assistant Editor, LEGAL WRITING, THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE, 2008

Editorial Board, JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL WRITING DIRECTORS, 2005-06

AALS Section on International Human Rights
Executive Committee, 2001; Editor, HUMAN RIGHTS REVIEW, 2001-2003

AALS Section on International Legal Exchange, Chair, 2000-2001

AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research
2010 Annual Meeting Program Planning Committee; Awards Committee 2016-17

Association of Legal Writing Directors
Scholarship Committee, 1996-97, 2003-06; Board of Directors, 1998-2001; Awards Committee 2010-11, 2012-13; Bylaws Committee 2011-12; Scholars Workshop Committee 2012-13; New Directors Committee 2012-13, 2016-present; Leadership Committee 2018-19.

Legal Writing Institute
Scholarship Outreach Committee, 2006-2008

Gulf Coast Legal Foundation (now Lone Star Legal Aid), Board of Directors, President 1999

Meals on Wheels, Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN - Volunteer

Tompkins County Office for the Aging – Project CARE, Ithaca, NY - Volunteer

Literacy Network, Madison, WI – Volunteer (citizenship class assistance)