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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC

Clinical Associate Professor of Law, 2017–present

- Courses Taught: Research, Reasoning, Writing, and Advocacy I and II (2017–present); Writing for the Bar (Fall 2020); Writing for Practice (Spring 2022)
- Faculty Committees: International (2018–19); Judicial Clerkships (2017–18, 2019–present); LL.M. Program Review Task Force (2017–18)
- Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) National Committees: Annual Survey Committee (2013–17); Scholarship Committee (2020–21); New Members Committee (2021–22)

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL

Professor of Legal Writing, 2010–2017

- Courses Taught: Legal Communication and Research Skills (2010–17); Pretrial Litigation Practice (2014); Writing and Editing for Lawyers (2015–17)
- Developed innovative citation guide designed to teach first-year law students the fundamentals of legal citation from a practicing attorney’s perspective
- Created and taught “Grammar After Dark,” a series of writing workshops designed to help students struggling with grammar and sentence structure
- Faculty Committees: Admissions (2010–11); Curriculum (2012–13); Junior Faculty Development Program Steering Committee (2011–14); Social Justice Working Group (2015–17); Learning Outcomes Working Group (2016–17)

Chair of Legal Communication and Research Skills faculty, 2012–2014

- Unanimously recommended by colleagues and appointed by the Dean to be the first Chair of directorless legal writing program
- Handled all administrative responsibilities for team of twelve professors
- Served as liaison from legal writing faculty to law school administration and tenured and tenure-track faculty
- Assisted the Dean in evaluating new professors for purposes of contract renewal decisions
- Led weekly legal writing faculty meetings, including scheduling, preparing agendas, and facilitating discussions
- Coordinated department-wide events, including campus visit by Florida Third District Court of Appeal, Comprehensive Skills Test, and graded student oral arguments

Holland & Knight LLP, Miami, Florida

Associate, Litigation Department, 2007–2010

- Drafted summary judgment and other substantive motions; took and defended depositions; prepared pleadings, written discovery, and procedural motions; communicated with clients regarding litigation strategy; argued motions in Circuit Court

- Represented automobile tire manufacturer and retail operations division in personal injury actions arising from automobile accidents
- Second-chaired bench trial in suit by trust beneficiary against trustee seeking modification of trust to permit beneficiary to purchase real estate and build a personal residence in North Carolina

O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Los Angeles, California

Associate, Adversarial Department, 2003–2007 (Summer Associate in 2001)

- Drafted dispositive motions; took and defended depositions; prepared witnesses for depositions and trial; drafted pleadings, written discovery, and procedural motions
- Involved in a wide array of matters, including antitrust, class action defense, contract disputes, and personal injury defense

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Detroit, Michigan

Law Clerk to the Hon. Damon J. Keith, Circuit Judge, 2002–2003

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan

J.D., *cum laude*, May 2002

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

A.B. in Politics, *magna cum laude*, May 1999

PRESENTATIONS

Assessing Research in the First Year, Carolinas Colloquium, Elon University School of Law, Greensboro, NC, June 24, 2021.

Help Wanted: An Empirical Study of LRW Hiring, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, MA, May 29, 2019.

Effective Writing in Litigation Documents, Festival of Legal Learning, University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC, February 8, 2019.

Winning the Battle: Effective Writing Styles in Litigation Documents, Festival of Legal Learning, University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC, February 10, 2018.

Persuasion: What to Teach and How? (Panel Discussion), Carolinas Colloquium, University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC, May 19, 2017.

Get Me Rewrite! Avoiding Pitfalls When Requiring Drafts of Graded Assignments, Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, Williamsburg, VA, March 7, 2015.

Lean On Me: Capitalizing on Your Colleagues' Strengths to Better Serve Your Students, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Palm Desert, CA, May 31, 2012.

Panel Discussion on Teaching Legal Writing, Legal Writing Institute Regional Conference, Coral Gables, FL, December 2, 2011.

Teaching, Modeling, and Evaluating Professionalism in the First-Year Legal Writing Class, Empire State Legal Writing Conference, New York, NY, May 13, 2011.

PUBLICATIONS

Occupational Hazard: A Critique of California Elections Code § 13107(a)(3), 48 J. LEGIS. 86 (2021).

You Can Call Me Al: Regulating How Candidates' Names Appear on Ballots, 99 NEB. L. REV. 848 (2021).

Editorial, *Confirm Judge Barrett*, The Fayetteville Observer, Oct. 13, 2020.

Help Wanted: An Empirical Study of LRW Hiring, 24 J. LEGAL WRITING INST. 315 (2020).

Mental Health Challenges Among Lawyers: In Defense of Conventional Medicine, LAW.COM (Jan. 30, 2020, 3:03 PM), <https://www.law.com/2020/01/30/mental-health-challenges-among-lawyers-in-defense-of-conventional-medicine/?slreturn=20200502095857>.

Mental Health In The Legal Profession: Starting A Conversation With The Lawyers of Tomorrow, 24 N.C. BAR J. 8 (Winter 2019).

Practice Makes Proficient: Writing Classes for Struggling Students, 24 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 55 (2016).

10 To Do Items For Success In Law School, THE NATIONAL JURIST (Fall 2015).

Reality Check: Law School Closures Are Unlikely, THE DAILY CALLER (Dec. 8, 2014, 3:51 PM), <http://dailycaller.com/2014/12/08/reality-check-law-school-closures-are-unlikely/>.

Beyond the Bluebook: Teaching First-Year Law Students What They Need to Know About Legal Citation, 56 ARIZ. L. REV. SYL. 81 (2014).

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California
- Florida
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida