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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL
Clinical Professor
Director of Bar Programs

Los Angeles, California
July 1997 to Present
July 2011 to Present

- Courses Taught
 - Currently: Remedies (7 years), Legal Writing (18 years), Fundamentals of Bar Exam Writing (12 years), Bar Exam MBE Workshop (intersession class, 4 years)
 - Previously: Ethical Lawyering (16 years), Law & Process: Privacy Torts (academic success class, 5 years), California Civil Procedure (4 years), Negotiation (2 years)
- Director of Bar Programs (July 2011 to present)
 - Oversee all bar exam programs, conduct bar exam student counseling, and supervise adjuncts
 - Developed and co-teach (with Professor Jean Boylan) Fundamentals of Bar Exam Writing (one of the first for-credit courses to prepare students for the written portions of the California Bar Exam)
- Director of Academic Support (July 2011 to July 2016)
 - Coordinate all Academic Success Programs (including summer programs, student counseling, student workshops, and required course)
 - Created a new curriculum and coordinate faculty teaching in Summer Institute (conditional enrollment program)
 - Developed a new curriculum and coordinate faculty teaching Law & Process: Privacy Torts (required academic success class)
 - Oversee two full-time faculty
- Legal Writing Experience (1997 to 2010, 2016 to Present)
 - Assisted Legal Writing Director with course content and structure
 - Served as Acting Director of Legal Writing fall 2006 and fall 2008
- Faculty Committee Service
 - Grading & Academic Standards, Bar Exam, Curriculum, LLS Community, Safety, Professional Skills, and Advocacy Teams
 - Served as Chair of Professional Skills since 2014, overseeing renewal process for clinical faculty and review of clinical grant proposals
 - Faculty Advisor for the Evening Women's Law Association 2002-2004
- Academic Presentations & Speaking Engagements (listed separately)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Visiting Professor

Los Angeles, California
Fall 2016

- Taught Remedies on a coverage visit
- Earned High Teaching Evaluations

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL

Full-Time Legal Skills Instructor

Part-Time Legal Skills Instructor

Los Angeles and Irvine, California

August 1995 to May 1997

August 1994 to August 1995

- Taught legal writing and practical skills to approximately 80 students per year
- Assisted director in developing course content and structure
- Coached students for Moot Court competition
- Received excellent student evaluations (scores ranging from 4.8 to 5.0 on a 5.0 scale)

PRIVATE PRACTICE Los Angeles, California

Civil Litigation

February 1994 to December 1995

- Represented plaintiffs and defendants in pretrial and trial levels of civil litigation including business and contract disputes, real property, premises liability, intentional torts, and family law

MCCLINTOCK, WESTON, BENSHOOF, ROCHEFORT, RUBALCAVA & MacCUISH

Litigation Associate

Los Angeles, California

August 1991 to February 1994

- Civil litigator with emphasis in environmental litigation, commercial litigation and franchise disputes
- Conducted jury trials, bench trials, and arbitrations

MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY & McCLOY

Summer Associate

Los Angeles, California

Summer 1990

- Completed legal research and writing projects in litigation and bankruptcy practice areas

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

Juris Doctorate Degree, 1991

Los Angeles, California

- Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Coif
- Loyola Law Review
- St. Thomas More Law Honor Society
- Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society
- Dean's List, Academic Scholarship, American Jurisprudence Awards

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration -- Marketing, 1986

Northridge, California

- Summa Cum Laude
- 4.0 G.P.A. in Major
- Teacher's Assistant
- Dean's List, Academic Awards, and Scholarships

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE & MEMBERSHIPS

- Admitted to the California State Bar, 1991
- Legal Writing Institute
- Association of Academic Support Professionals

SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Association of Academic Support Educators in 2014, 2017
- West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals in 2013 and 2015
- Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference in 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2012, and 2016
- Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2017
- Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2017
- Western States Regional Legal Writing Conference in 2012 and 2013
- Empire State Regional Legal Writing Conference in 2010
- Keynote Speaker (with Gloria Allred & Judge John Meigs) on Diversity (2000)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Academic Support Professionals Conference, May 2017, “Getting Inside Their Heads: How Fixed Mindset Explains Why Some Students Don’t Improve & Teaching Techniques to Change That”
- ALWD National Conference, July 2017, “An Ill-Advised Line: Disparate Impact of the Changes to Bar Passage Standard 316”
- Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 2017 and Central States Legal Writing Conference, September 2017, “Less is More: Replacing or Reducing Traditional Comments on Drafts with Faster and Better Assessment Techniques”
- Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 2016, “Tidal Wave or Low Tide: The Role of Legal Writing Professors in Implementing the New ABA Assessment Mandate”
- National Legal Writing Conference, July 2016, “The Many Hats We Wear: A Technology-Enhanced Discussion about the Increased Role of Legal Writing & Skills Faculty in Law School Programs”
- West Coast Consortium of Academic Success Professionals, November 2015, “Build it and Make them Come: Required Classes & Curriculum for the At Risk Student”
- Central States Legal Writing Conference, September 2015 and Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 2014, “Got 5 Minutes? Teach Grammar, Writing Mechanics, Professionalism & More”
- Academy of Academic Support Educators, National Conference, May 2014, “The First Domino: Teaching Note Taking”
- West Coast Consortium of Academic Success Professionals, November 2013, “No Credit, No Problem: Using Visuals to Teach Outlining & Essay Writing”
- Central States Legal Writing Conference, October 2013, “Critiquing our Critiques,” (co-presenters Professors Debby McGregor & Joel Schumm of Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, and Professors Susan Bay & Alison Julien of Marquette Law School)
- Presenter, Western States Regional Legal Writing Conference, August 2012 and Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, March 2012, “The Real Thing: Using Unedited Cases and Jury Instructions as Class Exercises”
- National Legal Writing Conference, June 2012, “Starting at the Finish Line: How to Revitalize Academic Success with an Integrated Program of Lawyering Skills and Bar Exam Skills,” (Co-presenters Assoc. Dean Jean Boylan, Asst. Director of Academic Success Prof. Anne Wells)
- Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference, September 2011 and Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, March 2011, “No Shirt, No Shoes, No Service: Interpreting the Academic Dress Code.” (Co-presenter Professor Allison Martin, Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis)
- Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, March 2010, “Have your Power Point Slides Lost their Luster? Tone Up Your Slides to Teach Better”
- Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, March 2009, and Empire State Legal Writing Conference May 2010, “Stop the Bleeding: Returning Legal Writing Assignments with Easy In-Class Exercises to Ease the Pain”
- Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference, September 2009, “Heads I Win – Tails You Lose: How to Assign a Client in Persuasive Legal Writing Assignments,” (Co-presenter Professor Joel Schumm, Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis)
- National Legal Writing Conference, July 2008, “Bar Exam Prep Courses: Legal Writing, Academic Support, Both, or Something Else”
- Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference, October 2007, “Teaching Professionalism from Day One”
- Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, March 2007, “New Tricks for Old Dogs” (teaching strategies for legal writing professors)
- National Legal Writing Conference, July 2006, “Wave of the Future or Low Tide: Offering a Bar Exam Writing Course for Credit”
- Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, February 2006, “Too Much, Too Little or Just ‘Write’: What is the ‘Right’ Approach to Critiquing Student Drafts?”