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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law • Lexington, Kentucky
Clinical Professor of Law & Director, Legal Research and Writing Program July 2021-Present
Associate Clinical Professor & Director, Legal Research and Writing Program July 2015-June 2021
Assistant Clinical Professor & Director, Legal Research and Writing Program June 2011-June 2015

- Director of law school's Legal Research and Writing program, which encompasses first-year law students, upper-level student moot court advisors, full-time writing faculty, and full-time library faculty
- Courses taught: Legal Research and Writing; Advanced Legal Writing
- Committees: Academic Status, Building Renovation, Curriculum (former chair), Diversity, Executive (former elected member), Honor Council, Institutional Compliance, Speakers, Staff Appreciation, Strategic Planning (former chair), Ad Hoc Pro Bono Committee, Ad Hoc Marketing Committee, Ad Hoc Scholarship Committee, and Ad Hoc Committee on Retirement (chair)
- Women's Exec. Leadership Development (WELD) Program (Fall 2019) & Chairs' Academy I (Fall 2020)
- Board Member, AppalReD Legal Aid, Fall 2021 to Fall 2023

Georgetown University Law Center • Washington, DC July 2009-June 2011
Associate Professor, Legal Research & Writing

- Courses taught: Legal Research & Writing; Legal Writing Seminar: Theory and Practice for Law Fellows
- Committees: Committee on Clinics, Externships, and Public Interest, and Committee on Student Affairs
- Facilitator, Equal Justice Foundation Public Interest Fellowship Discussion Group

George Washington University Law School • Washington, DC 2004-2007
Adjunct Professor, Legal Research and Writing Program

- Courses taught: Legal Research and Writing; Introduction to Advocacy

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hogan Lovells (formerly Hogan & Hartson L.L.P.) • Washington, DC and McLean, VA

Litigation Associate Nov. 2002-Apr. 2007 & Jan. 2009-July 2009
Senior Associate, Community Services Department May 2007-Dec. 2008
Summer Associate Summer 2000

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California • Los Angeles, CA 2001-2002
Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Gary Allen Feess

EDUCATION

George Washington University Law School • Washington, DC
Juris Doctor, *with highest honors* May 2001
Class Rank: 1/427

- Order of the Coif
- John Bell Lerner Award for Distinguished Accomplishment (highest cumulative grade point average)
- John Ordonaux Award for Overall Academic Excellence (highest average grade point in first year)
- *The George Washington Law Review*, Senior Notes Editor
- The Legal Research & Writing Program, Dean's Fellow

University of Kentucky • Lexington, KY
B.A. Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude* May 1998

- Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Golden Key National Honor Societies
- Vandebosch Award for Outstanding Political Science Senior
- Recipient, Edith Schwab Memorial Scholarship (academic excellence and public service)

PUBLICATIONS

When Your Plate is Already Full: Efficient and Meaningful Outcomes Assessment for Busy Law Schools, 71 MERCER L. REV. 529 (Winter 2020).

Explain It To Me: Tips for Effective Rule Explanation in Legal Analysis, Kentucky Bar Association Bench & Bar Magazine, Nov./Dec. 2019.

Polishing Makes Perfect . . . Or Maybe Not, Kentucky Bar Association Bench & Bar Magazine, Nov./Dec. 2016.

Effective Writing is Organized Writing, Kentucky Bar Association Bench & Bar Magazine, May 2015.

Take a P.A.S.S. on Your Next Legal Document, Kentucky Bar Association Bench & Bar Magazine, Nov. 2013.

Give Outlines Another Chance, Kentucky Bar Association Bench & Bar Magazine, May 2012.

Case Note, *The Office of the Independent Counsel and Grand Jury Secrecy*, 69 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 596 (May 2001).

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Using Visual, Digital, and Oral Communication Skills in the Legal Writing Classroom, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Milwaukee, WI (July 2018).

Legal Ethics in Legal Writing, UK/CLE Health Law Institute (Sept. 2018) and UK/CLE Employment Law Institute (June 2014, 2016, and 2018) in Lexington, KY.

Putting the “Form” in “Formative Assessment”: The Pedagogical Value of Outcomes-Based Rubric Forms As Learning & Teaching Tools in Law Schools, 2017 Assessment Institute, Indianapolis, IN (Oct. 2017).

Assessing Assessment: Using Data from Outcomes-Based Assessment to Build a Better LRW Program, ORALL Annual Meeting, Dayton, OH (Oct. 2016).

When Worlds Collide: Bringing a Professor’s Pro Bono Practice Into the Legal Writing Classroom, Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference, Memphis, TN (June 2015).

Assessment Inside and Outside the Classroom, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop at the University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, KY (Dec. 2013).

We Are Family: Effective Ways to Integrate the Legal Research & Legal Writing Components of a First-Year LRW Course Even When Taught Separately, Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference, Milwaukee, WI (June 2013).

Going Pro: Helping Students Transition from Social to Professional Correspondence, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Chapel Hill, NC (Dec. 2012).

Reports from the Early Years, AALS New Teacher Workshop, Washington DC (June 2011).

BRIEFS (PRO BONO MATTERS)

Kentucky Court of Appeals, *Jose Ramirez v. Tracy Neitzel*, Brief for the Appellant (October 2014).

Supreme Court of Kentucky, *Jose Ramirez v. Tracy Neitzel, et al.*, Brief for the Appellant (January 2013) and Reply Brief for the Appellant (April 2013) (Court Appointment).

ACTIVE BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Kentucky (admitted September 2013) & District of Columbia (admitted October 2003)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Law Schools • Section of Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research

Association of Legal Writing Directors

Legal Writing Institute

American Bar Association

District of Columbia & Kentucky Bar Associations