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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Florida Levin College of Law (UF Law), Gainesville, FL
Director of Legal Writing and Drafting, 2024–present
Legal Skills Professor, 2021–present

The George Washington University Law School (GWU Law), Washington, D.C.
Associate Professor of Clinical Law, Fall 1999–Spring 2002

PUBLICATION

Bridging the Gap Between the Rules of Evidence and Justice for Victims of Domestic Violence, 8
Yale J.L. & Feminism 359 (1996).

Holdings as Hypotheses: Teaching Contextual Understanding and Enhancing Engagement, 128
Penn. St. L. Rev. 489 (2024).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Spiky” Students: Can AI Help Them Acquire Foundational Legal Reading and Writing Skills More Quickly?

LEGISLATION

California Evidence Code Section 1109 (Senate Bill 1876)
Co-wrote Senate Bill 1876 (introduced by the Honorable Senator Hilda L. Solis), 1996
Testified, California Senate Committee on Criminal Procedure, 1996

AWARDS

Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year, Felony Domestic Violence Unit, Ventura County District Attorney’s Office, 1997

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

88 Miles Per Hour: Can AI Resolve Some of the “Serious Stuff” We See in Legal Writing Classrooms? Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, University of Florida, Levin College of Law (December 2023) (presenter)

Read Before You Write: Teaching a Summer Course or Orientation Session on Reading Case Law, 2023 Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Conference, (July 26, 2023) (panelist)

Holdings as Hypotheses: Enhancing Engagement through Contextual Understanding, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Oregon School of Law, (October 2022) (presenter)

Self-Assessment and the Ghost of Christmas Past, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, University of Florida, Levin College of Law (December 2021) (presenter)

Cypriot Practitioners' Domestic Violence Training, Center for Professional Development, The George Washington University (April 2000) (presenter)

The Admissibility of Prior Acts of Domestic Violence in Domestic Violence Proceedings, Family Violence in the Year 2000 Symposium, West Virginia University College of Law (March 2000) (panelist)

Domestic Violence, Prosecution, Restraining Orders, and Child Custody Law, Family Law Mediator Training, Ventura County Superior Court (August 1998) (presenter)

Domestic Violence Investigation Protocol, Port Hueneme Police Department (April 1998) (presenter)

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Lecture Series: Prosecution of Domestic Violence in Ventura County, Ventura Community College (October 1997) (presenter)

Violence Against Women: Prosecution of Domestic Violence in Ventura County, Moorpark Community College (1997, 1998) (presenter)

Street Law: Teen Dating Violence, Duke Ellington Performing Arts High School (October 1999) (presenter)

DEPARTMENTAL TALKS/GUEST LECTURES

Introduction to Law at Levin, University of Florida Honors Program, IDH 2930 (March 2020)

The Art of Lawyering, The George Washington University Law School (July 2000)

Women and Public Policy: Civil Protection Order Law and Procedure in the District of Columbia, The George Washington University Law School (annual event 1999 and 2000) (co-presenter)

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Domestic Violence and Children, The George Washington University Law School (annual event 1999–2001) (co-presenter)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Legal Writing I—Predictive (UF Law) (Fall 2023*, Fall 2022*, Fall 2021)

Legal Writing II—Persuasive (UF Law) (Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022*)

Trial Practice (UF Law) (Spring 2024)

Domestic Violence Litigation Clinic, (GWU Law) (Fall 1999, Spring 2000, Fall 2000, Spring 2001, Fall 2021, Spring 2002)

**Two Sections*

TEACHING INTERESTS

Legal Writing I and II—Predictive and Persuasive Writing

Trial Practice

Introduction to Lawyering/Professional Identity

Evidence

Criminal Law

Domestic Violence

Legal Pedagogy (scholarship interest)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, Florida

Moot Court Co-Advisor, Fall 2022–Present

Adjunct Teaching Committee, Chair, Fall 2023–Spring 2024; Member, Fall 2022–Present

Ad Hoc Appointment Committee for Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Director, Spring 2022

Judicial Clerkship Committee, Ex Officio Member, 2019–2021

First-Year Experience Workgroup, Summer 2020

Orientation Subcommittee and Small Group Connections Subcommittee, Summer 2020

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California

Judicial Clerkship Committee, Career Development Liaison, 2004–2006

Center for Youth Citizenship, Board Member, 2004–2006

The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.

D.C. Law Students in Court, Board Member, 2001–2002

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, Florida

Academic Advisor—Office of Career and Professional Development, July 2019–May 2021

Florida State College at Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida

Associate Director—Admissions, August 2018–July 2019

Academic and Career Advisor, March 2018–August 2018

Word It Wisely, LLC, Jacksonville Beach, Florida

Founder, Owner, Operator, 2013–2019

Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, Florida

Public Interest Grant Consultant/Administrator and Bar Coach, Intermittent, 2011–2013

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California
Senior Career Advisor/Career Advisor—Career Development Office (CDO), 2003–2009

Pillsbury Winthrop LLP, Sacramento, California
Litigation Associate, August 2002–October 2002

The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C.
Associate Professor of Clinical Law, July 1999–July 2002 (see above)

Ventura County District Attorney’s Office, Ventura, California
Deputy District Attorney, September 1996–July 1999 (on leave 1999–2002)
Special Units: Major Fraud, Felony Domestic Violence, Misdemeanor Domestic Violence

EDUCATION

J.D., Berkeley Law, University of California, 1996
Outstanding Woman Law Graduate, National Association of Women Lawyers, 1996
Berkeley Women’s Law Journal, 1993–1996
Moot Court Award, Best Brief, 1994
Prosser Prize, Contracts I, 1993
Berkeley Law Foundation, Solicitation Coordinator, 1994–1995

B.A., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 1993
Highest Honors, 1993
Phi Beta Kappa, 1993

BAR ADMISSION

California Bar (No. 185055), 1996–Present (inactive; eligible to reactivate)
Washington, D.C. Bar (No. 464286), 1999–Present (inactive; eligible to reactivate)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD), Fall 2022–Present
Legal Writing Institute (LWI), Fall 2021–Present
American Association of Law Schools (AALS), 2021–Present
National Association for Law Placement (NALP), 2019–2021; 2001–2009
American Bar Association (ABA), 2019–Present; 2000–2009
ABA Legal Education Section, 2019–Present; 2000–2002
AALS Clinical Legal Section, 1999–2002
Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA), 1999–2002
California District Attorneys Association (CDAA), 1996–1999
California Alliance Against Domestic Violence (CAADV), 1996