

Heather M. Kolinsky, JD, LL.M.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL 2023-present
Legal Skills Professor

Courses: Legal Writing I and II; Family Law

Washington & Lee University School of Law, Lexington, VA 2021-2023
Professor of Practice

Courses: Legal Writing I and II; Professional Responsibility

Barry University School of Law, Orlando, FL 2006-2014
Associate Professor of Law
Director of Legal Research and Writing (2008-2012)

Courses: Legal Research and Writing I and II; Professional Responsibility; Advanced Appellate Advocacy; Judicial Externships

EDUCATION

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA
LL.M. 2015

Rutgers University School of Law, Camden, NJ
Juris Doctor 1993
Foreign and International Law Honors Program Certificate

Stetson University, DeLand, FL
Bachelor of Arts, Social Science 1990

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Orlando, FL Sept. 2018- July 2021
Judicial Clerk to Magistrate Judge Gregory J. Kelly

Researched pending motions and drafted orders for motions related to discovery, dismissal, jurisdiction, conditional class certification, summary judgment, attorney's fees; reviewed and prepared orders on social security appeals and immigration appeals; occasionally researched and prepared orders on criminal matters.

LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

Building Resilience by Removing Barriers: Addressing Structural Impediments to Advocacy by Nonprofit Organizations on Behalf of the Unenfranchised (co-authored)
92 U. CIN. L. REV. 786 (2024)

Situating the Corporation within the Vulnerability Paradigm: What Impact Does Corporate Personhood Have on Vulnerability, Dependency, and Resilience
25 AM. U. J. GEN. SOC. POL'Y & L. 51 (2017)

The Shibboleth of Discretion: The Discretion, Identity and Persecution Paradigm in American and Australian LGBT Asylum Claims
31 BERKELEY J. GEN., LAW & JUSTICE 206 (2016)

The Intended Parent: The Power and Problems Inherent in Designating and Determining Intent in the Context of Parental Rights
119 PENN. ST. L. REV. 1 (2015)

The Ties that Bind: Reevaluating the Role of Legal Presumptions of Paternity
48 LOY. L.A. L. REV. 221 (2014)

Just Because You Can Doesn't Mean You Should: Viewing an Attorney's Liability for Defamation During Litigation through the Lens of Professionalism
37 NOVA L. REV. 113 (2012)

Taking Away an Employer's Free Pass: Making the Case for a More Sophisticated Sex Plus Analysis in Employment Discrimination Cases
36 VT. L. REV. 329 (2011)

A Fine Line, Redefined: Moving Toward More Equitable Asylum Policies
40 U. BALT. L. REV. 101 (2011)

Respecting Working Mothers with Infant Children: The Need for Increased Federal Intervention to Develop, Protect, and Support a Breastfeeding Culture in the United States
17 DUKE J. GEN. L. & POL'Y 333 (2010) (symposium edition)

Works in Progress

Fundamental Rights and Fair Fights: Holding On to Holding Out and Other Challenges of Multiparent Recognition

Assessing how current multi-parent statutes have been applied when state court intervention has been necessitated by dependency, divorce, or other circumstances in existing parent-child relationships where a potential third legal parent has been identified and what can be learned from the realities of assigning parental rights to those outside the traditional binary.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Storytelling, The Sound of Music, and Special Teams: Revisiting Some Basic Legal Writing Techniques with Fresh Eyes, THE FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL, Vol. 96, No. 4 (July/Aug. 2022).

Navigating the Differences in Circuit Court Appellate Jurisdiction for Nonfinal Orders, THE FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL, Vol. 93, No. 1 (Jan. /Feb. 2019).

Recent Changes in the Appellate Rules and Administrative Orders, THE BRIEFS, Orange County Bar Association (June 2018).

Imputed Income and Incarceration: Establishing Child Support When a Parent Is Incarcerated, COMMENTATOR, The Florida Bar Family Law Section, Vol. XXXI, No. 3 (Spring 2018).

The Effect of a Bankruptcy Stay on a Subsequently Filed Appeal, THE RECORD, Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section (Winter 2016).

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section, scheduled February 2025

Presenter, CLE Webinar Series, *Storytelling, The Sound of Music, and Special Teams: Revisiting Some Basic Legal Writing Techniques with Fresh Eyes*

Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, scheduled September 2024

Presenter, *First Steps: Using Questions to Scaffold Students' Approach to Counterarguments in Persuasive Legal Writing*

Southeastern Association of Law Schools, July 2024

Discussant, Family Law Workshop, *Family Law New & Emerging Scholarship*

Discussant, Family Law Workshop, *Family Law Pedagogy*

Southeastern Association of Law Schools, July 2023

Moderator/Panelist, Works-in-Progress Panel, *Holding Out for a Hero: Fundamental Rights, Fair Fights, and the Reality of Assigning Parental Rights under Third Parent Statutes*

Mid-Atlantic Family Law Scholars Roundtable, December 2022

Incubator Session, *Fundamental Rights and Fair Fights: The Reality of Assigning Parental Rights Beyond the Binary*

Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, June 2022

Incubator Session, *Fundamental Rights and Fair Fights: The Reality of Assigning Parental Rights Beyond the Binary*

Appealing Wisely and Avoiding Un-Appealing Mistakes, January 2018

Panelist, *Appellate Advocacy 101: Appellate Briefs and Motions Structure and Strategy*

Appellate Practice A to Z: Appellate Advocacy for Legal Services Lawyers, May 2017
Panelist, *Appellate Advocacy 101: Circuit & DCA Appeals*

Vulnerability and the Human Condition Initiative: A Workshop on Vulnerability at the
Intersection of the Changing Firm and the Changing Family
Emory University School of Law, October 2015
Presenter, *Vulnerability and the Shifting Sands of Corporate Personhood*

Law and Society Association, Annual Conference, May 2015
Presenter, *The Shibboleth of Discretion: The Discretion, Identity and Persecution Paradigm in
American and Australian LGBT Asylum Claims*

Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, May 2014
Work in Progress, *The Ties That Bind: Reevaluating Legal Presumptions of Paternity*
Incubator Session, *The Intentional Parent: The Power and Problems Inherent in Designating
and Determining Intent in the Context of Parental Rights*

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Chad Barr Law, Altamonte Springs, FL Dec. 2016-Sept. 2018
Appellate Attorney

Managed heavy state appellate caseload; prepared appellate briefs in a variety of civil and family law cases; argued cases before the District Courts of Appeal.

HMKLaw, P.A., Orlando, FL July 2015-Dec. 2016
Attorney/Owner

Prepared appellate briefs in a variety of civil, family, and criminal law cases; provided litigation support to local counsel by conducting research, drafting complex motions and pleadings.

Fox & Loquasto, P.A., Orlando, FL May 2015-Dec. 2016
Of Counsel

Prepared appellate briefs in a variety of civil and family law cases; argued cases before the District Courts of Appeal.

Law Offices of Steven M. Fahlgren, P.A., Orlando, FL 2002-2005
Associate Attorney

Federal and state litigation in employment and consumer protection.

Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, Orlando, FL 1997-2014
Staff Attorney (full time 1997-2001; contract 2001-2006, 2014)

Conducted research for circuit judges and prepared orders on a variety of appellate, civil, criminal, domestic relations and probate matters, including death penalty postconviction cases.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

FLORIDA TREND, Legal Elite 2018 (Appellate Practice)
FLORIDA TREND, Legal Elite 2017 (Appellate Practice)
Florida Association for Women Lawyers, 2016 Leader in the Law Award

SERVICE

Professional

American Association of Law Schools
Planning Committee, New Law Teachers Workshop 2025

Legal Writing Institute
LEGAL WRITING: THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE
Editorial Board (appointed 2024)
Associate Editor

Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section
Executive Council, Fifth District Representative (2021-24)
Editor for submissions to THE FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL
Assistant Editor for submissions to THE FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL
Pro Bono Attorney, Defending Best Interests Project

Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers
Executive Board
Nominating Committee

Orange County Bar Association
Board Member, OCBA Legal Aid Society Board of Trustees
Volunteer, Valor Project
Guardian Ad Litem
Orange County Teen Court

Brief Grader, BLSA National Moot Court Competition

Institutional Service/Student Advising

UF Co-coordinator, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop 2023
Independent Research Advisor (ongoing)
Student Note Advisor (ongoing)
1L Orientation – Introduction to Legal Systems and Case Briefing (ongoing)

W & L Davis Moot Court Competition, Brief Grader for Final Eight 2022
W & L Mediation Competition, Judge 2023
Moot Court Coach, William B. Spong Moot Court Competition

Faculty Committee Service

UF Admissions Committee (2024-25)
UF Non-Tenure Track Appointments, Retention, and Promotions (2023-2025)
Law School Representative, W & L University Faculty Executive Committee (2022-23)
Law Marshal Committee, W & L Law Commencement (2022)

Community

Volunteer, Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida
Volunteer, Boy Scouts of America
Troop Leader, Girl Scouts of America, Citrus Council

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association
Florida Bar
Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers (past member)
Orange County Bar Association (past member)
Central Florida American Inns of Court (past member)
Federal Bar Association (past member)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida Bar
Connecticut Bar (retired)
United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
United States Middle District Court of Florida