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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Florida Levin College of Law

Fall 2023-present

Courses Taught

- Legal Writing I and II (2023-2024 to present)
- Pre-Trial Practice (Spring 2025, Fall 2025)

Service

- UF Law Moot Court Faculty Advisor (2025-2026-present)
- UF Law Academic Standards Committee (2024-2025 to present)
- UF Law Adjunct Faculty Committee (2023-2024, 2024-2025)

Other Scholarly Service

- LWI The Second Draft Editorial Board (January 2025-present)
- SEALS Writing Connections Committee (Fall 2025-present)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Mrachek, Fitzgerald, Rose, Konopka, Thomas & Weiss, P.A.

October 2015-July 2023

Senior Associate

- Represent small to mid-size corporations, government actors, and individuals in federal and state trial and appellate courts.
- Matters include corporate business disputes; contract disputes; termination of employment; employment covenants; real estate, land use, and development matters; and, probate and trust matters.

Carlton Fields, West Palm Beach, Florida

March 2012-September 2015

Appellate Counsel

- Represented financial institutions in appeals of residential foreclosure matters. Prepared over 150 appellate briefs and responses to petitions for writs of certiorari in the five District Courts of Appeal and the Florida Supreme Court. Argued four cases before District Courts of Appeal.

Donna Eng, P.A., Jupiter, Florida

April 2011 - March 2012

Shareholder

- Provided trial and litigation support in state and federal court civil matters including discovery, dispositive motion briefing, motion practice and court appearances.
- Matters included corporate business disputes, limitation of liability in insurance contracts, personal injury, premises liability, and home owner's association real estate litigation.

- Represented individuals in criminal appellate and post-conviction proceedings.

United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, West Palm Beach, Florida Oct. 2003 – March 2011

Administrative Law Clerk to United States Magistrate Judge James M. Hopkins

- Reviewed attorney briefing and evidentiary submissions. Researched and prepared orders and memoranda. Managed Chambers' operations.
- Analysis of complex legal issues including: Section 1983 Claims; International Arbitration Disputes; Employment Covenants and Non-Competition Agreements; Fair Labor Standards Act; Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Infringement; Class Certification; Attorney's Fee awards, and Electronic Discovery.

Florida Office of the Attorney General, West Palm Beach, Florida October 2000 – Sept 2003

Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Appeals Division

- Researched and drafted appellate briefs and memoranda of law in criminal appeals and collateral attacks of convictions. Argued six cases before the Fourth District Court of Appeal.

Office of the State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, Fort Lauderdale, Florida Sept 1997 – October 2000

Assistant State Attorney Misdemeanor Trial Division (1997–1998), Felony Trial Unit (1998–2000)

- Tried over 56 jury and non-jury cases in County and Circuit Court. Responsible for managing 250 felony cases and 200 misdemeanor cases, respectively.
- Prosecuted daily criminal docket, including arraignments, hearings and motions. Investigated alibis, trial witnesses and evidence submitted in mitigation of charges. Answered demands for discovery, attended and took depositions. Prepared witnesses. Researched, drafted and argued motions. Negotiated plea agreements with defense counsel. Mentored junior attorneys. Lectured law enforcement officers regarding criminal jury proceedings.

ADDITIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Travelers Insurance In-House Counsel Law Offices of Robert F. Tacher, Fort Lauderdale, Florida Fall 1997

Waller & Associates, New Orleans, Louisiana 1996-1997

The Port of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana Summer 1996

Loyola University, Professor Henry D. Gabriel, New Orleans, Louisiana 1995-1996

New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation, Housing Unit, New Orleans, Louisiana Summer 1995

EDUCATION

Loyola University, School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana Juris Doctor 1997

Member: Loyola Moot Court, Loyola Poverty Law Journal & Phi Delta Phi

Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida Graduate Studies International Affairs 1993-1994

Bachelor of Arts, Spanish and Political Science 1993

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

From Builders to Editors: Reimagining How We Teach Citation in the AI Era, 30 Legal Writing 271 (2026) (co-authored with Assistant Professor of Law Margie Alsbrook, Mercer University School of Law), [From Builders to Editors: Reimagining How We Teach Citation in the AI Era | Published in Legal Writing](#)

Keeping the Ball Rolling: Enhancing the LRW and Skills Curriculum by Incorporating NextGen Bar Foundational Skills and AI Innovations, The Second Draft, Vol. 38, No.3 (Jan. 9, 2026), <https://www.lwionline.org/article/keeping-ball-rolling-enhancing-lrw-and-skills-curriculum-incorporating-nextgen-bar>.

The Role of 'Light Plagiarism' in Legal Writing, from a Recent Practitioner's Perspective, Stetson Law Review Forum, The Unending Conversation in Legal Writing Scholarship, 9 Stetson L. Rev. F., no. 2, (2025), <https://stetsonlawreview.org/article/the-role-of-light-plagiarism-in-legal-writing-from-a-recent-practitioners-perspective/>.

Should Legal Writing Professors Continue to Teach Traditional Legal Citation Rules for Parentheticals Despite the Increased Usage of (Cleaned Up) Parentheticals?, The Second Draft, Vol. 37, No.2 (Oct. 31, 2024), [Should Legal Writing Professors Continue to Teach Traditional Legal Citation Rules for Parentheticals Despite the Increased Usage of \(Cleaned Up\) Parentheticals? | LWI](#)

ACADEMIC WORKS IN PROGRESS

Everything Old is New Again: Using Gen AI to Emphasize the Old-Fashioned Skills of Close Case Reading, Rule Synthesis and Persuasive Storytelling.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Is F.S. §732.703 Susceptible to a Constitutional Challenge by a Former Spouse Whose Claim for Benefits is Denied?, FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL, Vol. 91, No. 5 (May 2017).

Online Defamation: Do Hyperlinks Constitute Republication for Florida Defamation and Trade Libel Claims?, FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL, Vol. 90, No. 5 (May 2016).

Pretrial Restraint of Assets: Lawful Governmental Interference with the Right to Counsel of Choice?, FLORIDA DEFENDER, Vol. 25, No. 3 (Fall 2013).

The Viability of an Insanity Defense in Federal Revocation Proceedings, FLORIDA DEFENDER, Vol. 24, No. 4 (Winter 2012).

The Unsettled State of Pregnancy Discrimination Claims Under the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL, Vol. 86, No. 8 (Sept./Oct. 2012).

The Importance of Federal Habeas Review as a Means to Challenge Florida's Death Penalty Sentencing and Drug Possession Statutes, FLORIDA DEFENDER, Vol. 23, No. 4 (Winter 2011).

Battling International Piracy of the Copyright Industries through NAFTA, LOY. INTELL. PROP. & HIGH TECH. L. Q., Vol. 2, No. 4 (1997).

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

“Anchored in Authority: Teaching Legal Research and Citation Fundamentals in an AI-Driven Age.” Panelist on panel discussion with Professors Tara Mospan of the Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Elizabeth Berenguer of Stetson Law, and Pam Hollern of Elon University School of Law, moderated by Professor Jane Cross of Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law. SEALS Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, July 30, 2026.

“Anchored in Authority: Teaching Legal Research and Citation Fundamentals in an AI-Driven Age.” Moderator of Discussion Group. SEALS Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, July 31, 2026.

“The Human Factor, Legal Scholarship in an Algorithmic Age.” Discussant in Discussion Group. SEALS Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, July 31, 2026.

“Keeping the Ball Rolling: Suggestions for Revising Legal Writing Curriculum to Incorporate NextGen Bar Foundational Skills.” Solo presentation at Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, May 28-29, 2026.

“Building Bar Ready Lawyers.” Panelist on Panel Discussion with Professors Stefanie (Stevie) Leahy of Suffolk University School of Law, and Leslie Callahan and Natalia Blinkova of George Washington University School of Law. Empire State Legal Writing Conference, Fordham University School of Law, May 21, 2026.

“Keeping the Ball Moving: Suggestions for Revising Legal Writing Curriculum to Incorporate NextGen Bar Foundational Skills, the Guiding Principle Behind ABA’s Latest Proposed Revisions to Experiential Learning Standards, and Advancements in AI.” Presenter at LWI One Day Virtual Workshop sponsored by Drake University Law School, December 12, 2025.

“Should Legal Writing Professors Change How They Teach Citations in the Age of Generative AI?” Solo presentation at Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, May 30, 2025, and Co-presentation with Assistant Professor of Law Margie Alsbrook, Mercer University, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, January 8, 2025.

“A Collaborative Memo Experiment: Harnessing the Power, Precision, and Persuasion of Three.” Panelist on Panel Discussion with Professors Lisa DeSanctis, Heather Kolinsky, and Stacy Biggart at Legal Writing Institute’s Virtual One-Day Conference titled “Teaching Process in the Classroom and Bringing Awareness to Your Own Research and Writing Process,” May 2, 2025.

“Reimagining Attorney Competency and Changing Curriculum and Assessments: Exploring the Next Generation Bar Exam.” Panelist on Panel discussion with Professors Margie Asbrook of Mercer University School of Law, Patrick Murphree of Jacksonville University College of Law, Erin DeWalt of University of Oklahoma College of Law, moderated by Professor Krista Bordatto, Campbell University, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. SEALS Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, July 31, 2025.

“Reimagining Attorney Competency: Exploring the Next Gen Bar Exam’s Vision of Competency and Our Own.” Discussant in Discussion group moderated by Professor Lisa DeSanctis, UF Levin College of Law. SEALS Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, July 31, 2025.

“My AI Co-Author: Did the Bot Plagiarize?” Discussant in Discussion group moderated by Professor Krista Bordatto, Campbell University, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law. SEALS Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, July 25, 2024.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, “Preservation of Error for Trial Attorneys,” Martin County FAWL and St. Lucie County Bar Association (Spring 2019).

Speaker, “Tips to Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure for Civil Appeals,” Martin County FAWL and Martin County Bar Association (February 2018); Port St. Lucie Bar Association (September 2018).

Panelist, “Board Certification Bootcamp Take 2,” Martin County FAWL (January 2018).

Panelist, “Preservation of Error for Trial Lawyers,” Palm Beach County Bar Association (June 2017).

Panelist, “Board Certification Bootcamp,” Martin County FAWL (February 2017).

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS

- Board Certified by the Florida Bar in Appellate Practice (2015-2024)
- AV Preeminent® Rated by Martindale Hubbell
- Selected to Florida SuperLawyers
- Selected to Florida Trend’s Legal Elite
- Awarded Leader in the Law by the Florida Association for Women Lawyers.

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Legal Writing Institute, *The Second Draft*, Editorial Board (2025-2028)
- Florida Bar Appellate Court Rules Committee, Member (2016-2022).
- Craig S. Barnard American Inn of Court LIV, President, 2017-2018; Board Member and Co-Chair, Programming Committee (2014-16); Board Member and Co-Chair, Mentoring Committee (2012-14).
- James C. Adkins American Inn of Court; Emeritus Member
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Board of Directors (2015-2024). Executive Board, Immediate Past President (2023-2024); President (2022-2023); President-elect (2021-2022); Treasurer (2020-2021); Secretary (2019-2020); Development Director (2018-2019); Journal Director/Editor (2016-2017).
- Martin County Women Lawyers Association, a chapter of FAWL. Immediate Past President (2020-2021); President (2019-2020); Executive Board, (2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019). Opened first dedicated lactation space in Martin County Courthouse (2019).
- Martin County Bar Association, Appellate Committee Co-Chair (2016-2023).
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Palm Beach Chapter, Board Member and Secretary (2015-16), Board Member and Treasurer (2013-15); Chair, Pro Bono Committee (2013-14); Co-Chair, Mentoring Committee (2012-13).

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Florida Bar; United States Supreme Court; Southern District of Florida; Middle District of Florida; Northern District of Florida

LANGUAGES

Spanish (Written)