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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of North Dakota School of Law

Assistant Professor of Law

2022-present

Teach Lawyering Skills I (1L required objective writing); Lawyering Skills II (1L required persuasive writing and advocacy); Legal Research and Writing for Practice (upper-level elective). Continue refining teaching using Team-Based Learning.

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law

Associate Professor of Legal Writing & Assistant Clinical Professor of Law

2017-2022

Taught Legal Process, Analysis, and Writing (1L required year-long course); Legal Research, Analysis, and Communication (1L required year-long course); and Intensive Legal Research and Writing (upper-level elective). Created new online hybrid writing course for remote students before COVID. Integrated substantive, theoretical, and practical concepts using Team-Based Learning, which includes small group collaboration, individual feedback, practical simulations, oral arguments, peer critiques, and reflective writing assignments. Identified program goals and prepared curriculum.

Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Visiting Clinical Professor of Law Spring 2016–17 Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law Fall 2015

Taught Legal Method Writing (1L required fall course); Legal Advocacy (1L required spring course); and Intensive Legal Research and Writing (upper-level elective).

EDUCATION

Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Juris Doctor, cum laude

2008

- Editor-in-Chief, Arizona State Law Journal
- Chair, Executive Moot Court Board
- Teaching Assistant: Legal Method and Writing; Legal Research and Writing
- CALI Award: Legal Method and Writing
- Willard H. Pedrick Scholar
- Outstanding Staff Writer, Arizona State Law Journal
- Member, Order of Barristers
- Outstanding Student, National Association of Women Lawyers

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EDUCATION (CON'T)

Arizona State University

Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, Communication
College and Barrett Honors College 2002

Dr. Kristin Bervig Valentine Outstanding Senior in Performance Studies

ARTICLES, BOOKS, & BOOK CHAPTERS

Law Students with Writing Disabilities (forthcoming 2023).

Introduction to Critical Reading; Critically Reading Unreducted Caselaw; and Organizing Caselaw for Memos and Motions, modules in INTERACTIVE LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING LESSONS: A MODULAR APPROACH (Sandra Simpson, ed. 2022) (forthcoming October 2022).

Orientation and Training for Editors, New Staff Members, and Returning Staff Members, chapter in The Scribes Manual for Law Review Editors (Darby Dickerson & Brooke Bowman, eds. 2022).

ALWD GUIDE TO LEGAL CITATION (7th ed. 2021).

#CriticalReading #WickedProblem, 44 S. III. U. L.J. 179 (2020).

Note, Not Everyone Will "Get It" Until We Do It: Advocating for an Indefinite Order of Protection in Arizona, 40 ARIZ. ST. L.J. 371 (2008).

SELECTED ESSAYS & BOOK REVIEWS

Why Are You Whispering? A Book Review of Her Honor: My Life on the Bench... What Works, What's Broken, and How to Change It, 19 Legal Commc'n & Rhetoric J. ALWD 235 (2022).

Summer Intensive Legal Research and Writing as a Hybrid Course, AALS Section on Teaching Methods, Fall 2019 Newsletter.

When Your Legal Writing Professor Isn't Monogamous: How Your Law School Can Survive and Thrive in a Relationship with an Adjunct, The Second Draft, Vol. 30, No. 1 (Spring 2017).

PRESENTATIONS

Contributing Factors to the Success of Law Students with Written Expression Disorder. Presented at the Twentieth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Phoenix, AZ, Mar. 2022.

How Should the NextGen Bar Exam Test Legal Research? Presented at the Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Las Vegas, NV, Dec. 2021.

Presentations (Con't)

Updates to the ALWD Guide to Legal Citation. Presented at the 2021 ALWD Biennial Conference, online, June 2021.

Bluebook Updates: Important Changes to Legal Citation. Presented to the Arizona State Bar, online, Oct. 2020; Arizona Women Lawyers Association, online, Jan. 2021; and Pima County Bar Association, online, Feb. 2021.

Taking the Show on the Road: Transforming a Traditional Upper-Level Writing Course into a Hybrid. Presented at the 2020 LWI Biennial Conference, Washington D.C., June 2020 (moved online due to COVID-19).

The Multi-Generational Teaching of Legal Writing. Discussion Group Speaker at the 2020 AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2020.

Revision, Feedback, and Collaborative Writing. Co-presented at the 2019 Earthjustice Litigation Training, Tucson, AZ, Sept. 2019.

Introduction to Legal Research and Writing. Presented at the 2019 Pinal County COJET Conference, Florence, AZ, June 2019.

Online Hybrid Law Courses with a Skills Component. Co-presented at the AALS Teaching Methods Section Quarterly Discussion, Online, Apr. 2019.

#Fail: How Law Schools Are Violating ABA Standards by Overlooking that Law Students Can't Critically Read. Presented at the Nineteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, Las Vegas, NV, Mar. 2019.

Paradigms of Legal Writing. Presented at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, AZ, Mar. 2019.

Exercises to Correct "Common" Writing Problems Using Student Engagement Technology. Presented at the Eighteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, Denver, CO, Mar. 2018.

How to Get Better Cite Checking out of Your Staff. Presented at the 2018 National Conference of Law Reviews, Chicago, IL, Mar. 2018.

Improving Student Engagement Using Online Tools. Co-presented at the Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Tucson, AZ, Dec. 2017 (with Joy Herr-Cardillo).

Critically Reading and Briefing Cases. Presented at the Legal Writing and Advocacy Workshop: A Summer Introduction to Writing, Briefing, and Persuasion, Tucson, AZ, July 2017.

Presentations (Con't)

No Magic Potion: Law Students' Lack of Critical Reading Skills Is a "Wicked Problem." Presented at the Seventeenth Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, Phoenix, AZ, Mar. 2017.

Trial Run: Using a Summer Class to Simulate Being an Associate. Presented at the Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Austin, TX, Dec. 2016.

When Your Legal Writing Professor Isn't Monogamous: How Your Law School Can Survive and Thrive in a Relationship with an Adjunct. Presented at the Sixteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, Tucson, AZ, Mar. 2016.

Zombie Subdivisions Feasting on Arizona: How to Stop Them. Co-presented at the American Planning Association, Arizona Chapter Annual Planning Conference, Phoenix, AZ, Sept. 2013.

Subdivision Assurances: Who Will Pay the Piper when the Developer Won't? Copresented at the 2013 Arizona State Bar Land Use Update, Phoenix, AZ, June 2013.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & COMMITTEES

National

- Treasurer, Legal Writing Institute, 2022-24
- Director, Legal Writing Institute, 2022-26
- Conference Co-chair, Legal Writing Institute 2024 Biennial Conference
- Conference Co-chair, Legal Writing Institute 2022 Biennial Conference
- Next Gen Bar Exam Subject-Matter Expert in Legal Research & Writing, National Conference of Bar Examiners, 2021-22
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Appellate Practice and Process, 2020-present
- Assistant Editor, Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute, 2016 and 2021-present
- Member, Program Committee, AALS Section of Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research, 2020-23
- Member, Outreach Committee, AALS Section of Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research, 2019–20
- Chair, ALWD Guide Task Force, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2018–present
- Member, One-Day Workshops Committee, Legal Writing Institute, 2018–2022
- Member, Joint ALWD/LWI Survey Committee, Association of Legal Writing Directors and Legal Writing Institute, 2018–20
- Peer Reviewer, Legal Communication and Rhetoric: JALWD, 2018
- Member, ALWD Guide Task Force, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2017–18
- Deputy Editor, ABA International Law Year in Review, 2016–18
- Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2016–present
- Member, Legal Writing Institute, 2015–present

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & COMMITTEES (CON'T)

Regional

- Chair, Site Committee and Food & Beverage Committee, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, 2020
- Site Coordinator, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, 2017
- Chair, Site Committee, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, 2017
- Member, Arizona Women Lawyers Association, 2015–2022
- Member, Women in eDiscovery, 2016–2019

University

- University General Petitions Committee, University of Arizona, 2019-2022
- University Hearing Board member, Arizona State University, 2016–17

College of Law

- Chair, Curriculum Committee, University of Arizona, 2021-22
- Member, Bar Success Committee, University of Arizona, 2020-22
- Chair, ABA Assessment & Learning Outcomes Committee, University of Arizona, 2019–20
- Member, Curriculum Committee, University of Arizona, 2019–20 and 2020-21
- Member, ABA Assessment & Learning Outcomes Committee, University of Arizona, 2017–19, 2020-present
- Faculty Co-advisor, Arizona State Law Journal, Arizona State University, 2016–17

HONORS & AWARDS

ALWD Outstanding Service Award, 2019
ALWD Leadership Academy Participant, 2019
LWI Writer's Workshop Scholar, 2018
LWI We Write Retreat Participant, 2018
LWI-ALWD-LexisNexis Legal Writing Scholarship Grant Recipient, 2018
Super Lawyers Rising Star, Business Litigation, 2016

LEGAL EXPERIENCE Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P., Phoenix, AZ

Litigation Associate 2014–16

Gammage & Burnham, PLC, Phoenix, AZ

Litigation Associate 2008–14
Summer Associate Summer 2007

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Arizona, January 2009 (inactive)
U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, February 2009

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, August 2010