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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

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

Bracing for Impact: Revising Legal Writing Assessments Ahead of the Collision of Generative AI and the NextGen Bar Exam, 28 LEGAL WRITING 1 (2024).

The Silent Scream: How to Help Law Students with Dysgraphia, the “Invisible Disability” Few People Know About, __ UMKC LAW REVIEW __ (2024) (forthcoming).

Introduction to Critical Reading; Critically Reading Unredacted Caselaw; and Organizing Caselaw for Memos and Motions, video modules in INTERACTIVE LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING LESSONS: A MODULAR APPROACH (Sandra Simpson, ed. 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. Ill. 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

Citation Myth-Busters: The Truth About Choice, Simplicity, and Support, 4 PROCEEDINGS 25 (2023).

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

The AI Era: Leveraging Large Language Models to Improve the Lawyer's Craft. Panelist at the AALS 2024 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2024.

Leveling the Playing Field of Legal Education & Law Practice with Generative AI. Discussion Group Speaker at the AALS 2024 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2024.

Generative AI Basics: What It is, How It Works, and What All Lawyers Should Know About It. Presented at the Greater Grand Forks Bar Association, Grand Forks, ND, Nov. 2023.

Promise & Peril of AI in Higher Education. Panel speaker at the University of North Dakota Upson Lecture Series Event, Grand Forks, ND, Sept. 2023.

Should Writing an Appellate Brief Be Included in the Standard LRW Curriculum? Discussion group speaker at the Association of Legal Writing Directors 2023 Biennial Conference, Irvine, CA, July 2023.

Citation Myth-Busters: The Truth About Choice, Simplicity, and Support. Co-presented at the Association of Legal Writing Directors 2023 Biennial Conference, Irvine, CA, July 2023.

Terrible Moments: Tactics for Managing the Unexpected. Co-presented at the Twenty-first Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Las Vegas, NV, Feb. 2023.

Legal Writing, Research, and Reasoning Section Works in Progress Workshop and Celebration. Moderated Panel at the AALS 2023 Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, Jan. 2023.

The Silent Scream: How to Help Law Students with Dysgraphia, the "Invisible Disability" Few People Know About. Presented at the ALWD Scholars Workshop, Portland, OR, Oct. 2022.

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.

Contemporary Scholarly Methods & Works-in-Progress in Legal Communication. Moderated panel at the AALS 2022 Annual Conference, online, Jan. 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 Association of Legal Writing Directors 2021 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 Legal Writing Institute 2020 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 AALS 2020 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 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.

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.

**PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS &
COMMITTEES****National**

- Treasurer, Legal Writing Institute, 2022–24
- Director, Legal Writing Institute, 2022–26
- Member, Site Committee, Association of Legal Writing Directors 2025 Biennial Conference
- Chair, Legal Writing Institute Grant Committee, 2024
- Conference Co-chair, Legal Writing Institute 2024 Biennial Conference
- Works in Progress Mentor, AALS Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section, 2022–23
- 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, 2023–24
- 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
- Chair, ALWD Guide Task Force, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2018–2022
- Member, One-Day Workshops Committee, Legal Writing Institute, 2018–2022
- Member, ALWD Guide Task Force, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2017–18, 2022–present
- Deputy Editor, *ABA International Law Year in Review*, 2016–18
- Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2016–present
- Member, Legal Writing Institute, 2015–present

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
- Faculty Co-advisor, *Arizona State Law Journal*, Arizona State University, 2016–17

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & COMMITTEES (CON'T)

University

- Senate Administrative Procedures Committee, University of North Dakota, 2023–25
- University General Petitions Committee, University of Arizona, 2019–2022
- University Hearing Board member, Arizona State University, 2016–17

Law School

- Member, Faculty Selection Committee, University of North Dakota, 2023–24
- Member, Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee, University of North Dakota, 2023–24
- Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee, University of North Dakota, 2022–23
- 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, 2020–22

HONORS & AWARDS

Randy H. Lee Faculty Teaching Award Recipient, 2023–24
ALWD Teaching Grant Recipient, 2024
Nominated for UND Outstanding (Individual) Graduate Teaching Award, 2023
Sirico Scholar's Workshop Participant, 2023
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