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EXPERIENCE

Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
Director, Academic Success, 2024 – present
Faculty Director, Advance Program, 2021 – present
Clinical Professor of Law, 2019 – present
Associate Clinical Professor of Law, 2016 – 2019
Courses: Advanced Legal Analysis
Legal Method & Writing
Legal Advocacy
Legal Analysis
Intensive Legal Research & Writing
Writing for Law Practice (ground and online)

University of Miami School of Law, 2010 – 2016
Professor of Legal Writing and Lecturer in Law
Courses: Legal Communication & Research Skills I and II
Introduction to Academic Writing
Principles of Legal Analysis
Writing & Editing for Lawyers

The Pennsylvania State University, The Dickinson School of Law, 2008 – 2010
Assistant Director, Career Services

Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Washington, DC, 2004 – 2008
Associate, Energy & Regulatory Affairs Group

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School
J.D. 2004
Articles Editor, *Chicago Journal of International Law*

Duke University
A.B. 2001, political science *with distinction*

PUBLICATIONS

How Modern is Your Writing?, SCRIBES JOURNAL OF LEGAL WRITING (forthcoming 2025) (with Ann Ching).

The Power of the Thesis Sentence, ARIZONA ATTORNEY MAGAZINE 16 (Jan. 2023).

Thumbs Up: Emoji Use for Lawyers, ARIZONA ATTORNEY MAGAZINE 14 (April 2021) (with Amy Langenfeld).

Using Demand Letters to Teach Persuasion and Professionalism, 34 SECOND DRAFT (2021) (with Ann Ching).

Small-Group Conferences, 32 SECOND DRAFT 8 (Spring 2019).

The Care and Feeding of Law Student Research Assistants, 25 PERSPECTIVES 101 (2017) (with Rachel H. Smith).

Have You Ever . . . ? How State Bar Association Inquiries into Mental Health Violate the Americans with Disabilities Act, 80 BROOK. L. REV. 677 (2015).

Teach Them to Fish: Giving Junior Attorneys Feedback on Their Writing, WASHINGTON LAWYER 30 (Feb. 2015).

An Offer They Can't Refuse: Teaching Persuasive Writing through a Settlement Offer Email Assignment, 23 PERSPECTIVES 85 (2014) (with Rachel H. Smith).

Beyond the Water Cooler: Reflections on a Junior Faculty Development Program, THE LAW TEACHER 14 (Fall 2014).

Mid-Semester Course Evaluations, AALS SECTION ON TEACHING METHODS NEWSLETTER (Spring 2014).

Teaching Ethics through a Client Email Communication Assignment, 26 SECOND DRAFT 14 (Fall 2012).

Employ Informational Interviews to Grow Your Professional Network, STUDENT LAWYER 10 (Feb. 2010).

Note: *Jurisdictional Wrangling: U.S. Military Troops Overseas and the Death Penalty,* 4 CHICAGO JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 571 (2003).

PRESENTATIONS

Eliminating the Problems of Problem Design, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (July 19, 2024) (with Rachel H. Smith, Paige Kohn, and Sarah Eskridge).

LRW Problem Design, LWI New Teacher Training Bootcamp (July 9, 2024) (with Amanda Sen Villalobos) (virtual).

Thumbs Up: Emoji Use for Lawyers, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (Mar. 9, 2024) (with Amy Langenfeld).

Modern Legal Writing, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference (Aug. 26, 2023).

LRW Problem Design, LWI New Teacher Training Bootcamp (Aug. 2, 2023) (virtual).

Creating Effective Fact Patterns, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (Feb. 25, 2023).

LRW Problem Design, LWI New Teacher Training Bootcamp (July 13, 2022) (virtual).

The Scholarship Debate, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (Mar. 4, 2022) (with Pete Nemerovski).

Tried and True Tips for Effective Legal Writing, State Bar of Arizona CLE (virtual) (June 29, 2021) (with Ann Ching).

What's New in Legal Writing, State Bar of Arizona CLE (virtual) (June 22, 2021) (with Ann Ching).

Using Demand Letters to Teach Persuasion and Professionalism, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference (virtual) (July 2021) (with Ann Ching).

Up Your Motion Game, State Bar of Arizona CLE (virtual) (Mar. 21, 2021) (with Joseph Roth).

What Judges Look for In Motion Practice, State Bar of Arizona Annual Convention (virtual) (Dec. 3, 2020) (with Judge Randall Warner and Judge Pamela Gates).

Attention Spans, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (virtual) (July 2020).

Attention Spans, Central States Legal Writing Conference (Sept. 14, 2019).

Up Your Motion Game, State Bar of Arizona CLE (Sept. 12, 2019) (with Joseph Roth).

Pedagogy or Andragogy?, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference (May 31, 2019).

Small-Group Conferences, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (Mar. 16, 2019).

Breaking Up with Individualized Feedback is (Not So) Hard to Do, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (July 14, 2018) (with Kim Holst and Susan Chesler).

The Care and Feeding of Research Assistants, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (Mar. 24, 2018).

Connecting Cognitive Science to Legal Writing, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference (Aug. 25, 2017).

Upper-Level Courses and Use of Adjuncts (Discussion Panel), Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference (July 21, 2017).

Pedagogy or Andragogy?, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (Mar. 11, 2017).

Dual Roles: Working with Research Assistants, LWI One-Day Conference at Drake University Law School (Dec. 8, 2016).

Cognitive Science Theories Every Professor Should Know, Capital Area Legal Writing Conference (Mar. 11, 2016).

Uncomfortable Conversations: For Your Own Good or None of My Business? Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference (June 4, 2015).

What's a Synonym for Remedial?, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (Mar. 28, 2014).

How To Teach Legal Citation Without Driving Your Students—or Yourself—Crazy, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (Mar. 23, 2013).

Fostering Law Student Engagement and Success, Western States Legal Writing Conference (Aug. 10, 2012) (with Sarah Klein).

Bringing Legal Research to Life, Capital Area Legal Writing Conference (Mar. 9, 2012).

SERVICE

Arizona State University

College of Law Teaching Workshops Committee, Chair, 2025-26
College of Law Appointments Committee, 2022-23
College of Law Graduation Awards Committee, Chair, 2021-22; Member, 2020-21
College of Law Clerkships Committee, Co-Chair, 2021-22; Member, 2020-21, 2019-20
College of Law Faculty Advisory Committee (elected by faculty vote), 2019-20
University Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee, 2018-19
College of Law Colloquium Committee, 2018-19, 2017-18
College of Law Ad Hoc Committee on Grade Distribution, 2018-19
College of Law Assessment Committee, 2017-18
First-Generation Student Organization, Faculty Advisor, 2022 – present
The Law Student Book Club at ASU, Faculty Advisor, 2024 – present
The Liberty Project, Faculty Advisor, 2024 – present

Association of Academic Support Educators

Conference Committee, Member, 2026

Legal Writing Institute (LWI)

Member, Academic Support and Bar Prep Committee, 2024-26
Member, Teaching Resources Committee, 2022-24
Chair, One-Day Workshops Committee, 2020-22

Member, Biennial Conference Program Committee (2020-22)
Editorial Board Member, *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*, 2018 – present; Managing Editor, 2021-22, 2019-20
Member, Editorial Board, LWI Monograph Series, 2018-20
Member, Scholarship Development Committee, 2018-20
Chair, Survey Administration Committee, 2016-18
Member, 2016 LWI Biennial Conference Program Committee
Site Organizer, LWI South Florida One-Day Conferences, 2011 and 2014
Member, Survey Administration Committee, 2014-16
Assistant Editor, *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*, 2012 & 2014
Member, Program Materials Sub-Committee, LWI One-Day Conferences, 2011

Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD)

Member, Bylaws Committee, 2024-25, 2023-24
Member, Conference Site Selection Committee, 2022-23
Member, Scholars Forum Committee, 2019-20
Chair, Distinguished Speaker Series Committee, 2018-19; Member, 2017-18
Chair, ALWD 2017 Conference Sub-Committee on Proposed Presentations
Organizer, 2017 ALWD Scholars Forum at the Rocky Mountain Conference
Member, ALWD Teaching Grant Committee, 2013-14
Peer Reviewer, *Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD*, 2012 & 2013

AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, & Research

Co-Chair, Nominations Committee, 2022 and 2021; Member, 2020
Member, Program Committee, 2019
Member, Executive Committee, 2018
Member, Awards Committee, 2017

Regional Conferences

Site Committee Member, 2022 Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference
Member, 2017 Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference Committee
Chair, 2016 Southeastern Legal Writing Conference

Phoenix Community

Volunteer, Lucky Dog Rescue
Feral cat TNR and kitten foster

MEMBERSHIPS

Legal Writing Institute
Association of Legal Writing Directors
AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, & Research
AALS Section on Teaching Methods
District of Columbia Bar Association