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Education

Pepperdine Graziadio Business School 2018
M.B.A., General Management

U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's School 2010
LL.M., Military Law/Criminal Law specialty; Honor Graduate

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2000
J.D., High Honors; Order of the Coif

University of Arizona 1997
B.A., *summa cum laude*; Distinguished Military Graduate

Academic Appointments

Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law June 2019 – present

Clinical Professor of Law (2023-present); Associate Clinical Professor of Law (2019-2023); Faculty Director of the Externship Program (2024-2025; 2026-present)

- *Teaching*: Legal Method and Writing; Legal Advocacy; Appellate Advocacy; Professional Responsibility
- *Academic service*: Advisor, Disabled Law Students Association; Advisor, South Asian Law Students Association; Advisor, Military & Veterans Students Association; Advisor, Muslim Law Students Association; Coach, Veterans Law Moot Court Team; Clerkship Committee; Graduate Writing Requirements Committee, Honor Code Hearing Board
- *Professional service*: Board of Directors, Association of Legal Writing Directors (2025-present); Co-Chair, AALS LWRR Diversity Committee (2025-2026); Editorial Board member, Managing Editor, and Essay Editor, *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (2021-2026); Assistant Editor, *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (2019-2021); Legal Writing Institute Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2021-2022); Co-Chair, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (2022)

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law Aug. 2013 – July 2015

Assistant Professor of Law

- *Teaching*: Legal Research and Writing; Legal Writing for International LL.M. students; Gateway Summer Writing Program for International LL.M. students
- *Academic service*: Advisor, Veterans Legal Society; Advisor, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association; Coach, Veterans Law Moot Court Team; Academic Standards Committee; Admissions Committee

Professional Experience

East Valley Regional Veterans Court, Judge Pro Tempore Oct. 2020 – present

- Preside over a treatment court that covers seven Arizona municipalities.
- Collaborate with prosecutors, defense attorneys, and government agencies on problem-solving treatment plans for veterans charged with misdemeanor crimes.

State Bar of Arizona, Ethics Counsel Jan. 2016 – Apr. 2019

- Advised lawyers on their professional and ethical duties, personally answering about 2,000 Ethics Hotline inquiries per year.
- Served as a faculty chair and panelist for ethics-related CLE seminars.
- Presented to various audiences on topics relating to ethics, professionalism, and leadership.
- Wrote educational materials for lawyers for the State Bar's magazine and email newsletters.
- Assisted the general counsel on legal issues pertaining to the State Bar's operations.

United States Army, JAG Officer Jan. 2001 – Sept. 2012

Achieved the rank of Major as a lawyer in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. Deployed overseas for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Tomodachi (Japan disaster relief mission). Key assignments included the following:

- International Law Advisor, U.S. Army Pacific (2010–2012)
- LL.M. Student, U.S. Army JAG School (2009–2010)
- Legal Research & Writing Instructor and Editor in Chief, *Military Law Review*, U.S. Army JAG School (2007–2009)
- Chief Prosecutor & Administrative Law Advisor, U.S. Military Academy (2004–2007)
- Trial Defense Counsel, Kuwait and Iraq (2003–2004)
- Legal Assistance Attorney & Trial Defense Counsel, Fort Lewis (2001–2003)

Publications

Books

- NAVIGATING FEDERAL AND STATE APPELLATE PRACTICE (Matthew Bender 2026).
- CONTEMPORARY APPELLATE ADVOCACY (Carolina Academic Press 2025) (with Hon. David B. Gass).

Book Chapters

- *Depictions of War Crimes in Film, in* LAW AND WAR IN POPULAR CULTURE (Stefan Machura, ed., 2024).
- *Military Justice in Film, in* OXFORD RESEARCH ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRIME, MEDIA, AND POPULAR CULTURE (Nicole Rafter & Michelle Brown eds., 2018).
- *Wartime Legislation, Public Trial, and Void for Vagueness, in* THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES (Paul Finkelman ed., 2006).

Articles

- *How Modern is Your Writing?*, 22 SCRIBES J. L. WRITING 109 (2026) (with Prof. Alyssa Dragnich).
- *NGO Observer Report: 11 May 2024, Khalid Sheik Mohammed and Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi*, 10 NAT'L INST. MIL. JUST. REPORTS FROM GUANTÁNAMO 6 (2026).
- *Taking a Positive Approach to Government Ethics*, 35 NOTRE DAME J.L. ETHICS & PUB. POL'Y 753 (Spring 2021) (symposium paper presented Feb. 12, 2021).
- *Using Demand Letters to Teach Persuasion and Professionalism*, SECOND DRAFT (Fall 2021) (with Prof.

Alyssa Dragnich).

- *From the Dojo to the Classroom: Applying Martial Arts Coaching Skills to Teaching Legal Writing*, SECOND DRAFT (Fall 2020).
- *Changes to the Ethics Opinion Process*, ARIZ. ATTORNEY, Apr. 2019.
- *Proposed Amendments to Lawyer Advertising Rules*, ARIZ. ATTORNEY, July/Aug. 2018 (with Richard L. Palmatier, Jr.).
- *When the Lawyer is Also an Expert: Ethical Considerations*, ARIZ. ATTORNEY, Mar. 2017 (with Lisa M. Panahi).
- *Rooting Out Bias in the Legal Profession: The Path to ABA Model Rule 8.4(g)*, ARIZ. ATTORNEY, Jan. 2017 (with Lisa M. Panahi).
- *Pepperdine University School of Law Pays Back a Debt of Gratitude to Student Veterans*, THE BENCHER, July 2014.
- *Who Questions the Questioners? Reforming Voir Dire in Courts-Martial*, 203 MIL. L. REV. 182 (2010).
- *Lessons From the Silver Screen: Must-See Movies for Judge Advocates*, ARMY LAW., Jan. 2010.
- *Book Review: "7 Deadly Scenarios,"* 202 MIL. L. REV. 283 (2009).
- *For All "Intensive Purposes": Eggcorns, Malapropisms, and Other Rogue Elements of the English Language*, ARMY LAW., Dec. 2008.
- *Evolution of the Command Responsibility Doctrine in Light of the Celebici Decision of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia*, 25 N.C. J. INT'L L. & COM. REG. 167 (1999) (*excerpted in* INTERNATIONAL & TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW (David Luban et al. eds., 2010)).

Academic Presentations

- "Terror on Trial: 9/11, Guantanamo Bay, and U.S. Military Commissions," University of Hong Kong Centre for Comparative and Public Law (Apr. 2026).
- "From Professor to Author: Turning Your Idea Into a Book," Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Arizona (panel presentation) (Mar. 2026).
- "Understanding and Including Military Veterans in the Legal Writing Classroom," Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (July 2024) and Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles (Mar. 2024).
- "Yes (Your Honor), And: Using Improvisational Comedy Games to Teach Oral Argument Skills," Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law (Feb. 2023).
- Commentator, South Carolina Law Review Symposium on Professional Responsibility and the Public Interest (Mar. 2023).
- "Supporting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Law School Curriculum," Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (LWI Diversity Committee panel presentation) (July 2022).
- "Guru Status: What it is, Why You Want it, and How to Get it," Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (July 2022).
- "The Pros of Pro Bono for Every Legal Writing Professor (Yes, Even You!)," Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (Mar. 2022) (with Prof. Kimberly Holst).
- "Using Demand Letters to Teach Persuasion and Professionalism," Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference (virtual) (June 2021) (with Prof. Alyssa Dragnich).

- "Words Matter: Teaching Persuasive Facts by Exploring the Rhetoric of Race in *Korematsu v. United States*," Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Northeastern University (Dec. 2020).
- "The Black Belt in the Legal Writing Classroom: Using Sports Psychology Techniques from Mixed Martial Arts Coaching to Enhance Student Performance," Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law (Mar. 2016).
- "Thinking Globally: Removing Roadblocks to Ensure Our International Students' Success," Legal Writing Institute Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, Stanford Law School (Sept. 2014) (with Prof. Mireille Butler).
- "Help, My Student's Cant Rite – How to Demonstrate Efficiently the Importance of Grammar, Spelling, and Punctuation, and Teach it Effectively," Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (July 2014) (with Prof. Jayne Woods).
- "Integrating Social Media in the LRW Classroom," Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University (Dec. 2013) (with Prof. Hilary Reed).

Awards & Honors

Teaching & Academic Awards

- Outstanding Teaching Award, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (April 2025)
- Pro Bono Honor Roll, Association of American Law Schools (December 2024)
- Disability Access & Inclusion Award, Arizona State University (June 2024)
- Professor of Impact Award, Arizona State University (August 2023)

Public Recognition & Professional Honors

- Judge Learned Hand Public Service Award, American Jewish Committee (March 2026)
- Seven Seals Award, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (2025)
- Most Influential Minority Business Leaders of 2024, AZ Big Media (April 2024)
- Outstanding Volunteer, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (2023)
- 23 Most Influential Minority Business Leaders in Arizona, AZ Big Media (April 2023)
- Nominated for appointment to the Arizona Court of Appeals (March 2020)
- Volunteer of the Month, State Bar of Arizona Continuing Legal Education Department (Nov./Dec. 2020)
- Highest Score, Arizona Bar Exam (July 2000)

Military Awards

- Bronze Star Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal (awarded three times)
- Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star
- Humanitarian Service Medal for Japan Disaster Relief

Public Service

Service to the Legal Profession

- Supreme Court of Arizona Task Force on Restyling the Rules of the Supreme Court (2025–present)
- Nongovernmental Organization Observer, 9/11 Military Commission, Guantánamo Bay (May 2024)
- Fellow, Board Member, and Amicus Committee, National Institute of Military Justice (2023–present)
- Arizona Supreme Court Ethics Advisory Committee (2021–present): Chair (2026–present); Vice Chair (2024–2025)
- Volunteer attorney, Disabled American Veterans legal clinics (2019–2022)
- Pro Bono Appellate Attorney, Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program (2014–present)

Bar Association Service

- Vice Chair, Bar Leadership Institute Selection Panel, State Bar of Arizona (2025–present)
- Judicial Appointments Committee, Arizona Women Lawyers Association (2020–present)
- Faculty, State Bar of Arizona Mandatory Course on Professionalism (2020–present)
- Vice-Chair, State Bar of Arizona Professionalism Advisory Council (2020–2021)
- Volunteer Ethics Counsel, State Bar of Arizona Ethics Advisory Group (2019–present)
- Member, Arizona Thurgood Marshall Inn of Court (2019–2022); Vice President (2020–2021)
- Arizona Asian American Bar Association: President (2023–2024); Board of Directors (2018–2025)
- Co-Chair, Military & Veterans Network, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) (2018–2024)

Service to the Community

- Member, Arizona Community Foundation Asian American Women's Giving Circle (2024–present)
- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu coach and self-defense instructor (2023–present)
- Ombudsman, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) (2016–present)

Professional Memberships

- Fellow and Board Member, National Institute of Military Justice (NIMJ)
- Legal Writing Institute (LWI)
- Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD)
- Association of American Law Schools (AALS)
- American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility
- Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL)
- State Bar of Arizona, active member since 2000
- *Bar Admissions*: Supreme Court of Arizona, U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

Continuing Education Programs

Speaker, panelist, or moderator for over 100 continuing legal education programs, primarily on topics of ethics and professional responsibility. Select presentations:

- "From Dictionaries to Databases: Arizona's Cutting-Edge Tools for Statutory Interpretation," State Bar of Arizona Annual Convention (panelist) (June 24, 2026).
- "Have You Been Rolling the Ethical Dice? Common Ethical Misperceptions," State Bar of Arizona (co-presenter) (May 15, 2026).
- "How Good Lawyers Don't Write Like Lawyers: Law, Logic, and AI," State Bar of Arizona (co-presenter) (Mar. 24, 2026).
- "Real Property Ethics Roundup," State Bar of Arizona Section on Real Property (Dec. 11, 2025).
- "Top Tips for Effective Brief Writing," Arizona Women Lawyers Association (co-presenter) (Dec. 3, 2025).
- "Top Tips for Effective Appellate Briefs," State Bar of Arizona (co-presenter) (Nov. 17, 2025).
- "Managing Diversity for Arizona Court Administrators," Arizona Supreme Court Education Division (co-presenter) (July 18, 2025).
- "Overcoming Imposter Syndrome and Promoting Diversity," Arizona State Bar Convention (panelist) (June 24, 2025).
- "Ethics: Assessing Conflicts of a Common Resource," Law of the Colorado River Conference, Tucson, Arizona (April 29, 2025).
- "Issues in Appellate Ethics," Working with the Court of Appeals, State Bar of Arizona (April 4, 2025).
- "Time to Stop Rolling the Ethics Dice: Common Ethical Misperceptions," State Bar of Arizona (Feb. 27, 2025).
- "Why Ethics and Professionalism Matter," State Bar of Arizona Bar Leadership Institute (Nov. 15, 2024).
- Ethics & Professionalism speaker, Canyon Ranch Lawyer Immersion Program, Tucson, Arizona (Nov. 9-11, 2024).
- "Ethics Café: ERs 8.2, 8.5," State Bar of Arizona (Nov. 5, 2024).
- "Ethics in Utilizing AI," Arizona Paralegal Association (Sept. 20, 2024) (keynote speaker).
- "Election-Year Ethics," State Bar of Arizona (June 26, 2024).
- "Why Ethics and Professionalism Matter," State Bar of Arizona Bar Leadership Institute (Mar. 22, 2024).
- "Ethical Afternoon at the Movies," State Bar of Arizona (panelist) (Dec. 1, 2023).
- "Rethinking Resilience: Developing Strategies for Making Ethical Choices in the Real World," State Bar of Arizona CLE by the Sea ethics plenary session (July 2023).
- "Common Ethical Misconceptions," State Bar of Arizona (May 17, 2023).
- "Ethical Issues in Representing Veterans," Arizona Paralegal Association (April 29, 2023).
- "Ethics, Attorney-Client Privilege, and Attorney Work Product: The Intersection of the Rules of Professional Conduct, the Law of Evidence, and the Law of Civil Procedure," ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar (Mar. 3, 2023).
- "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for Court Managers," Arizona Judicial Education Center (Mar. 2023 & July 2025).

- "Avoiding Bias in Writing Judicial Decisions," Arizona New Appellate Judge Orientation (Feb. 2023).
- "New Lawyer Boot Camp: Ending the Lawyer-Client Relationship," State Bar of Arizona (Nov. 14, 2022).
- "A Cognitive Science Approach to Persuasive Writing," State Bar of Arizona Appellate Practice Section (Aug. 25, 2022).
- "The Finer Points of Writing Judicial Decisions," Arizona Judicial Conference (June 24, 2022).
- "Everyday Ethics: Creating an Environment that Fosters Ethical Decision Making," Arizona Paralegal Association Annual Convention (Apr. 29, 2022).
- "Drafting Persuasive Arguments: The Basics and Beyond," State Bar of Arizona (Apr. 29, 2022).
- "Ethical Misconceptions," State Bar of Arizona (Apr. 15, 2022).
- "Why Ethics and Professionalism Matter," State Bar of Arizona Bar Leadership Institute (Mar. 4, 2022).
- "Plenary: Conflicts in an Era of Mergers and Acquisitions," ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar (Mar. 3, 2022).
- "Building Resilient Teams," Arizona Multihousing Association (May 6, 2021 & Oct. 13, 2021).
- "Tried & True Tips for Effective Legal Writing," State Bar of Arizona (June 29, 2021) (co-presenter with Prof. Alyssa Dragnich).
- "What's New in Legal Writing," State Bar of Arizona (June 22, 2021) (co-presenter with Prof. Alyssa Dragnich).
- "Ethics Café: ER 1.11, Public Lawyer Conflicts of Interest," State Bar of Arizona (June 1, 2021).
- "Switching Sides: Former Client Conflicts & Disqualification in Insurance Litigation," State Bar of Arizona Insurance Law Symposium (May 21, 2021).
- "Ethics Café: ER 1.9, Former Client Conflicts of Interest," State Bar of Arizona (May 7, 2021).
- "Plenary: 'Changing Sides!': Disqualification, ABA Model Rule 1.9(a), and the Courts," ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar (Mar. 19, 2021).
- "Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls," State Bar of Arizona (Jan. 21, 2021).
- "Wait Wait . . . Don't Lawyer Me" Ethics Advisory Group, State Bar of Arizona (Dec. 1, 2020).
- "Smart Salute to Veterans (Servicemembers Civil Relief Act)," State Bar of Arizona (Oct. 28, 2020)
- Ethics panel, National Association of Elder Law Attorneys CLE seminar (Sept. 18, 2020)
- "The Ethics of Fee Agreements," State Bar of Arizona (Aug. 28, 2020)
- "Civility, Professionalism, & Ethics," State Bar of Arizona (Aug. 20, 2020)
- "Ethics Café: ER 1.5 & Fee Agreements," State Bar of Arizona (Aug. 4, 2020)
- "Legal Writing for E-Readers," State Bar of Arizona (June 5, 2020).
- "Ethics in Written Correspondence," State Bar of Arizona Bar Leadership Institute (Mar. 6, 2020).
- "Hot Topics: Legal Ethics Issues in the News," Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers Midyear Meeting (Feb. 15, 2020).
- "Dial E for Ethics: Ins and Outs of the Ethics Hotline," State Bar of Arizona (Jan. 23, 2020).
- "Writing Tips for Drafting Fee Arbitration Awards," State Bar of Arizona (Nov. 12, 2019).

- "Ethics of Using Media in Civil Cases," State Bar of Arizona Employment Law Seminar (Oct. 11, 2019).
- "Honing the Craft of Legal Briefing," State Bar of Arizona (Aug. 2019).
- "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: Staying Ethical in an Ever-Changing Legal Environment" (Ethics plenary session), State Bar of Arizona CLE by the Sea (July 2019) (program chair and moderator).
- "Ethics and Technology," Bryan Cave In-House Counsel Seminar (June 2019).
- Ethics plenary, ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar (Mar. 2019).
- "Ethical Issues in Patent and Trademark Practice," CLE in the Gardens (Mar. 2019).
- "Common Ethical Misperceptions," State Bar of Arizona (Feb. 2019).
- "Parallel Leadership: Influencing Without Direct Authority," ACLEA Mid-Year Meeting (Jan. 2019).
- "Ethics and Technology," Bryan Cave In-House Counsel Seminar (June 2018).
- "Conflicts among Insurers, Insured, and Independent Counsel: Ethical Considerations," ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar (Mar. 2018).
- "Client Management 101," State Bar of Arizona (Sept. 2017).
- "Professional Identity Formation for Lawyers," Trial Advocacy College (Aug. 2017).
- "Ethical Trends Today," State Bar of Arizona (June 2017).
- "Social Media and Ethics for Government Lawyers," Arizona Municipal Attorneys (Mar. 2013).
- "Social Media and Ethics for Law Students," Pepperdine University School of Law (Feb. 2013).
- "Ethical Implications of Metadata and Social Media Use," U.S. Army Paralegals Professional Responsibility Course, Fort Shafter, Hawaii (Aug. 2010).