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ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Executive Associate Dean, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. 2017-2018

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. 2011-2017

Director, Legal Method & Writing Program, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. 1997-2011

Director, Academic Success Program, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. 1997-2006

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, University of Illinois College of Law. 1995-1997

Acting Director, Graduate and International Legal Studies, University of Illinois College of Law. 1995-1996

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

Distinguished Professorship, Legal Method, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. 2018-2021

Clinical Professor of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. 2002-2021

Associate Clinical Professor of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. 1998-2002

Legal Writing Professor, American Bar Association's Council on Legal Education Opportunity (summer institute hosted by the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law). 2002, 2003

Visiting Associate Clinical Professor of Law, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. 1997-1998

Writing Professor, Law Minority Access Program (summer institute hosted by the University of Illinois College of Law). 1996

Instructor, Legal Research & Writing, University of Illinois College of Law. 1994-1995

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

EXAMPLES & EXPLANATIONS: LEGAL WRITING (with Terrill Pollman) (Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, 3d ed. 2019)

THE TAO OF LEGAL WRITING (Carolina Academic Press, 2009)

Articles:

Preemptive Dicta: The Problem Created by Judicial Efficiency, 54 LOY. L.A. L. REV. 587 (2021)

Trusting Tribal Courts: More Lawyers Is Not Always the Solution, 14 L.J. FOR SOC. JUST. AT ARIZ. ST. UNIV. 130 (2021)

When Tribal Disenrollment Becomes Cruel and Unusual, 97 NEB. L. REV. 820 (2019)

Juveniles, Sex Offenses, and the Scope of Substantive Law (with Carissa Byrne Hessick), 46 TEXAS TECH. L. REV. 5 (2013) (symposium issue)

The Right to (Same-Sex) Divorce, 62 CASE W. RESV. L. REV. 447 (2012)

Why Dicta Becomes Holding and Why It Matters, 76 BROOK. L. REV. 219 (2010)

IRLAFARC! Surveying the Language of Legal Writing (with Terrill Pollman), 56 ME. L. REV. 239 (2004)

Note, Who's Been Sleeping in Your Bed? An Analysis of the Government's Approach to the Sexual Orientation of its Employees, 30 ARIZ. L. REV. 155 (1988)

Shorter Works:

So You Haven't Taught Legal Writing in a While . . ., 27 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 38 (Spring 2019)

How LRW Faculty Can Best Position Themselves for Law School Administration, 30 THE SECOND DRAFT 48 (Spring 2017)

Essay, OUT AND ABOUT: THE LGBT EXPERIENCE IN THE PROFESSION 5 (ABA & Nat'l LGBT Bar, eds.) (2015)

Team Up for Collaborative Teaching (with Susan M. Chesler), 23 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 169 (Summer 2015)

PUBLICATIONS (continued):

Shorter Works:

The Teaching, Scholarship, and Service Triathlon, 27 THE SECOND DRAFT 28 (Summer 2013)

Generating Interest, Enthusiasm, and Opportunity for Scholarship, 9 LEGAL COMM. & RHETORIC: JALWD 315 (2012)

Teaching the Holding/Dictum Distinction, 19 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 192 (2011)

The Pros of Regional Legal Writing Conferences, AALS SEC. ON LEGAL WRITING, REASONING, AND RES. NEWSL. 5 (Spring 2004)

“Depth” or “Breadth”—or Can You Have Both? 18 THE SECOND DRAFT 21 (December 2003)

RESEARCH:

My research focuses on the proper role of the courts in resolving disputes. I argue that trial courts ought to have greater power and make this argument in a variety of contexts: by more carefully exploring the holding/dictum distinction; by recognizing tribal courts' inherent, unlimited criminal jurisdiction over their own members; by allowing courts, pre-*Obergefell*, to grant same-sex divorces even in jurisdictions that did not permit or recognize same-sex marriage; and by allowing courts to mitigate severe legislatively-imposed criminal penalties for sexual conduct between minors.

EDUCATION:

University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Juris Doctor *cum laude*, 1988

Note and Comment Editor, *Arizona Law Review*

Bachelor of Science in Business and Public Administration, 1985

With high distinction

COURSES TAUGHT:

Appellate Advocacy; Intensive Legal Research and Writing; Introduction to U.S. Law; Law Minority Access Program; Legal Advocacy; Legal Method & Writing; Legal Process Institute; Legal Research & Writing; Sexual Orientation and the Law; Sexuality and the Law; Transition to Law Practice

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS:

Get a Job: The Dos and Don'ts of Job Talks (with Terry Pollman). Biennial conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, Suffolk University Law School. May 2019

So You Haven't Taught Legal Writing in a While Nineteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law. March 2019

The Third Leg: Strategic Thinking about Service (with Terry Pollman). Seventeenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. March 2017

Professional Development: Why LRW Professors Are Uniquely Qualified to (and Should) Lead the Academy (panel discussion). Biennial conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Portland, OR. July 2016

Renewing Our Spirit (plenary panel discussion with Terry Pollman & Suzanne Rabe). Sixteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. March 2016

Creative Ways to Integrate LRW into the Evolving Law School Curriculum (with Tamara Herrera). Biennial conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. June 2015

Legal Writing and Leadership (plenary panel discussion with Darby Dickerson, Susan Duncan, & Carol Parker). Legal Writing and Leadership Conference, University of Oregon School of Law. April 2015

Team Up for Collaborative Teaching (with Susan Chesler). Fifteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of New Mexico School of Law. March 2015

What Makes a Program a Program? (with Terry Pollman & Linda Edwards). Biennial conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, Marquette University Law School. June 2013

Developing Cohesive Outcomes for Upper-Level Writing Courses (with Susan Chesler). Thirteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Colorado Law School. March 2013

Succeeding in the Legal Writing Triathlon (plenary session). Second Annual Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Oregon School of Law. August 2012

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (continued):

Administrative Opportunities: Landing Them and Succeeding at Them (with Tamara Herrera). Twelfth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. March 2012

Generating Interest, Enthusiasm, and Opportunity for Scholarly Activities. Biennial conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. June 2011

How to Find the Time and Support for Scholarship (with Tamara Herrera, and Amy Langenfeld). Eleventh Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law. March 2011

Reflect, Reconnect, Reenergize – Retreat!: How a Program Retreat Can Move You Forward (with Kirsten Davis, Tamara Herrera, & Amy Langenfeld). Biennial Legal Writing Institute Conference, Marco Island, FL. June 2010

Teaching Legal Writing from a Different Perspective (plenary session). Tenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. March 2010

The Tao of Legal Writing. Ninth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. March 2009

Rights of Legal Writing Faculty to Academic Freedom (plenary session) (with Richard K. Neumann, Jr., & Terrill Pollman). Eighth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law. March 2008

Intensive Legal Research & Writing: Teaching Today's Product-Oriented Students to be Process-Based. Biennial conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. July 2005

Teaching Both Depth & Breadth: Upper-Level Intensive Legal Research and Writing. Fourth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law. March 2004

Talking About Legal Writing: Results of a Survey on Legal Writing Language (with Terrill Pollman). Third Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of New Mexico School of Law. March 2003

Setting Legal Writing Goals: Programmatic, Professional, and Personal. Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. March 2001

AWARDS:

Rocky Mountain Award, presented at the Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference. University of Colorado Law School. March 2013

Thomas F. Blackwell Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Legal Writing, presented by the Legal Writing Institute and the Association of Legal Writing Directors. New Orleans, LA. January 2013

Outstanding Faculty Award, presented by the Alumni Association of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. February 2012

Outstanding Faculty Award, presented by the graduating class of the Arizona State University College of Law. May 2002

BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

National:

Blackwell Award Committee (co-chair). Association of Legal Writing Directors & Legal Writing Institute. 2021-2022

Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition (annual brief judge). Mercer University School of Law and the American Bar Association Commission on Disability Rights.

Diversity Committee. Association of American Law Schools Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research. 2019

New Directors Committee. Association of Legal Writing Directors. 2019-2020

President. Association of Legal Writing Directors. 2008-2009

Executive Committee. Association of Legal Writing Directors. 2006-2010

Committee on Committees. Legal Writing Institute. 2006-2008

Board of Directors. Association of Legal Writing Directors. 2004-2007

Regional:

Program Committee. Twentieth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. 2020

ALWD Scholars' Workshop Co-Chair. Eleventh Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law. 2011

BOARDS & COMMITTEES (continued):

Regional:

ALWD Scholars' Workshop Co-Chair. Tenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. 2010

Program Co-Chair. Sixth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. March 2006

Conference Co-Chair. Fifth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. 2005

Conference Co-Chair. Fourth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law. 2004

Conference Chair. Second Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. 2002

Program Co-Chair. Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. 2001

State:

Committee on Judicial Education and Training. 2011-2013

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Committee of the State Bar of Arizona. 2000-2012

University:

Committee for the Undergraduate Certificate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies. 2004-2008

Committee on International Academic Programs. 2002-2004

Law School:

Academic Success Committee. 2003-2004

Admissions Director Search Committee. 1998-1999

Advisory Personnel Committee. 2007-2008; 2008-2009; 2009-2010; 2010-2011

Appointments Committee. 2010-2011

Assessments Committee. 2019-2020; 2020-2021

BOARDS & COMMITTEES (continued):

Law School:

Clinic Committee. 1998-1999; 1999-2000

College Level Review Committee for Academic Professional Librarians (Chair).
2003-2004; 2008-2009; 2009-2010

Curriculum Committee. 1998-1999; 1999-2000; 2003-2004; 2005-2006; 2006-2007

Dean Search Committee. 2007-2008

Externship Committee. 1999-2000; 2000-2001; 2001-2002

Graduation Awards Committee. 2000-2001

Honor Code, Dean's Designee. 2020-2021

Honor Code Hearing Board. 2005-2006 (chair); 2006-2007; 2007-2008; 2008-2009;
2009-2010

International Studies Committee. 1999-2000; 2000-2001; 2001-2002; 2002-2003;
2003-2004; 2006-2007

Legal Research and Writing Sub-Committee of the Appointments Committee.
1998-1999; 1999-2000; 2000-2001; 2003-2004 (chair)

Meta Committee. 2007-2008

Moot Court Board Selection Committee (Chair). 2002-2003; 2003-2004

Moot Court Committee (Chair). 2005-2006; 2006-2007

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Deputy County Attorney, Juvenile Unit, Pima County Attorney's Office. 1991-1994

Assistant City Prosecutor, City of Tucson. 1990-1991

Associate, Waterfall, Economidis, Caldwell, Hanshaw & Villamana, P.C. 1988-1990