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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, JAMES E. ROGERS COLLEGE OF LAW, Tucson, AZ

August 2022 – May 2023

Visiting Professor, Legal Research, Analysis, and Communication (LRAC)

- Develop, prepare, and teach a two-semester sequenced LRAC course to 25-30 first-year law students (depending on size of entering class).
- Provide detailed feedback on assignments.
- Prepare students to participate in oral argument competitions.
- Supervise 3 second-year writing fellows, who provide academic support to my students.
- Develop, prepare, and teach a three-credit upper-level course, “Beyond the Basics: Advanced Legal Analysis and Writing.”

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO SCHOOL OF LAW, Buffalo, NY

August 2002 – July 2022

Lecturer in Law, Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research (LAWR)

- Developed and taught a two-semester sequenced LAWR course to 25-35 first-year law students (depending on size of entering class).
- Prepared all course assignments, including client letters, office memoranda, bench briefs, trial briefs, appellate briefs, and in-depth research projects.
- Provided detailed feedback on assignments.
- Prepared students to participate in oral argument competitions.
- Trained and supervised 2 third-year writing fellows, who provided academic support to my students each year.
- Developed, prepared, and taught an intensive, three-credit upper-level summer course, “Beyond the Basics: Advanced Legal Analysis and Writing.”
- Guided upper-level students in their development and writing of publishable articles.

- Chair, 3+3 Accelerated BA-JD Program Development and Recruitment Working Group (2015-2022)
- Member, Admissions Committee (2021-2022), Law Library Committee (2012-2022), Pedagogy and Curricular Planning Committee (2016-2021) Technology and Communication Committee (2014-2016), Academic Standards and Standing Committee (2011-2014)
- Member, Law Library Faculty Reference Librarian Search Committees (2012, 2017)
- Coordinator and Developer, Baldy Discussion Circles (matched a faculty member with 12 first-year law students for an informal, roundtable discussion about a topic of the faculty member’s choice) (2010, 2016-2019).
- Faculty advisor to 10 first-year law students each year.

WATSON, BENNETT, COLLIGAN, JOHNSON, SCHECHTER, LLP, Buffalo, NY
April 2002 – October 2002

Associate Attorney

- Drafted litigation pleadings, motions, and briefs for trial and appellate courts.

MOSS & O'DELL, P.C., Denver, CO
December 1997 – August 2001

Associate Attorney

- Concentrated in business and employment litigation, corporate and personnel matters, and landlord-tenant issues.
- Drafted pleadings, motions, and briefs for county, district, and appellate courts.
- Argued motions and participated in trials and hearings.
- Extensive interaction with state and federal agencies, including HUD, EPA, OSHA, EEOC, and Colorado Division of Civil Rights.

HONORABLE PAUL A. MARKSON, JR.

Denver District Court, Denver, CO

August 1995 – December 1997

Law Clerk

- Reviewed and researched all motions and pleadings before the Court.
- Drafted Orders of the Court, including the resolution of motions for summary judgment, motions to dismiss, county court appeals, post-trial motions, and discovery motions.
- Supervised and trained law school students interning with the Court.

LAW OFFICES OF RICHARD C. LaFOND, Denver, CO

LAW OFFICES OF CARMEN S. DANIELSON, Boulder, CO

October 1994 – August 1995

Contract Attorney

- Concentrated in employment and civil rights litigation.
- Co-counseled an employment discrimination trial in federal district court.

MINNESOTA SENATE, St. Paul, MN

Office of Counsel and Research

September 1993 – May 1994

Law Clerk

- Conducted legal research for Senators, Senate committees, and legislative commissions in anticipation of, or in response to, legislative needs.
- Prepared legal opinions on queries relating to current law, proposed legislation, and other legislative matters.
- Provided legal services in the Senate Chamber during floor sessions.

HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER J. ARMSTRONG

Associate Justice, Massachusetts Appeals Court, Boston, MA

Intern (June 1993 – August 1993)

DANIEL BUTLER & ASSOCIATES, St. Paul, MN
Law Clerk (April 1992 – May 1993)

SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER, AND FLOM LLP, Boston, MA
Legal Research Assistant (September 1990 – July 1991)

EDUCATION

WILLIAM MITCHELL COLLEGE OF LAW, St. Paul, MN
J.D., *cum laude*, 1994
Editor, William Mitchell Law Review, 1993 – 1994
Staff Member, William Mitchell Law Review, 1992 – 1993

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, St. Louis, MO
B.S., 1988 Major: Psychology. Minor: Business.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado, 1994; United States District Court for the District of Colorado, 1995; District of Columbia, 2002; New York, 2002.

PUBLICATIONS

Ideas in Brief, Incorporating Twitter into the Classroom, AALS Teaching Method Section Newsletter (2015).

Going to the Experts to Move Students from Skeptics to Believers,
19 The Law Teacher 10 (2012). Available at:
https://digitalcommons.law.buffalo.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1271&context=journal_articles

The Disabled Employee and Reasonable Accommodation Under the Minnesota Human Rights Act: Where Does Absenteeism Attributable to the Disability Fit into the Law?, 19 Wm. Mitchell L. Rev. 905 (1993). Available at:
https://digitalcommons.law.buffalo.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1272&context=journal_articles

UNIVERSITY-WIDE ARTICLES ABOUT MY TEACHING

Law Professor's Lessons on Resiliency Resonate Beyond the Classroom,
<https://www.law.buffalo.edu/links/2020-August/reilly.html> (August 2020).

Lecturer Laura Reilly Tries a Different Approach to Briefs, <http://www.law.buffalo.edu/links/2014-December/faculty-reilly.html> (December 2014).

INVITED SPEAKER

Chapman University School of Law, Institute for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, to present and discuss my teaching philosophy, method, and approach to incorporating resilience strategies in the classroom (November 2021).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Conference (Portland, ME, April 2019)

- “Introducing Students to the Realities, Challenges, and Opportunities of Client Intake Interviews and Partner Status Meetings”

Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference (Atlanta, GA, April 2018)

- “Tweeting, Blogging, and Facebook Posts to Strengthen Case Analysis”

Empire State Legal Writing Conference (New York City, NY, June 2017)

- “Innovatively Encouraging Student Engagement”

Legal Writing Institute Workshop (Detroit, MI, December 2014)

- “Interactive Techniques for Teaching Critical LAWR Skills to Today’s Law Students”

New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Conference (Boston, MA, December 2013)

- “Helping Students Teach Themselves LAWR Skills”

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (Boulder, CO, March 2013)

- “Flipped Class Ideas to Encourage Critical Thinking”

Empire State Legal Writing Conference (Buffalo, NY, June 2012)

- “Turning Sceptical Students into Believers: Fun and Engaging Ideas for the Classroom”

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

- Peer Mentor, Compeer of Greater Buffalo, Inc. (2017-2020)
- Delegate, Association of Legal Writing Directors (2015-2019)
- Member, Bar Outreach Committee, Legal Writing Institute (identify and implement ways that legal writing professors and the practicing bar can actively work together to improve the quality of legal writing) (2014-2016)
- Member, Professional Development Committee, Legal Writing Institute (provided resources and mentoring activities to foster and support professional development and leadership growth by legal writing professors) (2012-2014)
- Board Member and Co-Chair of Bylaws Committee, Niagara Falls School District Education Foundation, Inc. (October 2007 – November 2009)
- Board Member, Niagara Gazette Advisory Group (June 2005 – December 2006)
- Board Member and Co-Chair of Legal Services Committee, Colorado Women’s Bar Association (1997 – 1999)