



# Carolyn V. Williams

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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

### University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law

Associate Professor of Legal Writing &  
Assistant Clinical Professor of Law

2017–present

Teach required, year-long course that trains first-year law students to perform basic legal analysis and communicate it in writing. Skills taught include critical reading, case analysis, statutory analysis, citation, objective writing, persuasive writing, and oral advocacy. Create and teach an online hybrid version of Intensive Legal Research and Writing, an upper-level summer course designed to simulate law practice.

### Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Visiting Clinical Professor of Law  
Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law

Spring 2016–17  
Fall 2015

Taught first-year students a three-credit, objective legal writing and research course during the fall semester and a two-credit, persuasive legal writing and oral argument course during the spring semester. Taught Intensive Legal Research and Writing, an upper-level, four-week summer course.

### Courses Taught

Legal Research, Analysis, and Communication; Legal Advocacy; Intensive Legal Research and Writing

## 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

**PUBLICATIONS**

*How Law Schools Are Violating ABA Standards by Overlooking that Law Students Can't Critically Read* (forthcoming).

*#CriticalReading #WickedProblem* (forthcoming in the Southern Illinois Law Review, Winter 2019).

*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).

*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).

**PRESENTATIONS**

*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 the 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.

**(PRESENTATIONS  
CON'T)**

*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 (with Joy Herr-Cardillo).

*Critically Reading and Briefing Cases.* Presented at the Legal Writing and Advocacy Workshop: A Summer Introduction to Writing, Briefing, and Persuasion, Tucson, AZ, July 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.

*When Your Legal Writing Professor Isn't Monogamous: How Your Law School Can Survive and Thrive in a Relationship with an Adjunct.* Presented at the Sixteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, Tucson, AZ, Mar. 2016.

*Zombie Subdivisions Feasting on Arizona: How to Stop Them.* Co-presented at the American Planning Association, Arizona Chapter Annual Planning Conference, Phoenix, AZ, Sept. 2013.

*Subdivision Assurances: Who Will Pay the Piper when the Developer Won't?* Co-presented at the 2013 Arizona State Bar Land Use Update, Phoenix, AZ, June 2013.

**PROFESSIONAL  
ASSOCIATIONS AND  
COMMITTEES****National**

- Member, Outreach Committee, Association of American Law Schools Section of Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research, 2019–20
- Chair, ALWD Guide Task Force, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2018–19
- Member, Joint ALWD/LWI Survey Committee, Association of Legal Writing Directors and Legal Writing Institute, 2018–19

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ASSOCIATIONS AND  
COMMITTEES  
CON'T)**

- Member, One-Day Workshops Committee, Legal Writing Institute, 2018–20
- Peer Reviewer, *Legal Communication and Rhetoric: JALWD*, 2018
- Member, ALWD Guide Task Force, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2017–18
- Assistant Editor, *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*, 2016
- 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**

- Site Coordinator, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, 2017
- Chair, Site Committee for the 2017 Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference
- Member, Arizona Women Lawyers Association, 2015–present
- Member, Women in eDiscovery, 2016–present

**University**

- University Hearing Board member, Arizona State University, 2016–17

**College of Law**

- Chair, ABA Assessment & Learning Outcomes Committee, University of Arizona, 2019–20
- Member, Curriculum Committee, University of Arizona, 2019–20
- Member, ABA Assessment & Learning Outcomes Committee, University of Arizona, 2017–18 and 2018–19
- Faculty Co-advisor, *Arizona State Law Journal*, 2016–17

**HONORS & AWARDS**

- 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