

# Michael Whitlow

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## Experience

University of Colorado Law School – William A. Wise Law Library

Head of Instructional Services & Assistant Teaching Professor      July 2024 – Present

- Create and manage the curriculum for the law school's first-year Foundations of Legal Research courses.
- Supervise the Senior Research & Reference Fellow.
- Teach Foundations of Legal Research as a required first-year course.
- Teach Advanced Legal Research to second- and third-year students.
- Teach Legislative Drafting & Policy as a co-instructor with Professor Gabrielle Stafford.
- Provide reference assistance to students, faculty, and public patrons.

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law – Westminster Law Library

Faculty Services Librarian & Assistant Professor      *November 2022 – June 2024*

- Led the Westminster Law Library's Faculty Research Service by
  1. Hiring, training, and supervising a team of two research assistants; and
  2. Delegating research projects to reference librarians and managing the output of their projects.
- Performed legal and interdisciplinary research for Sturm College of Law faculty.
- Taught legislative drafting as an upper-level elective.
- Taught legal research courses as part of the Sturm College of Law's Certificate in Legal Research program.
- Participated in collection development.
- Participated in strategic planning for the Westminster Law Library.
- Provided reference assistance to students, faculty, and visiting attorneys.
- Served on the Sturm College of Law's Modern Learning Committee.
- Served on the Sturm College of Law's Emergency Response Team.
- Served on the Sturm College of Law's Staff Appreciation & Recognition (STAR) Team.

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law – Westminster Law Library

Reference Librarian & Assistant Professor      *August 2018 – November 2022*

- Provided reference and research assistance to students, faculty, and visiting attorneys.
- Taught legislative drafting as an upper-level elective to Sturm College of Law students.
- Taught legal research courses as part of the Sturm College of Law's Certificate in Legal Research program.
- Participated in collection development.
- Participated in strategic planning for the Westminster Law Library.
- Served on the selection committee for the Westminster Law Library's Head of Access Services.

- Maintained and updated online instructional resources including research guides, tutorials, and FAQs.
- May 2022 to November 2022: coordinated faculty research services to Sturm College of Law faculty on an interim basis.

University of Illinois College of Law – Albert E. Jenner, Jr. Law Library

Graduate Assistant *May 2017 – August 2018*

- Provided reference assistance to faculty, students, and public patrons of the law library.
- Provided research assistance to faculty.

Sears Holdings Management Corporation

Fair Employment Consultant *February 2016 – April 2017*

- Investigated allegations of employment discrimination, researched appropriate state and federal laws, and defended Sears' actions before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and equivalent state agencies through motion practice and administrative hearings.
- Provided advice and guidance to Sears' Associate Service Organization on maintaining compliance with federal and state employment discrimination laws.
- Co-authored the 2016 revisions to Sears' anti-discrimination policies to include transgender persons.

Legislative Reference Bureau

Staff Attorney *October 2012 – August 2014*

- Drafted over 1500 bills, amendments, and resolutions for the 98<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Illinois Legislature. Frequently worked backwards from a legislator's stated end-goal to determine the appropriate legal language and code placement. Researched other states' laws for analogous legislative proposals.
- Counseled legislators and their staff on the impact of proposed legislation and possible legal challenges.

City of Chicago

Prosecutor *October 2009 – December 2011*

- Represented the City of Chicago in Circuit Court and administrative hearings to prosecute state traffic law violations and municipal code violations.
- Trained four new prosecutors on court procedure and office policy.

## **Education**

University of Illinois School of Information Science  
Master of Science in Library & Information Science – May 2018

DePaul University School of Law  
Juris Doctor conferred *cum laude* – May 2009

Texas A&M University  
Bachelor of Arts in English – May 2003

## **Professional Memberships**

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)

- Awards Committee, July 2025 – July 2027
- Leadership Academy 2022
- Local Arrangements Committee, October 2021 – July 2022
- Government Relations Committee, July 2018 – July 2021

AALL Chapters:

- Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL)
- Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL)
  - Vice-President/President-elect, March 2025 – March 2026
  - President, March 2026-March 2027

## **Publications**

Legal Research Corner: Evaluating Decisis  
Colorado Lawyer, December 2025  
<https://cl.cobar.org/departments/evaluating-decisis/>

Legal Research Corner: Colorado Legislative History  
Colorado Lawyer, May 2025  
<https://cl.cobar.org/departments/a-guide-to-free-colorado-legislative-history-materials/>

Legal Research Corner: Municipal Resources  
Colorado Lawyer, July 2021  
<https://cl.cobar.org/departments/municipal-resources/>

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- Daniel B. Rosenbaum, *The Local Lawmaking Loophole*, 133 Yale L.J. 2612 (2024)

## **Presentations**

March 2025, Presenter, Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Conference, *Growth Mindset & Toxic Positivity*

March 2025, Presenter, Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Conference, *Radical Vulnerability: Speaking to Students about Mental Health*

March 2022, Panelist, Civil Rights Summit, *Mental Health & Legislation*

## **Research Acknowledgements**

David Thomson, *The Guided Sequence for Formation of Professional Identity*, 20 U. St. Thomas L.J. 869 (2024)

Rebecca Aviel, *Lawmaking for Leverage*, 102 N.C. L.Rev. 1573 (2024)

Laurent Sacharoff, *Pretrial Commitment & the Fourth Amendment*, 99 Notre Dame L. Rev. 1021 (2024)

Colleen Cullen, *The Nonexistent Speedy Trial Right*, 51 Pepp. L. Rev. 661 (2024)

Nancy Leong, et al., *Pleading Failures in Monell Litigation*, 73 Emory L.J. 801 (2024)

Nancy Leong, *Civil Rights Liability for Bad Hiring*, 108 Minn. L. Rev. 1 (2023)

K.K. DuVivier, *Mobilizing Microgrids for Energy Justice*, 26 Stan. Tech. L. Rev. 250 (2023)

Roberto L. Corrada, *Teaching a Hybrid Administrative Law Simulation Class Using Jurassic Park*, 71 J. Legal Educ. 282 (2022)

Alexi Freeman & Lindsey Webb, *Yes, You Can Learn Movement Lawyering in Law School: Highlights from the Movement Lawyering Lab at Denver Law*, 5 How. Hum. & C.R. L. Rev. 55 (2020)