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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL, Boulder, CO**

#### **Legal Writing Professor, July 1999 – Present**

Teach first-year and advanced legal writing courses, including courses for undergraduate and LL.M. students; teach business law and advanced business law classes at the Leeds School of Business.

#### **Co-Director, Legal Writing Program, July 2003 – August 2005**

Co-directed and coordinated all aspects of the program, including hiring, supervising, and evaluating faculty; coordinating and developing the first-year and upper-level curriculum; and representing the program among the faculty, the university, and the larger community.

#### **Director, Moot Court Programs, September 2005 – July 2010**

Supervised and managed the law school's intermural and intramural moot court programs, including including advising the law school's moot court board, hosting national competitions, interacting with and recruiting judges for the Rothgerber moot court program, coaching moot court teams, and acting as a brief scorer for moot court competitions.

- Coach, National Moot Court Teams (2000 – 2015)
- Coach, Thomas Tang International Law Moot Court Competition (2012)
- Coach, American Constitution Society Competition (2010)
- Faculty Advisor, Rothgerber Moot Court Board (2000 – 2010)
- Faculty Advisor, Native American Law Students Association Competition (2001)
- Brief Scorer, Native American Law Students Association Competition (2003)

### **CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW, Chicago, IL**

#### **Visiting Assistant Professor, July 1998 – June 1999**

Taught full-year legal writing course to 34 first-year students, taught Law and Literature seminar, and coached a moot court team in the Chicago Bar Association Competition (Finalist) and the National Appellate Advocacy Competition (Regional Semi-Finalist).

### **ALBUQUERQUE TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE, Albuquerque, NM**

#### **Part-Time Legal Assistant Studies Instructor, September 1995 - August 1997**

Taught evening legal research and writing and constitutional law courses in ABA-approved two-year Legal Assistant Studies program.

## COURSES TAUGHT

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Advanced Appellate Advocacy  
Advanced Business Law  
Business Law  
Introduction to U.S. Law for Undergraduates  
Introduction to U.S. Legal Practice for LL.M. Students  
Law and Literature (class and seminar)  
Legal Writing I  
Legal Writing II  
Legislative and Policy Drafting  
Research and Writing in the Regulatory Context

## EDUCATION

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### **BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Boston, MA**

Juris Doctor, May 1991, graduated in top 20% of class

*Activities:* Case & Note Editor, *Boston University Journal of International Law*  
Participant, Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

*Honors:* American Jurisprudence Award for best grade in Torts

### **MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE,**

#### **THE BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH, Middlebury, VT**

Coursework toward a Master of Arts in English.

Studied for two summers at The Bread Loaf School of English, a summer graduate program at Middlebury College

### **HEBREW UNIVERSITY, Jerusalem, Israel**

Course work toward a Master of Arts in Communications, 1986

Recipient of Lev Zion Academic Scholarship

### **UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, PA**

Bachelor of Arts, *Cum Laude*, English Literature, August 1984

## SERVICE

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### *Law School*

I have been a member of multiple law school committees, including:

Evaluations Committee (non-tenure-track)  
Admissions Committee  
International Programs Committee  
MSL Implementation Committee (Co-Chair)  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
Peer Review Committee (non-tenure-track)  
Task Force Reports Implementation Committee  
Adjunct Committee  
Legal Writing Instructor Search Committee (five times)  
Pro Bono Research and Writing Committee

Additional law school service:

Director, MSL Patent Law Program for 2015-2016  
Director, Moot Court Programs (2005-2010)  
Coach, Moot Court Teams (2000-2015)  
Academic Advisor, LL.M. Program  
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### *National and International*

I have been a member of numerous national and international groups and committees:

- Member, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Scholarship Group. We meet monthly and review everything from conference proposals to lengthy law-review submissions.
- Legal Writing Institute's Committee on Cooperation Between Pro Bono & Legal Writing Professors

- Delegate, Association of Legal Writing Directors
- Legal Writing Institute New Member Outreach Committee
- Global Legal Writing Skills Committee
- Seventh Annual Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Site Committee Member
- Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference Host Committee Member

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION (SELECTED)**

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Panelist, “Becoming You: Are We What We Advocate?” Ninth Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, City University, London, England (July 2023)

“Using Virtual Live Feedback to Improve the Writing Skills of International LL.M. Students,” 15<sup>th</sup> Global Legal Skills Conference, Nottingham, England (July 2023)

Participant, Business Law Symposium, San Antonio, Texas (March 2023) (16-member invitation-only symposium hosted by McGraw Hill).

“Dialogue Works! The Benefits of Virtual Live Feedback: Lessons Learned from the Pandemic’s Disruption,” Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, UNLV (February 2023)

Chair and Discussant, Panel on Police and Policing, Law and Society Global Meeting, Lisbon (Summer 2022)

Global Legal Skills Conference XIII, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona (2019)

Site Committee, Seventh Annual Conference on Applied Legal Storytelling, University of Colorado, Boulder (2019)

“Humanizing the Law: Using *Gideon’s Trumpet* to Construct an Inspiring Narrative in 1L Legal Writing,” Eighteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Colorado (2018)

“Introducing Foreign LL.M Students to United States Law: A Narrative Approach,” Global Legal Skills Conference XII, Monterrey, Mexico (2017)

West Coast Rhetoric Conference (invitation only), Workshop Participant, Stanford University (2015)

“Law as Narrative and the Role of Counter-Narrative in Louise Erdrich’s *The Round House*,” Fourth Annual Conference on Applied Legal Storytelling, University of London, London, England (2013)

“Making the Shift from Objective to Persuasive Writing,” Tenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Denver (2010).

Annual Participation and Presentations at Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conferences, at University of Arizona, Arizona State University, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, University of Denver, and University of Colorado.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

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Gabrielle Marks Stafford, Back to Basics: Restoring Humanity to (Legal) Writing and Storytelling 18 Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD 177 (Fall 2021) (reviewing Kurt Vonnegut & Suzanne McConnell, *Pity the Reader: On Writing With Style* (2020)).

A Narrative Approach Towards Teaching Introduction to U.S. Law to Law Students, Undergraduates, and LL.M. Students (work in progress)

Law as Narrative in Judicial Opinions of the Navajo Nation (work in progress)

Member, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Scholarship Group. We meet monthly and review everything from conference proposals to lengthy law-review submissions.

Peer Reviewer, Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD.

Peer Reviewer, Cognella Academic Publishing

Peer Reviewer, Kubasek, *Dynamic Business Law*, 6e (McGraw Hill)

## **LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

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### **CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**, Albuquerque, NM

*Assistant City Attorney for Housing*, February 1996 - July 1998

Sole counsel to Albuquerque Housing Services, a city agency with a staff of 75 employees, which administers 1,000 public housing units and 2,500 Section 8 certificates. Advised AHS on all aspects of federal and state law and city ordinances pertaining to affordable housing and community development programs, including public and assisted housing lease and grievance procedures, the Fair Housing Act, and the Uniform Owner-Resident Relations Act. Represented AHS in federal and state court, and before administrative bodies. Prosecuted violations of the city's Housing Code.

### **LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF ALBUQUERQUE, INC.**, Albuquerque, NM

*Staff Attorney*, March 1995 - February 1996

Provided legal advice and assistance to low-income persons on a broad range of civil legal issues, including housing, consumer, public benefits, and other areas of poverty law. Represented clients in state and federal courts and at administrative hearings.

### **NEW MEXICO STATE SENATE**, Santa Fe, NM

*Legislative Analyst*, Forty-Second Legislature, First Session (Jan. 1995 - March 1995)

Analyzed and drafted proposed legislation. Explained substantive legal issues, indicated conflicts with and duplication of existing law, and proposed amendments or alternative legislation.

### **JACOBVITZ, ROYBAL & THUMA, P.C.**, Albuquerque, NM

*Associate Attorney*, September 1993 - January 1995

Practiced general civil law in commercial practice, focusing on bankruptcy law, business transactions, and commercial litigation; was assistant general counsel to the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority.

### **POOLE, KELLY & RAMO, P.C.**, Albuquerque, NM

*Associate Attorney*, November 1991 - August 1993; *Summer Law Clerk*, Summer 1990

Wrote memoranda on complex insurance, banking, and commercial issues.

### **OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**, Boston, MA

*Summer Law Clerk*, Civil Division, Summer 1989

Drafted memoranda and briefs on federal legal issues, including standing and discovery issues under the Federal Tort Claims Act and the Equal Access to Justice Act.

### **PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON**, New York, NY

*Litigation Paralegal*, December 1987 - July 1988

### **SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM**, New York, NY

*Litigation Paralegal*, January 1986 - August 1986

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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State Bar of Colorado (2000) (Inactive)

State Bar of New Mexico (1991) (Inactive)

United States District Court for the District of New Mexico (1992)

United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (1995)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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American Bar Association  
Association of Legal Writing Directors (Delegate)  
Legal Writing Institute  
Law and Society Association