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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW, Irvine, California

Visiting Professor of Lawyering Skills, August 2023-Present

Teach Lawyering Skills I and II, and Advanced Legal Writing: Finding Your Voice.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL, Boulder, Colorado

Teaching Professor, July 2023-Present

Teaching Associate Professor, July 2022 – July 2023

Legal Writing Professor, July 2000 – July 2022

Teach first-year and advanced legal writing courses, as well as additional courses, such as Legal Imagination and Introduction to United States Law for International and LL.M. Students.

Faculty Director, LL.M. Program, December 2018 – Present

Work to advance the program and enhance the experience of its students, who are mostly foreign lawyers and international exchange students. Represent the LL.M. program in a variety of contexts, evaluate candidates for admission, oversee and develop its curriculum, liaise with the faculty, advise and teach LL.M. students, and work on a variety of initiatives and ad hoc projects.

Director, Legal Writing Program, July 2005 - July 2014

Co-Director, Legal Writing Program, July 2003 – July 2005

Directed and coordinated all aspects of the program, including hiring, supervising and evaluating faculty, developing the curriculum, and representing the program among the faculty, on committees, and in the university and the larger community.

EDUCATION

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Durham, North Carolina

Juris Doctor, May 1992

Moot Court Board, Law School Judicial Board

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Course work toward a Master of Arts in Philosophy, 1995-1998

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, Dallas, Texas

Bachelor of Arts, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 1989

Major: Political Science; Minor: History

Dean's List, Outstanding Senior Scholar, Outstanding Junior Scholar

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, Fort Worth, Texas
August 1985 - May 1987
Major: Political Science
Dean's List

COURSES TAUGHT

Advanced Appellate Advocacy
Advanced Legal Writing: Persuasion
Class and Law
Introduction to United States Law (for undergraduates)
Introduction to United States Law for International LL.M. Students
Legal Ethics
Legal Imagination
Legal Writing I
Legal Writing II
Professional Responsibility
Rhetoric and the Art of Persuasion

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Legal writing, legal imagination, composition, rhetoric, legal and political history, legal and political philosophy, continental philosophy, critical theory, narrative and storytelling theory, torts, and the fundamentals of the American legal system.

SCHOLARLY CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Introducing Foreign LLM Students to United States Law: A Narrative Approach." Presented at the 15th Global Legal Skills Conference in Nottingham, UK, July 30-August 1, 2023.

"Becoming You: Are We What We Advocate?" Panel presentation at the 2023 Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, City University in London, July 26-July 28, 2023.

"Dialogue Works! The Benefits of Virtual Live Feedback: Lessons Learned from the Pandemic's Disruption." Presented at the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, February 24-25, 2023.

"Narratives of Assassination: Deep Framing and the Difficulties of Challenging the Warren Commission Report." Presented at the Seventh Biennial Conference on Applied Legal Storytelling at the University of Colorado Law School in July 2019.

Presented a draft paper titled "The Madman, Freewriting, and Finding the Student's Voice in Legal Writing" at the West Coast Rhetoric Workshop at the UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law in November 2018.

"Finding the Student's Voice: A Salve for 1L Alienation." Presented at the Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference at the University of Georgia School of Law in April 2018.

"Finding the Student's Voice: A Salve for 1L Alienation." Presented at the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in March 2018.

“Developing Additional and Upper-Level Courses.” Presented at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law's One-Day Workshop on Saturday, December 5, 2015.

"The Perfect Time is Now: Getting Started and Finding Support for your Scholarship." Panel participant in a Legal Writing Institute webinar on December 10, 2015.

“Court as Teacher: The Limitations of the Didactic Trial.” Presented at the Fourth Biennial Conference on Legal Storytelling, University of London, London, UK, July 2013.

“Teaching the Value of Paradigmed Analysis.” Presented at the Tenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ, March 19-20, 2010.

SCHOLARSHIP & WORKS IN PROGRESS

Review of James Boyd White's book *Keep Law Alive*. 19 *Legal Communication and Rhetoric: JALWD* 225 (2022).

Article titled *Professional Identity: Meaningful “Thing” or Just Another Role We Play?* (work in progress).

Essay titled *The Madman, Freewriting, and Encouraging the Student's Voice in Legal Writing* (work in progress).

Article titled *We are What We Advocate: Advocacy Actually Changes the Advocate's Mind* (work in progress).

Article titled *The Art of the Memo: What McGeorge Bundy Can Teach Us About Legal Writing* (work in progress).

Paper titled *Narratives of Assassination: Deep framing and the Difficulties of Challenging the Warren Commission Report* (work in progress).

SERVICE

Host Committee, Seventh Biennial Conference on Applied Legal Storytelling
Boulder Faculty Assembly Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Instructors
CU Law International Programs Committee (chair)
CU Law Admissions Committee
CU Law Academic and Student Affairs Committee
CU Law Technology Committee
CU Law Legal Writing Curriculum Review Committee
Dean's Cabinet
Search committees for legal writing faculty (often chair)

LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE, Boulder, Colorado

October 1999 - June 2000

Contract litigation practice representing both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts, focusing on employment law and intellectual property matters, including trademark and copyright infringement.

AMERITECH CORPORATION, Chicago, Illinois

Attorney, October 1998 - June 1999

Worked as a contractor in the legal department. Primary or substantial responsibility in a variety of litigation matters chiefly in the areas of commercial and consumer litigation and bankruptcy.

KELLY, RAMMELKAMP, MUEHLENWEG & LUCERO,

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Associate Attorney, August 1993 - August 1998

Litigation practice representing both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts, focusing on employment law, but also involving commercial disputes, attorney malpractice, and business torts. Primary or substantial responsibility for all aspects of cases, including discovery, mediation, trial, and appeal. Counseled clients on a broad spectrum of employment matters, including discrimination, wrongful discharge, collective bargaining, and wage and hour issues. Lectured in seminars on various employment topics.

POOLE, KELLY & RAMO, P.C., Albuquerque, New Mexico

Associate Attorney, September 1992 - August 1993

Summer Associate, Summer 1991

Litigated in both state and federal courts in a variety of cases, including employment, banking, and commercial matters.

PRO BONO EXPERIENCE

Citizen Advocacy Center, Elmhurst, Illinois

Pro Bono Cooperating Attorney, September 1998 - June 1999

Defended a community association in a lawsuit filed by a real estate developer attempting to silence the association's efforts to preserve open space. The association was granted immunity for its activities based upon the petition clauses of the state and federal constitutions.

American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin

Pro Bono Cooperating Attorney, August 1998 - January 1999

Represented a university student in a case involving free speech and the application and constitutionality of Madison, Wisconsin's municipal ordinance prohibiting obstruction of a police investigation.

American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico

Pro Bono Cooperating Attorney, June 1994 - August 1998

Represented the Democratic Party of New Mexico in an effort to establish the right of individuals to engage in expressive activities in privately owned shopping malls under the free speech provision of the New Mexico Constitution; advised ACLU regarding various issues on a periodic basis.

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Colorado (1999) (Inactive)

State Bar of Illinois (1999) (Inactive)

State Bar of New Mexico (1992) (Inactive)

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

United States District Court for the District of Arizona (1996)

United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (1994)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association
American Civil Liberties Union
Law and Society Association

CASES RESULTING IN PUBLISHED OPINIONS

EDIAS Software International, L.L.C. v. BASIS International, Ltd., 947 F. Supp. 413(D. Ariz. 1997)
Saavedra v. City of Albuquerque, 73 F.3d 1525 (10th Cir. 1996)
Saavedra v. City of Albuquerque, 859 F. Supp. 526 (D.N.M. 1994)

SELECTED CLE PRESENTATIONS

“The Americans With Disabilities Act,” New Mexico CLE presentation and materials
“Sexual Harassment in the Workplace,” New Mexico CLE presentation and materials
“Employment Discrimination,” New Mexico CLE presentation and materials
“Employment-at-Will and Retaliatory Discharge,” New Mexico CLE presentation and materials