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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Law and Director of Legal Writing (August 2022 to present)

The University of Akron School of Law

Implement the legal writing curriculum as approved by the faculty and university; coordinate programmatic details of the first-year and upper-level legal writing curriculum including fostering collaboration among the LARW faculty on assignments and course structure; implemented a Legal Writing Fellows Program to provide additional help and support to LARW students; present at conferences and CLEs; represent the legal writing program and the law school in the legal writing community; and attend workshops and conferences focused on the development and implementation of an effective legal writing curriculum.

Courses taught: Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing I and II; Judicial Drafting; and Appellate Practice and Procedure.

Director of Legal Writing (2019-Present)

The University of Akron School of Law

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs (July 1, 2017-August 2022)

The University of Akron School of Law

Manage all aspects of student services including advising, degree clearance, disciplinary referrals, academic dismissal referrals, academic scheduling, graduation, student organizations, disability services, and oversee student bar admission reporting for all 50 jurisdictions including character and fitness review.

Courses taught: Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing I and II; Judicial Drafting; and Appellate Practice and Procedure.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Writing (2016-2017)

The University of Akron School of Law

Courses taught: Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing I and II.

Senior Lecturer (Spring 2016)
The University of Akron School of Law

Courses taught: Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing I.

PUBLICATIONS

[*Fraudulent Joinder, Federalism, and the Twombly/Iqbal Problem*](#), 108 Ky. L.J. 431 (2020)

[*Seven Tips for the Brief Writer*](#), 19 Ohio Trial 35 (2009)

[*Parent-Child Loss of Consortium Claims: It's Time to Bury an Antiquated Analogy*](#), 18 Ohio Trial 33 (2008)

BLOG POSTS

[*Legal Communication and Rhetoric: JALWD Turns 20*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (May 2, 2023)

[*Bluebooking*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (June 28, 2022)

[*Lead with your Strength*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (March 8, 2022)

[*A \(Cleaned Up\) Dust Up*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (Nov. 23, 2021)

[*Professionalism in Legal Writing: Dos & Don'ts Part V*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (Sept. 7, 2021)

[*Professionalism in Legal Writing: Dos & Don'ts Part IV*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (July 27, 2021)

[*Professionalism in Legal Writing: Dos & Don'ts Part III*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (June 29, 2021)

[*Professionalism in Legal Writing: Dos & Don'ts Part II*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (Feb. 9, 2021)

[*Professionalism in Legal Writing: Dos & Don'ts Part I*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (Oct. 6, 2020)

[*Book Review – Classical English Style*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (Sept. 1, 2020)

[*Footnoted Citation, Ramos v. Louisiana*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (May 5, 2020)

[*Make the Standard of Review Work for You*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (March 3, 2020)

[*The Appellate Advocate's Library*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (Feb. 4, 2020)

[*The Genealogy of Law*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (Dec. 10, 2019)

[*Ethical Issues on Appeal*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (Oct. 15, 2019)

[*\(Cleaned Up\) Citations*](#), The Appellate Advocacy Blog (Sept. 17, 2019)

PRESENTATIONS

The Rise of "Cleaned Up" and What it Means for First-Year Writing Programs, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference (2023)

Brief Writing, Akron Bar Association Civil and Criminal Appellate Law Update (2023)

Ethical and Professional Considerations in Written and Oral Advocacy, Akron Bar Association Civil and Criminal Appellate Law Update (2023)

Why I Win—Getting Students to Focus on their Positive Arguments, Legal Writing Institute New Legal Writing Professors' Bootcamp (2023)

Incorporating Ethics and Professionalism into the First-Year Writing Program, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (2022)

Sixth Circuit and Supreme Court of Ohio Review, The University of Akron School of Law Winter Institute (2022)

Professionalism in Communication, The University of Akron School of Law Winter Institute (2020)

Sixth Circuit and Supreme Court of Ohio Review, The University of Akron School of Law Winter Institute (2020)

The Second Amendment, Walsh University, Lifelong Learner Academy (2019)

Courtroom Drama: Learning from the Faux Pas of Others, The University of Akron School of Law Winter Institute (2019)

Avoiding the Bench Slap: Professionalism in Legal Writing, The University of Akron School of Law Winter Institute (2019)

The Second Amendment, moderator, Federalist Society and American Constitution Debate, The University of Akron School of Law (2018)

Paving the Way for Great Appeals, Community Legal Aid (2018)

Fiscal Caution, Fiscal Watch, Fiscal Emergency, and Academic Statutes and Case Law, Ohio Education Association (2009)

Appellate Advocacy – The Law Clerk’s Perspective, Ohio Association for Justice (2008)

District of Columbia v. Heller debate moderator, The University of Akron School of Law (2008)

Second Amendment Issues, Scanlon Inn of Court (2008)

SERVICE TO THE LAW SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY, AND LEGAL WRITING COMMUNITY

Chair, ABA Self-Study Committee (2023)

Associate Editor, *Legal Communication Rhetoric: JALWD* (appointed to five-year term beginning June 2022)

Chair, Assistant Director of Academic and Bar Success Programs Search Committee (Spring 2022)

Vice-Chair, School of Law Dean Search Committee (2021)

Chair, Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Writing Search Committee (2021)

Co-Chair, Akron/Cleveland Marshall Exploratory Working Group, Student Opportunities and Market Competition Subcommittee (2020-2021)

Chair, Director of Admissions Search Committee (2018)

Co-organized and hosted LWI One Day Workshop at The University of Akron School of Law, themed *Moving from the Brief to the Podium: Teaching Oral Advocacy* (2018)

The University of Akron School of Law, Five Distinctive Characteristics Committee, Group Leader for Trial Advocacy and Litigation Group

Akron Law Review, Faculty Note Advisor (2016 to present)

Akron Bar Association Law School Liaison Committee (2017 to 2022)

Faculty Senate, Student Affairs Committee (2017-2022)

Law Alumni Association Board of Directors

Member, 2010 to 2022

Vice President, 2014 to 2015

President, 2015 to 2016
Immediate Past President, 2015 to 2016

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Green Haines Sgambati Co., L.P.A. (2006-2016)

Litigation Attorney: represented clients in labor and employment matters in trial and appellate courts at the state and federal level.

Ohio Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Motor Vehicles (2007 to 2017)

Administrative Hearing Examiner

Eleventh District Court of Appeals (2003-2006)

Law Clerk to the Honorable Cynthia Westcott Rice

Young & McDowall (1997-2003)

Associate (1999 to 2003)

Law Clerk (1997 to 1999)

SIGNIFICANT REPORTED CASES

Federal Court

Dragomier v. Loc. 1112 Intern. Union United Auto. Aerospace and Agr. Implement Workers of Am., 64 F. Supp. 3d 1033 (N.D. Ohio 2014), *aff'd sub nom. Dragomier v. Loc. 1112 UAW*, 620 Fed. Appx. 517 (6th Cir. 2015) (unpublished)

McBroom v. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Inc., 747 F. Supp. 2d 906 (N.D. Ohio 2010)

State Court

Portage County Bd. of Developmental Disabilities v. Portage County Educators' Assn. for Developmental Disabilities, 153 Ohio St. 3d 219, 103 N.E.3d 804 (2018)

Mahoning Edn. Assn. of Dev. Disabilities v. State Emp. Rel. Bd., 137 Ohio St. 3d 257, 998 N.E.2d 1124 (2013)

Am. Fedn. of State, Cty. & Mun. Emps. Loc. #74 v. Warren, 177 Ohio App. 3d 530, 895 N.E.2d 238 (Ohio App. 11th Dist. 2008), *aff'd sub nom. Am. Fedn. of State, Cty., Mun. Emps., Loc. # 74 v. Warren*, 122 Ohio St. 3d 545 (2009)

State ex rel. Brannon v. Lakeview Sch. Bd. of Edn., 62 N.E.3d 1003 (Ohio App. 11th Dist. 2016)

Youngstown Edn. Assn. v. Kimble, 63 N.E.3d 649 (Ohio App. 7th Dist. 2016)

W. Branch Loc. Sch. Dist. Bd. of Edn. v. W. Branch Edn. Assn., 35 N.E.3d 551 (Ohio App. 7th Dist. 2015)

EDUCATION

The University of Akron School of Law (1999)

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*

Associate Editor and Case and Comment Editor, *Akron Law Review*

ATLA Trial Team regional champion

Corpus Juris Secundum Award for Contracts I

Bluefield State College (1996)

Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice Administration

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio

United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

United States Court of Appeal for the Sixth Circuit

Supreme Court of the United States

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Akron Bar Association (2017 to present)

Association of Legal Writing Directors (2019 to present)

Legal Writing Institute (2016 to present)

National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals (2017-2022)

Ohio State Bar Association (2019 to present)

Scribes (2021 to present)

AWARDS

The Thomas G. Byers Memorial Award Alumni Scholarly Publication (2021)