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ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Illinois (2000)

EXPERIENCE

THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL

Assistant Professor

(2009 to present)

Lawyering Skills I

Research, objective writing, and presentation skills

o Writing for the Practice of Law

Writing and presentation skills with emphasis on Illinois Civil Procedure.

Counseling & Negotiations

Interactive and experiential course focusing on client counseling, listening and questioning skills, and negotiation strategies.

Masaryk University Faculty of Law

(Fall 2012, 2013, Summer 2014)

Brno, Czech Republic, Autumn School of Legal Writing Visiting Professor

Workshops on U.S. legal system, legal analysis and writing, plagiarism, negotiations, and case reading skills.

Summer Institute for International IP Professionals

(Summer 2014)

The John Marshall Law School, Chicago

Basics of the U.S. legal system and legal skills including case reading, analysis, writing, and CREAC organization.

University of Limerick School of Law

(Spring 2014)

Limerick, Ireland

Visiting Professor.

Workshops on objective writing, persuasive writing, and negotiation strategies.

China Intellectual Property Training Center

(Summer 2013)

Beijing, The People's Republic of China, JMLS LLM Program

Visiting Professor, Lawyering Skills

Three-week intensive course on objective writing, research, reading, listening, and speaking skills.

Director, Writing Resource Center

(2005 to present)

- Hire, train, and supervise Writing Resource Center staff.
- Counsel students at all levels of ability and on all aspects of legal writing, in one-on-one sessions.
- Develop and conduct workshops, including Plagiarism for International Students, Understanding IRAC, Moving from Objective to Persuasive Writing, and Scholarly Writing.
- Coordinate with legal writing faculty to develop programming and materials.

Adjunct Professor

(2001 to 2009)

- Writing for the Practice of Law (taught writing skills with emphasis on Illinois Civil Procedure)
- SCALES Legal Writing (Summer College to Assess Legal Education Skills, course for conditionally admitted students)

Writing Resource Center Advisor

(2002 to 2005)

- o Tutored students in one-on-one sessions.
- Developed and presented group workshops.

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(2000 to 2001)

 General practice law firm. Areas of law included divorce, real estate, probate, personal injury, and bankruptcy.

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois

- o Juris Doctor, magna cum laude
- Fred F. Herzog Academic Excellence Scholarship
- West's Corpus Juris Secundum Award for Scholastic Excellence: Torts I, Torts II, Contracts
- o CALI Excellence for the Future Award: Constitutional Law, Evidence

Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

- o Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, English Literature
- o Otto W. Lehmann Foundation Academic Scholarship
- o Martin J. Svaglic Literary Excellence Award

<u>PRESENTATIONS,</u> WORKSHOPS, LECTURES

Presentations on Plagiarism

- Plagiarism: What Every law Student Should Know, Guest Lecturer, Interactive half-day workshop for international law students. Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Orientation for International LLM and Global JD Students (August 2015)
- Plagiarism: What Every law Student Should Know, Guest Lecturer, Interactive half-day workshop for international law students. Boston College Law School, Foundations of U.S. Law and Practice: Intensive Summer Institute for Non-US Law Students (July 2015)
- Tips for Teaching International Students about Plagiarism.
 Presented as part of panel: "Writing Across Cultures and Languages," 16th
 Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Philadelphia,
 Pennsylvania (July 2014)
- Plagiarism: What Every Law Student Needs to Know, Guest Lecturer Interactive half-day workshop for international LL.M. students. Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, Michigan (February 2013)
- Plagiarism: What Every Student Should Know. Interactive half-day workshop focusing on rules of plagiarism and paraphrasing exercises. Autumn School of Legal Writing, Masaryk University Faculty of Law, Brno, Czech Republic (October 2012, 2013)
- Avoiding Plagiarism: What International Law Students Need to Know.
 Interactive half-day workshop for international students. The John
 Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, (Fall and Spring semesters, 2006 through 2014)
- Plagiarism, What Every Student Should Know, Interactive half-day workshop for J.D. students. University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Denver, Colorado (March 2012)
- Plagiarism and Paraphrasing: Mastering the "Rules" Guest Lecturer, Interactive half-day workshop for Masters students. Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois (July 2011)
- Reassessing Plagiarism Policies: Education Before Execution. American Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, California (June 2011)

- Plagiarism and Paraphrasing: What Foreign Lawyers Need to Know.
 Twenty-First Century Legal Skills Conference, Bahçeşehir University,
 Istanbul, Turkey (June 2011)
- Moving from Indictment Towards Education. Capital Area Conference, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C. (February 2011)
- Plagiarism and the Non-U.S. Law Student: Moving Away From Impeachment and Toward Education, with co-presenter. Global Legal Skills V Conference, Facultad Libre De Derecho De Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico (February 2010)
- How to Teach International Students About Plagiarism. Global Legal Skills IV Conference, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. (June 2009)
- Assessing Acts of Collaboration and Plagiarism. Panel discussion.
 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, LWRR Section, San Diego, California (January 2009)

Other Presentations

- The Untold Story: How Better Client Communications Can Change Public Perceptions of Lawyers, Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Seattle University Law School (July 2015)
- Teaching "New" Global Skills: Introducing Students to Problem-solving and Fact Analysis in a Single (and Fun!) Assessment Exercise, Global Legal Skills Conference 10, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago (May 2015)
- Get Your Students Talking: Emphasizing Speaking Skills in LWR Courses for Foreign Lawyers. Global Legal Skills Conference 9, Verona, Italy (May 2014)
- Panelist, Reading Cases Globally: Strategies for Case Reading and Interpretation, Education in the Twenty-first Century: An International Conference of Legal Educators, Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Turkey; Turkish Bar Association, Ankara, Turkey (May 2014)
- Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference ALWD Scholars' Forum, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida. Critique of work in progress, *Using Tolstoy to Teach Lawyers the Art of Persuasion*. (April 2014)

- Listening and Speaking Are Lawyering Skills, Too, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, University of Michigan Law School (December 2013)
- "Think Long; Write Short" and Other Tips For Writing for a U.S.
 Audience, Lecture for "A Day of American Law." Masaryk University,
 Brno, Czech Republic (October 2013)
- How to Write Review-proof Decisions, National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary, 29th annual conference, panelist, Embassy Suites Hotel, Chicago, Illinois (September 2013)
- What Tolstoy Can Teach Us about the Art of Writing Demand Letters, 4th Biennial Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, City University London, (July 2013)
- Stepped Oral Presentations: Incorporating Public Speaking in the First Semester, Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference, Savannah Law School, Savannah, Georgia (April 2013)
- Costa Rica The Importance of Teaching International Students to Read Before We Teach Them to Write. Co-presented with Alissa Hartig, Pennsylvania State University, Department of Applied Linguistics. Global Legal Skills VIII Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica (March 2013)
- Conferencing Techniques: Driving Your Students Without Driving Yourself Crazy, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Northwestern University School of Law (November 2012)
- Czech Republic Why Writing for a U.S. Audience Matters. Lecture for "A Day of American Law." Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic (October 2012)
- Czech Republic Writing for a U.S. Audience. Interactive half-day workshop focusing on CREAC organization and use of plain language. Autumn School of Legal Writing, Masaryk University Faculty of Law, Brno, Czech Republic (October 2012, 2013)
- Demand Letters: A Tool for Teaching Advocacy, Professionalism, and Persuasion, 2012 The Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Palm Desert, California (May 2012)
- Costa Rica Teaching ESL/EFL Students More Effectively: What We Should Teach About Cultural Preferences, with co-presenter, San Jose, Costa Rica (March 2012)

- Demand Letters: A Perfect First Step Towards Persuasion and Advocacy, Central States Legal Writing Conference, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois (September 2011)
- Creating Better Lawyers Through Creative Writing. The 2011 Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, Colorado (July 2011)
- Legal Skills for Success Camp. Full-day workshop for law students. The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois (2010, 2011)
- Writing Center Tips: Avoiding Pitfalls. Legal Writing Institute, One-day Workshop for Adjunct and New Legal Writing Professors, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois (December 2010)
- You Make the Call the Law School Version, with co-presenters. The Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Marco Island, Florida (June 2010)
- Costa Rica U.S. Legal Writing for Foreign Lawyers. Full-day workshop for attorneys and paralegals. Law Firm of Arias & Munoz, San Jose, Costa Rica (May 2010)
- Costa Rica Keynote speaker, 10th Anniversary celebration for Arias & Munoz English Writing for Lawyers program, San Jose, Costa Rica (May 2010)
- How Writing Specialists Can Save You. Legal Writing Institute, One-day Workshop for Adjunct and New Legal Writing Professors, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois (December 2009)
- Writing Centers Can Increase Your Legal Writing Mileage: An Inside Look at a Model That Works, with co-presenters. Legal Writing Institute Central Region Conference on the Teaching of Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (October 2009)
- Mexico IRAC Made Easy: Using Simple Visuals to Help International Students Grasp Small Scale Analysis. Global Legal Skills III Conference, Facultad Libre De Derecho De Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico (February 2008)
- Toward a Better IRAC. Central Region Legal Research and Writing Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City (October 2007)

PUBLICATIONS

Publications on Plagiarism

- Freeing Students to Write More Effectively Taking the Fear Out of Plagiarism, The Second Draft, Vol. 25, No. 2 (Fall 2011), winner of the 2012 Deborah Hecht Memorial Writing Award
- Plagiarism: What Every Legal Writer Should Know, 7 Kaczncı Peer-Reviewed L.J. 209, Issue 83-84 (2011)
- Plagiarism: What Every Legal Writer Should Know, J. Rus. Acad. Leg. Sci. 119, Issue 2 (2011)

Other Publications

- Back to Basics: Retro Visual Exercises that Promote Active Learning,
 Legal Writing Institute, The Second Draft Vol. 22, No. 2 (Spring 2008)
- Demystifying IRAC and Its Kin, Legal Writing Institute, The Second Draft, Vol 21, No. 2 (Dec. 2006)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- o Global Legal Skills Conference series, planning committee (2010-2015)
- o Global Legal Skills Conference, Program Chair (2013-2014)
- Association of Legal Writing Specialists

National Coordinator (2012-2014)

Chair (2014-2016)

o The Legal Writing Institute

Awards Committee co-chair (2014-2016)

Global Legal Skills Committee co-chair (2012-2014)

Visitor Committee (2011 - 2012)

The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute assistant editor (2007)

Scribes – The American Society of Legal Writers

Host Committee for annual meeting (2012)

Brief grader, Scribes brief competition (2012)

Association of American Law Schools

Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section

Awards Committee (2014)

Poster Committee (2012)

Program Committee Chair (2011)

Program Committee (2010)

Executive Committee (2009, 2010)

- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Judge (2006, 2011, 2014)
- Chicago Bar Association, Basic Skills Class for New Lawyers, Writing for the Litigation Lawyer (2008, 2009)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- Legal Writing Institute
- Association of American Law Schools
- Association of Legal Writing Specialists
- o Clarity International
- Scribes The American Society of Legal Writers
- International Writing Centers Association