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EXPERIENCE

- 2007-Present *Associate in Law, Florida State University College of Law*
Legal Writing Professor
Lectured first-year law students on legal writing and research to prepare students for careers in the legal profession. Selected class materials, exercises, and readings to enable students to develop strong writing and research skills. Created writing projects and legal research worksheets. Commented on legal memoranda and appellate briefs. Supervised upper-class student legal writing assistants.
- Designed and taught a new skills training course on client interviewing and counseling.
- 2005-2007 *Visiting Assistant in Law, Florida State University College of Law*
Legal Writing Professor
- Summer 2005 *Legal Writing Instructor, Florida State University College of Law*
Summer 2004 *FSU Summer for Undergraduates Program*
Summer 2003
Taught daily legal writing classes and workshops to undergraduate students from groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession during month-long sessions designed to acquaint students with the study of law and assist them in acquiring skills necessary to succeed in law school.
- 1999-2002 *Visiting Assistant in Law, Florida State University College of Law*
Legal Writing and Research Instructor
- 1990-1999 *Legal Editor, The Florida Bar, Continuing Legal Education*
Managed production of practice manuals from inception to completion. Recruited lawyer authors, edited manuscripts, researched to ensure legal and substantive accuracy, and devised three-year projection on which department budget was based. Served as staff liaison between the Appellate Court Rules Committee and the Florida Supreme Court. Provided editorial and procedural advice and institutional memory to the committee. Finalized and filed committee rules amendment petition with the Supreme Court.
- Associate Editor, The Florida Bar Journal*
- 1988-1990 *Law Editor, CCH, Inc.*
Analyzed state and federal court decisions and wrote articles for monthly loose-leaf reporter on employment relations and labor law. Conducted interviews, reported on conferences and seminars, and contributed articles to bi-weekly newsletter *Ideas and Trends in Personnel*.

EDUCATION

- 1985-1987 *University of Florida College of Law*
Juris Doctor
Graduated with Honors
- Who's Who Among American Law Students
Fellowship Instructor, Appellate Advocacy
- 1978-1981 *University of Florida*
1982-1983 B.A. in History; B.A. in French
Graduated with High Honors
Awarded Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society membership
- 1981-1982 *Université Paul Valery, Faculté de Lettres et Sciences*
Montpellier, France
Year in Montpellier Program

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- The Florida Bar
Admitted 1988
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
Admitted 1990
- Legal Writing Institute (1999-present)

PUBLIC SPEAKING PRESENTATIONS

Legal Research and Citation (Baltimore, Maryland, Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants Seminar and Exam, September 2009)

Legal Research and Citation (San Antonio, Texas, Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants Seminar and Exam, September 2008)

Legal Research and Citation (Orlando, Florida, Certified Bankruptcy Assistant Seminar and Exam, October 2007)

Legal Research and Citation (Portland, Oregon, Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants Seminar and Exam, October 2006)

Proper Legal Citation under the Eighteenth Edition of the Bluebook (Florida First District Court of Appeal, Continuing Legal Education Lecture, August 2006)

Legal Research and Citation (Nashville, Tennessee, Texas, Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants Seminar and Exam, September 2004)

Legal Research and Citation (Charleston, South Carolina, Texas, Association of Bankruptcy Judicial Assistants Seminar and Exam, September 2003)