

PROGRAM STAFF



Ralph M. Cagle

*Clinical Associate Professor of Law
Director, General Practice Skills Course
Born Providence, Rhode Island, 1945
B.A. University of Rhode Island, 1967;
M.A. Rutgers University, 1968; J.D. University of Wisconsin, 1974*

Ralph Cagle came to the Law School faculty after 15 years as a civil trial lawyer having litigated personal injury, business, and professional liability cases. In recent years his practice and professional interests have focused on matters relating to professional responsibility and liability, law firm organization and management and techniques of dispute resolution.

Prof. Cagle has authored numerous articles in publications of interest to practicing lawyers. He is a frequent speaker and trainer in programs on legal ethics and negotiations. His experience in bar activities has included serving as president of the Dane County Bar Association, chair of the Continuing Education and Professionalism committees of the Wisconsin Bar Association, and the Board of Governors of the Western District of Wisconsin Bar Association. He is also a member of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Board of Bar Examiners.

In addition to being the lead teacher for the General Practice Skills Course, Prof. Cagle also teaches regularly offered courses in Professional Responsibilities and Negotiations and Mediation.

Ralph and his wife, Tonia, have three young children, Nick, Ben and Marti. Ralph also has an adult daughter, Kristin.



Claudia Carlos

*Writing Specialist, Legal Writing Individualized Instruction Service
Born Albany, New York
B.S. Boston University, 1987; M.A. Ohio University, 1989*

Claudia Carlos joined the staff of the Legal Writing Individualized Instruction Service in August 1992. In helping students adapt to the demands of law school writing, she spends much of her time meeting individually with students, as well as teaching weekly writing workshops. She also evaluates a diagnostic writing exercise for all incoming students every fall during orientation week.

In addition to her work with the Individualized Instruction Service, she has been an active participant in academic support programs for law students. During the summer of 1993, she taught a six-week intensive English Composition course as part of the Introduction to Law Summer Program. She also co-taught the writing component of the Legal Education Opportunity Orientation program with Mary Ray in the summers of 1992 and 1993. Currently, she serves as a writing consultant on appellate briefs for the Introduction to Oral Advocacy class.

Ms. Carlos has a strong background in language arts. Having spent parts of her childhood and early adolescence in Paris and Mexico City, she grew up speaking Spanish and French, which she continued to study at the undergraduate and graduate levels. She has also studied Italian, German and Latin. Her previous teaching

and writing experience has been diverse. While studying for her Master's Degree at Ohio University, she taught a weekly class for undergraduates in communications. Her other experiences include teaching Spanish and French, writing news copy for television, and working as an assistant editor for an international communications journal. Having attended several conferences throughout the country on legal writing and academic support issues, Ms. Carlos will be a presenter at the next national Legal Writing Institute Conference.



Aviva Meridian Kaiser

*Clinical Assistant Professor of Law
Director, Legal Research and Writing Program
Born Latrobe, Pennsylvania, 1953
B.A. University of Pittsburgh, 1975; J.D. State University of New York at Buffalo, 1979*

Aviva Kaiser's academic and practical experience in legal writing has led to her current position as Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program in the Law School. Her duties include developing and administering the curriculum; hiring, training, and supervising lecturers and teaching assistants; and teaching Advanced Legal Writing.

After earning her J.D. in 1979, Prof. Kaiser developed a career in Chicago which combined teaching with practicing law. She clerked for the Hon. Maurice Perlin in the First District of the Illinois

Appellate Court while teaching legal research and writing remedies at Chicago Kent College of Law. She continued to teach while working as an associate in the litigation and labor departments of Aaron, Schimberg, Hess, Rusnak, Deutsch & Gilbert, and was later of counsel to the firm. In 1985, Prof. Kaiser began teaching part-time at Loyola University of Chicago School of Law.

Prof. Kaiser joined the UW Law School faculty in 1988 as a part-time lecturer teaching Advanced Legal Writing. As a lecturer, she also taught the Legal Research Strategies course to the entire first-year class for three years. She continued teaching at Loyola in Chicago until 1992, when she became Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program at the UW Law School.

Prof. Kaiser is a Reiki healer, collects angels, and owns every Gordon Lightfoot album. As an undergraduate, she majored in Chinese language and literature. Her husband is Robert J. Kaiser, Jr., a Dane County Assistant District Attorney. They have a ten-year-old son, Zachary, and an infant daughter, Hannah.



Stephen Meili

Clinical Assistant Professor, Center for Public Representation

Born, Englewood, New Jersey, 1956

B.A. Dartmouth College, 1978; J.D. New York University, 1983; LL.M. Georgetown University, 1985

Stephen Meili has had an interest in clinical education for many years. After gradu-

ating from NYU Meili held a two-year fellowship at Georgetown's Institute for Public Representation, where he supervised students on cases in the areas of consumer, environmental and immigration law.

At CPR, Meili directs the Consumer Law Clinic, and supervises students on a variety of litigation, legislation and administrative advocacy projects. He is also involved in outreach and education projects in low income neighborhoods in Madison. At the Law School he teaches courses on Consumer Law, Pre-Trial Advocacy, and Interviewing and Counseling. The focus of the latter two courses is to train students in the skills that make up the bulk of real-life law practice.

Meili has been published in journals such as the *Georgetown University Immigration Law Reporter*, *Beyond Law*, and *The Amicus Journal*. He is also editor of *A Citizen's Guide to Personal and Government Records, Third Edition* and *Your Consumer Rights: A Guide to Money and Credit and How They Affect the Wisconsin Consumer*.

Prior to coming to Madison in 1991, Meili was a partner in a plaintiff-side labor and employment law firm in Hartford, Connecticut, where he specialized in Title VII and wrongful discharge litigation.

Meili lives in Madison with his wife, Leigh Payne, an assistant professor in the UW Political Science department, and their two pre-school-aged children, Zack and Abbe. His outside interests include biking, swimming, cross-country skiing and traveling in Latin America.



Mary Ann Polewski

*Clinical Assistant Professor of Law
Assistant Director, Legal Research and Writing Program*

Born Kansas, 1956

B.A. University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse, 1977; J.D. University of Wisconsin, 1981

Since graduating from the UW Law School in 1981, Mary Ann Polewski has held three positions in the Legal Research and Writing Program. She was Director of the Program for eight years. While Director, she co-taught Methods for Teaching Legal Writing and Advanced Legal Writing, and she planned and administered the Program and its curriculum. During a three-year hiatus from the Director position, she practiced law in a small firm and taught Advanced Legal Writing as a part-time lecturer.

In July 1992, Prof. Polewski became the part-time Assistant Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program. Her current duties include most Program administration, numerous scheduling projects, and helping the Director with tasks such as supervising employees and developing curriculum.

Prof. Polewski has been active in several organizations concerned with the well-being of children. She enjoys historical and mystery novels, children's literature, home decorating, and music. She is married to James Polewski, an attorney at the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing. They have an eight-year-old daughter, Katrina.



Krista Ralston

*Clinical Associate Professor
Director, Legal Defense Project
B.A. Immaculate Heart College, 1964; J.D.
University of Wisconsin, 1979*

Krista Ralston has been the Director of the Legal Defense Project since February 1990, fulfilling her career goal to combine the practice of law with teaching and research. As the LDP Director, Prof. Ralston not only administers the program, she also teaches a four-credit trial advocacy class each semester and, together with other clinical faculty, supervises LDP students representing indigent criminal defendants. Her prior legal experience prepared her well for the various functions she performs.

Upon graduating from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1979, Prof. Ralston served as the first law clerk to the Hon. Barbara B. Crabb, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin. Following her judicial clerkship, Prof. Ralston became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Western District of Wisconsin, representing the United States and its agencies in criminal, civil and bankruptcy cases at both the trial and appellate levels.

In 1982 Prof. Ralston left the U.S. Attorney's office to pursue her interest in teaching law as well as practicing it. From 1982 to 1985 she was a clinical and visiting law instructor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, supervising law students at LDP and teaching Evidence and a Contemporary Problems course in civil rights litigation. She also accepted several

state and federal court-appointed cases during that time and was a consultant for the Youth, Policy and Law Center in Madison, assisting staff attorneys in federal class action suits brought on behalf of juveniles.

During the 1985-86 school year Prof. Ralston was an Attorney Advisor for the Administrative Office of the United States Courts in Washington, D.C., initiating a project to revise the federal *Guide to Judiciary Policy and Procedures* manuals. Upon returning to Madison, she affiliated with the former law firm of Smoler & Albert, S.C., engaging in general practice with an emphasis on criminal defense work. Her interest in criminal defense work and her desire to teach criminal litigation as well as practice it led her to apply for the directorship of the Legal Defense Project, and to accept a position as an Assistant State Public Defender in Janesville, Wisconsin, for the six months preceding the beginning of her tenure as the LDP Director.



Mary Barnard Ray

*Legal Writing Lecturer
Director, Legal Writing Individualized
Instruction Service
Born Carbondale, Illinois, 1949
B.A. University of Illinois, 1971; M.A. Uni-
versity of New Mexico, 1973*

In 1978, Mary Barnard Ray began her work at the Law School by restructuring the remedial, first-year tutoring program into a set of individualized services available to all law students. She designed

workshops to address common student concerns and to expand the range of services offered. Every year since then, she has worked with students individually. Her duties have expanded, however, to include teaching Advanced Legal Writing and teaching commenting and conferencing techniques in the training course for the Legal Writing teaching assistants. In 1984, she was awarded the Teacher of the Year Award from the Legal Education Opportunities Program.

Nationally, she has taught in five regional Legal Education Opportunity summer programs, and she has spoken at many conferences of law school and college writing instructors. Her publications include two coauthored legal writing books (*Getting It Right and Getting It Written* and *Beyond the Basics*), journal articles, and a training videotape. She has also assisted authors in producing a variety of other publications including, for example, a manual for keeping computerized financial records, an interdisciplinary engineering article for Argonne Labs, an article for the law review of Zambia, and the translation of the memoirs of a Holocaust survivor, published as *The Shadow of Death*.

Ms. Ray graduated from the University of Illinois with high honors and distinction in the curriculum of teaching English. She subsequently earned an M.A. from the University of New Mexico in teaching writing with a thesis in teaching creative writing. She spent several years teaching language arts in secondary schools in Montana and Wisconsin before coming to the Law School.

She is married to Dennis Ray, a professor in the School of Business, and has three children aged 10, 7, and 2. Ms. Ray has been travelling throughout the United States since childhood, and had visited 48 states by the age of 12. Her current travel projects include visiting all the U.S. National Parks and exploring at least one gravel road in every state and province in North America.



Joy H. Roberts

Associate Director, Institute for Legal Studies

Born Louisville, Kentucky, 1943

B.A. Mt. Holyoke College, 1965; M.A.

Oxford University, 1967; Ph.D. Stanford University, 1972

Joy Roberts was an associate professor of philosophy at East Carolina University before moving to Madison in 1988. She joined the Institute for Legal Studies in 1990.

Roberts was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and grew up in Elmhurst, Illinois, where she graduated from York Community High School. After earning her undergraduate degree from Mt. Holyoke College she received her M.A. from Oxford University in philosophy and psychology in 1967, and her Ph.D. in philosophy from Stanford University in 1972 where she specialized in analytical philosophy and philosophy of language. She has taught courses in a wide range of philosophical areas and is a member of the American Philosophical Association.

She met her husband while teaching at the University of South Florida. They moved to North Carolina where she taught philosophy at East Carolina University for 13 years. In 1984-85 she received a National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship to do research on the logic of perspectival knowledge. She published in a number of refereed journals of analytical philosophy, including *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophical Studies*, and *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

She is married and has two children: a

son who is a sophomore at Central College in Pella, Iowa, and a daughter who is a senior at Madison Memorial High School.



Meredith J. Ross

Deputy Director, Legal Assistance Program

B.A. Colorado State University, 1977; M.A.,

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison,

1979, 1985; J.D. University of Wisconsin,

1990

Meredith Ross joined the Legal Assistance Program in 1990, following her graduation from the University of Wisconsin Law School. Prior to attaining her law degree, Prof. Ross taught English language and literature at UW-Madison, where she completed a Ph.D. in 1985; her dissertation examined several novelistic adaptations of Thomas Malory's 15th-century romance, "The Morte d'Arthur."

With Legal Assistance Program Director Walter Dickey, Prof. Ross oversees both the overall educational objectives and the day-to-day operation of the clinic. Prof. Ross also supervises individual students assisting state and federal prison inmates. At the Legal Assistance Program, Prof. Ross has focused on the often labyrinthine avenues of federal postconviction relief. With former LAIP supervising attorney Keith Findley, she published a comment in the *Wisconsin Law Review* on federal defendants' access to their presentence investigation reports. She has also litigated a number of federal habeas cases. Prof. Ross has taught criminal law and criminal procedure at the Law School, as well as a seminar on the history and theories of punishment.



Louise G. Trubek

Clinical Professor of Law and Clinical Director and Senior Attorney, Center for Public Representation

B.S. University of Wisconsin, 1957; LL.B.

Yale University, 1960

Louise G. Trubek founded the Center for Public Representation (CPR), a state-based public interest law firm, after she arrived in Madison in 1973. CPR combines practical experience for law students with providing representation for unrepresented groups such as children, consumers and low-income persons. She served as executive director from 1974-1992 and presently serves as clinical director at CPR.

In 1984 she became a clinical teacher and currently she holds the position of Clinical Professor of Law. She teaches courses on Poverty Law and Lawyering in the Public Interest in addition to supervising the public interest clinical program.

Prof. Trubek is a well-known advocate for health consumers and low-income people at the state and national levels. She is a founder of the Interuniversity Consortium on Poverty Law and past president of the Poverty Law Section of the American Association of Law Schools.

She has lectured widely and her work has recently been published in the *N.Y.U. Journal on Law and Social Change*, the *University of Miami Law Review* and *Boston University Journal on Public Interest Law*.

She is married to Dean of International Studies David M. Trubek, and the couple has three grown children.