

Desmund Wu

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EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin Law School

Assistant Teaching Professor 2024-present

Teaching Faculty II 2021–2024

Assistant Lecturer 2018–2021

- Teach yearlong legal research and writing course to two sections of first-year law students.
- Create syllabi, lesson plans, and active learning activities to achieve course learning outcomes.
- Design graded and ungraded formative assessments to measure student progress towards learning outcomes.
- Give extensive written feedback on student memos and briefs.
- Meet with students individually to discuss feedback. Counsel students during office hours.

Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany

Invited Lecturer 2020, 2022

- Taught three-week in-person course on American Law and Legal Analysis in 2022
- Taught three-week synchronous online course on American Law and Legal Analysis in 2020

UCLA School of Law

Assistant Director of Admissions, Manager of Multicultural Recruitment 2015–2018

- Developed and coordinated programs to effectively recruit underrepresented minority students, including doing outreach and coordinating on and off-campus events.
- Evaluated admission applications and made recommendations for admission.
- Managed waitlist admissions, including interviewing waitlisted candidates and recommending candidates for admission.

Loeb & Loeb LLP

Associate Attorney 2014–2015

- Trusts and Estates litigation practice, representing trustees, settlors, and beneficiaries of high-net-worth trusts and estates in breach of fiduciary duty cases, trustee accounting disputes, and interpretation of testamentary instruments.
- Drafted and argued petitions, accountings, and motions.
- Successfully represented trustee in breach of trust case at mediation.

USC Gould School of Law

Lecturer in Law 2014–2015

- Taught legal writing to class of fourteen first-year law students. Invited to teach in 2015–16.

- Prepared student assignments, commented on and graded student work, and counseled students during office hours.

Latham & Watkins LLP

Associate Attorney 2010–2014

Summer Associate 2008

- Extensive litigation practice, with particular focus on complex commercial litigation and intellectual property litigation. Represented a broad client base that included Fortune 500 companies, technology companies and major utilities.
- Engaged in extensive motion practice, including demurrers, discovery motions, mediation briefs, and motions in limine.
- Argued and opposed motions in court and appeared at case management conferences.
- Extensive discovery experience included supervision of document reviews and productions, and drafting and responding to demands for inspection, requests for admissions, and interrogatories.

Lambda Legal

Affiliate Attorney 2009–2010

Summer Clerk 2007

- Helped draft the preliminary injunction in *Collins v. Brewer*, which sought to block an Arizona law from stripping domestic partner health care benefits from state employees.
- Helped draft pleadings on novel civil rights matters pending before the California Supreme Court, including *In re Marriage Cases*, which granted same-sex couples the right to marry.

EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law, J.D. 2006–2009

Keck Graduate Institute, Master of Applied Biosciences 2000–2002

University of California, Riverside, B.S., Biology, B.A., Economics 1996–2000

PUBLICATIONS

CITATION HANDBOOK 2023–2024, AN INTRODUCTION TO CASE AND STATUTE CITATIONS BASED ON THE BLUEBOOK AND THE RULES OF THE WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT (2023) (with Mary Ann Polewski).

CITATION HANDBOOK 2022–2023, AN INTRODUCTION TO CASE AND STATUTE CITATIONS BASED ON THE BLUEBOOK AND THE RULES OF THE WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT (2022) (with Mary Ann Polewski).

Renee Nicole Allen: Moving Intersectional Progress Forward in the Academy, LWI LIVES, Feb. 1, 2022.

Ursula Weigold: Accidentally Finding What You Love to Do, LWI LIVES, Aug. 1 2021.

Nelia Robbi: From Goat Farm and Harlequin Romance to Law Firm and Law Teaching, LWI LIVES, Feb. 1, 2021.

PRESENTATIONS

“Navigating Bias in AI: Unpacking Bias in AI and Its Effect on Legal Practice and Education,” Presenter, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, July 2024.

“Generative Artificial Intelligence: How It Works,” Presenter, Wisconsin State Bar IP & Technology Law Section, IP Academy, June 2024.

“Integrating Diverse Perspectives,” Presenter, Association of Legal Writing Directors Leadership Academy, June 2024.

“Navigating the Grey Area: Ethical Challenges of AI in Legal Practice,” Presenter, LGBTQ+ Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, June 2024.

“Navigating the Grey Area: Ethical Challenges of AI in Legal Practice,” Co-Presenter with Kim Peterson, Ethics CLE Presentation, University of Wisconsin Law School, Jan. 2024.

“Bias in Generative AI: Implications for Legal Practice,” Presenter, New England Legal Writing Conference, Suffolk University Law School, Nov. 2023.

“Generative Artificial Intelligence: How It Works in 15 Minutes,” Presenter, University of Wisconsin Law School, July 2023.

“Contract Drafting,” Co-presenter with Andrew Norman and Andrew Turner, Three 90-minute Training Sessions, Stafford Rosenbaum Law Firm Associate Training, June-July 2023.

“Generative Artificial Intelligence: How It Works, How It Doesn’t Work, and How to Use It,” Presenter, Stafford Rosenbaum Law Firm Associate Training, July 2023.

“The U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights,” Invited Lecturer, Department of Information, Economic and Administrative Law of the Faculty of Sociology and Law of the National Technical University of Ukraine, Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute, Dec. 2022.

“The U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights,” Invited Lecturer, Odessa State University of Internal Affairs, Ukraine, Dec. 2022.

“Best Practices for Memo Writing,” Panelist, Hosted by the Legal Education Opportunities Program and La Alianza, Oct. 2022.

“Judicial Opinion Writing and Editing,” Co-presenter with Kim Peterson, 2022 Appellate Writing Seminar for Wisconsin Judges and Judicial Staff, Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Sept. 2022.

“What Happens When LRW Faculty Stop Being Polite and Start Being Real About Legal Writing Conventions They Don’t Agree With,” Co-presenter with Ashby Fox, Andrew Norman, Andrew Turner, Kim Peterson, and Alison Stites, 2022 Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, July 2022.

“Backward Design: Using Detailed Learning Outcomes to Guide and Automate Formative Feedback,” Presenter, 2021 Central States Legal Writing Conference, Oct. 2021.

“Personal Statements,” Panelist, 2021 Pre-Law Winter Institute, Chapman University Fowler School of Law, Jan. 2021.

“An Ethical Tech Stack for AI Evaluation,” Moderator, Legal Writing Institute Journal Symposium on Artificial Intelligence and the Legal Profession, Northwestern School of Law, Sept. 2021.

“First Generation Attorneys,” Panelist, Mentors in the Law for First Generation Students, University of San Diego School of Law, Aug. 2020.

“Legal Writing and Analysis,” Co-teacher with Andrew Turner and Dustin Brown, Law School Admissions Council Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars Program, University of Wisconsin–Madison, June 2019.

SERVICE

University of Wisconsin Law School

Academic Affairs Committee, 2023–2024

AI Working Group Committee, 2023–2024

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2022–2023

Strategic Planning Workgroup, 2021–2022

Chair, Appointment Committee, Director of the Law & Entrepreneurship Clinic, 2021–2022

Clinical and Teaching Professor Appointments and Promotions Committee, 2021–2022

Clinical Appointments and Promotions Committee, 2019–2021

Student Evaluations Committee, 2019–2021

Legal Education Opportunities Program Committee, 2018–2019

Legal Research and Writing Onboarding Committee, 2021–2022

Appointment Committee, Legal Research and Writing Professor, 2020–2021

Appointment Committee, Legal Research and Writing Professor, 2018–2019

Chair, Legal Research and Writing Curriculum Committee, 2019–2020

Legal Research and Writing Citation Committee, 2019–2020

University of Wisconsin

Student Misconduct Panels Committee, 2024–2027

Association of Legal Writing Directors

2025 Conference Program Committee, 2024–2025

Leadership and Development Committee, 2023–2024

2023 Conference Program Committee, 2022–2023

Legal Writing Institute

Artificial Intelligence Committee, 2024-2026

LWI Lives Committee, 2020-2022

One-Day Workshops Committee, 2020-2022

Journal Symposium Committee: Symposium on Artificial Intelligence and the Legal Profession at Northwestern School of Law, 2020-2021

Law School Admissions Council

Misconduct and Irregularities Subcommittee, 2017-2019

UCLA School of Law

Alumni Board of Directors, 2014-2019

Alumni Mentor 2013-2016

UCLA

Student Conduct Committee, 2016-2018

Title IX Appeals Board, 2016-2018

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Enhancing Online Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Teaching, Learning & Mentoring, Summer 2023.

Academic Staff Professional Development Grant Recipient, Spring 2023.

The Discussion Project, Wisconsin Center for Education Research, Fall 2020.

Preparing to Teach Online, University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Teaching, Learning & Mentoring, Fall 2020.

Fundamentals of Online Learning and Teaching, University of Wisconsin-Madison Delta Program, Fall 2020.

Fellowship on Active Learning, University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Teaching, Learning & Mentoring, Fall 2019.

Blend@UW: One-week Course on Designing Blended and Online Courses, University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Teaching, Learning & Mentoring, Fall 2018.