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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Faculty

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison WI, Aug. 2021-present.

Legal Research & Writing I; Legal Research & Writing II

I teach Legal Research and Writing I and II, which introduce first-year law students to legal research analysis, writing and oral argument. Teaching responsibilities include developing a syllabus, teaching class, grading assignments, providing written and oral feedback in one-on-one settings, judging oral arguments.

Legal Sources

I have also taught Legal Sources, which introduces law graduates from foreign countries, including Germany, Thailand, China and Japan, to the American legal system. We compare the American legal system with legal systems in other countries and introduce the skills necessary to advocate for clients in legal systems involving the intersection of statutory and case law.

In both courses, I have been consistently recognized by students for excellent classroom demeanor, the ability to distill complex concepts into simple learning points, and the willingness to take the time necessary to provide constructive feedback on written work.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant City Attorney

City of Madison, Office of the City Attorney, June 2009 – August 2021.

- Represented City in all aspects of litigation, including multiple cases related to municipal law, transportation, land use, preemption, and a variety of other issues. Have handled cases before trial courts, the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court.
- Prosecuted violations of the City's code of ordinances and state traffic code in municipal and state court.
- Served as lead land use lawyer for the City and primary advisor City Planning Division and Zoning Departments.
- Served as lead transportation lawyer for the City and primary advisor to Madison Metro Transit and the Department of Transportation.
- Was lead advisor to the Transportation Policy and Planning Board, Transportation Commission, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Urban Design Commission and Landmark's Commission.
- Adviser to the Mayor, Common Council, department heads and city staff on issues related to planning, zoning, transportation, government structure and municipal law.
- Drafted and reviewed city contracts, including federally funded procurement and service contracts related to the purchase of buses and other transit related infrastructure.
- Authored over 200 City ordinances or amendments to city ordinances.
- Served as lead staff to the Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee, Transportation Ordinance Review Committee., and Task Force on the Structure of City Government.
- Former Member of City's Effective Government Team.

Children's Court Improvement Coordinator

Wisconsin Supreme Court, Director of State Courts, Oct. 2007 - June 2009.

- Led and managed week-long county reviews of child abuse and neglect proceedings in Circuit Courts throughout Wisconsin. Organized and facilitated detailed discussions between at-risk children, non-custodial parents, district attorneys, social workers, judges and elected officials. Wrote and presented reports for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justices.

Assistant County Attorney

Office of the Wake County Attorney, Raleigh, NC, Nov. 2005 - Oct. 2007.

- Represented Wake County Human Services in all aspects of juvenile abuse, neglect and dependency proceedings, including adjudicatory hearings, termination of parental rights hearings and appeals. Recognized by Wake County judges and colleagues for ability to communicate effectively with parents, children, social workers and advocates in highly charged and emotional proceedings.
- Provided general counsel to Wake County departments and elected officials related to animal control, public health, and zoning.

Associate Attorney

Kestenbaum Law Firm, Durham, NC, Nov. 2004 - Nov. 2005

- Defended municipalities, non-profit organizations and businesses in all aspects of workers' compensation litigation.

Associate Attorney

Joyce L. Davis & Associates, Raleigh, NC, Aug. 2001 - Nov. 2004

- Conducted all aspects of employment and general business litigation on behalf of individuals and businesses in state and federal courts, including representing plaintiffs and defendants in employment law, disability rights, personal injury, medical malpractice, civil rights and general business litigation.
- Wrote workplace policies, procedures and agreements.
- Authored monthly employment law newsletter, *Personnel Practice Pointers*.

MEMBERSHIPS, PUBLICATIONS, & PRESENTATIONS

Memberships

- Member, Editorial Board, Legal Writing Institute's Monograph Series, Volumes 12-13.
- Member, Wisconsin State Bar since 2008; North Carolina State Bar since 2001.
- Member, Dane County Bar Association.

Publications

- Published, *Personal Jurisdiction on the Internet – Playing Tag on the Information Superhighway*, 24 AM. J. TRIAL ADVOC. 201 (2000).
- Published, *Eighth Circuit Breaks Rank and Rules that Eleventh Amendment Bars ADA Claims in Federal Court*, 23 AM. J. TRIAL ADVOC. 457 (1999).

Presentations

- Presented, *Stare Decisis, Bedrock or Fool's Gold? The value of teaching LRW students a more nuanced approach to stare decisis*, 20th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, March 4-5, 2022.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, May 2001, *Cum Laude*

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW AT SAMFORD UNIVERSITY, Birmingham, AL

- Dean's List all six semesters.
- Vol. 24 Research & Writing Editor – *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*.
- Cordell Hull Research & Writing Teaching Fellow – 1999-2000.
- 1999 *American Journal of Trial Advocacy* Candidates Writing Award.
- Achievement Award – First Year Legal Research and Writing.

Bachelor of Arts, May 1997

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY, Greencastle, IN

- Major in English Composition; Minor in Biological Sciences.