

# Desmund Wu

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## EXPERIENCE

### University of Wisconsin Law School

*Teaching Faculty II*

2021–present

*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 student 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.

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## **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

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## **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.

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

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

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## PRESENTATIONS

- “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.

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**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

**Association of Legal Writing Directors**

Leadership and Development Committee, 2023–2024

2023 Conference Program Committee, 2022–2023

**Legal Writing Institute**

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

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**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.