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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES &
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, LITTLE ROCK, WILLIAM H. BOWEN SCHOOL OF LAW
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Associate Professor of Medical Humanities & Associate Professor of Law
August 2017 – Present

Courses taught: Law & Medicine (an elective course for medical students); Interprofessional Education Modules on Clear Health Communication (for all students at UAMS); and Research, Writing, & Analysis (at UALR Bowen School of Law)

Duties and Responsibilities

- I currently hold a dual appointment as faculty at both the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Bowen School of Law. In my role at the Bowen School of Law, I teach research, writing, and analysis to first-year law students.
- My responsibilities at UAMS are two fold: (1) as an Associate Professor of Medical Humanities & Bioethics, teaching legal electives to medical students, and (2) as an Associate Professor using my expertise in health literacy, health law, and plain language to aid UAMS's Center for Health Literacy. At the Center for Health Literacy, I conduct empirical, grant-funded research seeking to help improve health outcomes; I produce clear health documents for hospitals, health systems, and government organizations; and I teach clear health communication modules as part of UAMS's Interprofessional education program.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY – THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL,
LANSING, MICHIGAN

Professor of Law | August 2005 – August 2017
(Associate Professor, 2010-2014), (Assistant Professor, 2005-2009)

Courses taught: Property I & II, Torts I & II, Research & Writing, Advanced Writing, Scholarly Writing (online & live), and Health Law (for law students and medical students).

Duties and Responsibilities

- For over a decade, I taught every legal-writing course offered at WMU-Cooley Law School. Additionally, over my last few years at WMU-Cooley, I often taught Property or Torts. Due to my extensive experience teaching logic and reasoning in legal-writing courses, I developed a unique teaching style that incorporates active-learning principles, such as team-based learning, flipped learning, scaffolding, and using formative and summative assessments.
- Additionally, in 2015 and 2016, I developed and taught a health law course at WMU's Homer Stryker School of Medicine. This was a collaborative course that was one of the first of its kind in the nation. This elective course uses a team-based learning approach to pair medical students with law students in an intensive exploration of health issues from both medical and legal perspectives.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

- Trudeau, Christopher, *Health Literacy: The Missing Link to Reducing Health & Improving Outcomes*, Hospital & Health Systems Rx, vol. 18, no. 3, pp. 1-4 (American Health Lawyers Association, Nov. 2016).
- Trudeau, Christopher, *Plain Language in Healthcare: What Lawyers Need to Know About Health Literacy*, 95 Mich. B.J., no. 10, 36-39 (Oct. 2016).
- Trudeau, Christopher, *Plain Language in Healthcare: What Lawyers Need to Know About Health Literacy*, Michigan Bar Journal (October 2016).
- Trudeau, Christopher, *Health Literacy: What It Is and Why It Matters to Your Practice*, Chapter 5 in ICLE's Health Law Institute Workbook (March 2016).
- Trudeau, Christopher, *Establishing Harmony Between the Law & Health Literacy*, pp. 61-74, Institute of Medicine's Informed Consent & Health Literacy Workshop Summary (Joe Alper, rapporteur, National Academies Press 2015).
- *Teaching Law Practice: Preparing the Next Generation of Lawyers* (Charles Cercone, Nelson P. Miller, & Christopher R. Trudeau, eds., Vandeplass 2013)
- Trudeau, Christopher, *A Problem-Solving Approach to Legal Analysis Developed through Legal Writing Courses in Teaching Law Practice: Preparing the Next Generation of Lawyers* (Charles Cercone, Nelson P. Miller, & Christopher R. Trudeau, eds., Vandeplass 2013).
- Trudeau, Christopher, *The Public Speaks: An Empirical Study of Legal Communication*, 14 Scribes J. Legal Writing, 121 (2012).
- Trudeau, Christopher, *Achieving Clarity: Eight Data-Driven Tips for Legal Communication*, 91 Mich. B.J., no. 9, p. 50 (Sept. 2012).
- Trudeau, Christopher, *A Report on Michigan Laws Regulating Burials, Cremation, and Cemeteries*, commissioned by the Michigan Law Revision Commission in January 2007, available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1811782>.
- Trudeau, Christopher, *The Aftermath Of BE&K v NLRB: When May An Employer Challenge The Legality Of Union Practices?*, Laches Magazine, Oakland County Bar Association (Aug. 2003), available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1808137>.

PRESENTATIONS

- *The Public Speaks, Again: A Sneak Preview of New, International Data*, Clarity International Plain Language Conference, Wellington, New Zealand (November 2016) (*plenary session*).
- *Integrating Health Literacy into Hospitals & Health Systems*, CEO Forum, Christiana Health System (October 2016) (*keynote session*).
- *Developing Health-Literate Consent Practices*, Nemours Children's Hospital & Christiana Care Health System Joint Symposium (co-presented with Cindy Brach, MPH of AHRQ) (October 2016).
- *Making the Legal & Regulatory Case for Integrating Health Literacy in an Organization*, Colorado Health Literacy Coalition Annual Second Annual Meeting (October 2016) (*keynote session*).
- *Developing Health-Literacy Consent Practices*, Colorado Health Literacy Coalition, Second Annual Meeting (October 2016) (*breakout session*).
- *The Clear Drafter's Toolbox: Ten Tips for Clear Drafting*, Great Lakes Paralegal Association (October 2016) (*keynote session*).
- *Making the Case for Plain Language: How Clear Legal Communication Will Help Your Practice*, Business Law Institute, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education Association, Minneapolis, Minn., May 2016. (*keynote session*).
- *Effectively Communicating Risk*, Institute for Healthcare Advancement Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA, May 2016.
- *Ethical Communication in Human-Subjects Research: Informed Consent That Effectively Communicates Risk and Promotes Personal Autonomy*, Western Michigan University Center for Ethics, Kalamazoo, MI, March 2016.
- *Health Literacy: What It Is and Why It Matters to Your Practice*, Health Law Institute, Michigan's Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Plymouth, MI, March 2016.

- *Risky Business: Prioritizing Risk Information in FDA-mandated Documents*, FDA Risk Communication Advisory Committee, White Oak, MD, Feb. 2016.
- *Emerging Issues in Human-Subjects Research*, Health Literacy Missouri 2016 Summit, St. Louis, MO, October. 2015.
- *Re-Imaging Informed Consent in the Age of Health Literacy*, Western Michigan University Medical-Humanities Conference, Kalamazoo, MI, Sept. 2015.
- *Approved: Creating Patient-Friendly Documents That Satisfy Your Legal Department*, Institute for Healthcare Advancement, Irvine, CA, May 2015.
- *The Patient, the Provider, and the Form: Re-Imagining Informed Consent*, PlainTalk 2015, hosted by Maximus, Arlington, VA, March 2015.
- *Re-Imagining Informed Consent in the Age of Health Literacy*, Clarity International Conference, Antwerp, Belgium, Nov. 2014.
- *Establishing Harmony between the Law and Health Literacy*, Institute of Medicine's Informed Consent & Health Literacy Workshop, Washington D.C., July 2014.
- *Persuasive Evidence for Using Plain Language in the FDA*, U.S. Food & Drug Administration, Silver Springs, Maryland, July 2014.
- *Creating Clear, User-Friendly Documents*, 16th Biennial Legal Writing Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 2014.
- *United. We Write: A Toolkit for Clear Writing*, United Health Group (webinar), May 2014.
- *Eight Simple Rules for Clear Drafting*, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Las Vegas, NV, March 2014.
- *Working with Lawyers to Create Clear Insurance Documents*, United Health Group (webinar), Oct. 2013.
- *Selling Plain Language*, Plain Language International Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada, Oct. 2013.
- *Challenging Traditional Legal Communications: A Drafting Toolkit for Non-Lawyers*, Institute for Healthcare Advancement, Irvine, CA, May 2013.
- *Swimming with the Sharks: Strategies for Convincing Lawyers (and Other Guilty Parties) to Use Plain Language*, Arlington, VA, Sept. 2013.
- *The Public Speaks: An Empirical Study of Legal Communication*, 15th Biennial Legal Writing Institute, Palm Springs, California, May 2012.
- *The Public Speaks: An Empirical Study of Legal Communication*, Clarity International Conference, Washington, D.C., May 2012.
- *Employees or Independent Contractors? Combating Employers' Efforts to Hire Immigrant Workers as Independent Contractors*, Law, Poverty, and Economic Inequality Conference, Valparaiso, Indiana, April 2008.

ACCOLADES AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- *Fellow of the American Bar Foundation* (members must be nominated & membership is limited to 1% of U.S. attorneys).
- *Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation* (members must be nominated by other members and are limited to 10% of Michigan attorneys).
- *Awarded the 2016 Lexis/Nexis, Legal Writing Institute & Association of Legal Writing Directors grant* to complete the international empirical study, *The Public Speaks, Again: An International Study on Public Preferences for Legal Communication*.
- *Awarded the 2010 Lexis/Nexis, Legal Writing Institute, & Association of Legal Writing Directors grant* to complete the empirical study, *The Public Speaks: An Empirical Study of Legal Communication*.
- *Named the Capital Area United Way Volunteer of the Year* for my consistent efforts in developing and running a pro bono legal services clinic in Lansing, Michigan.
- *Current president of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Legal Authors' Society*, elected in April 2014.
- *Vice-Chair of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Scholarship Committee* from 2012 to present.
- *Faculty advisor for the Thomas M. Cooley Law Review* from 2008 to 2011.
- *Faculty advisor for the Thomas M. Cooley Journal of Practical & Clinical Law* from 2005 to 2011.

- *Vice-Chair of the State Bar of Michigan Publications & Website Development Committee*, where I have personally edited monthly editions of the Michigan Bar Journal that is distributed to over 40,000 Michigan lawyers.
- *Member of the State Bar of Michigan Health Law Section Publications Committee*.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CRISTO REY COMMUNITY CENTER, LANSING, MICHIGAN

PROGRAM CREATOR & PRO BONO ATTORNEY | 2006 – 2010

- I personally developed a pro bono program to assist the patrons at Cristo Rey Community Center. During the program, I represented over 150 clients in numerous legal matters, such as healthcare matters, divorce and child custody disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, consumer-protection issues, and estate-planning matters. In 2008, I expanded the program to begin handling the myriad of immigration issues that arise for patrons of the community center. Additionally, I used this program to train law students to become ethical, competent lawyers by teaching students how to interview clients, draft documents, and research issues that arise for clients. Because of these pro bono efforts, I won the 2007 Capital Area United Way Volunteer of the Year Award.

PLUNKETT & COONEY, P.C., BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICHIGAN

Associate Attorney | 2002 – 2005

- I specialized in labor and employment law and complex business litigation. I assisted numerous institutional clients in defending against employment discrimination, WPA, ADA, FMLA, and FLSA claims. I drafted, argued, and won numerous motions. Additionally, I drafted and re-drafted numerous contracts and personnel policies, and presented seminars on sexual harassment and other employment-law issues.

EDUCATION AND BAR ADMISSIONS

Juris Doctor, Summa Cum Laude, 2002

Western Michigan University - Thomas M. Cooley Law School

- *President's Achievement Award.*
- *State Bar of Michigan Negligence Award.*
- *18 Certificates of Merit/Book Awards* (for highest grade in a class)
- *Associate Editor/Managing Associate Editor* of Thomas M. Cooley Law Review.
- Admitted to the State Bar of Michigan, May 2003; the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Dec. 2003; and the United States Supreme Court, Mar. 2011

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, 1999

Michigan State University