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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Law, University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law; Summer 2023-Present

Courses taught:

- Research, Writing & Analysis I and II, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

Serving as Director of the Rural Practice Incubator Project (October 18, 2023-Fall 2025; Fall 2025-Present).

Affiliated Faculty, Center for Racial Justice and Criminal Justice Reform (August 21, 2024-Present).

Served as a member of the Assessment Committee for 2023-2024.

Served as a member of the Clerkships Committee (Ad Hoc) for 2024-2025.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, University of North Dakota School of Law; Summer 2020-Spring 2022

Courses taught:

- Lawyering Skills I and II, 2020-2021, 2021-2022
- Professional Responsibility, Fall 2020, Fall 2021
- National Security Law/Homeland Security Law, Spring 2021, Spring 2022
- Drug Use: Criminal Law, Policy, and History, Spring 2021

Served as a member of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee for 2021-2022.

Served as advisor to the Black Law Students Association and the Sports Law Student Association.

Legal Method and Communication Fellow, Elon University School of Law; Summer 2018-Summer 2020

Courses taught:

- Legal Method and Communication I, II, and III, 2018-2019, 2019-2020
- Introduction to Legal Studies (Afternoon Portion), August Term 2018, August Term 2019
- Drug Use: Criminal Law, Policy, and History, Spring Trimester 2019

Served as faculty advisor to the Military Law Society.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Charlotte School of Law; Spring Semester 2013

Taught "Problems in Professional Responsibility," a three-credit required course, to approximately seventy law students.

Adjunct Instructor, Northern Marianas College; Spring Semester 2011

Taught CJ 206: "Social Values and the Criminal Justice Process" to undergraduate students as a separate appointment at Northern Marianas College. (I also taught this course during the spring 2012 semester as part of my additional duties at Northern Marianas College while serving as the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Archivist.)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Primary:** Legal Writing, Professional Responsibility, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, National Security Law
- Secondary:** Constitutional Law, Civil Rights, Homeland Security Law, Drug Use and the Law, Law and the United States Territories

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Legal Argumentation: Reasoning & Writing about the Law (Brian N. Larson (managing ed.) & John Cook et al. eds., CALI eLangdell Press) (2025).

Articles:

Supreme Noncompliance: How to Enforce the Supreme Court's Code of Conduct (working title) (in progress).

Is Esquire a Higher Clearance Than Top Secret?: A Comparison of the Bar Admission and National Security Clearance Processes, 13 Harv. Nat'l Sec. J. 420 (2022).

Shorter Works:

"Maybe so[] . . . But Not Today": The Time to Stop Teaching Legal Writing Without Using AI is Not [Possibly Yet] Here, Micro-Essay, Association of American Law Schools Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Newsletter (Fall/Winter 2024).

COVID-19: Getting by With a Little Help From My Friends, LWI Lives (August 2020).

Book Review: Line-Noue Memea Kruse, *The Pacific Insular Case of American Sāmoa: Land Rights and Law in Unincorporated US Territories*, 12 Elon L. Rev. 202 (2020).

Taking a Shot at the (Unmodified) Title: The Value of the Title "Professor of Law" for Improving the Status of Legal Writing Faculty and ALWD/LWI Survey Trends, 24 J. Legal Writing Inst. 65 (2020).

Is It Constitutional to Legislate a Minimum Five-Year Term of Reimprisonment Based Upon Specific Acts Committed By a Defendant While on Supervised Release Without a Jury Finding Such Acts Occurred Beyond a Reasonable Doubt? (Preview of *United States v. Haymond*), 46 Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases 17 (2019).

AWARDS

Rising Faculty Award for Excellence, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (university-level award), Spring 2025

Rising Faculty Award for Excellence, University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law (law school-level award), Spring 2025

Outstanding Advisor Award, University of North Dakota, Spring 2022 (co-recipient)
Nominated for service as the advisor to the Black Law Students Association (University-wide award; one of two law school faculty members to receive this award in Spring 2022)

PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES

Moderator, “LWI: Effective Editing and Revising” (Session), 2025 Clerkship College, the Program for Leadership and Character, the Legal Writing Institute, and Wake Forest University School of Law, Online (September 26, 2025).

Presentation, “Creating Attorney Advertisements: An Opportunity for Students to Use AI,” AI & Legal Skills Virtual Conference: Innovation, Impact and Integrity, the Legal Writing Institute’s AI Committee and the University of Wisconsin Law School, Online (June 3, 2025).

Panelist, “International Students in U.S. Law Schools” (Webinar), Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Legal Writing Institute, Online (February 7, 2025).

Moderator, “So You Have An Opinion, Where Do You Start?” (Session), 2024 Clerkship College, the Program for Leadership and Character, the Legal Writing Institute, and Wake Forest University School of Law, Online (November 14, 2024).

Discussant, “Cannabis Law and Scholarship, 2nd Edition” (Discussion Group), 2024 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (July 27, 2024).

Moderator/Organizer, “Issues Affecting Lawyers in Rural Communities” (Discussion Group), 2024 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (July 26, 2024).

Discussant, “Teaching Professional Responsibility in Divisive (and Strange) Times” (Discussion Group), 2024 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (July 26, 2024).

Discussant, “From Curriculum to Competence: Navigating AI’s Role and Reach in the Legal Academy” (Discussion Group), 2024 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (July 25, 2024).

Moderator/Organizer, “The Supreme Court’s Code of Conduct: Supremely Ethical, Window Dressing, or Something in Between?” (Panel), 2024 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (July 25, 2024).

Discussant, “What’s ‘Write’? Who’s Writing? Exploring New AI Developments in Legal Writing Courses” (Discussion Group), 2024 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (July 25, 2024).

Presentation, “An Overview of Character & Fitness in Bar Admissions,” Bar Admissions Working Group, Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators Committee on Legal Education and Admissions Reform, Online (April 15, 2024).

Panelist, “Incorporating Territorial Law into the Required Curriculum” (Panel), 2024 Stetson Law Review Symposium, Territorial Law Across the Curriculum, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida (March 22, 2024).

Panelist, “Perspectives on the Importance of Territorial Law in Legal Education” (Panel), 2024 Stetson Law Review Symposium, Territorial Law Across the Curriculum, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida (March 22, 2024).

Moderator/Organizer, “Professional Responsibility Issues Affecting Rural Lawyers” (Panel), South Dakota Law Review Symposium on Rural Lawyers, University of South Dakota Knudson School of Law, Vermillion, South Dakota (September 22, 2023).

Discussant, “What’s Legal Writing Scholarship Got to Do with It?” (Discussion Group), 2023 Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Raising the Bar: Reaching New Heights through Innovation and Collaboration, University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, California (July 12, 2023).

Moderator/Organizer, “Getting Territorial: New Issues and Old Questions in the Law of the United States Territories” (Panel), 2022 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Miramar Beach, Florida (August 2, 2022).

Moderator/Organizer, “Character and Fitness: What Needs to Change?” (Discussion Group), 2022 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Miramar Beach, Florida (August 1, 2022).

Discussant, “Amending the Model Rules of Professional Conduct to Clarify the Duties of Lawyers for Government” (Discussion Group), 2022 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Miramar Beach, Florida (July 31, 2022).

Discussant, “Feedback and Assessment in Large Classes” (Discussion Group), 2022 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Newer Law Professors Workshop, Miramar Beach, Florida (July 30, 2022).

Discussant, “Discipline Building: Scholarship and Status in the Legal Academy” (Discussion Group), 2021 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Writing Connections Workshop, Fernandina Beach, Florida (August 1, 2021).

Discussant, “Discipline Building: Balance in the Age of Chaos” (Discussion Group), 2021 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Writing Connections Workshop, Fernandina Beach, Florida (July 31, 2021).

Moderator/Organizer, “Professional Responsibility in Our Turbulent Times” (Discussion Group), 2021 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Fernandina Beach, Florida (July 29, 2021).

Panelist/Organizer, “National Security Law: Recent Trends and Developments” (Panel), 2021 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Fernandina Beach, Florida (July 27, 2021).

Discussant, “Silver Linings Playbook: Lessons Learned During a Pandemic” (Discussion Group), 2021 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Fernandina Beach, Florida (July 27, 2021).

Presentation, “Storytelling Elements, Listener Expectations, Negative Narratives, and the Three Little Pigs: How One Teaching Technique Reinforces Various Aspects of Applied Legal Storytelling,” Eighth Biennial Conference on Applied Legal Storytelling, Online (July 14, 2021).

Moderator/Organizer, “Legal Writing Plus: Teaching Subjects Beyond Legal Writing” (Panel), 2021 Empire State Legal Writing Conference, Online (May 14, 2021).

Discussant, “Current Topics in Bioethics and Public Health” (Discussion Group), 2020 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Health Law Workshop, Online (August 4, 2020).

Discussant, “Centers, Clinics, and Collaborative Writing” (Discussion Group), 2020 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Writing Connections, Online (August 3, 2020).

Discussant, “Partnering with Practice: Bringing Practitioners into Your Classroom to Make Law Practice Real” (Discussion Group), 2020 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Writing Connections, Online (August 1, 2020).

Moderator/Organizer, “COVID-19 and the Legal Academy” (Panel), 2020 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Online (July 31, 2020).

Moderator/Organizer, “Drug Use and the Law: Where Does It Fit in Law School Courses?” (Discussion Group), 2020 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Criminal Law & Criminal Procedure Workshop, Online (July 30, 2020).

Co-Presenter, “Help Students Get Their Writing Done: Hold a Virtual Law Student Writing Boot Camp,” William & Mary Conference for Excellence in Teaching Legal Research & Writing Online, Online (June 18, 2020).

Presentation, “The United States Territories in the Context of Legal Writing: Same Same, But Different,” Central States Area Legal Writing Conference, Interwoven: The Fabric of Interdisciplinary Collaboration, University of Illinois at Chicago John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois (September 13, 2019).

Presentation, “Five of These Are Not Like the Others: Curiosity and the United States Territories in the Legal Writing Classroom and Beyond,” 16th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference, Cultivating Curiosity, Elon University, Elon, North Carolina (August 15, 2019).

Continuing Legal Education Presentation, “The History of Drug Law in the United States / Ethical Issues for Attorneys Regarding ‘Legal’ Marijuana,” Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Bar Association, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (June 25, 2019).

MEDIA

Quoted by Madison Czopek, *Ask Politifact: Could Elon Musk’s assassination ‘jokes’ compromise security clearance?*, Politifact, The Poynter Institute (September 25, 2024), <https://www.politifact.com/article/2024/sep/25/ask-politifact-can-elon-musk-as-a-government-contr/>.

EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law, J.D., 2004

Oxford University, M.Sc. in Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2002

Yale University, B.A. *cum laude* with Distinction in Political Science, 1999

DISSERTATION ADVISING

Doctoral Examination Committee, William Heenan, *Unveiling Bias in Federal Sentencing: A Law-and-Technology Framework for Equitable Justice*, Computer and Information Sciences, Donaghey College of Engineering and Information Technology (2025-Present)

SERVICE/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Board of Directors, The Menare Foundation (June 10, 2025-Present)

Advisor, Committee on Civil Practice, Arkansas Supreme Court (February 27, 2025-Present)

Member, Executive Committee, American Association of Law Schools Section on Professional Responsibility (January 11, 2025-Present)

Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Legal Writing Institute (Summer 2024-Present)

Member, Advisory Board, The Legal Accountability Project (May 28, 2024-Present)

Member, Judicial Clerkship Committee,¹ Legal Writing Institute (March 20, 2024-Summer 2026)

Member, Artificial Intelligence Task Force, Arkansas Bar Association (October 17, 2023-

Summer 2024; Summer 2024-Summer 2025; Summer 2025-Summer 2026) (Member, Ethics & Procedural Rules Subcommittee, November 29, 2023-Summer 2024; Chair, Ethics & Procedural Rules Subcommittee, Fall 2024-Summer 2025)

Member, Editorial Board, *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (August 5, 2021-Present)

Assistant Editor, *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (Volume 25)

Participant, Association of Legal Writing Directors Leadership Academy (2023)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Law Clerk, Judge Ralph Erickson, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit; Summer 2022-Summer 2023

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Archivist, Northern Marianas College; Fall 2017-Summer 2018

Responsible for maintaining the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Archives housed at Northern Marianas College.

Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Office of the Attorney General of the Northern Mariana Islands;

Spring 2015-Summer 2016

Assistant attorney general in the Office of the Attorney General of the Northern Mariana Islands. Provided legal advice and assistance to the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Public Safety, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, Department of Corrections, and Board of Parole. Heavily involved in the legal aspects of the Northern Mariana Islands' recovery effort following

¹ Formerly named otherwise.

Typhoon Soudelor. Provided on-scene legal advice to the Department of Public Safety during a hostage situation.

**Law Clerk, Judge Landya McCafferty, United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire;
Winter 2013-Summer 2014**

**Law Clerk, Judge Frank Whitney, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina;
Fall 2012-Fall 2013**

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Archivist, Northern Marianas College;
Winter 2010-Summer 2012**

Responsible for maintaining the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Archives housed at Northern Marianas College.

**Law Clerk, Associate Justice Alexandro Castro, Supreme Court of the Northern Mariana Islands;
Fall 2007-Fall 2009**

**Law Clerk, Rhode Island Trial Court Law Clerk Department;
Fall 2006-Summer 2007**

BAR ADMISSIONS

Connecticut (2006)
New York (2008)
Northern Mariana Islands (2016) (Inactive)
United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (2007)
United States Supreme Court (2017)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association
New York State Bar Association
Westchester County Bar Association
American Bar Foundation (Life Fellow)
Phi Delta Phi (International Legal Honor Society)
Legal Writing Institute