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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY SCHOOL OF LAW, Detroit, MI.

Assistant Professor of Law (Fall 2026 – present)/Adjunct Professor (Fall, 2024, 2025).

Classes Teach:

ALTA I (Legal Theory and Analysis/Legal Writing) Bar Exam Strategies, and CLSSC (Critical Lawyering Skills in Social Context).

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY, White Plains, NY.

Associate Director of Bar Programs (Fall 2022 – Summer 2026).

Classes taught:

Advanced Analytical Skills, MBE Strategies (Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, and Criminal Procedure), and SBSP (Bar Skills Program); and Advisor for law review students upper-level writing fulfillment.

Bar Examination:

Held workshops including: IRAC and the MEE; CRAC/CREAC/CIREAC and the MPT; Legal Writing Skills; IRAC Revisited – A Legal Writing Approach to the MBE; and Study Planning/Skills. Advanced Analytical Skills.

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LAW, Irvine, CA.

Professor (Spring 2018-2022).

Classes Developed/Taught:

Prepared/adapted 1L and upper-level bar-tested classes.

WESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Fullerton, CA.

Associate Professor & Director of Advocacy (2002-2005).

Classes Taught:

Legal Research & Writing (Professional Skills), Advocacy, Advanced Advocacy, Gender & the Law, Community Property/Family Law, and Pretrial Litigation.

Program Development:

Created internal Moot Court/Mock Trial competitions and Coached Mock Trial, Moot Court, and Counseling/Negotiation competition teams in regional and national competitions. (Some team awards include brief award winner, best oralist, quarterfinalists.)

Faculty Committees:

Diversity, Professional Skills, Advocacy, and Admissions committees.

Service:

Public Interest Law Foundation Auction.

Accreditation:

Wrote ABA/WASC reports sections for legal writing/advocacy program and competition teams.

WHITTIER LAW SCHOOL, Costa Mesa, CA.

Adjunct Professor/Professor of Lawyering Skills (1996-2000).

Classes Taught:

Legal Research & Writing, Advanced Advocacy, Interviewing/Counseling/ Negotiations, Family Law, Pretrial Litigation, Accounting for Lawyers, and Law Office Management.

Coached:

Advised, assisted and coached trial teams (Teams won SDCA Trial competition and advanced in national trial competition); national and regional Moot Court competitions.

Faculty Mentor/Advisor:

Trial Advocacy Honors Board; and participant in Public Service Law Students Association Auction.

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

LAW REVIEW & JOURNAL ARTICLES

Same Predator, New Prey: The Case for a National Financial Fraud Registry (in progress).

Lost in Translation: The Case for a Multilingual Bar Exam. (in progress).

Sentencing's Black Eye: The Law's Deference to Victim Advocacy's Resulting Untreated Recidivism (in progress).

Little White Lies That Destroy Children's Lives: Recreating Paternity Fraud Laws to Protect the Children's Interests, 6 J. L. & FAM. STUDIES 237 (U. Utah), Spring, 2005.

Nature v. Nurture: Children Left Fatherless and Family-less When Nature Prevails in Paternity Actions, 65 U. PITT. L. REV. 811, Summer 2004.

The Day the Family Dies: The Bald Eagle, DNA, and Money Privilege in Paternity Fraud Legislation and Common Law Paternity Decisions, 7 J. L. & SOCIAL CHANGE 50 (U. Penn.), Spring, 2003.

An Overview of Genetic Test Results in Federal Civil Actions: An Uncertain Destiny, 19 WHITTIER L. REV. 681, Spring 1998.

PRESENTATIONS

Next-Gen UBE and Neurodivergence – LexCon'26 (Erica Lux, Antonia Miceli, Heather Varanini, Margaret Samadi, and Susan Landrum, co-presenters) (2026).

Pathways to Practice: What We All Need to Know – AASE National Conference (Carly Sassi, co-presenter) (2026).

Understanding the Next Gen UBE – Elisabeth Haub School of Law (Jill Gross, co-presenter) (2026).

Lessons from Disney on Student Conferences: Just Because It's What's Done Doesn't Mean It's What Should be Done – NECASP Conference (Stephanie Desiato and Danielle Kocal, co-presenters) (2023).

Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon: What Kevin Bacon Has to do with Legal Writing and Analysis – AASE National Conference (2023).

The Final Hurdle in Law Faculty Equity: Extending Tenure or 405(c) Protections to All Full-Time Faculty – NECASP Conference (2022).

IRAC/CRAC Strategy for the MBE, MPT, & MEE – Elisabeth Haub School of Law (2022).

Faculty Debate: Affirmative Action in Higher Education – WSU School of Law (2004).

Parentage Issues - Children’s Law Center – Whittier Law School (1999).

Crafting Winning Theories of the Case & Closing Arguments – Whittier Law School (1998).

RELATED EXPERIENCE

PRIVATE PRACTICE, PA/CA.

Litigation Associate (Civil, Family, & Business Transactions).

Court Appointed Appellate Counsel (Criminal, Juvenile, & Dependency)

Paul Bell Fellowship Award.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH/UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW, Pittsburgh, PA.

Juris Doctor.

B.A., English Literature.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME SCHOOL OF LAW, London, England.

Summer Abroad (International Law and Evidence).

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Certificate.

Leading for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Higher Education.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

BAR ADMISSIONS

CA Bar Association (inactive).

PA Bar Association (retired).

LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE

Public Relations, Social Media, Website and LWIC Committee, 2026-2027.

Deputy Editor, 2021 ABA Section of International Law Year in Review.

AASE

Co-Chair, Bar Advocacy Committee, 2025-2026.

Scholarship Committee Member, 2024-2025.

Diversity Committee Member, 2025-2026.