

AMY VAUGHAN-THOMAS, Esq.

56 3rd Street • Somerset, MA 02726 • Vaughaaa@udmercy.edu • 774-644-3861

BAR ADMISSION

The State Bar of California, June 2016, License #310210

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT FACULTY & DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS – ONLINE J.D., *Detroit Mercy School of Law*
June 2026' – Present

- Course design and instruction for Property and Bar Strategies
- Instructor of record for Critical Lawyering Skills in Social Context
- Curriculum design, instruction and management of comprehensive pre-1L through graduation academic and bar success online J.D. program

ASSISTANT TEACHING FACULTY & DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS, *UMass School of Law – Dartmouth*
August 18' – May 26'

- Curriculum design, instruction and management of comprehensive pre-1L through graduation academic and bar success program
- Course design and instruction for required doctrinal and practicum courses – Business Organizations, Professional Responsibility, Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Collaborate with faculty on formative assessment design for doctrinal courses
- Design and implement academic success programming for all law students to facilitate their analytical development, reading and writing skills, examination skills, and early integration in the Law School's curriculum
- Advise on ADA Accommodation matters as it relates to law school learning and bar exam accommodations to staff and students
- Develop & provide MPRE resources and workshops in hybrid and online formats
- Weekly one-on-one, small group, and large lecture academic and bar support in online, hybrid and in-person settings
- Manage the Law Learning Center, Academic Fellows Program, remedial workshops, online pre-1L programming, and online and in-person orientation program
- Works with Faculty and Deans to monitor, analyze, and promote student retention and bar success
- Completed instructional development certificate for online course design

FACULTY FEDERATION GRIEVANCE OFFICER, *UMass Dartmouth*
March 2022' – May 26'

- Advise all campus faculty on their rights under the UMass Dartmouth Faculty Federation contract
- Collaborate with Faculty Federation and UMass Dartmouth Administration leadership to ensure fair representation and due process within the grievance procedures

VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS, *Brooklyn Law School*
January 21' – February 22'

- Online instruction for multiple sections of required Pre-Bar II course.
- Design and instruct online academic success workshops and individual support for Brooklyn Law graduates sitting for the February 2022 Bar Exam
- Online instruction for Legal Analysis Seminar – a targeted academic skills course for students after their first semester of law school

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT, *California Western School of Law*
September 16' – June 18'

- Design and managed all aspects of California Western's academic tutoring and study hall programs.
- Course design and instruction for Academic Skills and Analysis Program – a remedial first year course.
- Instructed individual and small group tutoring sessions for bar student population.
- Presented several academic skills workshops in conjunction with student organizations to cater to our diverse student population.

LAW OFFICE OF CHRISTOPHER WORKMAN, *Contract Attorney*
June 16' – September 16'

LAW OFFICE OF MARC D. ADELMAN, *Law Clerk*
January 15' – December 15'

CWSL MEDIATION CLINIC & NORTH COUNTY LIFELINE SERVICES, *Mediator*
September 15' – December 15'

THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. BATTAGLIA, U.S. District Judge, *Legal Extern*
September 14' – December 14'

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Business Organizations, SU24 – present (UML)
- Professional Responsibility, SU & FA 2020 – present (UML)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution, FA 2019 – present (UML)
- Advanced Legal Analysis, FA 2016 & 2017 (CWSL), FA 2025 (UML)
- Advanced Academic Skills: Principles of Agency SP 2018 – present (UML)
- Academic Skills Lab FA 2018 – present (UML)
- Pre-Bar II, FA 2022 (BLS)
- Legal Analysis Seminar, SP 2021 (BLS)

- Bar Prep, FA 2016 (CWSL)
- Academic Skills and Analysis Program, SP 2017 – SP 2018 (CWSL)
- Academic Success Workshops, FA 2016 – present (CWSL, BLS, & UML)
- Mediation Clinic, SP 2018 (CWSL)

PUBLICATIONS

- *The Glannon Guide: Business Associations*”, Co-author with Carly Sassi, Aspen Publishing forthcoming summer 2026
- *Fostering First Gen Success & Inclusion: A Guide For Law Schools – Chapter 1, “Speaking from Experience: Profiling the First Gen Perspective to Foster Inclusion in Legal Education.”*, Carolina Press forthcoming winter 2025
- *New Era, Same Avenues for Abuse: The Stop Campus Hazing Act’s failure to confront the NCAA*, work in progress
- *When the Wheels on the Bus Fall Off: How Long-Term Learning Deficits will Shape Legal Education*, Co-authored with Professor Rebecca Flanagan, work in progress
- Fall 2025 Editor and blogger, *The Law School Academic Support Blog*

PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 AASE – “*Playing Your Best Hand: Making Academic Probation Work For You and Your Students*”
- 2025 New York Academic Support Workshop – “*I. Robot: Using Artificial Intelligence as an Artificial Assistant*”
- 2024 NECASP – “*Get Your Mind Right: Shaping Mindset through Education & Sports Psychology*”
- The Learning Curve Summer/Fall 2021 Edition – “*Mental Health Matters: Shattering the Cracks in Legal Education’s Bones*”
- 2022 NYLS Academic Conference – “*Engaging in Difficult Conversations: Using Dispute Resolution in Academia*”
- 2021 AASE – “*When the Wheels on the Bus Fall Off: COVID-19’s Interference with Learning Capacity and the Effect of a Pandemic on Legal Education.*”
- The Learning Curve Winter/Spring 2019 Edition – “*A New Fish in a Big Sea: Welcome to the World of ASP*”
- 2019 AASE – “*Tick, Tock Goes the Clock: Teaching Time Management to Today’s Law Student*”
- 2018 NECASP – “*The How and Why of a Comprehensive First-Semester Skills Class; A Collaborative Effort between ASP and Doctrinal Faculty*”
- 2017 WCCASP - “*A.S.A.P. as a Multimodal Translator of Student Mindset: Balancing Old School Methods with the New*”

CAMPUS SERVICE

- Academic Success Committee, Appointments Committee, Curriculum Committee – Law School, Curriculum Committee – UMass Dartmouth, Academic Standards Committee, Admissions Committee, Institutional Planning Committee, Faculty Federation Contract Bargaining Team

EDUCATION

CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D.

January 16’

- Honors:* Dean’s List Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2015, Fall 2015
 2016 Advanced Mediation Award Recipient
 1st Place Award – 2015 California Bar Environmental Law ADR Competition hosted by Golden Gate University
 2nd Place Award – 2015 National Sports Law Negotiation Competition hosted by Thomas Jefferson School of Law
 Distinguished Advocate Award – Moot Court Honors Board
 American Jurisprudence Awards in Employment Discrimination, Wrongful Conviction Seminar, Trial Practice, and ADR Mediation Clinic
- Activities:* Teaching Assistant for California Civil Procedure; 2014 National Sports Law Negotiation Competitor; 2014 ABA Region 9 Negotiation Competitor; 2014 Intramurals Athletic Director

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, B.A., Political Science & American Studies Double Major

May 12’

- Honors:* Dean’s List; Cum Laude
 NCAA Division 1 Full Scholarship Student Athlete
 2008 – 2012 Big East All-Academic Team
- Activities:* NCAA Division 1 Competitor & Team Captain – Softball; Student Athlete Awareness Committee Member

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL & ECONOMIC STUDIES, Crete, Greece HOSTED BY GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

June 11’

- Activities:* Collaborated with students from Europe, Northern Africa and the Middle East addressing global political issues

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

- Association of American Law Schools Conference in 2019, 2023
- Association of Academic Support Educators National Conference 2017 – present
- AccessLex Spring Conference on NextGen Bar Exam – 2024
- Other regional Academic Success conferences 2016 – present