

Silvia M. Menendez

Education:

University of Minnesota Law School, JD, cum laude, 1995

University of Hartford, MS, Accounting, 1991

Wesleyan University, BA, Government, 1989

Admitted to State Bars of Minnesota, New Jersey and Pennsylvania (all currently inactive)

Teaching Experience:

University of Florida, Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL

Senior Legal Skills Professor, August 2014- Present,

Legal Skills Professor, August 2011- May 2014

Adjunct Legal Skills Professor Fall 2008 & 2009, Aug. 2010- May 2011

Teach Legal Drafting, a required upper level course to second year law students. Instruct students concerning the principals of drafting litigation documents, contracts and legislation. Develop class plans and materials; prepare drafts of documents; review and comment on multiple drafts of document; advise students concerning writing skills. Supervise multiple students in externship placements. Served on faculty committees, including Strategic Planning and the College Self Study Committee.

Director of Externship Programs Administer the law school's externship program that annually places approximately 300 students in a variety of externships, including placements with nonprofit organizations, government entities, courts and corporate counsel.

Legal Experience:

US District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Ocala, Florida, May –July 2010.

US District Court for the Northern District of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, May- August 2014.

Law Clerk to Magistrate Judge Gary Jones Researched and wrote orders on a wide variety of civil matters, including social security appeals, state habeus appeals and summary judgment motions.

McCrorry & McDowell, LLC, Pittsburgh, PA, January 2002- July 2002.

Staff Attorney: Advised clients and prepared wills and trust agreements, administered estates and prepared tax returns

Rhodes Law Firm, Pittsburgh, PA, April 2001- January 2002.

Staff Attorney: Practiced in the area of trusts and estates and state pension administration.

Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, LLP, Morristown, NJ, September 1998- August 1999.

Associate Attorney: Advised clients and prepared wills, trust agreements and prenuptial agreements. Advised clients concerning family business succession planning. Administered estates and prepared tax returns. Researched issues related to estate administration and testamentary dispositions.

Faegre & Benson, LLP, Minneapolis, MN, September 1995- August 1998.

Associate Attorney: Advised clients and prepared wills, trust agreements and prenuptial agreements. Administered estates and prepared relevant tax returns. Researched issues related to estate administration, testamentary dispositions and business succession planning. Advised tax-exempt clients concerning the impact of the federal tax and state not for profit law on business plans.

Publications:

Wright, D and Menendez, SM, *Estate Planning Simulations*, Bridge to Practice Series, West Publications, Publication pending, Fall 2015.

Dobalian, A; Tsao, JC; Putzer GJ; Menendez, SM, “Improving Rural Community Preparedness for the Chronic Health Consequences of Bioterrorism and other Public Health Emergencies” *Journal of Public Health Management Practice*, September 2007; 13(5): 476-480.

Menendez, SM, “AFDC Beneficiaries and the Automobile Equity Limitation” *Law and Inequality: A Journal of Theory and Practice*, May 1994; 12(2) 529-552.