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Director of Legal Writing & Appellate Advocacy, May 2012 - present; Master Legal Skills Professor, August 2012 - present; University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville.

Lead eight legal skills professors. Teach Legal Writing and Appellate Advocacy; supervise six teaching assistants per semester; coordinate teaching with law librarians, who teach legal research.

Senior Legal Skills Professor, August 2009 - August 2012; Legal Skills Professor, February 2006 - August 2009; Adjunct Legal Skills Professor, January 2005 - February 2006.

Taught Legal Research and Writing, Appellate Advocacy, and Florida Civil Procedure; supervised eight or more teaching assistants per semester; supervised externships.

Publications:

“The Same River Twice: A Brief History Of How The 1968 Florida Constitution Came To Be And What It Has Become,” 18 Fla. Coastal L. Rev. 5 (Fall 2016).

Making Modern Florida: How the Spirit of Reform Shaped a New State Constitution. (Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida 2016).

Rev. of *Reubin O’D. Askew and the Golden Age of Florida Politics*, by Martin A. Dyckman, 85 The Florida Bar J. 60 (2011).

“Persuasive Analytical Legal Writing,” Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi Hükük Fakültesi (Bahçeşehir University Law Faculty) Kazanci 125 (Turk.) 2011.

“The Unblinking Eye Turns to Appellate Law: Cameras in Trial Courtrooms and Their Effect on Appellate Law,” 15 Journal of Technology Law & Policy 65 (2010).

“Seven Qualities for Beginning Appellate Attorneys” in Vol. XVI, No. 6 of *The Record*, the Journal of the Appellate Practice Section of The Florida Bar, Spring 2008.

National Business Institutes seminar, “Current Issues Impacting Insurance Defense Practice in Florida”, June 28, 2005, Jacksonville, Florida.

Awards:

2015 University of Florida Faculty Enhancement Opportunity Award (Fall).

2015 Samuel Proctor Oral History Program travel award (Summer).

2014 Samuel Proctor Oral History Program travel award (Summer).

2014 USF Libraries Riordan Memorial Fellowship in Florida Studies.

2008 Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Scholarship.

2008 University of Florida Student Affairs Committee Award.

Presentations and Other Professional Activities:

August 17, 2017: panelist on “**Florida Constitution Commission: WHAT it is and WHY it should matter to you,**” to Manatee Tiger Bay Club, Bradenton, FL.

July 19, 2017: presented “**Going Deep: How In-depth Interviews can Bridge Cultural Differences,**” with retired Florida Supreme Court Justice James E.C. Perry (via Skype), at Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

July 11, 2017: presented **Florida Cases in the U. S. Supreme Court** at University of Florida Idea Incubator, Gainesville, FL.

June 21, 2017: presented talk on *Making Modern Florida* book at Books & Books, Coral Gables, FL.

May 30, 2017: recorded interview for podcast for “New Books in Law” podcast series; interviewer, Ian Drake.

May 21, 2017: presented “**The Same River Twice: History of Florida’s Constitution Revision,**” at Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting, at sea aboard *Carnival Sensation*.

April 24, 2017: panelist, “**A Conversation about the Florida Constitution Revision Commission,**” panel presentation at University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL.

March 29, 2017: presented “**Florida’s Constitution Revision Commission: Historical Perspectives and Current Issues,**” to Manatee County Bar Association, Bradenton, FL.

March 22, 2017: panelist, “Constitutional Revision Commission,” at Florida Chamber of Commerce Capitol Days, Tallahassee, FL.

March 21, 2017: presented “Florida’s Constitution Revision Commission: Historical Perspectives and Current Issues” to Alachua County League of Women Voters, Oak Hammock Branch, Gainesville, FL.

March 11, 2017: panelist, “The Same River Twice: Florida’s Constitution Revision Commission,” at Florida Conference of Historians Annual Meeting, Punta Gorda, FL.

February 22, 2017: presented “The Same River Twice: Florida’s Constitution Revision Commission,” to LeRoy Collins Institute Board of Directors, Tallahassee, FL.

February 10 – 12, 2017: presented “Florida’s Constitution Revision Commission: Historical Perspectives and Current Issues” and judged student proposals at Bob Graham Center for Public Service Future of Florida Summit, Gainesville, FL.

December 8, 2016: presented “Florida’s Constitution Revision Commission: Historical Perspectives and Current Issues” to Florida Bar Board of Governors Committee on Constitution Revision Commission, Clearwater Beach, FL.

September 29, 2016: presented “Making Modern Florida” to Melrose Friends of the Library, Melrose, FL.

September 15, 2016: Keynote address: “Making Modern Florida,” at Democracy Day, Santa Fe College, Gainesville, FL.

August 10, 2016: presented “Making Modern Florida” to Tallahassee Women Lawyers, Tallahassee, FL.

July 11, 2016: moderated “You Contain Multitudes: Finding and Polishing Your Unique Qualities,” panel presentation at Legal Writing Institute Biennial Meeting, Portland, OR.

April 1, 2016: presented “Florida’s Constitution: Historical Perspectives and Current Issues,” at Barry University School of Law Constitutional Scholars Forum, Orlando, FL.

March 19, 2016: co-presented “Not So Fast: Crafting Assignments to Address Students’ Logical Lapses,” with Joe Jackson, at Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Tucson, AZ.

March 4, 2016: Keynote address: “The History of the CRC,” at Florida Coastal Law

Review Symposium, *20-20: A look into the 2017 Florida Constitution Revision Commission*, Jacksonville, FL.

February 25, 2016: Faculty Workshop Presentation: “Drafting a Constitution, Drafting a Legislature,” at University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL.

February 4, 2016: American Inns of Court team presentation panelist, “Past and Current Issues in Florida Constitution Revision,” at First District Court of Appeal, Tallahassee, FL.

November 12, 2015: “Past and Current Issues in Florida Constitution Revision,” at Oak Hammock, to Alachua County League of Women Voters, Oak Hammock Branch, Gainesville, FL.

October 8, 2015: Panelist, “The Florida Constitution at 50 Years: Looking Ahead to the 2017-2018 Revision Commission,” co-sponsored by the UF Law Center for Governmental Responsibility and the Bob Graham Center for Public Service, Gainesville, Florida.

August 1, 2015: Panelist, “Workshop on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research: Grading and Assessment,” at Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2015 Conference, Boca Raton, Florida.

September 12, 2014: Presented “Pigs, Pot, and Policy: The Creation of Florida’s Modern Constitution,” as part of the Institute for Learning in Retirement, Oak Hammock, Gainesville, Florida.

July 31, 2014: Presented “Pigs, Pot, and Policy: The Creation of Florida’s Modern Constitution,” as Patrick Riordan Memorial Fellow at USF Libraries, Tampa, Florida.

June 30, 2014: Presenter, Legal Writing Institute Annual Meeting, “Computer to Professor: Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better?”, a report on a brief study and experiment I conducted on the applicability of automated essay grading software to law exams and legal writing assignments.

April 25, 2014: Facilitator, ALWD Innovative Teaching Workshop, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida.

December 2013: Deputy Editor, “International Law Year in Review,” ABA Section of International Law.

August 2013, August 2012, August 2011 (and earlier): Presented case briefing section of “Introduction to Law School and the Profession.”

December 7, 2012: Presented “Teaching Mediation with Legal Writing” at Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

October 2012: Presented “Legal Analysis,” an academic support program, to first-year law students at the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law.

December 2, 2011: Panel Member, “Effective Use of Teaching Assistants,” at the Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, University of Miami College of Law, Coral Gables, Florida.

June 6 - 9, 2011: Presented “Persuasive Analytical Legal Writing” at the Twenty-First Century Global Legal Skills Conference at Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Turkey.

May - June, 2011: Assistant Editor, Mark Yates, *The Carnegie Effect: Elevating Practical Training over Liberal Education in Curricular Reform*, Volume 17, Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute (2011).

Fall 2010 - Spring 2012: Assistant Editor, Legal Writing Journal.

Spring 2008 - Spring 2012: Externship faculty advisor for student externs.

2009 & 2010: Brief Judge, National Child Welfare & Adoption Law Moot Court Competition.

Fall 2012, Fall 2010 - Spring 2011, Fall 2008 - Spring 2009: Mentor, University of Florida Women’s Leadership Committee Women’s Mentoring Program.

Spring 2008 - present: Assist with preparing Environmental Moot Court students for competitions.

December 2007: Briefed and argued **Price v. State**, SC06-2045, before Supreme Court of Florida.

January 2007, February 2013: University of Warsaw, Center for American Law Studies, Warsaw, Poland. Developed and taught Legal Writing course to 103 law students.

Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012: Participated in commencement ceremonies.

Fall 2006: Assisted with preparing Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court students for competition.

Service:

University of Florida:

Fall 2016—present: UF Levin College of Law Facilities and Technology Committee.

Fall 2016—present: UF Levin College of Law working group on reimagining skills learning.

Fall 2014—Spring 2016: UF Levin College of Law Judicial Clerkship Committee.

Fall 2013 – Spring 2015: Ad hoc committee for the UF Levin College of Law Cuban-American Lawyers Project 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Fall 2013 - March 2014: UF Levin College of Law Dean Search Committee.

January 2013 - present: Faculty Advisor, UF Levin College of Law Florida Moot Court Team.

Fall 2012 - present: UF Levin College of Law Non-Tenure-Track Appointments & Promotions Committee.

Fall 2011 – Spring 2015: UF Levin College of Law Strategic Planning Committee.

Fall 2010 – Spring 2013: UF Levin College of Law Curriculum Committee.

Fall 2010 – Spring 2013: University of Florida Faculty Senate.

Spring 2010: UF Levin College of Law Ad Hoc Research Teaching Committee.

Fall 2007 - Spring 2010: UF Levin College of Law Admissions Committee.

Fall 2007 - Spring 2011: UF Common Reading Program Committee.

Fall 2007 - Spring 2010: UF Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee.

Fall 2006 - Spring 2007: UF Levin College of Law Adjunct Teaching Committee.

Professional Organizations:

July 2016 – April 2017: Member, Board of Directors, ALWD (Association of Legal Writing Directors).

June 2016 – present: Treasurer, Florida Supreme Court Historical Society.

February 2015 – present: Member, Eighth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee “B”

2014 – present: Chair, Oral History Committee, Florida Supreme Court Historical Society.

2013-present: Board of Trustees, Florida Supreme Court Historical Society

2014 –2016: Legal Writing Institute Global Legal Skills Committee.

2015--present: ALWD Diversity Initiatives Committee.

2013 –2015: ALWD Survey Committee; ALWD Innovative Teaching Committee.

2010 –2012: Legal Writing Institute Professional Development Committee.

Education and Conferences Attended:

Jan. 2 – 5, 2017: ALWD Board of Directors Meeting at AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

July 10-13, 2016: Legal Writing Institute Biennial Meeting, Portland, OR.

April 1, 2016: Barry University School of Law Constitutional Scholars Forum, Orlando, FL.

March 18-20, 2016: Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Tucson, AZ.

March 4, 2016: Florida Coastal Law Review Symposium, 20-20: A look into the 2017 Florida Constitution Revision Commission, Jacksonville, FL.

January 4 – 7, 2016: AALS Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

October 8, 2015: “The Florida Constitution at 50 Years: Looking Ahead to the 2017-2018 Revision Commission,” Gainesville, Florida.

August 1, 2015: Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2015 Conference, Boca Raton, Florida.

January 2 – 4, 2015: Attended the American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

October 24-25, 2014: Attended the Legal Writing Institute’s Moot Court Advisors’ Conference, Milwaukee, WI.

June 29- July 3, 2014: Attended the Legal Writing Institute’s Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

January 2 – 6, 2014: Attended the American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, New York.

January 4 - 6, 2013: Attended the American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

January 3 - 6, 2013: Attended the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

December 7, 2012: Attended and presented “Teaching Mediation with Legal Writing” at Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

May 28 - June 1, 2012: Attended the Legal Writing Institute biennial conference in Desert Springs, California.

December 2, 2011: Panelist on “Effective Use of Teaching Assistants” at Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, University of Miami Law School, Coral Gables, Florida.

June 6 - 9, 2011: Attended and presented “Persuasive Analytical Legal Writing” at the Twenty-First Century Global Legal Skills Conference, Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi, Istanbul, Turkey.

June 27 - 30, 2010: Attended the Legal Writing Institute biennial conference in Marco Island, Florida.

February 2010: Attended Basic Probate, Guardianship and Elder Law, Tampa, Florida, presented by The Florida Bar.

July 2009: Attended Science, Health, Nanotechnology, & the Law, presented by F.R.E.E., Bozeman, Montana.

July 2008: Attended the Legal Writing Institute biennial conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

June 2007: Attended AALS workshop for New Law Teachers, Washington, D.C.

May 2006: Attended Appellate Practice before the First District Court of Appeal, Jacksonville, Florida, presented by The Florida Bar.

Practice History:

December 2001 - December 2004. Ocala & Jacksonville, Florida.

Cameron, Hodges, Coleman, LaPointe, & Wright, P.A. Very busy insurance defense civil practice; successfully managed and litigated large caseload, wrote effective pleadings, motions, memoranda of law, and briefs; tried and mediated cases. In Jacksonville, in 2004, managed satellite office.

January 1999 - November 2001. Melrose, Florida. Sole practitioner.

General civil law practice; represented both plaintiffs and defendants in personal injury, contract litigation, land use, real estate, insurance, and governmental cases. Wrote and argued motions and briefs; conducted discovery, trials and mediations.

1994 - 1998. Gainesville, Florida. Jones, Carter & Drylie, P.A. Civil practice with emphasis in diverse insurance defense litigation, small business

representation, and land use law. Wrote and argued motions and briefs; conducted discovery, trials and mediations.

1992 - 1994. Jacksonville, Florida. Holland & Knight. Civil litigation practice with emphasis on real-estate-related litigation. Participated in firm committees; wrote and argued motions and briefs; conducted trials, discovery and mediations.

Admissions: Florida Bar, 1992-present (inactive status since 2014).

Education: J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 1991; B.S.J., University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications, 1979. M.A., University of Florida History Department, 2017.

Honors: Florida Law Review: Senior Executive Editor, 1991; Selection Committee Chair, Fall 1991.

Professional Activities:

Association of Legal Writing Directors, board member, August 2016-July 2017;
First Appellate District American Inn of Court, Government Master member,
September 2014 – present;
Eighth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee “B,” February 2015 – present,
vice-chair, February 2017-July 2017, chair, August 2017 - present;
Florida Supreme Court Historical Society, 2012 – present, trustee, 2013 – present;
chair, Oral History Committee, 2014 – present, treasurer 2016-2017, secretary,
2017 - present;
Florida League of Women Voters, 2012 – present;
American Historical Association, 2011 – present;
Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association: member, 2016-17, 2014-15, 2007 - 2012,
2005 - 2006, 1994 - 2002; board of directors, 1998 – 2000.

Community: Steering Committee, Melrose Community Farmers’ Market, 2009 - present;
Steering Committee, Melrose Senior Community Center, 2010 – 2012; Historic
Melrose Inc., 1999 - present, President, 2007 - 2009, Vice-President, 2006 -
2007 and 2009 - 2010, executive board member, 2005; Melrose Bay Property
Owners Association 1992 - present, President, 2003 - 2004; presentation on Wills
and Basic Estate Planning, Melrose Public Library, September 2004.

Previous 1987 - 1988, Director of Development, University of Miami School of Music.
Experience: 1982 - 1986, District Director, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Fort Myers, FL.
Directed staff and volunteers for all programs in ten-county area. 1980 - 1982,
Communications Coordinator, Sailboard, Inc. Marketing and promotions.