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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**University of Florida Levin College of Law (UF Law)**, Gainesville, FL  
Director of Legal Writing and Drafting, 2024–present  
Senior Legal Skills Professor, 2024–present; Legal Skills Professor, 2021–2024

**The George Washington University Law School (GWU Law)**, Washington, D.C.  
Associate Professor of Clinical Law, Fall 1999–Spring 2002

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Project Management Principles for Law School Success, Academic Advocate*, UF Law  
Academic Success Newsletter, Oct. 2024.

[\*Holdings as Hypotheses: Teaching Contextual Understanding and Enhancing Engagement\*](#), 128  
*Penn. St. L. Rev.* 489 (2024).

[\*Bridging the Gap Between the Rules of Evidence and Justice for Victims of Domestic Violence\*](#), 8  
*Yale J.L. & Feminism* 359 (1996).

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

*A New Peer Review Process for Overcoming Rejection Sensitivity and Building Resilience.*

## **LEGISLATION**

**California Evidence Code Section 1109 (Senate Bill 1876)**  
Co-wrote Senate Bill 1876 (introduced by the Honorable Senator Hilda L. Solis), 1996  
Testified, California Senate Committee on Criminal Procedure, 1996

## **AWARDS**

*Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year*, Felony Domestic Violence Unit, Ventura County District  
Attorney's Office, 1997

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

*Reimagining Attorney Competency: Exploring the NextGen Bar Exam's Vision of Competency and Our Own*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, (July 31, 2025) (moderator and organizer).

*Defining Us: Identity, Unity, and the Future of the Legal Writing Community*, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Annual Conference, (July 15, 2025) (discussant).

*A Collaborative Memo Experiment: Harnessing the Power, Precision, and Persuasion of Three, Teaching Process in the Classroom and Bringing Awareness to Your Own Research and Writing Process*, Legal Writing Institute (LWI) One-Day Workshop, Co-Hosted by UF Law and LWI's Research and Scholarship Committee, (May 2, 2025) (co-presenter).

*What's 'Write'? Who's Writing? Exploring New AI Developments in Legal Writing Courses*, 2024 SEALS Conference, (July 26, 2023) (discussant).

*88 Miles Per Hour: Can AI Resolve Some of the "Serious Stuff" We See in Legal Writing Classrooms?* LWI One-Day Workshop, University of Florida, Levin College of Law (December 2023) (presenter).

*Read Before You Write: Teaching a Summer Course or Orientation Session on Reading Case Law*, 2023, SEALS Annual Conference, (July 26, 2023) (panelist).

*Holdings as Hypotheses: Enhancing Engagement through Contextual Understanding*, LWI Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Oregon School of Law, (October 2022) (presenter).

*Self-Assessment and the Ghost of Christmas Past*, LWI One-Day Workshop, UF Law (December 2021) (presenter).

*Cypriot Practitioners' Domestic Violence Training*, Center for Professional Development, The George Washington University (April 2000) (presenter).

*The Admissibility of Prior Acts of Domestic Violence in Domestic Violence Proceedings*, Family Violence in the Year 2000 Symposium, West Virginia University College of Law (March 2000) (panelist).

*Domestic Violence, Prosecution, Restraining Orders, and Child Custody Law*, Family Law Mediator Training, Ventura County Superior Court (August 1998) (presenter)

*Domestic Violence Investigation Protocol*, Port Hueneme Police Department (April 1998) (presenter).

*Domestic Violence Awareness Month Lecture Series: Prosecution of Domestic Violence in Ventura County*, Ventura Community College (October 1997) (presenter).

*Violence Against Women: Prosecution of Domestic Violence in Ventura County*, Moorpark Community College (1997, 1998) (presenter).

*Street Law: Teen Dating Violence*, Duke Ellington Performing Arts High School (October 1999) (presenter).

## **DEPARTMENTAL TALKS/GUEST LECTURES**

Introduction to Legal Analysis, Introduction to Law, UF Law, August 2025.

Introduction to Law at Levin, UF Undergraduate Honors Program, IDH 2930 (March 2020).

The Art of Lawyering, GWU Law (July 2000).

Women and Public Policy: Civil Protection Order Law and Procedure in the District of Columbia, GWU Law (annual event 1999 and 2000) (co-presenter).

Brown Bag Lunch Series: Domestic Violence and Children, GWU Law (annual event 1999–2001) (co-presenter).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Legal Writing I—Predictive (UF Law) (Fall: 2025, 2024, 2023\*, 2022\*, 2021)

Legal Writing II—Persuasive (UF Law) (Schd. Sp. 2026; Spring: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022\*)

Trial Practice (UF Law) (Fall 2025; Spring 2024)

Domestic Violence Litigation Clinic, (GWU Law) (Fall and Spring 1999–2002)

*\*Two Sections*

## **TEACHING AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS**

Legal Writing I and II—Predictive and Persuasive Writing

Trial Practice

Introduction to Lawyering/Professional Identity

Evidence

Criminal Law

Domestic Violence

Legal Pedagogy

## **UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY-RELATED SERVICE**

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

Non-Tenure Track Hiring and Promotion Committee, Fall 2025–present

Moot Court Co-Advisor, Fall 2022, Spring 2025

Bar Mentor, Summers 2025, 2024; Spring 2025

Academic Programs and Curriculum, Member, Fall 2024

Adjunct Teaching Committee, *Chair*, Fall 2023–Spring 2024; *Member*, Fall 2022–Spring 2024

Ad Hoc Appointment Committee for Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Director, Spring 2022

Judicial Clerkship Committee, *Ex Officio Member*, Fall 2019–Spring 2021  
First-Year Experience Workgroup, Summer 2020  
Orientation Subcommittee, Summer 2000  
Small Group Connections Subcommittee, Summer 2020

**University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law**, Sacramento, California  
Judicial Clerkship Committee, *Career Development Liaison*, Fall 2004–Spring 2006  
Center for Youth Citizenship, *Board Member*, Fall 2004–Spring 2006

**The George Washington University Law School**, Washington, D.C.  
D.C. Law Students in Court, *Board Member*, 2001–2002

## **PRIOR EMPLOYMENT**

**University of Florida Levin College of Law**, Gainesville, Florida  
Academic Advisor—Office of Career and Professional Development, July 2019–May 2021

**Florida State College at Jacksonville**, Jacksonville, Florida  
Associate Director—Admissions, August 2018–July 2019  
Academic and Career Advisor, March 2018–August 2018

**Word It Wisely, LLC**, Jacksonville Beach, Florida  
Founder, Owner, Operator, 2013–2019

**Florida Coastal School of Law**, Jacksonville, Florida  
Public Interest Grant Consultant/Administrator and Bar Coach, Intermittent, 2011–2013

**University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law**, Sacramento, California  
Senior Career Advisor/Career Advisor—Career Development Office (CDO), 2003–2009

**Pillsbury Winthrop LLP**, Sacramento, California  
Litigation Associate, August 2002–October 2002

**The George Washington University Law School**, Washington, D.C.  
Associate Professor of Clinical Law, July 1999–July 2002 (see above)

**Ventura County District Attorney's Office**, Ventura, California  
Deputy District Attorney, September 1996–July 1999 (on leave 1999–2002)  
Special Units: Major Fraud, Felony Domestic Violence, Misdemeanor Domestic Violence

## **EDUCATION**

**J.D., Berkeley Law, University of California, 1996**

*Outstanding Woman Law Graduate*, National Association of Women Lawyers, 1996

*Berkeley Women's Law Journal*, 1993–1996

Moot Court Award, Best Brief, 1994

Prosser Prize, Contracts I, 1993

Berkeley Law Foundation, Solicitation Coordinator, 1994–1995

**B.A., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 1993**

Highest Honors, 1993

Phi Beta Kappa, 1993

## **BAR ADMISSION**

California Bar (No. 185055), 1996–present (inactive; eligible to reactivate)

Washington, D.C. Bar (No. 464286), 1999–present (inactive; eligible to reactivate)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD)

Distinguished Speaker Committee, Fall 2025–present; Member, Fall 2022–present

Legal Writing Institute (LWI)

Resource Committee, Fall 2024–present; Member, Fall 2021–present

Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS)

Writing Connections Committee, Summer 2024–Summer 2025

American Association of Law Schools (AALS), 2021–present

National Association for Law Placement (NALP), 2019–2021; 2001–2009

American Bar Association (ABA), 2019–present; 2000–2009

ABA Legal Education Section, 2019–present; 2000–2002

AALS Clinical Legal Section, 1999–2002

Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA), 1999–2002

California District Attorneys Association (CDAA), 1996–1999

California Alliance Against Domestic Violence (CAADV), 1996