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EMPLOYMENT

2015-Present University of Florida Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL Lecturer

Teaching Legal Writing and Contract Drafting to first year and upper level law students. Also taught on-line course for summer externship program.

- Presented on “Partnering with Practice: Bringing Practitioners into Your Classroom to Make Law Practice Real” in the Writing Connections section of the South Eastern Association of Law Schools Conference in August of 2020.
- Presented on “Connecting Teaching and Learning: Formative Assessment” in the Writing Connections section of the South Eastern Association of Law Schools Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in August of 2018.
- Presented on “Ferrari Has Really Fast Race Cars, A Mnemonic for Doing a Case Analogy in the “A” Section of IRAC” at the Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference on March 24, 2018.
- Presented on “Small Changes, Big Results: Incremental Changes People can make in LRW Classes to Improve Learning, Feedback, and Engagement” at the Legal Writing Institute’s 2017 “One Day Workshop” in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on December 7, 2017.
- Chair of Admissions Committee, Member of Academic Standards Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Pro Bono Committee, Diversity Committee.
- Participant in Minority Mentoring Program, Faculty Adviser Program and New Student Match Program. Faculty Adviser to Cuban American Bar Association.

2011-2015 Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, FL Associate Professor

Taught Legal Methods (Legal Analysis), Legal Research and Objective Writing, Lawyering Process for Litigation Practice, and Transactional Drafting to first year and upper level law students. Also taught Property I and II and Modern Real Estate Transactions.

- Presented on “Paper Research” at Legal Writing Institute’s 2012 “One Day Workshop” in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Recipient of 2013 “Diversity Award” from Jacksonville Business Journal.
- Member of Multi-Cultural Committee; Participant in Faculty Mentoring Program; Faculty Advisor for student newspaper, “The Rainmaker.”
- Volunteered to help immigrants obtain citizenship in Citizenship Day program.
- Taught legal analysis to team members at the Wounded Warrior Project in Jacksonville, Florida.

2008 – 2011 Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA Adjunct Professor

Taught Legal Research and Writing to first year law school students.

- Attended One-Day Workshops for Adjunct Professors and New Legal Writing Professors in 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- Member, Legal Writing Institute.

2007 – 2011 Cape Cod Community College, Barnstable, MA

Adjunct Professor

Taught Business Law to undergraduate college students.

2001- 2015 Ben L. Fernandez, Attorney at Law, Plymouth, MA

Solo practitioner: represented Barnstable County HOME Consortium in connection with the financing of affordable housing projects on Cape Cod; also represented TD Bank in residential mortgage loan closings.

- *Volunteer teacher for Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts' financial literacy program*
- *Volunteer speaker at homebuyer education seminars sponsored by South Shore Housing and Housing Assistance Corp.*
- *Volunteer member Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, Inc.*

1996 - 2001 Massachusetts Housing Partnership Fund Board, Boston, MA

Assistant General Counsel: practiced in the in-house legal department of a public agency that provides financing for affordable housing projects in Massachusetts. Represented agency in commercial real estate loan closings.

1993 – 1995 Fitzhugh & Associates, Boston, MA

Managing Attorney: lead the business department of a small minority owned firm. Handled banking litigation and real estate conveyancing. Trained and supervised five attorneys, two secretaries and one paralegal.

1990 – 1993 Peabody and Arnold, Boston, MA

Associate: practiced in the litigation and banking departments of a large general practice firm.

1987 – 1990 Brown, Rudnick, Freed and Gesmer, Boston, MA

Associate: practiced in the litigation and bankruptcy departments of a large general practice firm.

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA

**Graduate Program in Banking
and Financial Law Studies**

LL.M. 1995; G.P.A. 3.97

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA

J.D. 1987, top 15% of class

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

College of Arts and Sciences

B.A. 1984; Dean's List

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Ben L. Fernandez (2021), *Legal Writing I & II: Legal Research and Writing & Introduction to Litigation Practice* [Kindle version]. Retrieved from Amazon.com.

https://read.amazon.com/kp/embed?asin=B08MZ41B7G&preview=newtab&linkCode=kpe&ref_=cm_sw_r_kb_dp_TEJJCSD3HYRB8PXBWWRT

Ben L. Fernandez (2021), *Contract Drafting: Introduction to Transactional Practice* [Kindle version]. Retrieved from Amazon.com.

https://read.amazon.com/kp/embed?asin=B08NRZGLKB&preview=newtab&linkCode=kpe&ref_=cm_sw_r_kb_dp_GB9H7F9GJSK29N0ZK2JP

Articles

- “A Letter to My Younger (Teaching Self),” *AALS LWRR Section Newsletter* (Summer 2018).
- “Opportunities for Collaboration in Transactional Drafting,” *UF Law Faculty Blogs*, April 1, 2018.
- “Ferrari Has Really Fast Race Cars, A Mnemonic for Doing a Case Analogy in the “A” Section of IRAC,” *Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Blog*, February 9, 2018.
- “Avoiding the ‘Paper Research’ v. ‘Computer Research’ Trap,” *The Law Teacher, Journal of the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning*, Volume XXIV, Number 1, Fall 2017.
- “Everything a 2L Really Needs to Know About Citation,” *Before the Bar Blawg – ABA Journal for Law Students*, November 21, 2017.
 - Listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for LSN: Courses, Cases & Teaching Materials.
- “The Duties of Mutual Fund Independent Trustees with Respect to the Investment Advisory Fee,” *Boston Bar Journal*, March / April 1997, at 12.
- Federal Government may revise Terminology for “Hispanics,” *Noticias, Newsletter of the Hispanic National Bar Association*, Winter 1996, at 11.
- “Affirmative Action after Adarand,” *Noticias, Newsletter of the Hispanic National Bar Association*, Fall 1995, at 11.
- “Lien’s Attachment to Fire Insurance Proceeds,” *Mass Lawyers Weekly*, May 3, 1993, at 11.
- “RTC May Disaffirm Part of ‘Divisible’ Contract,” *Mass Lawyers Weekly*, March 23, 1992, at 11.
- “Banned,” *American Motorcyclist Magazine*, May, 1992, at 40 (discusses a court decision banning motorcyclists from D.W. Field Park in Brockton, Massachusetts).

REPORTED CASES

- Grillo v. FDIC, 831 F. Supp. 4 (D. Mass. 1993).
- Desmond v. FDIC, 798 F. Supp. 829 (D. Mass. 1992).
- Monument Square Assoc. v. RTC, 792 F. Supp. 874 (D. Mass. 1991).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Legal Writing Institute, Diversity Committee