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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW

Gainesville, FL

Senior Legal Skills Professor

2025 – present

Legal Skills Professor

2021 –2025

Currently teaching courses in the first-year foundational curriculum that help students develop in the areas of legal research, legal analysis and reasoning, persuasive writing, oral advocacy, and professionalism. Also, teaching upper-level courses that prepare students for contract drafting and transactional practice. Currently one of the only professors to teach all courses required in the legal writing curriculum. Designing curriculum for additional upper-level legal writing and drafting courses and the Master of the Study of Law program for non-JD students.

Courses Taught:

JD Program: Legal Writing I, Legal Writing II (Persuasive Writing & Appellate Advocacy), and Legal Drafting/Contract Drafting

M.S.L. Program (online): Introduction to U.S. Law and Unincorporated Businesses

College Service:

Judicial Clerkships Committee, Member (24-25 and 25-26 Academic Years)

Adjuncts Committee, Member (25-26 Academic Year)

Journal Note Advisor (25-26 Academic Year)

Past Service

Academic Standards Committee, Member (22-23 Academic Year)

Diversity and Community Relations Committee, Member (22-23 and 23-24 Academic Years)

Strategic Planning/Distance Learning Committee, Member (23-24 and 24-25 Academic Years)

University and Other Academic Service (past service)

Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program (First-Generation Student Success), Coach

PENN STATE DICKINSON LAW

Carlisle, PA

Adjunct Professor of Law (Federal Courts) (synchronous; online)

Spring 2021

Designed course curriculum and instructional delivery. Taught an elective upper division course to 2L and 3L students where I successfully integrated elements of traditional lecture, moot court, and Supreme Court oral argument review into the structural framework of the course. The course examined the role of the United States judiciary in American society and the prevailing doctrines and principles that govern federal court jurisprudence.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

Chicago, IL

JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL

Spring 2021

Adjunct Professor of Law (Lawyering Skills II/Legal Research and Writing) (synchronous; online)

Taught a required first-year course that helped students develop in the areas of legal research, legal analysis and reasoning, persuasive writing, oral advocacy, and professionalism.

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

- Legal Writing
- Legal Drafting/Contract Drafting
- Legal Drafting/Judicial Clerkship Writing
- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law/Federal Courts
- Federal Clerkships
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Distance Learning & Instructional Design (including Online and Hybrid Education)

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, New York, NY

J.D., received May 2006

STETSON UNIVERSITY, DeLand, FL

B.A., with honors, received May 2003

Majors: English and Political Science

Minor: Africana Studies (Creator of the Minor and Inaugural Student)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MAGISTRATE JUDGE THOMAS B. SMITH (*deceased*)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Career Law Clerk

Ocala and Orlando, FL

2012 – 2019

JUDGE MARY S. SCRIVEN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Term Law Clerk

Orlando and Tampa, FL

2010 – 2012

CHIEF JUDGE STEPHAN P. MICKLE (*deceased*)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Volunteer Law Clerk

Gainesville, FL

2009 – 2010

SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP

Litigation Attorney

New York, NY

2006 – 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Three-Part Scaffolding and Collaborative Rubric Making (work in progress)

Come Dance With Me! The Academic Advocate, UF Law Academic Success Newsletter, Aug. 2025

Incorporating AI Into the Contract Drafting Process: A Classroom Exercise. The Second Draft (Vol. 38, No.3, Dec. 2025) (forthcoming)

PRESENTATIONS

Discussant, *Navigating Gender-Specific Challenges: Supporting New Academics in the Classroom and Beyond*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, (July 2025)

Discussant, *The Parenting Penalty: The Costs to Being a Parent in Legal Academia*, The Association of American Law Schools, (January 2025)

Presenter, College and Career Fair, East Ridge High School, Clermont, FL (September 2023)

Presenter, “ChatGPT in a Contract Drafting Class,” *Incorporating ChatGPT in the Legal Research & Writing Classroom*, William & Mary Law School (August 2023) (with Ben Fernandez)

Commencement Speaker, Saints Academy Private School Graduation, Orlando, FL (May 2022)

Panelist, “Faculty Life at an R1 Institution,” *Preparing Future Faculty Program*, University of Florida (March 2022)

Presenter, “Demystifying Legal Writing: Using the Orientation Process to Familiarize 1Ls With Legal Writing,” *Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop*, University of Florida Levin College of Law (December 2021)

Panelist, *1L Legal Writing Exam Workshop*, University of Florida Levin College of Law (November 2021)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Gainesville, FL

Great Teaching Certificate (2025)

Great Online Teaching Certificate (in progress)

ROLLINS COLLEGE, CRUMMER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Winter Park, FL

EDYTH BUSH INSTITUTE FOR PHILANTHROPY & NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

Certificate in Proposal Writing (2020)

Certificate in Board Orientation (2020)

Certificate in Nonprofit Management/Governance (2021)

BAR ADMISSIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Admitted: New York

District of Columbia

Affiliate: Florida (*law faculty*)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Stetson University, Leadership Stetson, Class of 2008 (Inaugural Year)

Stetson University, Dean Search Committee, 2023-2024

Stetson University, College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board, 2021-present

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association, Member

The Association of American Law Schools, Member

Legal Writing Institute, Member

Federal Bar Association, Member