

LESLEY SHERYL KAGAN

ACADEMIC CAREER

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

- *Clinical Assistant Professor of Law* (9/04-present)
Communication and Legal Reasoning Professor (9/04-5/08)
Developed curriculum for and taught Communication and Legal Reasoning course, including creation of practice-oriented problems; provided extensive written and oral critique on written assignments and research projects.
- *Director of Academic and Professional Excellence (APEX)*(5/08-present)
Co-Director of Academic Counseling (1/07-5/08)
Responsible for all aspects of programming to meet the students' academic and professional development needs, including:
 - Preparing and delivering presentations on academic writing, acclimating to law school, information management and outlining, exam preparation and writing strategies, and curriculum design;
 - Developing innovative academic excellence programs, such as interactive workshops on Outlining and Exam Writing, a "Conversation Series" on a range of topics, including preparing for class, note-taking, outlining, time management, study groups, coping with academic pressures, practice exams, and exam writing and an "Exam Excellence" program to assist students with skills development on an individual, as-needed basis;
 - Advising students on curriculum design, course selection and professional development;
 - Developing curriculum for and teaching in Northwestern Law's newly created PORTAL (Professional, ORganization, Team Advancement and Leadership) series for incoming students;
 - Developing the Successful Summer Attorney Series to prepare 2L students for their summer internships;
 - Creating and maintaining an interactive APEX website containing program materials, weekly academic excellence tips, answers to frequently asked questions, videos, podcasts, and surveys to track students' progress towards graduation;
 - Developing a summer law preparatory program for non-traditional students; and
 - Supervising the Student Bar Association Student Advisors Committee.
- *Instructor, Northwestern University Pre-Law Institute* (4/05-present)
Developed curriculum for and teach in program introducing pre-law students to law school, including case reading and briefing, legal analysis and research and written and oral advocacy; lead panel discussions on admissions and successful student behavior.
- *Additional Teaching and Committee Work*
 - Instructor, Lawyer as Problem Solver Program
 - Mentor, Communication and Legal Reasoning Department Mentorship Program
 - Faculty Supervisor, Directed Reading and Research Program
 - Member, Curriculum Development Committee
- *Awards*
 - Robert H. Childress Outstanding Award for Teaching Excellence Nominee, 2007-2008
 - Student Bar Assoc. Outstanding Small-Course Professor Award Nominee, 2006-2007
 - Student Bar Assoc. Outstanding First-Year Course Professor Award Nominee, 2006-2007
 - Student Bar Assoc. Outstanding First-Year Course Professor Award Nominee, 2004-2005

BAR/BRI BAR REVIEW

- *Bar/Bri 1L Outlining & Exam Writing Workshops* (10/06, 10/07, 2/08, 4/08, 10/08, 11/08)
Develop curriculum for and teach workshops on outlining, analytical writing and organization and exam-taking techniques for issue-spotting, policy and multiple choice exam questions.
- *Bar/Bri Future Interests Workshop* (3/07, 3/08)
Teach early-bird bar exam review workshop on future interests.
- *Bar/Bri Essay Writing Workshop I* (1/08, 6/08)
Develop curriculum for and teach workshop on writing a winning essay for the Illinois bar exam.
- *Bar/Bri Law School Prep Program* (7/06, 7/07)
Taught day-long programs on classroom etiquette and preparation, outlining and exam strategies, and legal research, analysis and writing.

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL BOARD OF STUDENT ADVISERS

- *First Year Lawyering Instructor and Adviser* (7/00-6/02)
Created weekly lesson plans teaching legal analysis and research skills; evaluated students' research and writing exercises and prepared students to participate in the Ames Moot Court Competition; organized orientation for incoming students and routinely advised students on a variety of academic and professional decisions.

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- *Teaching in Reverse: A Positive Approach to Analytical Errors in 1L Writing* (with Susan E. Provenzano) (Loyola Law Journal, Volume 39 Issue 1)
- Presenter, Chicago Committee for Minorities in Large Law Firms, *Successful Strategies for Exam Writing*, 2007 (with James A. Lupo), 2008 (with Stephanie A. Wurtzel).
- Presenter, The 12th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, *Common 1L Memo-Writing Weaknesses: Anticipation, Identification, and Prevention*, 2006 (with Susan E. Provenzano)
- Presenter, Jewish United Fund Lawyer Law Student Reception, *Beyond Law School: Establishing Your Career*

LEGAL CAREER

MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY Chicago, Illinois

- *Associate, Private Client Department* (10/02-07/04)
Oversaw administration of decedents' estates valued at \$2,000,000 to \$50,000,000, worked closely with estate fiduciaries and financial institutions, counseled family members, prepared estate tax returns, drafted court papers and represented fiduciaries in probate proceedings; drafted complex estate planning instruments for high net worth individuals in multiple states; responsible for a *pro bono* matter involving the start-up of an Illinois nonprofit organization; represented *pro bono* clients in educational matters involving the Chicago Public Schools, including school expulsion hearings and creation of special education programs.

WILDMAN, HARROLD, ALLEN & DIXON, Chicago, Illinois

- *Summer Associate*, permanent offer extended (summer 2000/2001)

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D. June, 2002

- Line Editor, International Law Journal
- International Law Society Delegate to Middle Eastern Conference

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, B.A. with Highest Distinction in Political Science and Spanish, May 1999

- Honors: Phi Beta Kappa
- Grade Point Average: 4.0/4.0

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN PLATTEVILLE SPANISH AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN SEVILLE, Spring 1998

- Studied Spanish Art History, Spanish Literature, and Political Science.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, Legal Writing Institute
- Member, Jewish United Fund Young Women's City Council
- Co-Chair, Jewish United Fund Young Lawyers Group (6/05-6-07)
- Co-Chair, Medical Research Junior Board Foundation of Children's Memorial Hospital (1/05-12/07)
- Admitted to practice in Illinois (2002)