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ACADEMIC POSITION

Northwestern University School of Law

Clinical Assistant Professor of Law (1999-present)
Communication and Legal Reasoning Program

Honors

Dean's Teaching Award Honorable Mention 2007
Dean's Teaching Award Honorable Mention 2006
Dean's Teaching Award Honorable Mention 2004

Consulting

Illinois State Board of Education (2003-2005)

Independent Hearing Officer. Presided over and decided special education cases.
Several published decisions.

Legal writing training and individual coaching

Winston & Strawn, LLP
dla Piper, LLP
Various law firms in Chicago

EDUCATION

Yale University, B.A., *cum laude* (1985)

Salzburg College, Salzburg Austria (1986) (post-baccalaureate studies)

Cornell University, J. D. (1989)

Articles Editor, Cornell International Law Journal

PUBLICATIONS

2009

A Different Practice in Every Port, 23 CBA RECORD 55 (Jan. 2009).

2008

Teaching Research a New Way, 16 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 118-121 (2008) (Co-authored by: Maurine Berens).

No More "Party of the First Part": Plain Language Contract Drafting, 22 CBA RECORD 54 (June/July 2008).

They Are Listening: Oral Argument Tips from Judge Rovner, 22 CBA RECORD 54 (April 2008).

If We Move, Are We Still Married? 22 CBA RECORD 51 (Feb./Mar. 2008).

2007

There is No "Easy" Button, 21 CBA RECORD 69 (June/July 2007).

What Happens in Vegas...: Lessons from a Legal Writing Conference, 21 CBA RECORD 54 (April 2007).

Tell Me a Story: Crafting an Effective Statement of Facts, 21 CBA RECORD 55 (January 2007).

2006

Training to Write: Why We Need to Keep Working, 20 CBA Record 60 (September 2006).

The Third Reich and the Legal Profession. 20 CBA Record 4 (May 2006).

Plain Language for Everyone: Lifting the Fog of Legalese Targets Wide Audience, 20 CBA RECORD 63 (February/March 2006).

2005

Sentences: Short and Sweet, 19 CBA RECORD 56 (November 2005).

Is Good Writing Worth the Effort? Ask John Roberts, 19 CBA RECORD 53 (September 2005).

Persuasion Still Works for Webb, Wood, and Kocoras, 19 CBA RECORD 54 (April 2005).

Can I Turn This Brief into an Article?: How to Write for Publication, 19 CBA RECORD 61 (January 2005).

2004

TREAC, the New IRAC - or Why Organization Matters, 18 CBA RECORD 47 (October 2004).

Alliance for Women presents awards to three leading lawyers. 18 CBA Record 5 (June-July 2004).

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 18 CBA RECORD 63 (April 2004) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 18 CBA RECORD 55 (January 2004) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

2003

From Cooperative Learning to Collaborative Writing in the Legal Writing Classroom, 9 LEGAL WRITING: THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE 185-226 (2003) (Co-authored by: Clifford S. Zimmerman, and Elizabeth L. Inglehart).

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 17 CBA RECORD 47 (October 2003) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 17 CBA RECORD 46 (June/July 2003) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 17 CBA RECORD 45 (May 2003) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 17 CBA RECORD 45 (April 2003) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 17 CBA RECORD 47 (February/March 2003) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 17 CBA RECORD 47 (January 2003) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

2002

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 16 CBA RECORD 48 (September 2002) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 16 CBA RECORD 44 (June/July 2002) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 16 CBA RECORD 46 (May 2002) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 16 CBA RECORD 46 (April 2002) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

Review Of Reviews: A Survey of Chicago Area Law Journals, 16 CBA RECORD 44 (January 2002) (Co-authored by: Bonnie McGrath).

2001

Lawyers Doing Good in Chicago: Five Attorneys Explain How and Why They Serve the Public, 15 CBA RECORD 28-32 (May 2001).

Vanguard Awards Honor Those Who Make The Law Accessible, 15 CBA RECORD 16 (February/March 2001).

2000

A Great Law Job Is Not an Oxymoron, 14 CBA RECORD 42 (January 2000).

1999

Finding Your Passion: Speaker Tells How To Change Course In Your Career, 13 CBA RECORD 38 (May 1999).

1989

Kathleen M. Dillon, Note, *Divorce and Remarriage As Human Rights: The Irish Constitution and the European Convention on Human Rights at Odds in Johnston v. Ireland*, 22 CORNELL INT'L L.J. 62 (1989).

1987

Kathleen M. Dillon, *Painters and Patrons: The Fine Arts in Cincinnati, 1820-1860*, 96 OHIO HISTORY 7 (1987).

PRESENTATIONS

2008

“Life-long Legal Writing: Developing Attorney Writing Skills Within Law Firm Practice,” presentation to the 12th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, July 14-17, 2008, Indianapolis, Indiana (with Kris Butler and Mike Cavanaugh).

“Advanced Legal Writing,” Chicago Bar Association, December 2008.

2007

“Student’s Choice: Teaching Research through Individual Interests,” presentation to the Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 8-10, 2007, Las Vegas, Nevada (with Maurine J. Berens).

“Student’s Choice: Teaching Research through Individual Interests,” presentation to the Central States Legal Writing Conference, October 5-7, 2007, Kansas City, Missouri (with Maurine J. Berens).

“Effective Writing for the Real World: Writing So Readers Understand--From pleadings and other court documents to communications with opposing counsel and clients,” (with Hon. Michael B. Hyman) part of *Life After Law School: Basic Skills for the New Attorney* (two-day basic skills training course required by new Illinois Supreme Court rules on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education), Chicago Bar Association, April, 2007.

“Advanced Legal Writing,” Chicago Bar Association, December 2007.

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“Advanced Legal Writing,” Chicago Bar Association, December 2006.

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“Advanced Legal Writing,” Chicago Bar Association, December 2005.

2004

“Advanced Legal Writing,” Chicago Bar Association, December 2004.

2003

“Time Management for Busy Lawyers,” American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division Regional Conference, September 2003.

“Advanced Legal Writing,” Chicago Bar Association, December 2003.

2002

“Cooperative and Collaborative Learning Made Simple,” Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Knoxville, Tennessee, May 30, 2002 (with Elizabeth L. Inglehart, and Clifford S. Zimmerman).

“Advanced Legal Writing,” Chicago Bar Association, December 2002.

2001

“Life in the Faculty Lane,” Chicago Bar Association (2001).

1999

Moderator, New Attorney Orientation Program, Chicago Bar Association. Organized and moderated full-day program for junior attorneys. Speakers included the presidents of the Chicago and Illinois State Bar Associations, attorneys from the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, malpractice insurance carriers, two practicing psychiatrists (stress and time management), and two practicing attorneys (communicating effectively and finding the right mentor). (December 1999).

Professional Conferences Attended without Presentation

Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Atlanta, Georgia (June 2006).

Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, Tucson, Arizona (March, 2001).

Central States Legal Writing Conference, Chicago, Illinois (September, 2001)

Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Seattle, Washington (July, 2000).

Central States Legal Writing Conference, Kansas City, Missouri (September, 1999).

OTHER LEGAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Legal Writing Institute. Member. Presented at and attended several professional national and regional conferences. Contributed to LWI Idea Bank.

Chicago Bar Association

1. Board of Managers (2002-2004)
2. CBA Record Editorial Board (2000-present)
3. Membership Committee (2003-present)
4. Nominating Committee (2000)
5. Secretary, Young Lawyers Section (1999-2000)
6. Prior positions with the Young Lawyers Section:
 - Director
 - Project Officer
 - Chairperson of the Environmental Law and Energy Committee.
 - Received David Hilliard Award for Outstanding Committee Service.

National Immigrant Justice Center (formerly Midwest Immigrant and Human Rights Center)

Member of Leadership Council, volunteer attorney in political asylum cases.

American Bar Association. Member

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Board of Advisors, Legal Advisory Committee, Subcommittee on Catholic Charities Legal Assistance

EMPLOYMENT

Seyfarth Shaw LLP (1988-1997)

Chicago, Illinois

Associate in Litigation and Environmental, Safety and Health Practice Groups

Trial and deposition experience.

Received highest possible Associate ranking every year.

Member of Hiring Committee for seven years.

Summer Associate (1988)

Arter & Hadden (1987)

Summer Associate

Drafted legal briefs and memoranda for Litigation and Corporate practice groups.

Assisted in deposition preparation.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (1985)

Governor's Honors Program Intern

Assisted with enforcement issues and policy research.

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National Outdoor Leadership School (1984)

Lander, Wyoming

Base Support Staff

United States House of Representatives (1983)

Lyndon B. Johnson Congressional Intern

Assisted in researching policy matters and constituent case work for then-Representative John Seiberling.