

Maurine J. Berens, M.A., J.D.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law Offices of Maurine J. Berens (2010-2016)

3759 North Ravenswood Ave., Suite 129
Chicago, Il 60613-3571
312-525-9651
Estate planning; probate; small business

Northwestern University School of Law (2003-2008)

375 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60611
Clinical Assistant Professor
Taught legal reasoning, writing and oral advocacy in the required two-semester Communication and Legal Reasoning program;
Public Interest Law Practicum;
Directed Research; Senior Research;
Civil Procedure and Legal Rhetoric in LLM First Base Program.

DePaul University College of Law (1993-2000)

25 East Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois
Full time Legal Writing Instructor/Adjunct Professor
Taught Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiations;
Legal reasoning, writing, research and oral advocacy in required two semester Legal Writing and Research program.

CARPLS (Coordinated Advice and Referral Program for Legal Services) (1993-1996)

17 N. State St., #1850, Chicago, Illinois 60602
Senior staff attorney; advised clients on family, housing, criminal and other legal matters; helped build and devise structural and internal policies; trained incoming attorneys.

Center for Conflict Resolution (1992-1996)

11 East Adams, #500, Chicago, Illinois 60603
Volunteer mediator in civil courts throughout metro-Chicago.

Cook County Office of the Public Defender (1991-1993)

Chicago, Illinois
Assistant Public Defender

PUBLICATIONS

Validity, Construction, and Application of 18 U.S.C.A. § 1519, Enacted as Part of Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002, 116 Stat. 745, Concerning Destruction, Alteration, or Falsification of Records in Federal Investigations and Bankruptcy, 14 A.L.R. Fed. 3d Art. 12 (2016)

Construction and Application of Penal Law Rule, Prohibiting Enforcement of Foreign Penal Statutes, 4 ALR Fed. 3d Art. 9 (2015)

Statutory Notice of Termination of Copyright under Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C.A. §§101 et seq., 87 ALR Fed. 2d 1 (2014)

Maurine J. Berens & Kathleen Dillon Narko, *Teaching Research a New Way*, 16 Perspectives 118 (Winter 2008)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2006-2007 Honorable Mention for Dean’s Teaching Award (Northwestern University)

2005-2006 Dean’s Teaching Award (Northwestern University)

1996 Quality of Instruction Council Grant (DePaul University)

PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

2005/2006/2007 Pre-law Institute Panel Member: Career Choices

2006 Rocky Mountain Lawyering Skills Conference
“Student’s Choice: Teaching Research through Individual Interests”

2006 Central Region Lawyering Skills Conference
“Student’s Choice: Teaching Research through Individual Interests”

EDUCATION

State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law

Buffalo, New York

Juris Doctor 1991

Legal Writing Instructor

Moot Court finalist and senior board member

University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado

Master of Arts in English Literature 1984

State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York

Bachelor of Arts in English 1981
Cum Laude and Departmental Honors
New York State Regents Scholar

Center for Conflict Resolution

Chicago, Illinois
Certified Mediator 1992

Second City Training Center

1616 N Wells, Chicago, IL 60614
Graduate of Improv Conservatory 1996

Chicago Yoga Center

3047 North Lincoln Avenue, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60657
Certified yoga instructor 2008

PRO BONO WORK

WEAR (West Edgewater Area Residents) 2010 - current President, past Board Member.

Non-profit neighborhood association fostering community through beautification, development initiatives, working with area residents, City of Chicago officials, developers, and other non-profits.