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LAW TEACHING

NORTHWESTERN PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW, Chicago, Illinois

Clinical Professor of Law

Prior Appointments:

Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law

Courses:

Communication and Legal Reasoning I

Communication and Legal Reasoning II

Advanced Legal Writing: Communicating with Professionals

Advanced Legal Writing: Trial-Level and Post-Hearing Briefs

Common Law Reasoning – International LLMS

Communication and Legal Reasoning – MSL

International Team Project – Brazil, Ethiopia, Spain, Norway/Demark, Portugal,
South Africa, Australia

Torts – LEAF Program for International Students

Teaching Award:

Student Bar Association Faculty Appreciation Award (2014-2015)

University Service & Programs:

Co-Chair, Northwestern University Organization of Women Faculty (2018-present)

Member, Provost's Advisory Council on Women Faculty

Fellow, Northwestern University Public Voices Thought Leadership Fellowship
Program (2018-2019)

Fellow, Northwestern University Searle Center for Advancing Learning and
Teaching (2011-2012)

School of Law Service:

J.D. Advisor, Center for Career Strategy (Summer 2012);

Curriculum Committee; Law-Technology Committee; Strategic Plan Committee;

Clerkship Committee; CLR Hiring Committee; ITP Curriculum Review Committee

CONSULTING PRACTICE

THE LEGAL WRITING CONNECTION LLP, Chicago, Illinois

Managing Partner

- Provides training and continuing legal education programming to law firms, in-house legal departments, and individual attorneys

LAW PRACTICE

SEYFARTH SHAW LLP, Chicago, Illinois

Director of Pro Bono & Philanthropy

- Attorney administrating pro bono, charitable giving, and community service programs for nine U.S. offices

Associate, Employee Benefits Department

- Assisted clients in complying with Internal Revenue Service and U.S. Department of Labor statutes and regulations

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Associate, Litigation Department

- First-chaired trials; conducted discovery; took and defended numerous depositions; argued dispositive motions in federal and state court; drafted appellate briefs, summary judgment motions, and pre-trial pleadings; and conducted mediations and settlement negotiations

Committee Service: Hiring Committee; Diversity Action Team; Sustainability/Go Green Team; Co-chair, Associate Mentoring Committee

EDUCATION

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Chicago, Illinois

Juris Doctor

- Northwestern Journal of International Law & Business

DRAKE UNIVERSITY, Des Moines, Iowa

B.A. Journalism and Mass Communication, *Summa Cum Laude*

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar member 2003-2017)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICE ACTIVITIES

The Legal Writing Institute

- 2020 Biennial Conference Program Committee (2018-2020) (by invitation)
- Awards Committee (2018-2020)
- Co-chair, Professional Development Committee (2014-2016 & 2016-2018)
- Participant, LWI Writers Workshop (July 2012)

Association of Legal Writing Directors

- Teaching Workshops Committee (2018-2019)
- Publications Committee (2017-2018)
- Participant, Innovative Teaching Workshop (July 2015)

AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research

- Awards Committee (Co-Chair 2020; Member, 2018 & 2019)
- Annual Meeting Program Committee (2017)
- Co-Chair, Media Committee (2012)

CARPLS Legal Aid

- Professionals Board (2009-present)
- Board of Directors (2013-2015)

Circuit Court of Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program

- Arbitrator (2009-present)

Chicago Bar Association

Coalition of Women Initiatives in the Law

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SELECT PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- Presenter with Martha Kanter, *Advancing Professional Skills Development through Intersession Courses*, Beyond the First-Year Conference, Chicago, Illinois (postponed from April 2020)
- Presenter with Pamela Saindon, *Legal Writing Workshop for New Associates*, CLE Presentation to Foley & Lardner LLP, Chicago, Illinois (December 2019)
- Presenter, *Thought Leadership: Lessons from the Public Voices Fellowship Program of The Op-Ed Project*, Association of Legal Writing Directors 2019 Biennial Conference, Boston, Massachusetts (May 2019)
- Presenter, *Best Practices for Communicating with U.S. Lawyers*, Legal Education Presentation to Latin American Attorneys at Johnson Controls, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (May 2019)
- Presenter with Pamela Saindon, *Communicating with Professionals: Writing What Matters*, CLE Presentation to Foley & Lardner LLP, Chicago, Illinois (February 2019)
- Author, *Opinion - We Don't All Have to Be Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, REWIRE.NEWS (December 24, 2018)
- Author, *Opinion - Not So Fast: City Needs Limits on Your On-Demand Chauffeur*, CRAIN'S CHICAGO BUSINESS (December 12, 2018)
- Presenter with Pamela Saindon, *Best Practices for Persuasive Writing in Briefs and Complaints*, CLE Presentation to Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, Chicago, Illinois (November 2018)
- Presenter with Megan Boyd, Rachel Gurvich, and Ellie Margolis, *Connecting with Technology: Students, the Bench, and the Bar*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (August 2018)
- Presenter with Claire Manning, *Writing to the Court: Insider Tips on Persuasion Techniques for Winning Briefs*, CLE presentation at National Organization of Bar Counsel Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (August 2018)
- Presenter with Shailini George, *Leadership Skills for Women: Breaking the Cycle of Unconscious Bias*, 18th Biennial Conference of The Legal Writing Institute, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (July 2018)
- Presenter with Lisa Mazzie, Meredith Strange, and Casey Thomson, *Teaching Soft Skills in Upper-Level Writing Courses*, Beyond the First Year Conference, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois (April 2018)
- Author, *Commentary – Four Reasons Norwegians Won't Go Near Trump's Welcome Mat*, CHICAGO TRIBUNE (January 18, 2018)

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Guest Lecturer, Individual Class – Civil Litigation Clinic, *Arbitrations: Cook County Mandatory Arbitration Program, Labor Arbitrations & Private Arbitrations*, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois (November 2017)

Presenter, *Happiness, Hygge, and the Law of Jante – What I Learned from Researching and Visiting the Happiest Countries on Earth*, The Central States Area Legal Writing Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana (September 2017)

Presenter, *Communicating Across the Gender Divide in the Legal Workplace – How to Help Your Students and Yourself*, Association of Legal Writing Directors 2017 Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (July 2017)

Presenter, *Drafting & Editing Clear, Powerful Persuasive Briefs*, Lawyerspeak CLE presentation to Metra Law Department, Chicago, Illinois (May 2017)

Presenter with Mary Beth Beazley, Mary-Beth Moylan, and Tracy McGaugh Norton, *Tips to Make Your Writing More Effective and Efficient*, American Bar Association CLE webinar (February 2017 & November 2015)

Moderator & Presenter with Kirsten Dauphinais, Allison Martin, and Karen Sanner, *Insider's Guide to Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion*, 17th Biennial Conference of The Legal Writing Institute, Portland, Oregon (July 2016)

Presenter, *Using Professional Competencies in Course Design and Teaching to Help Students Achieve “Real-World Readiness”*, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Summer Conference, Topeka, Kansas (June 2016)

Presenter with Erin Carroll, Rosalie Westenskow, and Suzanne Rowe, *Innovation: New Teachers, New Ideas*, LWI One-Day Workshop, Boise, Idaho (December 2015)

Presenter, *Using Professional Competencies to Assess Learning in a First-Year Law School Course*, Northwestern University Learning, Teaching and Assessment Forum: “Building on a Culture of Assessing Learning”, Evanston, Illinois (November 2015)

Presenter with Erin Carroll, Anne Mullins, Suzanne Rowe, and Rachel Stabler, *Speaking of Experience: Newer LRW Teachers Share Their Best Classroom Tips*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Meeting, Boca Raton, Florida (July 2015)

Presenter, *Editing Persuasive Briefs & Preparing for Oral Arguments*, CLE presentation at Regional Training Conference – U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin (July 2014)

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Presenter with Kathleen Dillon Narko, *Using the Problematized Teaching Method to Engage Students in Critical Thinking in the LRW Classroom*, 16th Biennial Conference of The Legal Writing Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (July 2014)

Guest Lecturer, Individual Class - Ethics, *Perspectives on Pro Bono*, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois (April 2014)

Presenter, *Using Problematized Teaching to Engage First-Year Law Students in the Legal Writing Classroom*, Northwestern University Learning, Teaching and Assessment Forum: "Critical Reflections on Learning", Evanston, Illinois (October 2013)

Author with Deborah Borman, *Freeze! Using Theatre Improvisation Techniques to Practice Oral Argument*, THE LAW TEACHER, Volume XVIII, Number 1 (Fall 2012)

Author, *Best of 2011 law-related movies*, WORD ON THE STREETERVILLE - NORTHWESTERN PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW DEAN'S BLOG (February 2012)

Presenter with Kathleen Dillon Narko, "Who Here Has Eaten Goat?" *Engaging Students through Class Discussion to Identify Legal Issues on Their Own*, Central States LRW/Lawyering Skills Conference, Chicago, Illinois (September 2011)

Presenter with Deborah Borman, *Freeze! Using Improvisational Theatre Games to Prepare Students for Oral Argument*, 15th Biennial Conference of The Legal Writing Institute, Palm Desert, California (June 2012) & Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada (March 2011)

Panelist, *Networking During the Economic Downturn*, Presentation to Northwestern Law Alumni, Chicago, Illinois (September 2009)

Panelist, *From Backpack to Briefcase*, Presentation to Loyola University Chicago School of Law students, Chicago, Illinois (April 2009)

Panelist, *Millennials and Pro Bono*, Pro Bono Institute Annual Seminar and Forum, Washington, D.C. (March 2009)

Author, *Alternative Legal Careers – Lessons from Women Who Have Found a Better Fit*, CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION ALLIANCE FOR WOMEN NEWS (Winter 2009)

Presenter, *How to Excel as a Law Firm Summer Associate*, Presentation to Loyola University Chicago School of Law students, Chicago, Illinois (April 2008)

Co-Author, *Designing a Wellness Program: How to Comply with the Current Rules*, M. LEE SMITH PUBLISHERS BENEFITS & COMPENSATION LAW ALERT (December 2007)

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Co-Presenter, *Knock Knock Who's There? The IRS: Conducting an Internal Compliance Review*, Presentation for M. Lee Smith Publishers (October 2006)

Co-Presenter, *Legal Basics for Welfare Plans*, Presentation for In-House Attorneys, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Chicago, Illinois (October 2006)

Guest Lecturer, Individual Class, *Current Topics in IT Law: eDiscovery Seminar*, John Marshall Law School LLM Program in Information Technology and Privacy Law, Chicago, Illinois (Summer 2005)