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## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW**

Chicago, IL  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Law

#### Communication and Legal Reasoning

August 2006 to the present

Instruct first year law students on the skills required for legal analysis and written and oral communication. Instruction encompasses how to research legal issues, how to use primary and secondary legal sources, how to analyze and brief cases, how to synthesize cases and formulate rules, how to identify and research legal issues and how to structure a written analysis. Students learn these skills in the context of predictive memorandums and persuasive briefs. Also instruct students on oral advocacy. Periodically teach an intersession class on Effective Legal Writing which provides advanced instruction on clear and persuasive writing.

#### Masters of Science and the Law

August 2017-present

Co-teach week long orientation to residential and on-line students that introduces them to case briefing and legal analysis.

Teach seven-week class on Persuasive Communication.

Appointed to the Curriculum Committee for the 2017-2018 Academic year

Appointed to Communication and Legal Reasoning Hiring Committee- Spring 2019

Have previously served on law school's Petitions Committee, Curriculum Committee, CLR department hiring committee and IT department hiring committee.

Assistant Editor *The Journal of Legal Writing Institute* (August 2012 - 2014)

### **WILDMAN, HARROLD, ALLEN AND DIXON, LLC**

Chicago, IL

(now known as Locke Lord)

Partner, 2002 to June 2005

Litigation Associate, 1991 to August 2002

Summer Associate, Summer 1990

Broad-based commercial and products liability litigation practice. Substantial experience in representing clients in a wide variety of business litigation including claims of fraud, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, negligent misrepresentation and consumer fraud. Representative commercial litigation clients have been in the manufacturing, banking, construction, investment, insurance, real estate and telecommunications fields. Have also represented clients involved in products liability and tort litigation, including recurrent and complex litigation as well as multi-district and class action litigation. Representative products liability and tort litigation clients have been in the manufacturing, pharmaceutical, medical device, chemical, firearms, telecommunications and trucking fields.

Extensive experience in handling all aspects of litigation including investigation, complex discovery, expert depositions, dispositive motions, *Daubert* motions, settlement negotiations and trial preparation in both state and

federal courts. Have second-chair trial experience and mediation experience. Authored several successful state and federal court appeals. Argued before the Illinois Appellate Court.

Representative sample of briefs with successful outcomes for clients include:

*Traube v. Freund, et al.*, Illinois Appellate Court, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
(affirming dismissal of all claims against client)

*Thompson v. Biomet, Inc.*, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois  
(plaintiff's expert barred under *Daubert*)

*Wisconsin Gas Co. v. Mueller Company*, United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit  
(claims barred by economic loss doctrine)

*Kingsbury Marcy v. City of Chicago*, Illinois Appellate Court, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
(city's vacation of public way to client not unconstitutional)

Have served on the firm's Professional Standards Committee, Recruiting Committee and have been a member of the firm's Mentoring Program for the professional development of associates.

Licensed to practice law in Illinois, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and have been admitted to practice law *pro hac vice* in numerous jurisdictions.

#### **ACADEMY OF THE SACRED HEART**

1986-1988

English and American History teacher. Assistant basketball coach.

Chicago, IL

#### **EDUCATION**

##### **LOYOLA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

J.D. 1991

Dean's List

Recent Cases Editor, *Loyola Consumer Law Reporter*, 1989-91

American Jurisprudence Awards in Moot Court and Estate Planning

Chicago, IL

##### **COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Bachelor of Arts in English, *cum laude*, May 1986

Worcester, MA

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Elizabeth L. Inglehart and Martha D. Kanter, "*The Real World*": *Creating a Compelling Appellate Brief Assignment Based on a Real World Case*, 17 *Persps.* 128 (2009). Available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1465820>

Grace M. Dodier and Martha D. Kanter, "*Discarding the Fiction of the Practice-Ready Law Graduate to Reclaim Law as a Profession*" 17 *W. Mich. Univ. Cooley J. of Practical and Clinical Law* 265 (2016)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Legal Writing Institute

League of Women Voters (Downers Grove, Lisle and Woodridge chapter)

The Cardinal Project, founding member

## **OTHER**

**Member of Village of Clarendon Hills Zoning Board**