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EXPERIENCE

Penn State Law

University Park, Pennsylvania

May 2018 - Present

ASSOCIATE DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LEGAL WRITING

- Direct and coordinate the Legal Writing department
- Courses: Applied Legal Analysis & Writing I and II; Introduction to U.S. Legal Systems; Research & Writing for Judicial Clerkships
- Committees and Teams: Academic Rules Committee (2018-Present); Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee (2018-Present); Leadership Team (2018-Present); Business Law Team (2018-2019); Response Team (2020-Present); Teaching Opportunities Team (2020-Present)

Penn State Law

University Park, Pennsylvania

July 2009 - May 2018

DIRECTOR AND PROFESSOR OF LEGAL WRITING

- Directed and coordinated the Legal Writing department
- Courses: Legal Analysis, Research & Writing I and II (2009-2015); Applied Legal Analysis & Writing I and II (2015-2018); Introduction to U.S. Legal Systems (2014-2017); Judicial Opinion Writing (2014-2018)
- Committees and Teams: Curriculum Committee (2009-2010; 2013-2015); Faculty Mentoring Group (2009-2010); Admissions Committee (2009-2011); Honor Code Committee (2011-2012); International Committee (2012-2013); Transitions Committee (2012-2013); Academic Rules Committee (2014-2018); Business Law Team (2017-2018)

Pennsylvania State University's Dickinson School of Law

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

July 2005 - July 2009

LEGAL ANALYSIS, RESEARCH & WRITING PROFESSOR

- Courses: Legal Analysis, Research & Writing I and II (2005-2009); Introduction to Law & Legal Methods (Summer 2008)
- Committees: Diversity Committee (2005-2006 and 2008-2009); Curriculum Committee (2006-2008)

Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling (now known as Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2000 - July 2005

ASSOCIATE

- Practiced in the area of commercial litigation, which included complex federal and state cases in the areas of telecommunications, patent infringement, product liability, collection, creditors' rights, insurance, bad faith, and contract and tort litigation.
- Attended depositions, motions court hearings, administrative hearings, case management conferences, and settlement conferences.
- Assisted with and conducted arbitrations and jury trials.
- Negotiated settlements and drafted settlement agreements.
- Conducted written discovery, drafted trial and appellate briefs, drafted motions and pleadings, and conducted complex legal research.
- Committees: Summer Associate Committee (Chairperson 2001); Hiring Committee (2001 and 2004)

Appel & Yost LLP

Lancaster, Pennsylvania, September 1997 - April 2000

ASSOCIATE

- Practiced in the areas of civil litigation and domestic relations.
- Conducted non-jury trials, motions hearings, and custody, support, and divorce hearings.
- Handled arbitrations and district justice hearings.
- Attended pre-trial, support, and custody conferences.
- Negotiated settlements and drafted settlement agreements.
- Conducted written discovery and legal research, and drafted briefs, motions, and pleadings.

Goldberg, Katzman & Shipman, P.C. (now known as Goldberg Katzman)

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, June 1996 - May 1997

LAW CLERK

- Researched civil litigation, domestic relations, and real estate issues.
- Prepared briefs, motions, petitions, and memoranda.

The Honorable F. Joseph Leahey

The Court of Common Pleas, Cambria County, Pennsylvania

Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, Summer 1995

LAW CLERK

- Researched domestic relations issues.
- Drafted opinions and memoranda.
- Observed trials and pre-trial conferences.

Domestic Relations Division, Cambria County, Pennsylvania

Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, Summer 1995

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- Attended domestic relations conferences and hearings.

EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University's Dickinson School of Law

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 1997

Honors: Dickinson Law Review Associate Editor; Appellate Moot Court Board; Woolsack Society; 1996-1997 McManus Educational Trust Fund Recipient

Activities: American Bar Association; West Bar Review Representative; Honor Code Committee; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Student Mentor; Women's Law Caucus; Orientation Assistant

Grove City College

Grove City, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Science, *Cum Laude* with Honors, May 1994

Major: Business Management

Honors: Delta Mu Delta Business Honorary; Operation Top Management Business Honorary

Activities: Grove City College Management Association; Sigma Theta Chi (social sorority); Committee Chairman 1991 and 1993); Marching Band

PUBLICATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP

- Website for Penn State Law: *Use of Authority and Proper Attribution to Authority*
- Penn State Law's *Online Legal Writing Center* (excluding "Writing Tools" materials)
- Supplemental material for the Applied Legal Analysis & Writing Course Book
- Article, *Reading and Briefing Cases in Law School: Guidelines and Helpful Tips*, Published on Penn State Law's website
- Article, Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling Intellectual Property Newsletter, August 2002, "Trade Dress" Protection: The Standard After Two Pesos, co-authored with James L. Griffith, Esquire
- Comment, *The Child Support Recovery Act of 1992 - Is the Federal Government's Involvement in the Criminal Enforcement of Child Support at an End After United States v. Lopez?*, 101 DICK. L. REV. 417 (1997)

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PRESENTATIONS

- Virtual presentation (co-presenter), Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, July 2020, *Dear Veteran Teacher: Letters from a Novice Teacher about How to Thrive in a Legal Writing Program*
- Presentation, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, December 2019, *Connect 4: Student + Research + Writing + Theory*
- Presentation, AALS Section on Teaching Methods, September 2019, Conference call on the topic of teaching common law to civil law attorneys
- Presentation, Biennial Empire State Legal Writing Conference, May 2019, "R-E-A-P" *the Benefits of Professional Skills Learned in Legal Writing*
- Presentation (co-presenter), SALT Teaching Conference, October 2018, *Teaching Communication Skills to a Tech-Savvy Generation*
- Presentation, Central States Area Legal Writing Conference, September 2017, *Lawyering 101: F-U-N" (professionalism skills in legal writing courses)*

- Presentation, Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, July 2016, *Plagiarism*
- Presentation, The Judicial Academy: Evidence and Judicial Writing, April 2014, *Judicial Opinion Writing*
- Presentation, Penn State University's Symposium for Teaching and Learning With Technology, March 2014, *Online Grading and Evaluation Tools (GradeMark)*
- Presentation, Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, June 2013, *Blueprint For Doing More With Less in the First-Year Legal Research and Writing Curriculum*
- Presentation, Third Annual Empire State Legal Writing Conference, June 2012, *Teaching Effective Use of Authority and Proper Attribution*
- Presentation on the topic of Judicial Opinion Writing at Pennsylvania's "New Judge School" for all newly elected trial court judges, January 2012
- Presentation (poster) at the Association of American Law Schools annual meeting, January 2011, *How the 1L Legal Analysis & Writing Course Can Bring the "Real World" of Law Practice to the Classroom*
- Presentation (poster) at the Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, June 2010, *How the 1L Legal Analysis & Writing Course Can Bring the "Real World" of Law Practice to the Classroom*
- Presentation, Empire State Legal Writing Conference, May 2010, *Wrapping Up the Fall Semester of Legal Research & Writing: End-of-Semester Research Exercise*
- Presentation, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 2010, *Wrapping Up the Fall Semester of Legal Research & Writing: End-of-Semester Research Exercise*
- Presentation, *Professionalism in the Workplace*, March 2008, Penn State Dickinson (co-presenter, sponsored by the Office of Career Services)
- Presentation, *Professionalism: How Not to Lose that Summer Job*, March 2007, Penn State Dickinson (co-presenter, sponsored by the Office of Career Services)
- Continuing legal education seminar, *Enforceability of Agreements On-the-Record*, September 1998 (co-presenter, sponsored by the Lancaster County Bar Association)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND LICENSES

- Licensed to practice in Pennsylvania since 1997
- Certified to practice in the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, the District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- Member of the Association of Legal Writing Directors (former Awards Committee; former Bylaws Committee; Chair of the Bylaws Committee)
- Member of the Legal Writing Institute (former Program Committee; former Chair of the Plagiarism Committee)
- Contributor to the Legal Writing Institute's Ideabank and Listserv
- Member of the American Bar Association
- Member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association