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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2003 – present      **NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF  
LAW**, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Associate Professor, 2003 - 2007  
Assistant Professor, promoted 2007.  
Full Professor, promoted 2020.  
Teach courses on Legal Research and Writing, Art Law, Internet Law, Privacy, and Information  
Security.
- May, 2018            **UNIVERSITA ROMA TRE**, Rome, Italy.  
Taught mini-course on U.S. legal system to Italian law students interested in pursuing joint U.S.  
law degree.
- June, 2016 to  
June, 2017           **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY**, Colorado Springs, CO.  
Visiting Professor in USAFA's Department of Law. Course taught: Legal Writing, Law for Air  
Force Officers, and Internet Law for Business Majors.
- May, 2015            **CHARLES UNIVERSITY**, Prague, Czech Republic.  
Taught mini-course on U.S. legal system to Czech law students interested in pursuing joint U.S.  
law degree.
- May, 2010            **BARCELONA UNIVERSITY**, Barcelona, Spain.  
Taught mini-course on U.S. legal system to Spanish law students interested in pursuing joint U.S.  
law degree.
- Summer, 2009,  
2002 & 2001        **WILLIAM S. BOYD SCHOOL OF LAW (UNLV)**, Las Vegas, NV  
Visiting Professor of Legal Writing
- 1996 - 2003        **UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF LAW**, Boulder, CO  
Professor of Legal Writing.  
Nominated - Excellence In Teaching Award – 1997, 2000.
- 1991 - 1996        **FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**, Boston, MA  
Senior Attorney, Litigation.  
  
Promoted to Senior Attorney - 1993.  
Recipient of FDIC Special Achievement Award -1992, 1994.
- 1986 - 1991        **ROPES & GRAY**, Boston, MA  
Associate, Litigation Department.

## **EDUCATION**

**SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL**, Boston, MA  
J.D., cum laude, 1986  
First Year Rank: 8/290  
Honors: Suffolk University Law Review  
    Lead Article Editor, 1985-86  
    Staff Member, 1984-85  
Member, Jessup International Moot Court Team, 1985-86  
Host, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist Lecture, 1986

Participant, Massachusetts Superior Court Judicial Internship, 1986  
Am Jur Prize (highest grade in class), Constitutional Law, 1984  
Dean's List

**COLBY COLLEGE**, Waterville, ME

B.A., Economics, 1982

Honors: Dean's List

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Founder & Co-Editor, [Legal Skills Prof Blog](#), Fall, 2010 to present (more than 5.6 million page views as of 4/12/22).

2019 "[Best Legal Education Articles of 2019](#)" as recognized by the TaxProf Blog (12/27/19).

2014 Blawggie Award for "[Best Law Professor Blog](#)."

2013 Blawggie Award for "[Best Law Professor Blog](#)."

Top 10% of all downloaded authors on SSRN as of 3/1/20.

*Bend it Like Beckham? Using Cognitive Science to Inform Online Legal Research and Writing Pedagogy During the Pandemic*, 45 Nova L. Rev. 385 (Spring 2021).

*Let's Get Physical*, AALS Teaching Methods Newsletter: Teaching During the Time of Covid (December 2020).

*I Screen, You Screen, We All Scream From Too Many Screens*, AALS Teaching Methods Newsletter: Teaching During the Time of Covid (December 2020).

*From The Editor: A Time of Change*, 28 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 3 (Spring 2020).

*As a Last Resort, Ask the Students: What They Say Makes Someone an Effective Law Teacher*, selected for inclusion in Jahrbuch der Rechtsdidaktik/International Yearbook of Legal Education 2018/2019, 121-56 (Bernhard Bergmans, ed. Spring 2020).

*Teaching the Digital Caveman: Rethinking the Use of Classroom Technology in Law School*, selected for inclusion in J. Legal Writing Institute, Monograph Series – Vol. 8, Legal Communication and Technology (Spring 2019) (featuring foundational articles on subjects that are important to the teaching and study of professional legal communication).

*Tribute to Professor Lou Sirico*, 27 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 3 (Spring 2019).

*Reading in the Digital Age: A Review of "Words on Screen,"* 23 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 36 (Spring, 2018).

*Failure Was Always an Option: My Life as an EIC*" 22 J. Legal Writing (Spring 2018) (essay solicited by the Journal of the Legal Writing Institute in celebration of its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary).

*Teaching the Digital Caveman: Rethinking the Use of Classroom Technology in Law School*, 19 Chapman L. Rev. 241 (Fall 2015). Article chosen for [national recognition](#) by The Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, May 2015.

*Teaching Students the Habits of Expert Readers The Learning Curve* (Publication of the AALS Section on Academic Support) 7 (Winter 2013).

*The Case for Books: Past, Present and Future* by Richard Darnton, book review 21 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Writing and Research 42 (Fall 2012).

*Making Students Practice-Ready Is Not About Verisimilitude* 18 The Law Teacher 24 (Fall 2011).

*To Perform at Your Best, Develop Habits of The Expert Reader* submitted to National Jurist Magazine (Fall 2011) (not yet published).

Contributing Editor, Legal Writing Blog – [www.lawprofessors.typepad.com/legalwriting](http://www.lawprofessors.typepad.com/legalwriting), Summer, 2008 to Fall, 2010.

Named "[most increased traffic](#)" of all blogs edited by a law professor by the TaxProf Blog, October 13, 2009.

Contributing Editor, Law Librarian Blog – [www.lawprofessors.typepad.com/law\\_librarian\\_blog](http://www.lawprofessors.typepad.com/law_librarian_blog), Fall, 2009 to Fall, 2010.

Contributing Editor, Adjunct Law Professor Blog – [www.lawprofessors.typepad.com/adjunctprofs](http://www.lawprofessors.typepad.com/adjunctprofs), Fall, 2009 to 2010.

Named "[50 Great Blogs by and for Law Professors](#)" by Online Universities, November 11,

2009.

*'Lecture Capture: Is There Still a Reason Not to Use It?'*, AALS Section on Legal Research & Writing Newsletter (December 2009).

*A Schema Walks Into a Bar: How Humor Makes Us Better Teachers by Helping Our Students Learn* 16 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Writing and Research 109 (Winter 2008).

*The Blind Leading the Blind: What if They're Not All Visual Learners* 22 The Second Draft 6 (Spring 2008).

*It's Both What You Say and How You Say it*, 15 The Law Teacher 4 (Fall 2008).

*President's Message*, AALS Section on Teaching Methods Newsletter (Fall 2007).

*Legal Writing Institute Brochure*, 2007.

*Poster* – Selected by AALS Section on New Law Professors for presentation at 2008 Annual Meeting, NYC.

*Nova Southeastern University School of Law Hosts S.E. Legal Writing Conference* (with Cynthia Bulan) AALS Newsletter – Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research 12 (Fall 2007).

*What the Best College Teachers Do by Ken Bain* – A Book Review for 15 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Writing and Research 58 (Fall 2006).

*As a Last Resort, Ask the Students: What They Say Makes Someone an Effective Law Teacher*, 58 Me. L. Rev. 50 (winter 2006).

*Newsletter* – AALS Section on Teaching Method. Authored and produced Section Newsletter for 2005.

*Selected Articles*, reprinted in textbook on law school teaching by Gerald Hess and Stephen Friedland (Fall 2004).

*"Why Most People Can't Write: A Neurologist Suggests Some Answers"* A review of *"The Midnight Disease: The Drive to Write, Writer's Block and the Creative Brain,"* by Alice W. Flaherty 13 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Writing and Research 32 (Fall 2004).

*Three views of Visiting*, with Terrill Pollman and Samantha Moppett, 18 Second Draft 1 (Summer 2004).

*We Teach Thinking, not Writing*, 17 Second Draft 12 (July 2003).

*Motivating Students to Learn*, 9 The Law Teacher 14 (Spring 2002).

*Be A Classroom Leader*, 10 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 12 (fall 2001).

*The Cobbler Wears No Shoes – A Lesson for Research Instruction*, 51 J. Legal Educ. 39 (2001).

*Legal Research and Writing Pedagogy – What Every New Teacher Needs To Know*, reprinted in Best of Perspectives Volumes 1-9 (2001).

*'Can't We All Just Get Along?'* – *Cooperative Legal Writing Assignments*, 15 Second Draft 1 (June 2001).

*Better Research Instruction Through "Point of Need" Library Exercises*, 7 J. Legal Writing Institute 87 (2001).

*Escape to Alcatraz: What Self-Guided Museum Tours Can Show Us About Teaching Legal Research*, 44 N.Y.L. Sch. L. Rev. 387 (2001).

*Coping With Misconduct in the College Classroom* by Gerald Amada – Book Review in AALS Newsletter – Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research – Fall 2000.

*Legal Research and Writing Pedagogy – What Every New Teacher Needs to Know*, 8 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 103 (Spring 2000).

*50,000,000 Elvis Fans Can't Be Wrong: The Socratic Method Works*, 14 The Second Draft 5 (May 2000).

*Critiquing Student Papers – The Quick and the Dead*, 14 The Second Draft 5 (November 1999).

*Dead Bodies and Dueling: Be Creative in Developing Ideas for the Open Universe Memoranda*, 7 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 13 (1998).

*In-House Training Manual for University of Colorado School of Law Legal Writing Program* (1997-98).

*Constitutional Challenges to Withdrawal Liability Under the Multiple Employer Pension Plan Amendments Act of ERISA*. Chapter in employment benefits treatise published by the American Bar Association, 1989.

*Proposed Rule of Evidence Making Prior Inconsistent Statements Admissible As Substantive Evidence Adopted By Supreme Judicial Court*. 19 Suffolk U. L. Rev. 743 (1985).

*Excited Utterance Exception to Hearsay Rule Encompasses Remarks Elicited During Post-*

*Robbery Questioning*. 19 Suffolk U. L. Rev. 424 (1985).  
*Fireman Are Within The Class of Persons Protected by The First Degree Arson Statute if Subject to a Substantial Risk of Injury*. 19 Suffolk U. L. Rev. 401 (1985).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

*“How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Zoom: Lessons Learned from the Pandemic for Conducting More Effective Writing Conferences via Videoconferencing (I’m writing this specifically for Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing).*  
*“What Legal Educators Can Learn From the U.S. Air Force Academy About Teaching Character in Law School”*

## GRANTS

Awarded Association of Legal Writing Directors Scholarship Grant – Spring 2002.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Sirico Scholars’ Workshop, Washington D.C. July 17-20, 2022 – Served as mentor and writing coach for emerging legal research and writing scholars attending the workshop.  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference - Recipient of “Envisioning Award” in recognition of role in founding original conference. Phoenix, AZ, March 5, 2022.  
Sirico Scholars' Workshop Mentor, 2021 to present.  
Appointed to serve four year term as mentor to emerging legal writing scholars.  
Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing ([Thomson Reuters publication](#))  
Editor-in-Chief Emeritus, 2021 to present.  
Editor-in-Chief, 2017 – 2020.

- Responsible for publishing Vols. 26, 27 & 28.
- Drafted first bylaws in Perspective’s 27 history.
- Created open application process for anyone interested in serving on Board of Editors.
- Implemented term limits for all Board members to create opportunities for others to serve.

Book Review Editor, 2015 – 2017.  
Board of Editors, 2014 – present.  
Florida Bar Association, 2017 – 2018.  
Served on Student Education and Admission to the Bar Committee.  
Served as outside article reviewer for Journal of U. New South Wales Law School – Spring 2013.  
American Association of Law Schools - Section on Teaching Methods.  
Chair, Committee to Solicit and Recommend Executive Committee Candidates, Fall 2016.  
Executive Committee, 2003 – 2009.  
Chair, 2007 – 2008.  
Chair-elect, 2005 – 2006.  
Secretary, 2004 – 2005.  
Treasurer, 2003 – 2004.  
Member, 2000 – present.  
American Association of Law Schools – Section on Legal Writing and Research.  
Nominating Committee, 2007 – 2010.  
AALS poster committee, 2006 – 2007.  
Journal of the Legal Writing Institute  
[Editor in Chief, 2006 -2008](#) (published Vols. 12, 13 and 14).  
Assistant Editor in Chief, 2004 – 2006.  
Board Membership and Terms Committee, 2002 – present.  
Editorial Board, 2000 – present.  
Associate Editor, 1998 – 2000.  
Legal Writing Institute.  
Award – Outstanding Contribution as Editor-in-Chief for J. Legal Writing, 2008.  
Award – Outstanding Service as a Board Member, 2007.  
Board of Directors, 2002 – 2006.

LWI Archive Project Committee, 2006 – 2007.  
 Executive Committee, 2004 – 2006.  
 Listserv Committee, 2002 – 2004.  
 New Member Outreach Committee.  
 Chair, 2004 – 2006.  
 Member, 2002 – 2009.  
 Conference Poster Committee – Co-chair, 2007-2008.  
 AALS Annual Meeting, moderator for panel discussion on “laptops in the classroom”  
 January 3, 2008.  
 AALS Annual Meeting, panelist for “Program on Sections.”  
 January 4, 2008.  
 Humanizing Legal Education, working group.  
 Curriculum Committee, 2006 – 2007.  
 Florida Bar Association.  
 Professionalism Committee, 2010.  
 Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law.  
 Faculty Appointments Committee, 2022 – to present  
 Admissions Committee, 2020 - to present  
 Faculty Development Committee, 2018 –  
 Acting Chair, Winter 2019.  
 Admissions Committee, 2015 – 2018.  
 Governance Committee, 2012 – 2015.  
 Bar Scholarship Committee, 2011-2012.  
 Appointments Committee – 2008.  
 Ad-hoc Committee on Curriculum Reform, 2007 – 2008.  
 Student Affairs Committee, 2004 – 2008.  
 Interface Committee, 2003 – 2004.  
 Scribes: The American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects – Member  
 University of Colorado Faculty Fellow, 2002, 2003.  
 University of Colorado School of Law.  
 Internal Review Committee, 2002 – 2003.  
 Curriculum Committee, 2001 – 2002.  
 Boulder Inn of Court.  
 Vice President, 2002 – 2003.  
 Member, 2000 – 2003.  
 Colorado Bar Association, Appellate Practice Subcommittee – Member.  
 Boulder County Partners – Youth Mentoring Group, Spring 2003.  
 Founder,\* Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, 1999-2000.

## PRESENTATIONS

Online and Hybrid Learning Conference, sponsored by Sturm College of Law, University of Denver, Denver, CO (Sept. 22 – 24, 2022) “Pandemic Empiricism: What the Data Says Worked and Didn’t During the Covid Crisis”  
 “Know Your Rights! An Overview of Intellectual Property Rights for Artists,” Dreyfoos School of the Arts, West Palm Beach, FL (Sept. 17, 2022) – presentation for the entire student body and faculty on the intellectual property rights artists must know.  
 Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Phoenix, AZ (March 4-5, 2022) “How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Zoom: Lessons From the Pandemic for Conducting More Effective Student Writing Conferences.”  
 Online and Hybrid Learning Conference, sponsored by Sturm College of Law, University of Denver, Denver, CO (Sept. 30 – Oct 2, 2021) “Pandemic Empiricism: What the Data Says Worked and Didn’t During the Covid Crisis” – TWICE POSTPONED (until fall 2022) due to Covid, ‘natch!  
 Nova Law Review Symposium: Engaging Legal Research and Writing Students in the ‘New Normal’ – Teaching in a Time of Crisis,” Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Feb. 26, 2021).  
 “Bend It Like Beckham? Using Cognitive Science To Inform Online Teaching In A Time Of

Covid.”

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Tucson, AZ (March 13-14, 2020) “Project Bluebook: Teaching Law Students the Secret Language of Case Citations.” – POSTPONED due to Covid.

Online and Hybrid Learning Conference, sponsored by Sturm College of Law, University of Denver, Denver, CO (September 27, 2019) “Empirical Research on Best Practices for Online Legal Education.” (materials presented in my absence due to day-of-conference injury).

Association of Legal Writing Directors, Biennial Conf., Boston, MA (May 29, 2019) “What Legal Educators Can Learn From The U.S. Air Force Academy About Developing Character And Leadership In Law Students.”

A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts, West Palm Beach, FL. (April 13, 2018) “Know Your Rights As a Visual Artist” – invited speaker to talk with high school art students about IP law.

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Denver, CO. (March 23-24, 2018) co-presented with Col. Linell Letendre (Dept. Head, Law Department, USAFA) & Maj. Aimee Haney (Law Dept., Dir. Of Core Curriculum) “What Law Professors Can Learn From The Military Academies About Teaching Students Character.”

Association of Legal Writing Directors, Biennial Conf., Memphis, TN., (June 4, 2015) “What is Evolutionary Cognitive Neuroscience and How Can it Help Inform Our Decisions About the Use of Classroom Technology.”

eMerge Americas Conf., Miami, FL., (May 4, 2015) “Online Instruction Proves Effective for Busy Professionals.”

Legal Writing Institute Summer Conf., Palm Desert, CA., (May 31, 2012) “Using Cognitive Science to Develop Best Practices For Classroom Technology.”

South Florida Workshop for Legal Writing Teachers (Dec. 2, 2011) “Using Free Legal Research Tools In Class And Practice” co-presented with Professor Deborah Borman, Northwestern School of Law.

Central States Legal Writing Conf., (Sept. 17, 2011) “How The Internet Is Changing The Way We Read And What Legal Writers Should Do About It.”

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conf., (March 25, 2011) “How the Internet Is Changing the Way We Read and What Legal Writers Should Do About It.”

Legal Writing Institute Summer Conf., Marco Island, FL., (June 2010).  
Organized and moderated panel discussion on “The skills legal employers want law students to have.”

Global Skills Conf., Istanbul, Turkey, (Aug.2008).  
“The Use of Narrative in American Legal Practice”

Legal Writing Institute Summer Conf., Indianapolis, IN. (July 2008).  
Moderated panel discussion on what peer edited journals look for in scholarship.  
Instructor – New Teacher Writing Workshop

Southeastern Legal Writing Conf. (Sept. 2007) – presented program on what law students are looking for in an effective teacher.

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conf., (March 2007) – presented program on results of student survey regarding effective teaching.

Legal Writing Institute Summer Conf., (June 2006).  
“Emotion Granted – The Role of Emotion in Law School and Legal Advocacy.”  
Instructor – New Teacher Writing Workshop

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conf. (March 2006) – presented program on use of storytelling to teach IRAC.

Legal Writing Institute Writer’s Workshop – Participant, (Summer 2005).

Legal Writing Institute Summer Conf. (2004)  
Moderated panel discussion on Socio-Emotional Components of Teaching.  
Instructor – New Teacher Writing Workshop

Legal Writing Institute Summer Conf. (2002) – Presented program on effective teaching

Central Region Legal Writing Conf. (Fall 2001) – Presented program on effective writing.

Appearance on Learning Channel show “Maternity Ward” teaching LRW course – Fall, 2001.

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conf. (2001) – Presented program on “The Process of Writing.”

Legal Writing Institute Summer Conf. (2000) – Presented program on legal research

**BAR/COURT  
ADMISSIONS**

Massachusetts Bar Association, 1986 to present.

Colorado Bar Association, 1994 to present.

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, 1987.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, 1987.