

**Debra Moss Vollweiler**  
(FKA Debra Moss Curtis)

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Elisabeth Haub School of Law, Pace University**, White Plains, NY (Spring 2022-Spring 2023)  
Visiting Professor of Law (in Residence)

- Courses Taught: Contracts, Corporations and Partnerships, Secured Transactions

**University of Toledo College of Law**, Toledo, OH (Fall 2021)  
Visiting Part-Time Professor of Law (Distance Learning)

- Course Taught: Secured Transactions

**Charles University**, Prague, Czech Republic (Summer 2021)

- Course Taught: Formation of Common Law Contracts (Distance Learning)

**Shepard Broad College of Law, Nova Southeastern University** Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
Professor of Law (1995-present (on leave))

Courses Taught:

- Contracts; Commercial Law: UCC: Sales; UCC: Sales and Sales Financing; UCC: Secured Transactions; UCC Survey: Articles 3 and 9; Law Office Management Workshop; Introduction to the 4th Amendment; Lawyering Skills and Values I and II

Law School Service:

- *Committee Service:* Chair: Curriculum; Chair: Committee on Promotion, Retention and Tenure; Chair: Appointments Committee; Chair: Ad Hoc Curriculum Mapping Committee; Self-Study; Ad Hoc Committee on Legal Profession and Legal Education; Professionalism Development Committee; Faculty Development; Student Services; Ex Officio: Admissions; Ex Officio: Student Services
- Co-Director Public Service Fellowship; Public Service Fellowship Award Committee

University Service:

- *President's Faculty Research and Development Grant Reviewer* for faculty awards
- *SARA Governance Committee:* (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement) Guidance for the delivery of distance education to ensure consistent consumer protection practices.

### **Associate Dean for Academic Affairs**

Responsibilities included:

- Development and implementation of curriculum, including learning outcomes and assessments, supervise data collection and perform analysis to evaluate effectiveness for student learning
- Assignment of teaching responsibilities and scheduling of classes
- Liaison to faculty committees; contribute to developing committee charges
- Supervising academic programs including the Law Clinics and Field Placements, as well as Professionalism programming
- Coordinating with undergraduate, LLM and Masters programs within the College of Law
- Hiring, supervising, budgeting, and re-appointing adjunct faculty
- Serving as hearing officer and manage academic disciplinary matters
- Supervising the academic records, confer degrees; coordinating and supervising the exam administration and grading processes
- Manage curricular, student, administrative and faculty initiatives for the Code of Academic Regulations and Faculty Handbook
- Admitting and determining appropriate academic credit for transfer students including review of foreign attorney profiles
- Ensuring compliance by the college of all federal law and accreditation requirements
- Preparing reports for accreditation and external constituencies including the ABA, AALS and SACS, as well as internal university assessments of student learning
- Working closely with other departments within the university including negotiating and developing dual degree programs within university and externally
- Supervising running of the mandatory pro bono program, public interest programming
- Chair Hiring Committees for key law school administrative personnel

### **Interim Dean**

Served as chief academic officer for the College of Law. Responsibilities included:

- Strategic Leadership on programming, curriculum, enrollment management, marketing, and finance. Responsible for completion of five-year strategic plan for the College of Law, including development of an undergraduate degree in law
- Responsible for fundraising vision and execution of fundraising plan for the College of Law. Exceeded target fundraising goals set for College of Law.
- Supervised all Associate and Assistant Deans in all administrative functions; manage faculty governance
- Supervised management of budget and approval by university, including emergency management during crisis.
- Worked statewide and nationally with other law school deans to promote unity and social justice initiatives, including creating a Florida cooperative consortium to continue education efforts.
- Led College of Law through COVID-19 remote learning and operations conversion, as well as for overall responsibility for Fall 2020 return to campus academic and operational planning. Concurrent appointment with Academic Affairs.

### **Director, Public Interest Law**

Created and managed law school's information center for public interest law. Created Pro Bono Honor Program and new community projects. Brought school up to national ranking of #9 in *National Jurist* report of Public Interest programs. Managed Southeast region of national program matching law students with pro bono positions nationwide. Aided regional law schools in structuring individual pro bono programs.

### **Berg & Wheeler, P.A., Attorney, Brandon, FL**

Maintained caseload of clients in family law, civil litigation, real property, estate planning and administration and probate, including litigation, and assisted on appeals. Handled all aspects of cases, including client intake, pleadings, discovery, document drafting, research, depositions, motions, trial briefs and court appearances. Wrote appellate briefs, resulting in PCA decisions for all appellee clients. Brought electronic research medium to firm.

### **Robbins, Gaynor and Bronstein, P.A., St. Petersburg, FL**

Commercial litigation summer associate, including secured transaction, bankruptcy, tax, and other commercial litigation matters.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Boston College Law School, Newton, MA**

*Juris Doctor, cum laude*

### **Tufts University, Medford, MA**

*B.A., Political Science*

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Florida Bar; United States Circuit Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit; United States Supreme Court

## **AWARDS**

NSU Student Life Achievement Award (College of Law) Executive of the Year (2021)

Faculty Graduation Hooder (Student Elected) (2021, 2020, 2017, 2016, 2015)

College of Law Graduation Grand Marshal (2018, 2019)

NSU Student Life Achievement Award (College of Law) Executive of the Year (2019)

President's Distinguished Professor of the Year, NSU Shepard Broad College of Law (2017)

Florida Bar Statewide Law Faculty Professionalism Award (2017)

National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism, Fellow (2016)

Professor of the Year, NSU Shepard Broad College of Law (Student Elected) (2015, 2014, 2007)

NSU Student Life Achievement Award (College of Law) Faculty of the Year (2015)

Tufts University Public Service Citizen Lawyer Award (2010)

Tufts Lawyers Association National Service Award (2006)

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

University of Toledo Online Teaching Certificate (2021)

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

*REFORMING LEGAL EDUCATION: LAW SCHOOLS AT THE CROSSROADS*  
(Debra Moss Curtis & David M. Moss eds. 2012).

### Law Review Publications:

*Legal Malpractice in Florida: A Statistical Analysis* (in progress 2023)  
*What to Leave In/What to Leave: Using Curriculum Mapping to Make Evidence Based Decisions*  
(in progress 2023)

*Just a Spoonful of Sugar: Everything I Learned about Being a Female Faculty Member I Learned from Mary Poppins* (in progress 2022)

*The Year of Magical Teaching: Lessons Learned from One Class in Three Modalities*  
(forthcoming, inaugural issue JOURNAL LAW TEACHING AND LEARNING 2022)  
Featured in TaxProf Blog; Top 10 SSRN Lists: Legal Education; Legal Profession; Pedagogy

*If you Can't Beat 'Em, Join 'Em (Virtually): Institutionally Managing Law Students as Consumers in a COVID world*, 41.1 PACE L. REV. 57 (2020). (featured in TaxProf Blog)

*If you Can't Beat 'Em, Join 'Em: Institutionally Managing Law Students as Consumers*, 40.1 PACE L. REV. 1 (2020).

*Don't Panic! The Hitchhiker's Guide to Learning Outcomes: Eight Ways to make them more than (Mostly) Harmless*, 44 U. DAYTON L. REV. 17 (2018).  
(featured in TaxProf Blog; Law School Assessment Blog)

*"They're Digging in the Wrong Place:" How Learning Outcomes Can Improve Bar Exams and Ensure Practice Ready Attorneys* 10 ELON L. REV. 239 (2018).

*No Shots, No School, No Kidding: The Legal Profession Needs a Vaccine to Prevent Unprofessionalism*, 28 U. FLA. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 1 (2017)

*The Codification of Professionalism: Can you Sanction Lawyers into Being Nice?*  
40 J. LEGAL PROF 49 (2015) (reprinted by Florida Bar Professionalism Center)

*Beg Borrow or Steal: Ten Lessons Legal Education Can Learn from Other Disciplines*  
42 USF L. Rev 349 (2014).

*Attorney Discipline Nationwide: A Comparative Analysis of Process and Statistics*,  
35 J. LEGAL PROF. 209 (2011).

*Curriculum Mapping: Bringing Evidence-Based Frameworks to Legal Education*,  
34 NOVA L. REV. 473 (2010).

*Teaching Law Office Management: Why Law Students Need to Know the Business of Being a Lawyer*, 71 ALB. L. REV. 201 (2008).

*In a Case, on a Screen, Do They Remember What They've Seen? Critical Electronic Reading in the Law School Classroom*, (co-authored) 30 HAMLINE L. REV. 247 (2007).

*Teach the Children Well: Incorporating Cultural Literacy Into the Law School Learning Experience*, 37 CUMB. L. REV. 177 (2006–2007).

*Everything I Needed to Know about Law Professors' Ethics I Learned as a Kindergarten Teacher: Examining Ethics in the Classroom*, 2006 BYU J. LAW & EDUC. 455 (2006)

*Domestic Violence and the Lawyer as Good Samaritan: What Responsibility to Become Involved?* 6:1 WHITTIER J. CHILD AND FAM ADV 3 (2006).

*You've Got Rhythm: Curriculum Planning and Teaching in the Legal Writing Classroom*, 21 TOURO L. REV. 465 (2005).

*Licensing and Discipline of Fiscal Professionals in Florida: Attorneys, Accountants and Real Estate Professionals*, 29 NOVA L. REV. 339 (2005).

*In a Case, In a Book, They Will Not Take a Second Look! Critical Reading in the Legal Writing Classroom*, (co-authored), 41 WILLAMETTE L. REV. 293 (2005).

*A Public View of Attorney Discipline in Florida: Statistics, Commentary, and Analysis of Disciplinary Actions against Licensed Attorneys in the State of Florida from 1988–2002*, (co-authored), 28 NOVA L. REV. 669 (2004).

### **Other Legal Publications:**

*Helix Bar Review (AccessLex)*

Subject matter expert drafter, video lecturer, and editor for MBE and state tested subjects (2021-present)

*The COVID Crisis Impact on Legal Education*, Volume 32, No. 1 American Bar Association Experience Magazine at 24-26 (September/October 2021)

*Reprinted: GPSolo eReport December 2021; ABA International Section*

*Bar Charts Series Commercial Outlines*

Contracts; Sales; Secured Transactions; Legal Terminology (2010-present)

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

AALS Annual Meeting Washington DC (forthcoming January 2023)

- *MythBusters of Legal Education* (organizer and moderator)
- *Measuring the External Impact of Experiential Education* (facilitator)

One Day Conference at Fordham Law School, New York, NY (December 2022)

- *My Year of Magical Teaching*

2022 Assessment Institute, Indianapolis, IN (October 2022) (co-presented)

- *Ten Tiny Targeted Tips Toward Terrific Graduate- and Professional-Level Assessments*

Bar Exam Essay Guidance (2019-present)

- *Secured Transactions* (debrief essay and targeted exam tips)

National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals Annual Conference (June 2022)

- *When Student Services and Faculty Collide: Working with Faculty to Ensure Consistent Messaging and Rule Administration* (co-presented)

The COVID Care Crisis Symposium, Part II: Imagining Solutions and Taking Action, Indiana University Bloomington, LSSSE, and CLASIC (June 2022)

- *Moderator and Panelist: Teaching/Learning: Pedagogy through the Pandemic Portal*

Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership in the Professions (May 2022)

- *The ABA Professional Identity Accreditation Standard: Using Learning Outcomes and the MPT to Ensure Meaningful Compliance* (co-presented)

The Tech-Savvy Lawyer Podcast (February 2022)

- *The Impact of the Pandemic on Law Students Using Technology for Learning*

Mercer University School of Law Faculty Presentation (February 2022)

- *MPTs and Learning Outcomes: Improving Performance and Assessment* (co-presented)

AALS Teaching Methods Webinar, Organizer and Moderator (October 2021)

- *Accentuate the Positive, Eliminate the Negative: Positive Pandemic Pullouts*

ABA Midwinter Meeting: Labor and Employment Section (March 2021)

- *Applying Standards in Disciplinary Proceedings: Policing Professionalism*

LSAC/AALS Forum (August 2020)

- *Planning for an online bar exam*

AALS Annual Meeting (January 2020)

- *New Challenges the Multiple Associate Deans Model Brings to Managing Communications and Conflict Among Faculty and Administration*
- *Building and Sustaining Alliances as an Associate Dean*
- *Hot Topics: The Class Divide, Students in Dire Financial Need*

AALS Teaching Methods Forum (October 2019)

- *Moderator, Best Practices for Teaching Foreign Trained Attorneys*

National Organization of Bar Counsel Annual Meeting (August 2019)

- *Law School Incubators and Teaching Skills Development*

SEALS Annual Conference (July 2019)

- *Teaching to Engage: Using Canvas to Enhance a Course with Shared Projects*
- *New Law Professor Mentoring Program: Job Talk Feedback*
- *New Law Professor Mentoring Program: Candidate Review*

ABA Associate Dean's Conference Chicago, IL (June 2019)

- *Building a Culture of Communication and Cooperation Among the Associate Deans at the Law School (opening plenary session)*
- *Creating a Culture that Supports Teaching and Scholarship*

National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals Annual Conference (June 2019)

- *Modeling Cooperation and Communication: A Joint Dean's Approach for Student Needs*

AALS Annual Meeting (January 2019)

- *Circling the Square: Fresh Partnerships to Understand Student Learning and Bar Performance through Empirical Studies: Professionalism Education and Bar Passage*
- *Discussion Group: Bridging the Divisions with Professional Identity Learning Outcomes that Encourage Cultural Competency in the Profession*

Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference (August 2018)

- *Workshop on Legal Ed Discussion Group: Strategies for Bar Preparation and Success*
- *Newer Law Teachers Discussion Group: Scholarship Fundamentals: Becoming a Productive and Fulfilled Scholar*
- *New Law Professor Mentoring Program: Job Talk Feedback*

International Faculty Training Conference (July 2018)

- *Curriculum Planning and Learning Outcomes*

Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) (August 2017)

- *The Bar Exam's Impact on Legal Education Curriculum*

ABA Center for Professional Responsibility National Conference (June 2017)

- *Professional Identity Formation*

National Institute of Ethics and Professionalism (October 2016)

- *Using Learning Outcomes to Incorporate Professional Identity Education*

Florida Bar Annual Meeting /Florida Bar Board of Governors, New Orleans, LA (2016)

- *Continuing on the Course for Success in the Legal Environment,*

U.S. Law Firm Consortium Retreat (February 2016)

- *The Future of the Legal Profession, (co-presented)*

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

- *Boot Camp for Pre-Law Students* (Multiple times yearly 2011-2015)

Florida Bar Mid-Year Meetings, Annual Meetings

- *Benchmarks: Teaching Adult Civics, (co-presented)* (2010-2014)
- *Setting the Course for Success in the Legal Environment* (2015)

SEALS Annual Conference (July 2010)

- *Law School as a Consumer Product*

## **NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

***Voter Protection Attorney, Palm Beach County, FL*** (2008-present)

Trained to uphold voter eligibility laws at polling places to ensure full access to voting rights for all citizens

### **American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Leadership:**

Executive Committee, Section on Teaching Methods (2019-present)

-Chair (2023); Chair-Elect (2022); Treasurer (2021))

Executive Committee, Section on Associate Deans for Academic Affairs and Research (2021)

Executive Committee, Section on Empirical Study of Legal Ed. and Legal Profession (2019)

### **American Bar Association (ABA) Service and Leadership:**

Serve as site team member for law school accreditation (2016-present)

- Chair 2023; Chair 2021; On-site Chair 2018

### **Consultant/Program Review:**

Serve as private program review member for law school's internal university review or in preparation for ABA Site Visits or other academic review processes (2019-present)

### **Florida Bar Statewide Leadership**

- ***Dean/Young Lawyer's Division Summits:*** (2016-2020): Represent college of law in statewide summits on key issues in legal education, practice, and bar admissions
- ***Chair: Legal Education Special Committee:*** Led Florida Bar executive committee to study interrelationship between bar exam, legal education, and the practice of law. (2016)
- ***Chair: Florida Bar's Commission to Study the Legal Profession:*** Led Legal Education group as part of a three-year comprehensive study looking at the future of the legal profession by the statewide Bar. (2013-2016)
- ***Hawkins Commission on Attorney Discipline, Academic Consultant/Reporter:*** Drafted report and consulted for Bar President's Commission on attorney discipline. (2011-2012)