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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Assistant Professor of Law

July 2010 – July 2014

Associate Professor of Law

July 2014 – July 2021

Professor of Law

July 2021 – Present

JD Courses: Legal Research and Writing I and II (f/k/a Lawyering Skills and Values I and II), Torts, Civil Procedure, Disability Law, Insurance Law, Women and the Law Seminar, Moot Court Brief Writing Workshop.

Masters in Law Courses: Individual Research Project (capstone writing course), Patients' Rights and Health Care Ethics, Legal Research and Reasoning, and Private Education Law.

Professional Courses: National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Deposition Skills Training Program.

Publications:

Inclusion of Emotional Support Animals as Service Animals Under the ADA: Creating the Right to Use Dogs to Assist People Living with Mental Health Issues, 43 W. NEW ENG. L. REV. 7 (2022). This article was listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for: Animal Law eJournal and PsychRN: Psychotherapy & Mental Health Treatment (Topic) (Dec. 15, 2020), Disability Law eJournal (Dec. 18, 2020), and Clinical & Counseling Psychology eJournal (Dec. 23, 2020).

Don't Be Distracted by the Peacock Trying to Board an Airplane: Why Emotional Support Animals Are Service Animals and Should Be Regulated in the Same Manner, 82 ALB. L. REV. 237 (2019). This article was listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for: Animal Law eJournal and Disability Law eJournal (Oct. 3, 2018).

Reasonable Accommodations on the Bar Exam: Leveling the Playing Field or Providing an Unfair Advantage?, 48 VAL. U. L. REV. 661 (2014). The SSRN posting of this article led to it being included in the LSN Legal Education eJournal, Vol. 10 No. 50, 09/10/2013. At the time, the editors of this eJournal were Hannah Arterian (Dean and Professor of Law, Syracuse University College of Law) and Jeremy Paul (Dean and Professor of Law, Northeastern University School of Law). Further, Professor Michael Olivas at the University of Houston Law Center, a former AALS President, chose this article to be included in the Institute for Higher Education Law and Governance Monograph Series.

Google It: Responding to Tough Economic Times by Integrating Free Electronic Research in the Classroom, The Law Teacher, Fall 2011 Issue, Volume 18, Number 1.

Presentations:

- MODERATOR, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, *Patient Privacy and Health Information Confidentiality at a Crossroads*, January 2024.
- PRESENTER, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, *Adapting to Change: How to Use a Variety of Conferencing Methods and Bite-Sized Feedback Assignments to Engage Students While Being Mindful of One's Time and Wellness*, September 2020, Virtual 2020 (with Shakira Pleasant of UIC John Marshall Law School).
- PRESENTER, Nova Southeastern University's Lifelong Learning Institute, *Service Animals: Legal Issues and Benefits*, February 2019, Fort Lauderdale, FL (with Dr. Shelley Green).

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- PRESENTER, Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop, *Millennial Sized Feedback: Using Mini-Conferences, Interim Assignments, and Book/Problem Integration to Engage Students*, December 2018, Ave Maria School of Law, Naples, FL (with Kate Webber Nunez of Nova Southeastern University College of Law).
- PRESENTER, Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop, *Building a Bridge with the Bench and Bar: How to Incorporate Soft Skills into a First Year Legal Writing Class Using Judges and Lawyers*, November 2018, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, New Orleans, LA.
- MODERATOR, Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop, December 2017, Nova Southeastern University College of Law.
- PRESENTER, Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, *It's Alive! Breathing New Life Into Old Topics*, March 2016, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD (with Olympia Duhart of Nova Southeastern University College of Law and Hugh Mundy of UIC John Marshall Law School).
- PRESENTER, Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop, *Professional Communication: Using Today's Technology The Write Way*, December 2015, Florida International University College of Law, Miami, FL.
- PRESENTER, Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop, *Moving from Lecture to Practice: Integrating a Negotiation Exercise into a Lawyering Skills & Values Course*, December 2013, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD.
- PRESENTER, Eleventh Circuit Legal Scholarship Forum, November 2013, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL.
- PRESENTER, Teaching Tips, *Winter Problem 2014: Violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act*, November 2013, Nova Southeastern University College of Law.
- PRESENTER, Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference, *A View from Both Sides: Addressing Student Inability, or Reluctance, to Transfer Skills from LRW Classes to Doctrinal Classes and Vice-Versa*, April 2013, Savannah Law School, Savannah, GA (with Professor Michele Struffolino of Nova Southeastern University College of Law).
- MODERATOR, Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop, December 2012, Nova Southeastern University College of Law.
- PRESENTER, Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, *Incorporating Client Communications into the Legal Research and Writing Curriculum*, March 2012, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC (with Professor Kate Webber of Nova Southeastern University College of Law).
- PANELIST, American Bar Association, *Transitioning from Practice to the Academy*, December 2011, Podcast (with Professor Mitch Crusto of Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans and Professor Jennifer Smith of Florida A&M University School of Law).
- PRESENTER, Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference, *Email Writing for Lawyers: Leave the LOLs and Emoticons at Home*, September 2011, UIC John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL.
- PANELIST, New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Conference, *Three to Get Ready: Three Different Perspectives on Getting Students Practice Ready*, June 2011, Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, RI (with The Honorable William E. Smith of the United States

District Court for the District of RI, Professor Kathleen Elliott Vinson of Suffolk University Law School, and Professor Jane E. Rindsberg of Roger Williams University School of Law).

Activities/Service:

- Moot Court Coach (2011- 2023).
Domenick L. Gabrielli Family Law Moot Court Competition – National Champions February 2015.
Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition – Regional Champions October 2011.
National Disability Law Appellate Competition – Finalists March 2023.
- Advisor to the Student Wellness at Nova Law (2022-Present), Advisor to the Public Interest Law Society (2019-Present), Co-Advisor to the NSU-ACLU Chapter (2017-Present), Co-Advisor to the Italian American Law Student Association (2011-2016).
- Committee Service: Student Affairs Committee (2022 – Present), Faculty Development Committee (2020-2022, Chairperson 2021-2022), Adjuncts Committee (2019-2020), Academic Disciplinary Investigator (2016-2019), Governance Committee (2016-2017), Curriculum Committee (2014-2016), LRW Student Outreach Committee (2014-Present, Chairperson 2017-2019), Student Affairs Committee (2013-2014), Academic Disciplinary Committee (2012-2013), Admissions Committee (2010-2012), the Legal Profession and Legal Education Ad Hoc Committee (2011-2012), and the Bar Scholarship Award Ad Hoc Committee (2010-2012).

Honors:

- Selected by the December 2017 NSU Law Graduates to be the Faculty Graduation Speaker.

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Newark, NJ

August 2009 – May 2010

Adjunct Professor

Taught Legal Research and Writing I and II.

MEMBERSHIPS

- New Jersey State Bar and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, 2004
- Pennsylvania State Bar, 2004, and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2005
- Legal Writing Institute
- Society of American Law Teachers
- Association of American Law Schools: Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research (Annual Meeting Program Committee, 2021-2023), Biolaw (Section Chair, 2023) Disability Law, Law and Mental Disability (Section Chair, 2022), Insurance Law, Law Medicine and Health Care, and Women in Legal Education sections
- American Bar Association: Civil Rights and Social Justice, Health Law, and Legal Education sections

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

WONG FLEMING, PC, Princeton, NJ

April 2009 – February 2010

Associate Attorney

Represented clients in commercial, civil, and employment litigation matters in State and Federal courts.
Represented lenders in a variety of creditor's rights contexts in State and Bankruptcy courts. Responsibilities included: preparing pleadings, discovery requests, motions to lift stays, proof of claim forms, objections to Chapter 13 plans, legal memoranda to partners and clients, and motion papers to various courts. Participated in settlement negotiations and preparation of agreements and releases regarding same. Researched and drafted

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arbitration decisions including cases dealing with retaliation for complaining about discrimination in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1960 and the New Jersey LAD. Assisted developing presentation materials and PowerPoint on the ADA, ADAAA, the New Jersey LAD, and EEOC charges of discrimination entitled *ADA in Psychiatry: Medical Leave, Disability, and Reasonable Accommodations for Psychiatrally Ill.*

SMITH, STRATTON, WISE, HEHER & BRENNAN, LLP, Princeton, NJ

September 2005 – April 2009

Associate Attorney

Represented clients in commercial matters, with particular emphasis on insurance related litigation.

Represented insurers in coverage contexts including business interruption, environmental liabilities and first party property claims. Advised clients on bad faith claims handling, the duty to defend an insured, and breach of contract claims. Responsibilities included: preparing pleadings, discovery requests, and briefs for actions in State and Federal Courts. Participated in document productions, depositions, and argued motions.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, APPELLATE DIVISION, Trenton, NJ

September 2004 – August 2005

Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Jane Grall, J.A.D.

Conducted research and prepared legal memoranda for an Appellate Panel which included Judges Skillman, Collester, Parrillo and Grall. Reviewed and edited opinions and processed emergent motion applications for Judge Grall.

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Bristol, RI

September 2003 – January 2004

Legal Research Assistant for Professors Jane Rindsberg and Michael Yelnosky

Researched issues used in Professor Rindsberg's Legal Methods courses. Assisted Professor Yelnosky with stripping footnotes and formatting articles for NYU SELECTED ESSAYS ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW.

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF RI, Providence, RI

May 2003 – August 2003

Judicial Intern for the Honorable Arthur N. Votolato

Researched matters taken under advisement by the court, drafted opinions and orders, maintained the Bankruptcy Court Library, and attended hearings and trials on various bankruptcy and commercial law issues.

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Bristol, RI

September 2002- August 2003

Legal Research Assistant for Professor Kathleen Burch

Created projects and researched various legal issues to be used in Legal Methods and Legal Drafting courses.

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION, Providence, RI

July 2002 – August 2002

Legal Intern

Assisted in drafting an appellate brief. Attended Department hearings and conferences and drafted a Department hearing decision. Wrote consent order agreements and notices to revoke real estate appraiser licenses. Conducted various research projects focusing on securities, banking, insurance, and real estate laws.

THE LAW OFFICES OF PAUL STRAUSS AND ASSOCIATES, Washington, DC

Summer 2000

Legal Intern

Interviewed clients and conducted pre-trial preparatory work. Served subpoenas and attended hearings.

Served as member of Strauss' senatorial team at Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles.

EDUCATION

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Bristol, RI

Juris Doctor, May 2004

Honors:

Dean's Achievement Award Scholarship

Highest grade award, Legal Methods II, Spring 2002

Moot Court Honor Society, Associate Member
Participant, Law Alumni Honors Moot Court Competition, Fall 2002
Recipient, Best Student Bar Association Officer Award, 2003-2004
Recipient, Public Interest Law Summer Stipend Award, Summer 2002 & 2003

Clinic: Disability and Family Law Clinical Program, Fall 2003

Activities: Student Bar Association, Third-Year Class Representative
Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Treasurer
Public Interest Law Society Auction, Chairperson, Spring 2004
Public Interest Law Summer Stipend Interview Committee, Spring 2004
Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Vice-President
Student Academic Mentor

Study Abroad: Comparative Advocacy Internship Program, London, England, Summer 2002

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND, Baltimore, MD

Bachelor of Arts, May 2001

Majors, French and Political Science

Honors: Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, Treasurer
Pi Delta Phi National French Honor Society
Gravitas Student Leadership Award

Activities: Student Government Association Supreme Court
Residence Affairs Council, Dormitory President
New Student Orientation, Group Leader
Student Academic Advisory Board & Academic Mentor

Study Abroad: **MONASH UNIVERSITY**, Melbourne, Australia, Fall 1999

INSTITUTE MEDITERRANEEN-FRANCE, Montpellier, France, Summer 1998