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## Education

**UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW**, Coral Gables, Florida  
*Juris Doctor*, May 2003

**Honors:** *Magna cum laude*  
Order of the Coif  
University of Miami Law Review  
Dean's Fellow: Legal Research & Writing  
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Moot Court Board Competition Finalist  
Book Award in Legal Research & Writing  
Dean's Certificate of Achievement in Legal Research & Writing  
Book Award in Bankruptcy

**UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI**, Coral Gables, Florida  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Honors College December 1999

**Honors:** *Magna cum laude*  
Departmental Honors in Political Science  
Dean's List  
Dean's Merit Scholar

## Experience

**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY; SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW**, Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
*Professor of Law; Director of Civil Field Placement Program; Director of Bankruptcy Externship*,  
*July 2005 – Current*

Teaching a variety of business law courses and skills courses to upper level and first-year law students. Courses taught in the J.D. program include Contract Law, Bankruptcy Law, Secured Transactions, Civil Field Placement Seminar, Advanced Civil Field Placement Seminar, and Legal Research & Writing I & II. Courses taught in the Masters in Law Program include "Legal Research & Methods," "Legal Foundations," the honors thesis course, and the "Independent Research & Presentation" course. Responsibilities as Director of the Civil Field Placement Program include supervising externs and acting as liaison between host office, supervising attorneys, and student externs as well as various administrative duties. Administrative duties include ensuring compliance with the American Bar Association's (ABA) standards for field placements and promoting student enrollment and participation in the College of Law's field placement program. Scholarship interests include issues relevant to corporate and consumer bankruptcy law, issues relevant to the confidentiality of litigation and confidentiality of settlements including state sunshine legislation, and access to justice issues.

**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY; SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW**, Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
*Critical Skills Instructor, August 2004 – July 2005*

Actively involved in the development and implementation of the Critical Skills Program, a new program designed to improve the critical reading, thinking, writing and analytical skills of first, second and third-year law students as well as increase the Florida Bar passage rates among the Law Center's graduating class. Provided group instruction to first-year law students through a series of weekly skills workshops emphasizing the development of exam taking and legal analysis skills such as understanding how to use case law and precedent, course

synthesis, issue spotting, problem analysis, essay writing, multiple choice strategies, and time management. Provided individualized instruction for first-year students with a need for additional academic support including students on academic probation and students on academic 'at-risk' status. Developed and coordinated the Legal Study Skills Winter 2005 curriculum.

#### **WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP, Miami, Florida**

Associate, *Business Finance & Restructuring Department*, August 2003 – August 2004

Involved in the chapter 11 financial reorganization cases of local and national multimillion dollar companies. Worked on all aspects of these reorganization cases including the filing of chapter 11 petitions and first day motions, attending hearings, negotiating settlements of preference and fraudulent transfer actions, drafting various motions, briefs and other pleadings, and extensively researching substantive and procedural issues in bankruptcy law. Actively involved in the firm's pro bono efforts by participating in the research and drafting of two chapters of a judicial bench book for the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center (FIAC) and assisting low-income individuals with the preparation and filing of chapter 7 and chapter 13 bankruptcy petitions.

#### **SPENCER A. EMISON, P.A., Miami, Florida**

Law Clerk, May 2001 – May 2002

Assisted partner in small civil litigation firm with client representation and trial preparation. Conducted extensive research and legal analysis in the areas of insurance law, breach of contract, automobile negligence, medical malpractice, personal injury, and labor law. Prepared pleadings, interrogatories, requests for production, motions, and affidavits. Provided assistance in depositions and with trial and hearing preparation. Carried out several bilingual tasks including interviewing clients in Spanish and translating client correspondence.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW, Coral Gables, Florida**

Dean's Fellow in *Legal Research & Writing*, August 2001 – May 2003

Provided individual instruction to first, second and third-year law school students seeking to further develop and enhance their legal writing and analysis skills. Tutored students on the basics of legal writing and legal analysis including the pre-writing process, the appropriate use of case law and precedent in legal writing, case law analysis, using the IRAC writing structure to organize legal writing and strengthen legal analysis, and correct blue book citation format. Assisted students with revisions of trial and appellate briefs, essay exam answers, research papers, law review articles, and writing samples. Actively involved with the preparation and presentation of various legal writing and exam preparation workshops for the Academic Achievement Program.

### **Professional Affiliations & Bar Admissions**

Florida Bar, 2003

United States Southern District of Florida

Member of the American Bar Association: Business Law Section; Litigation Section; Section for Legal Education & Admission to the Bar; Young Lawyers Division

Member of the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida

Member of the American Bankruptcy Institute

### **Publications:**

*No Longer "SAVED" by the Promise of Student Loan Forgiveness: Borrowers Find Hope in the DOJ's New "Guidance" For Discharging Student Loan Debt in Bankruptcy; But, How Long will the Option Last?*, (forthcoming) \_\_\_ Wayne St. U.J. Bus. L. \_\_\_ (2026).

*No Stick, just a Carrot: Bringing Back the Chapter 13 "Super Discharge" to give Student Loan Borrowers Meaningful Bankruptcy Relief While Maximizing Debt Repayment by Consumer Debtors*, 32 Am. Bankr. Inst. Law Rev. 211 (2024).

*A Means Test at Odds with Itself: The Secured Debt Expense in Chapter 7 Consumer Bankruptcy Cases After the Supreme Court's Decision in Lanning and Ransom*, 27 U. Miami Bus. L. Rev. 181 (2019).

*Not "Special" Enough for Chapter 7: An Analysis of the Special Circumstances Provision of the Bankruptcy Code*, Cleveland State Law Review, 61 CLEV. ST. L. REV. 983 (2013).

*Two Steps Forward, Two Steps Back: Lessons to be Learned From How Florida's Initiatives to Curtail Secrecy in Litigation Have Missed their Mark*, Florida Coastal Law Review, 10 FLA. COASTAL L. REV. 163 (2009).

Quick Study Law: "Bankruptcy," BarCharts, Inc. 2009.

## Works in Progress:

*Discharging Student Loan Debt in Bankruptcy; Do we Really Just Have to Ask?: The DOJ's New Backdoor Approach to Discharging Educational Debt in Bankruptcy*.

*Casting a Shadow on Florida's Sunshine: An Analysis of Florida Statute and the Impact of Automatic Administrative Sealing of Criminal History Records*.

## Professional Lectures & Presentations

**Presenter:** Externship 12 Conference 2024. *Jack of all Trades, Master of None: Creating a Student-Centered Externship Seminar that Engages Students Working in Various Practice Areas*.

**Moderator:** Southern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) 2024 Annual Conference. Panel Moderator: *Consumer Law, Commercial Law, and Bankruptcy Workshop: Current Issues in Consumer Debt*.

**Panel:** Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) 2020 Annual Conference. *Helping Law Students Navigate Transitions*.

**Presenter:** Teaching Legal Writing Beyond the First Year; 2019 Legal Writing Institute (LWI) One-Day Conference at Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA. – *Saying Goodbye to Boring Legal Writing Assignments: Bringing Litigation and Transactional Skills into the Classroom to Engage Law Students*.

**Panel:** Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) 2018 Annual Conference. Ft. Lauderdale, FL. – *Promoting Inclusion and Equity: Connecting Disciplines, Legal Education, and the Legal Profession*.

**Presenter:** 2015 Legal Writing Institute (LWI) One-Day Conference at Florida A&M University College of Law. Orlando, FL. – *Bringing Legal Writing Assignments to Life: Incorporating Civil Procedure into the Legal Writing Classroom to Engage and Motivate First Year Students*.

**Presenter:** Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference at the James E. Rogers College of Law. Tucson, AZ - *Bringing Legal Writing Assignments to Life: Incorporating Civil Procedure into the Legal Writing Classroom to Engage and Motivate First Year Students*.

**Panel:** Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference at the James E. Rogers College of Law. Tucson, AZ - *Renewing Our Spirit: Have Declining Enrollment, Faculty Downsizing, and Increased Course Load Expectations Changed the Way we Teach Legal Writing?*

**Panel:** Business Bankruptcy 360, Bankruptcy Panel. Hosted by the Association of Business Law Students at the Shepard Broad College of Law. Participated in panel presentation with the Honorable Judge John K. Olson, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, and Zachary P. Hyman, Esq., Senior Associate at Berger Singerman LLP.

**Lecture:** Business Clinic, Shepard Broad College of Law – *Bankruptcy Basics Primer*.

**Presenter:** Write Right: Preparing Writing Samples for Employers, Nova Southeastern University, January 2013.

**Lecture:** Bankruptcy Basics, Nova Southeastern University, Business Practice Clinic, January 2006, January 2007,

August 2007; January 2008, August 2008, January 2009, August 2009, and January 2010.

**Presenter:** Two Steps Forward, Two Steps Back: Lessons to be Learned From How Florida's Initiatives to Curtail Secrecy in Litigation Have Missed their Mark, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Young Scholars Conference, August 1, 2008.