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## **Education**

University of Kentucky, J.D. (1998)

Vanderbilt University, B.A. (1995)

## **Associate Professor of Law, Director of Advocacy Programs**

Nova Southeastern Shepard Broad School of Law (2023-Current)

- Director of Advocacy Programs
- Teach Criminal Law, Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, & Competitive Advocacy
- 2026 *U.S. News & World Report* #24 Trial Advocacy Program – Highest ranking ever

## **Associate Director of Advocacy Programs**

University of Georgia School of Law (2022-2023)

- Assisted with Mock Trial and Moot Court Competition Teams
- 2023 NTC & AAJ Regional Champions for first time ever together
- Taught Criminal Procedure II
- 2024 *U.S. News & World Report* #13 Trial Advocacy Program – Highest ranking ever

American University Washington College of Law (2020-2022)

- Directed Mock Trial, Moot Court, ADR, and Transactional Law Competition Teams
- 2022 NTC & AAJ Regional Champions for first time ever together
- Taught Evidence and Trial Advocacy
- 2023 *U.S. News & World Report* #3 Trial Advocacy Program – Highest ranking ever

## **Professor of Law, Director of Advocacy Programs**

Faulkner University's Thomas Goode Jones School of Law (2000-2020)

- Evidence (18 years)
- Trial Advocacy (18 years)
- Trial Advocacy for Competition (13 years)
- Criminal Procedure (6 years)
- Gaming Law (6 years)
- Legal Writing (2 years)
- 2019 *U.S. News & World Report* #15 Trial Advocacy Program – Highest ranking ever
- Coached more than forty teams to regional championships in Trial, Moot Court, and Mediation in various locations across the United States
- Qualified twenty-eight teams to the National Finals in Trial, Moot Court, and Mediation in various locations across the United States
- Organized and administered more than sixty intramural advocacy competitions
- Licensed in Alabama and Kentucky

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## Skills

- NITA Certified Trial Advocacy Instructor
- Stetson Certified Trial Advocacy Instructor
- TrialPro Consultant and Writer. TrialPro.Law
- Member of the Alabama Rules of Evidence Advisory Committee since 2009
- Annual presenter for Montgomery County Public Defender's Office.
- Annual presenter at Stetson's EATS and TAC Coaches Clinic.
- NITA Instructor, Deposition Skills, Miami 2024 & 2025.

## Scholarship

- *Alabama Practice Series: Alabama Evidence*. Thomson Reuters (2010-2020)
- Mockingbird Challenge, King of the Hill, Capitol City Challenge Trial Problems (2016-2022)
- *Presumed Innocent, Feared Guilty: The Eighth Amendment's Right to Bail*. 32 N. KY. L. REV. 1 (2005)
- *B-I-N-G-No! The Legal Abuse of an Innocent Game*. 18 ST. THOMAS L. REV. 21 (2005)
- *Gaming in Alabama: Futile Attempts to Put the Horse Back in the Barn*. 10 GAMING L. REV. 458 (2006)
- *Off to Elba: The Legitimacy of Sex Offender Residence and Employment Restrictions*. 40 AKRON L. REV. 339 (2007)
- *Brandishing the Mark of Cain: The Process of Labeling Sex Offenders*. FEDERAL SENTENCING REPORTER (December 2008)
- *Two Years After Gant: Where Are We Now?* Police K-9 Magazine. (March/ April 2011)
- *How to Legally Gamble in the Bible Belt*. 41 CUMBERLAND L. REV. 491 (2011)
- *The Law School Gamble*. 15 GAMING L. REV. 807 (2011)
- Book Review, *A Goodly Heritage* by R. Volney Riser. AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LEGAL HISTORY (Winter 2012)

## Works in Progress

- Video Killed the Radio Star: Advocacy in Modern Times