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EXPERIENCE

- 2017-present **Director, Legal Writing, Analysis, & Research Program**
Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC
- 2015-present **Professor of Legal Writing**
Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC
- Courses Taught:**
- Legal Analysis, Writing, & Research I & II
 - Appellate Advocacy
 - Legal Writing for Judicial Chambers
 - Applied Legal Concepts (early bar preparation course)
 - CASE (Academic Engagement Spring 1L course)
- 2012-2017 **Assistant Director, Legal Analysis, Writing, & Research Program**
Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC
- 1999-2015 **Associate Professor of Legal Writing**
Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC
- 1996-1999 **Associate Attorney**
Lana S. Warlick & Associates, Jacksonville, NC
Active family law and appellate litigation practice
- 1994-1996 **Law Clerk**
The Honorable Ralph A. Walker, North Carolina Court of Appeals,
Raleigh, NC
- 1992-1994 **Teaching Assistant, Legal Analysis, Writing, & Research Program**
Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC
- 1986-1991 **Latin Teacher**
Greensboro City Schools

EDUCATION

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Winston-Salem, NC

Juris Doctor, May 1994

Carswell Scholarship recipient (merit-based award), 1991-1994

Notes & Comments Editor, Wake Forest Law Review

Scholastic Honors List, Fall 1993 and Spring 1994

American Jurisprudence Award, Real Property Security, Spring 1994

American Jurisprudence Award, Remedies, Fall 1993

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, Winston-Salem, NC

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, May 1986

Carswell Scholarship recipient (merit-based award), 1982-1986

Phi Beta Kappa

Mortar Board (chapter president, 1985-1986)

AWARDS

- Invited Participant, Center for the Development of Women Leaders Program, Wake Forest University, 2014-15
- Scholarship Recipient & Participant, Legal Writing Institute Summer Writer's Workshop, Portland, Oregon, 2006
- Inaugural Recipient, Graham Award for Teaching Excellence in Legal Research & Writing, 2002-2003, presented by the Student Bar Association of Wake Forest University School of Law
- 1994 National Association of Women Lawyers Award, presented by the National Association of Women Lawyers to the Outstanding Woman Law Graduate of Wake Forest University School of Law.

BOOKS

NORTH CAROLINA LEGAL RESEARCH, SECOND EDITION (Carolina Academic Press, *forthcoming* Spring 2019) (co-authored with Brenda Gibson, Nichelle Perry, & Julie Kimbrough)

THE PRE-WRITING HANDBOOK FOR LAW STUDENTS: A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE (Carolina Academic Press 2013) (Second Edition *forthcoming* Spring 2019) (co-authored with Miriam E. Felsenburg)

ARTICLES & ESSAYS

Generation Z Goes to Law School: Teaching and Reaching Law Students in the Post-Millennial Generation (forthcoming Spring 2019, U. Ark. Little Rock Law Rev.) (multiple SSRN top ten download recipient)

Interval Training for Legal Writing Scholars, Essay (forthcoming Spring 2019, Legal Writing: J. Legal Writing Inst.).

A Letter to My (Younger) Teaching Self, Essay, AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, & Research Newsletter (Summer 2018).

Why-RAC? Revisiting the Traditional Paradigm for Writing About Legal Analysis, 63 U. Kan. L. Rev. 681 (2015).

A Better Beginning: Why and How to Help Novice Legal Writers Build a Solid Foundation by Shifting Their Focus from Product to Process (co-authored with Miriam E. Felsenburg), 24 Regent U. L. Rev. 83 (2011).

Beginning Legal Writers In Their Own Words: Why the First Weeks of Legal Writing are So Tough and What We Can Do About It (co-authored with Miriam E. Felsenburg), 16 Legal Writing: J. Legal Writing Inst. 223 (2010).

Writing That Works, North Carolina Lawyer Magazine (published by the North Carolina Bar Association four times annually).

- *Me, Myself, and I: Usage Rules that Should Be Reflexive*, November 2018
- *How to Make Your Writing More “Impactful”: Banish Trendy Words*, February 2018
- *Apostrophe Misuse: The Greatest “Solecism” in the Punctuation World?*, November 2017
- *“For Want of a Comma”: The Latest in the Oxford Comma War*, August 2017.
- *Ring in the New Year: Key Changes to the N.C. Rules of Appellate Procedure*, February 2017
- *Help for The Legislative Drafter, Part 2*, November 2016
- *By Popular Demand: A Little Help for the Legislative Drafter*, May 2016
- *The Beauty of a Blank Page*, February 2016
- *“Airs and Graces”: Using Colons and Semicolons to Elevate Your Writing*, November 2015

- *Capitalization for Practitioners: Consistency Counts*, May 2015
- *Lessons Learned: The Correct Usage of flaunt, flout, and Other Frequently Confused Words*, February 2015
- *Avoiding the “Benchslap”*, November 2014
- *EET? HERIM? HISERT? A Bridge Too Far In Search Of Gender-Inclusive Language?*, August 2014
- *To Footnote or Not to Footnote Citations: The Debate Rages On*, May 2014
- *Citation Refresher, Part II*, February 2014
- *A Citation Refresher: Back to the Basics*, November 2013
- *Dashes & Hyphens: Rules for the Discriminating Writer*, May 2013
- *Three Writing Rules that Are More Like Guidelines*, January 2013
- *Don’t Eschew the Comma!*, October 2012
- *Grammar & Punctuation: Lessons from Aristotle*, May 2012
- *The Legalese Limit*, March 2012
- *Cosmetic Credibility: Using Document Design to Enhance Legal Writing*, November 2011
- *Conciseness: Why It’s Important and How to Achieve It*, May-June 2011
- *The Quest for Clarity: Part II*, March-April 2011
- *The Quest for Clarity: Part I*, November-December 2010
- *Precision: The Indispensable Characteristic of Effective Legal Writing*. September-October 2010
- *Precision, Clarity, Conciseness: Three Interrelated Hallmarks of Good Legal Writing*, May-June 2010
- *Characteristics of Good Legal Writing: Easy to Explain But Difficult to Do*, March-April 2010

Ten Tips for Creating a Great Writing Sample, NCBA Young Lawyer (January 2012).

Before You Click “Send”: E-mail Best Practices for Lawyers, 16 *The Young Lawyer* (ABA December 2011).

Comment, *The Uniform Premarital Agreement Act and Modern Social Policy: The Enforceability of Premarital Agreements Regulating the Ongoing Marriage*, 28 *Wake Forest L. Rev.* 1037 (1993).

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Karen Sloan, *Ahead of the Curve: Welcome to Campus*, *Gen Z*, law.com, Dec. 4, 2018, <https://www.law.com/2018/12/04/ahead-of-the-curve-welcome-to->

campus-gen-z/.

Paul Caron, *Generation Z Goes to Law School*, TaxProf Blog, Nov. 29, 2018, https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2018/11/generation-z-goes-to-law-school-teaching-and-reaching-law-students-in-the-post-millennial-generation.html.

Staci Zaretsky, *Will Generation Z Law Students Be Even Worse than Millennials*, Above the Law, Dec. 4, 2018, <https://abovethelaw.com/2018/12/will-generation-z-law-students-be-even-worse-than-millennials/>.

PRESENTATIONS

“Generation Z Goes to Law School,” Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Chapman University Fowler School of Law, Orange, CA, December 2018 (invited speaker)

Critiquing Workshop, Lead Planner and Co-Facilitator, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Milwaukee, WI, July 2018

“LRW Faculty Hiring and Mentoring: Challenges in Diversity, Equality, and Process,” Panelist, Association of Legal Writing Directors 2017 Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, MN, July 2017

“The More Things Change: The State of Legal Writing in 2017,” Keynote Speaker, North Carolina Paralegal Association Annual Meeting, Wrightsville Beach, NC, March 2017

Lead Planner and Facilitator, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Wake Forest University School of Law, December 2016

“Rules and Conventions of Legal Writing Style: A Refresher,” HanesBrands Employee Training Session, Winston-Salem, NC, November 2016

“Changing or Converting Your Legal Writing Program to Tenure Track,” Panelist, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Portland, OR, July 2016

Critiquing Workshop, Co-Leader and Presenter, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Portland, OR, July 2016.

“Rules and Conventions of Legal Writing Style: A Refresher,” Keynote Speaker, North Carolina Bar Association Paralegal Division Annual Meeting,

May 2016

“Pre-Writing: Making It Fruitful and Keeping It Fun,” Legal Writing Institute Workshop, Florida International University School of Law, December 2015

“First Things First: How to Build Foundational Pre-Writing Lessons Into Your Legal Writing Class,” Keynote Address, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Charlotte School of Law, Charlotte, NC, December 2014

“Balancing the Needs of the Legal Reader and the Legal Writer,” NC Association of Women Attorneys Conference, Asheville, NC, October 2014

“What I Wish My 1Ls Had Known Before They Started Law School,” Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors Conference, New Orleans, LA, September 2014

“Critiquing Workshop,” Facilitator, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA, June 2014

“Mastering the Labyrinth: Working Through the Maze of Multiple Acceptances,” Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors Conference, Atlanta GA, November 2013

“Pre-Writing: Who, What, When, Where, and Why,” North Carolina-South Carolina Legal Writing Colloquium, University of South Carolina School of Law, May 2013

“Pre-Writing: What It Is and Why It Matters,” Legal Writing Institute One-Day Conference, George Washington Univ. Law School, November 2012

“Lessons from Aristotle: Legal Writing for Practitioners,” Continuing Legal Education Program, NC Bar Association, Cary NC, November 2012

“Pre-Writing: Who, What, When, Where, and Why,” Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Palm Springs, CA, June 2012

“Corrective Vision: Giving Our Students Better Insight into the True Role of the Legal Writing Professor,” North Carolina-South Carolina Legal Writing Colloquium, North Carolina Central University Law School, May 2011

“A Better Beginning: Helping Students Shift their Focus from Product to Process” (co-presented with Miriam E. Felsenburg), Second Annual Empire State Legal Writing Conference, St. John’s University, May 2011

“Writing Successful Bar Exam Essays” (sponsored by Academic Success Program), Wake Forest University School of Law, January 29, 2011

“Using Reader-Based Feedback to Enhance Students’ Learning” (panel member), Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Wake Forest University School of Law, December 2010

“A Better Beginning: Strategies for Minimizing Students’ Frustration and Maximizing Their Achievement in the First Weeks of Legal Writing Instruction” (co-presented with Miriam E. Felsenburg), Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Marco Island, Florida, June 2010

“Beginning Legal Writers in Their Own Words,” Legal Writing Institute, Summer Writers Workshop, Portland, Oregon, July 2009

“A Better Beginning,” Carolina Legal Writing Consortium, Wake Forest University School of Law, May 2007

“Developing and Using Class Notes Effectively,” Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Seattle University School of Law, July 2004

“Preparing Effective Class Notes,” Southeastern Legal Writing Conference, Stetson University Law School, September 2003

SERVICE

Wake Forest University School of Law

- **Law Dean Search Committee**, 2018-present
- **Law Dean’s Cabinet**, 2017-present
- **Curriculum Committee (current Chair)**, 2008-present
- **Student Wellness Committee**, 2018-present
- **Outcomes and Assessments Committee**, 2015-present
- **Student Advising Committee Chair**, 2013-2018
- **Appointments Committee**, 2015-2016
- **Academic Engagement Program**, 2012-2017
- **Academic Success Committee**, 2012-2015
- **Law Faculty Representative to University Senate**, 2012-2015

- **Admissions & Scholarship Committee**, 2010–2012.
- **Moot Court Advisory Committee**, 2009–2012, 2014-2015.
- **Clerkship Committee**, 2004–2010.
- **Academic Rules & Discipline Committee**, 2007–2008.
- **Honor Council Preliminary Hearing Committee**, 2006–2007.
- **Faculty Advisor, Tulane Mardi Gras Sports Law Team**, 2019.
- **Faculty Advisor, Gabrielli Family Law Moot Court Team**, 2015-2018.
- **Faculty Advisor, Billings Exum & Frye Competition Moot Court Team**, 2011-2014.
- **Faculty Advisor, Craven Constitutional Law Moot Court Team**, 2007.
- **Faculty Liaison, Christian Legal Society**, 2006–present.

Wake Forest University

- **Phi Beta Kappa Faculty Committee**, 2016-present
- **Pre-Law Advisor**, 2012-2017.
 - Met with undergraduate pre-law students to discuss strategies for preparing for law school and assist with the application process.
 - Reviewed applicants' materials, including resumes and personal statements.
 - Met periodically with Office of Academic Advising staff members.
 - Maintained pre-law library.
 - Updated and maintained pre-law website.
 - Represented University at functions for admitted students, entering first-year students, and faculty advisors.
 - Assisted Pre-Law Society officers in planning pre-law events.
 - Attended annual Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors Conference.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE

Association of Legal Writing Directors

- **Board Member**, 2018-present
- **Conference Site Committee**, 2017-2019
- **Co-Chair, Innovative Teaching Workshop**, Summer 2017.

Legal Writing Institute

- **Co-Editor, *The Second Draft***, 2018-2021.
- **Co-Chair, One-Day Workshop Committee**, 2018-2020.

- **Co-Chair, New Members Outreach Committee, 2014-2016.**
- **Assistant Editor, *Legal Writing: Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*, 2011-2103.**

Outside Review Committee, University of Michigan School of Law,
October 2018.

North Carolina State Bar (admitted August 1994)

North Carolina Bar Association

- **Communications Committee, 2011-present.**
- **Law-Related Education Advisory Committee, 2011-present.**