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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, SHEPARD BROAD COLLEGE OF LAW**, Fort Lauderdale, FL
***Associate Professor of Law*** July 2010 – present

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

In addition, I have taught the following courses as part of the Master of Science in Law Online Program at NSU Law: Individual Research Project (capstone writing course), Patients' Rights and Health Care Ethics, Legal Research and Reasoning, and Private Education Law.

**Publications:**

*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).

*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. The editors of this eJournal are 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.

**Attorney Skills Training:**

- FACULTY MEMBER, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Deposition Skills Training Program, October 2018, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**Presentations:**

- 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 The John Marshall Law School – Chicago).

- 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, Florida Association of Women Lawyers Nova Chapter, *Civil Litigation: A Female in a Male-Dominated Field*, October 2011, Nova Southeastern University College of Law.

- PRESENTER, Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference, *Email Writing for Lawyers: Leave the LOLs and Emoticons at Home*, September 2011, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois.

- 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, Rhode Island (with The Honorable William E. Smith of the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, Professor Kathleen Elliott Vinson of Suffolk University Law School, and Professor Jane E. Rindsberg of Roger Williams University School of Law).

**Activities/Service:**

- Co-Coach to the National Family Law Moot Court travel team (4 years) – National Champions in February 2015. Co-Coach to the Thomas Tang National Moot Court travel team (1 year) – Regional Champions in October 2011. Co-Coach to the National Health Law Moot Court travel team (2 years).

- Co-Advisor to the NSU-ACLU Chapter (2017-Present), Co-Advisor to the Italian American Law Student Association (2011-2016).

- Committee Service: Academic Disciplinary Investigator (2016-Present), Governance Committee (2016-2017), Curriculum Committee (2014-2016), LRW Student Outreach

  Committee (2014-Present, Chairperson 2017-Present), 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***

**Courses:** 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 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.

**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. Proofread 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 Professor Jane Rindsberg and Dean Michael Yelnosky***
Researched issues used in Professor Rindsberg's Legal Methods courses. Assisted Dean 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