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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL <u>Professor of Law.</u>	<i>2016-present</i>
Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL <u>Associate Professor of Law.</u>	<i>2011-2016</i>
Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL <u>Assistant Professor of Law.</u>	<i>2007-2011</i>

Primary teaching responsibilities include Legal Research and Writing I & II, Criminal Procedure, and the Judicial Field Placement Class. Responsible for teaching first-year law students the fundamentals of legal research, writing, and analysis as well as various professional skills such as client counseling and interviewing skills, drafting opinion and demand letters, and the rules of ethics and professionalism. Provide group and individualized instruction to first-year law students on how to analyze a legal problem, how to write an Office Memorandum, and how to write a trial brief. Teach upper level students the basic tenets of Criminal Procedure using United States Supreme Court cases. Facilitate and teach second and third year law students while they work as Judicial Interns.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Staff Attorneys of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Fort Lauderdale, FL ***February 2006-May 2007***
Assistant Supervisor. Assisted in supervising 18 staff attorneys. Participated in hiring and discipline procedures regarding staff attorneys. Directed Summer Intern Program and reviewed all work from interns. Continued regular duties as a judicial staff attorney as outlined below.

17th Judicial Circuit, Fort Lauderdale, FL ***January 2006-May 2007***
Special Magistrate. Conducted juvenile delinquency restitution hearings. Decided amount of restitution to be paid by children to victims based on evidence presented.

Staff Attorneys of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Fort Lauderdale, FL ***March 2002- January 2006***
Judicial Staff Attorney. Assigned exclusively to six circuit judges to assist in all aspects of judicial duties. Analyzed motions brought before the judge, including pre-trial and post-conviction. Drafted orders. Observed trials and hearings and advised judge on evidentiary matters. Drafted appellate opinions on cases brought from the county court. Supervised summer interns.

Phillips, Eisinger, Koss, Rothstein & Rosenfeldt, P.A., Hollywood, FL ***September 2001- February 2002***
Associate. Assisted clients in all aspects of Labor and Employment law, including drafting pleadings and motions, interviewing clients, conducting discovery, participating in trial preparation and sitting third chair on federal sexual harassment trial.

Justice Janet L. Stumbo, Supreme Court of Kentucky, Prestonsburg, KY ***August 2000 – August 2001***
Judicial Law Clerk. Assisted Justice Stumbo in judicial duties for the highest court in Kentucky. Researched novel areas of law regarding criminal and civil appeals, including death penalty cases. Reviewed and analyzed appellate briefs, records, and motions provided by appealing parties. Wrote bench briefs and published opinions on cases assigned to Justice Stumbo. Drafted court rules. Participated in all court conferences and discussions. Observed and evaluated nine oral arguments monthly.

Tripp, Scott, P.A.

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

May 1999 – August 1999

Summer Associate. Researched and drafted memoranda, pleadings, and motions on issues concerning Employment, Probate, Real Estate, Products Liability, Personal Injury, and Family Law. Summarized depositions and met with clients. Contributed to appellate brief through legal research and drafting. Observed court hearings.

Academic Resources Program, Shepard Broad Law Center

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

August 1998 – May 1999

Teaching Assistant. Assisted first year law students with developing effective study skills and habits. Taught substantive concepts in both Contract and Property law. Met weekly with a section of students to review hypothetical problems, answer questions and augment test-taking abilities.

Public Interest Law Center, Shepard Broad Law Center

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

May 1998 – May 1999

Program Assistant. Placed students in Public Interest jobs and internships. Worked with Pro Bono Students America to match students with organizations for pro bono work. Researched and organized public interest internship, fellowship and job information for easier accessibility to students.

Staff Attorneys of the 17th Judicial Circuit

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

May 1998 – August 1998

Pro Bono Legal Intern. Researched legal issues for staff attorneys and circuit court judges concerning criminal law, appeals, and constitutional concerns. Conferred directly with judges regarding assignments and findings. Reviewed court files, pleadings, depositions, motions and research provided by litigating counsel. Drafted memoranda for judges, as well as opinions and orders. Observed numerous hearings and trials.

EDUCATION

Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, May 2000

Class Rank: Top 6% GPA: 3.47

Honors:

- Nova Law Review, Executive Editor, 1999-2000
- Best Brief Award; Moot Court
- Highest Grade Award, Legal Research & Writing, Winter 1998
- Highest Grade Award, Copyright, Fall 1999
- Highest Grade Award, Antitrust, Fall 1999
- Dean's List, 1997-2000
- Student Bar Association Academic Award, 2000
- Recipient, 1999 Young Lawyer's Division of the Florida Bar Scholarship
- Recipient, F.A.W.L Scholarship, 1999
- Recipient, NAPIL Summer Fellowship, 1998

Activities: National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL), Co-Chairperson, 1998-9
 Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA), Member, 1997-98
 Florida Association of Women Lawyers (FAWL), Member, 1997-2000

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Bachelor of Arts, May 1996

Major: English

Honors: Dean's List 1992-3, 1994-5
 National Dean's List 1995-6

Activities: Pi Beta Phi Sorority, Pledge Class President and Campus and Community Chair

PUBLICATIONS

- *At a Crossroads: Where the Indigent Defense Crisis and the Legal Education Crisis Intersect*, 18 BERKELEY J. AFR.-AM. L. & POL'Y 25 (2016).
- *Everything I Learned About Teaching Legal Writing I Learned From Being a Parent*, 22 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 147 (2014).
- *Too Many Clients, Too Little Time: How States Are Forcing Public Defenders to Violate Their Ethical Obligations*, 25 FED. SENT'G REP. 91 (2012).
- *Gideon's Ghost: Providing the Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel in Times of Budgetary Crisis*, 2010 MICH. ST. L. REV. 341 (2010).
- *In Memory of Melissa Britt Lewis*, 33 NOVA L. REV. 533 (2009).
- *2006 Changes to the Florida Ethics Rules*, 31 NOVA L. REV. 1 (2006).
- *Drug Trafficking Sentencing in Florida: Can Seven Pills Turn a Defendant into a First-Degree Felon?*, 23 NOVA L. REV. 525 (1998).

PRESENTATIONS

- "Teaching Workshop: Challenges and Strategies for Changing Times," Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, July 2016 (co-presenter with Susan Chesler, Karen Sneddon, and Kelley Mauerman).
- "The Critiquing Workshop," Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, July 2016 (co-presenter with Laura Graham and Camille Lamar).
- "Building a Bridge with the Bench and Bar: How to Incorporate Soft Skills into a First Year Legal Writing Class Using Judges and Lawyers," Southeastern Legal Writing Conference, January 2016 (co-presenter with Olympia Duhart).
- "Best Writing Practices: Top Ten Scariest Legal Writing Mistakes and How to Overcome Them," Florida Trial Court Staff Attorneys Association, October 2015.
- Moderator, "Idea Exchange among the Circuits," Florida Trial Court Staff Attorneys Association, October 2015.
- "A Tapas-Style Approach to Integrating the 'Real World' into the First-Year Writing Curriculum," ALWD (Association of Legal Writing Directors) Conference, June 2015 (co-presenter with Jane Cross and Camille Lamar).
- "At a Crossroads: Where the Indigent Defense Crisis and Legal Education Crisis Intersect," SALT Teaching Conference, October 2014.
- "Moving beyond Apples to Apples: Why using a statute-based problem for the first assignment in the first semester improves the overall analysis in 1L CREACs" Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, July 2014 (co-presenter with Marilyn Uzdevins).
- "Rule-Based Reasoning" LWI One-Day Workshop, December 2012.
- Moderator, "Idea Exchange Among the Circuits," Florida Trial Court Staff Attorneys Association, October 2012.

