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EMPLOYMENT

Shepard Broad College of Law, Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (January 2017-)

Responsibilities include the development and implementation of curriculum, including learning outcomes and assessments, the assignment of teaching responsibilities and scheduling of classes; supervising academic programs including the Law Clinic and Legal Writing; coordinating with the M.S. program and other non-JD initiatives; hiring, supervising and re-appointing adjunct faculty; serving as hearing officer for academic disciplinary matters; supervising the academic records; coordinating and supervising the exam administration and grading processes; admitting and determining appropriate academic credit for transfer students; preparing reports for accreditation and external constituencies including the ABA, AALS and SACS; working closely with other departments within the university; and taking on other strategic initiatives.

Professor of Law with Tenure (2008-present)
Associate Professor of Law (2006-2008)
Asst. Professor of Law/Visiting Asst. Prof. of Law (2001-2006)
Adjunct Instructor (1998-2001)

Current Courses Taught:

Contracts, UCC: Sales, UCC: Sales and Sales Financing, UCC: Secured Transactions

Past Courses Include:

Law Office Management Workshop, Introduction to the 4th Amendment, Lawyering Skills and Values I and II

Law School Service:

Current Committee Service: Ex Officio, Adjunct Appointments/Review, Appointments, Committee on Promotion, Retention and Tenure, Curriculum, Student Services

Past Committee Service: Self-Study; Chair: Curriculum; Chair: Committee on Promotion, Retention and Tenure; Chair: Appointments Committee; Chair, Curriculum Mapping Committee; Ad Hoc Committee on Legal Profession and Legal Education; Professionalism; Faculty Development; Student Affairs; University-wide President's Faculty Research and Development Grant Reviewer; Co-Director of Public Service Fellowship Grant Project

Director, Public Interest Law/Director Pro Bono Students America (1995-2001)

Created and managed law school's information center for public interest law. Created Pro Bono Honor Program and new community projects. Brought school to national ranking of #9 in *National Jurist* report of Public Interest programs. Managed Southeast region of national program matching law students with pro bono positions nationwide. Aided regional law schools in structuring individual pro bono programs.

Berg & Wheeler, P.A., Attorney, Brandon, FL (1993-1995)

Maintained caseload of clients in family law, civil litigation, real property, estate planning and administration and probate, including litigation, and assisted on appeals. Handled all aspects of cases, including client intake, pleadings, discovery, document drafting, research, depositions, motions, trial briefs and court appearances. Wrote appellate briefs, resulting in PCA decisions for all appellee clients. Brought electronic research medium to firm.

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, Newton, MA

Juris Doctor, cum laude, May, 1993

Tufts University, Medford, MA

B.A., Political Science, May, 1990

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida Bar, admitted 1993

United States Circuit Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, admitted 2003

United States Supreme Court, admitted 2001

AWARDS

Professor of the Year, NSU Shepard Broad College of Law (University) (2017)

Florida Bar Statewide Law Faculty Professionalism Award (2017)

National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism, Fellow (2016)

Professor of the Year, NSU Shepard Broad College of Law (Student) (2015, 2014, 2007)

Nova Southeastern University Student Life Achievement Award Nominee (University) (2015)

Tufts University "Citizen Lawyer Award" 2010

Tufts Lawyers Association National Service Award 2006

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books:

REFORMING LEGAL EDUCATION: LAW SCHOOLS AT THE CROSSROADS
(Debra Moss Curtis & David M. Moss eds. 2012).

Law Review Publications:

Don't Panic! The Hitchhiker's Guide to Learning Outcomes: 8 Ways to make them more than (Mostly) Harmless (in progress)

"They're Digging in the Wrong Place:" How Learning Outcomes can Improve Bar Exams and Ensure Practice Ready Attorneys (forthcoming) ___Elon L. Rev. ____ (2018).

No Shots, No School, No Kidding: The Legal Profession Needs a Vaccine to Prevent Unprofessionalism, 28 U. FLA. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 1 (2017)

The Codification of Professionalism: Can you Sanction Lawyers into Being Nice?
40 J. LEGAL PROF 49 (2015)
(Selected for Electronic Reprint Florida Bar Center for Professionalism)

Beg Borrow or Steal: Ten Lessons Legal Education Can Learn from Other Disciplines
42 USF L. Rev 349 (2014).

Attorney Discipline Nationwide: A Comparative Analysis of Process and Statistics,
35 J. LEGAL PROF. 209 (2011).

Curriculum Mapping: Bringing Evidence-Based Frameworks to Legal Education,
34 NOVA L. REV. 473 (2010).

Teaching Law Office Management: Why Law Students Need to Know the Business of Being a Lawyer, 71 ALB. L. REV. 201 (2008).

In a Case, on a Screen, Do They Remember What They've Seen? Critical Electronic Reading in the Law School Classroom, (co-authored) 30 HAMLINE L. REV. 247 (2007).

Teach the Children Well: Incorporating Cultural Literacy Into the law School Learning Experience, 37 CUMB. L. REV. 177 (2006–2007).

Everything I Needed to Know about Law Professors' Ethics I Learned as a Kindergarten Teacher: Examining Ethics in the Classroom, 2006 BYU J. LAW & EDUC. 455 (2006).

You've Got Rhythm: Curriculum Planning and Teaching in the Legal Writing Classroom,
21 TOURO L. REV. 465 (2005).

Licensing and Discipline of Fiscal Professionals in Florida: Attorneys, Accountants and Real Estate Professionals, 29 NOVA L. REV. 339 (2005).

In a Case, In a Book, They Will Not Take a Second Look! Critical Reading in the Legal Writing Classroom, (co-authored), 41 WILLAMETTE L. REV. 293 (2005).

A Public View of Attorney Discipline in Florida: Statistics, Commentary, and Analysis of Disciplinary Actions against Licensed Attorneys in the State of Florida from 1988–2002, (co-authored), 28 NOVA L. REV. 669 (2004).

Other Legal Publications: *Bar Charts Series Commercial Outlines*

Bankruptcy; Contracts; Legal Research; Legal Terminology A-Z; Professional Responsibility; Sales; Secured Transactions: Revised Article 9; Wills and Trusts

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Workshop on Legal Education Discussion Group: *Strategies for Bar Preparation and Success*, SEALS 2018 (forthcoming)

Newer Law Teachers Discussion Group: *Scholarship Fundamentals: Becoming a Productive and Fulfilled Scholar*, SEALS 2018 (forthcoming)

Necessary Competencies for the Practice of Law and The Florida Bar Exam, Florida Board of Bar Examiners Meeting (forthcoming 2018)

The Bar Exam's Impact on Legal Education Curriculum, SEALS Conference, Boca Raton, FL (August 2017)

Professional Identity Formation, ABA Center for Professional Responsibility 2017 National Conference, St. Louis, MO (June 2017)

Using Learning Outcomes to Incorporate Professional Identity Education, National Institute of Ethics and Professionalism, Macon, GA (October 2016)

Continuing on the Course for Success in the Legal Environment, Florida Bar Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL (June 2016);

The Bar Exam Impact on Legal Education, Florida Bar Board of Governors, New Orleans, LA (March 2016)

The Future of the Legal Profession, (co-presented) U.S. Law Firm Group, Amelia Island, FL (February 2016)

Using the MBTI for Better Communication with Parties and Attorneys, National Conference of County Court Judges, Orlando, FL (July 2015)

Setting the Course for Success in the Legal Environment, Florida Bar Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, FL (June 2015)

Boot Camp, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, NY (Multiple times yearly 2011-2015)

Benchmarks: Teaching Adult Civics, (co-presented) Florida Bar Mid-Year Meeting, Annual Meeting, (2010-2013)

Law School as a Consumer Product: Beat 'em or Join 'em? SEALS Conference, Palm Beach, Florida, (July 2010)

Critical Electronic Reading in Law School, Institute for Law School Teaching Conference, (co-presented) Suffolk Law School, (June 2007)

Teaching Cultural Literacy in the Law Classroom, SEALS Conference, (July 2006)

The Ethics of Teaching, Inspiring Students and Facilitating Learning Institute for Law Teaching Conference, Chicago-Kent Law School, (June 2006)

SERVICE

ABA Service:

Served as site inspector for law school accreditation (2016; on-site chair 2018)

Florida Bar Service:

Student Education and Admissions to the Bar Committee (2018-)

The scope and function is to determine whether or not law schools are adequately preparing their students for the practice of law and to make specific recommendations to the Bar's Board of Governors and law school deans. The committee also monitors and reviews proposed legislation affecting legal education and establish a means to track the success of minority scholarship programs in an effort to help institutions in the disbursement of minority scholarships, thus allowing these institutions to maximize the benefits of these minority programs.

Chair: Legal Education Special Committee: Florida Bar executive committee to study interrelationship between bar exam, legal education and the practice of law. (2016)

Chair: Vision 2016: Florida Bar's Commission to Study the Legal Profession
Lead Legal Education group as part of a three-year comprehensive study looking at the future of the legal profession by the Bar. (2013-2016)

Hawkins Commission on Attorney Discipline, Academic Consultant/Reporter: Drafted report and consulted on content for Bar President's Commission to study attorney discipline statewide. (2011-2012)

Judicial Independence Committee (2005-2011);

Chair (2010-2011); Vice-Chair (2006-2007; 2008-2009)

Co-authored "Guide for Florida Voters" to educate public about Judicial Elections and Merit Retention; Assisted in developing "Benchmarks" program for teaching adult civics education; Supervised creation of yearly special compendiums for committee and bar website for educational purposes on the crisis in the judiciary

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Voter Protection Attorney, Palm Beach County, FL

Trained to uphold voter eligibility laws at polling places to ensure full access to voting rights for all citizens (2008-present)

Tufts University, Medford, MA

- Tufts University Alumni Council (Elected for 10 year term 2011)
 - Chair, Continuing Education Committee (2013-2015)
- Tufts Lawyers Association Board of Directors (2002-2013)
 - President (2008-2010); Vice President (2004-2007)
 - Law Day on the Hill Event Chair, (2003-2005); Speaker (2002-2008, 2016)