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Admitted to the Illinois Bar, May 2000

EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois

- Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, January 2000
- Fred F. Herzog Academic Excellence Scholarship
- West's Corpus Juris Secundum Award for Scholastic Excellence: Torts I, Torts II, Contracts
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award: Constitutional Law, Evidence

Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

- Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, English Literature, May 1993
- Otto W. Lehmann Foundation academic scholarship
- Martin J. Svaglic Literary Excellence Award

EXPERIENCE

THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL

Director, Writing Resource Center

(2005 to present)

- Hire, train, and supervise writing center staff. Ongoing responsibilities include developing training materials, overseeing schedules and projects, encouraging professional development, and maintaining consistency among staff and faculty.
- Counsel students in one-on-one sessions on all aspects of legal writing. Sessions are open to all John Marshall students including LWR students, ESL students, and students enrolled in upper-level paper courses.
- Develop and present workshops. Past workshops have included "Understanding IRAC," "Moving from Objective to Persuasive Writing," "Plagiarism Workshop for International Students," and "Scholarly Writing."
- Coordinate with legal writing faculty to develop programming and materials that support the faculty.
- Engage in wider LWRR dialogue through publications, presentations and attendance at conferences.

Assistant Professor

(2009 to present)

- Writing for the Practice of Law, writing course with weekly assignments based on Illinois Civil Procedure.

- Develop class materials, including problems, teaching aids, and grading rubrics. Review and grade weekly assignments. Hold regular student conferences.

Adjunct Professor (2001 to 2009)

- Writing for the Practice of Law, writing course with weekly assignments based on Illinois Civil Procedure.
- SCALES Legal Writing, legal writing/reasoning course for conditionally admitted students. Summer 2007, 2008, 2010.

Advisor, Writing Resource Center (2002 to 2005)

- Tutored students in one-on-one sessions.
- Developed and presented group workshops.

LAW OFFICE OF HARVEY L. HARRIS, P.C. (2001 to 2002)

- Researched and wrote memoranda for general practice law firm. Areas of law included divorce, real estate, probate, personal injury, and bankruptcy.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Presentations on Plagiarism

- Lecturer, *Plagiarism, What Every Student Should Know*, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law (March 2012)
- Lecturer, *Plagiarism and Paraphrasing: Mastering the “Rules”* Northwestern University (July 2011)
- *Reassessing Plagiarism Policies: Education Before Execution*. American Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law (June 2011)
- *Plagiarism and Paraphrasing: What Foreign Lawyers Need to Know*. Twenty-First Century Legal Skills Conference, Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Turkey (June 2011)
- *Moving from Indictment Toward Education*. Capital Area Conference, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C. (February 2011)
- *Plagiarism and the Non-U.S. Law Student: Moving Away From Impeachment and Toward Education*. Co-presented with Prof. Juli Campagna. Global Legal Skills V Conference, Facultad Libre De Derecho De Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico (February 2010)
- *How to Teach International Students About Plagiarism*. Global Legal Skills IV Conference, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. (June 2009)
- *Assessing Acts of Collaboration and Plagiarism*. Panel discussion. Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, LWRR Section, San Diego, California (January 2009)

- *Avoiding Plagiarism: What Law Students Need to Know*. Workshop for international students. The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, (Fall and Spring semesters, 2006 through 2012)

Other Presentations

- *Teaching ESL/EFL Students More Effectively: What We Should Teach About Cultural Preferences*, co-presenter Anne Enquist, San Jose, Costa Rica (March 2012)
- *Demand Letters: A Perfect First Step Towards Persuasion and Advocacy*, Central States Legal Writing Conference, The John Marshall Law School (September 2011)
- *Creating Better Lawyers Through Creative Writing*. The 2011 Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (July 2011)
- *Writing Center Tips: Avoiding Pitfalls*. Legal Writing Institute, One-day Workshop for Adjunct and New Legal Writing Professors, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois (December 2010)
- *You Make the Call – the Law School Version*. Co-presented with Profs. Juli Campagna and Mary Nagel. Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Marco Island, Florida (June 2010)
- *U.S. Legal Writing for Foreign Lawyers*. Full-day workshop for attorneys and paralegals. Law Firm of Arias & Munoz, San Jose, Costa Rica (May 2010)
- Keynote speaker, 10th Anniversary celebration for Arias & Munoz *English Writing for Lawyers* program, San Jose, Costa Rica (May 2010)
- *How Writing Specialists Can Save You*. Legal Writing Institute, One-day Workshop for Adjunct and New Legal Writing Professors, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois (December 2009)
- *Writing Centers Can Increase Your Legal Writing Mileage: An Inside Look at a Model That Works*. Co-presented with Writing Resource Center staff. Legal Writing Institute Central Region Conference on the Teaching of Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (October 2009)
- *IRAC Made Easy: Using Simple Visuals to Help International Students Grasp Small Scale Analysis*. Global Legal Skills III Conference, Facultad Libre De Derecho De Monterrey, Monterrey, Mexico (February 2008)
- *Toward a Better IRAC*. Central Region Legal Research and Writing Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City (October 2007)

Publications on Plagiarism

- *Freeing Students to Write More Effectively – Taking the Fear Out of Plagiarism*, *The Second Draft*, Vol. 25, No. 2 (Fall 2011), winner of the 2012 Hecht Memorial Writing Award
- *Plagiarism: What Every Legal Writer Should Know*, 7 Kaczncı Peer-Reviewed L.J. 209, Issue 83-84 (2011)

- *Plagiarism: What Every Legal Writer Should Know*, J. Rus. Acad. Leg. Sci. 119, Issue 2 (2011)

Other Publications

- *Back to Basics: Retro Visual Exercises that Promote Active Learning*, Legal Writing Institute, *The Second Draft* Vol. 22, No. 2 (Spring 2008)
- *Demystifying IRAC and Its Kin*, The Legal Writing Institute, *The Second Draft*, Vol 21, No. 2 (Dec. 2006)

Additional Activities

- Global Legal Skills VI Conference, planning committee (2010-11)
- LWI Visitor Committee (2010, 2011)
- Legal Skills for Success Camp (2010, 2011)
- AALS LWRR Program Committee (2010)
- AALS LWRR Program Committee Chair (2011)
- AALS LWRR Executive Committee (2009, 2010)
- CBA Basic Skills, Writing for the Litigation Lawyer (2008, 2009)
- Illinois Appellate Lawyers moot court coach (2007)
- Assistant editor, *The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (2007)
- Jessup competition judge (2006, 2011)

Memberships

- Legal Writing Institute
- Illinois State Bar Association
- International Writing Centers Association
- American Bar Association