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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Miami, Florida
Associate Professor, Legal Skills & Values III Program (2025 - present)
Associate Director, Legal Skills & Values III Program (2023 - present)
Assistant Professor, Legal Skills & Values Program (2020 - 2025; 2008 - 2009)
Visting Lecture/Adjunct Professor, Legal Skills & Values Program (2012 - 2020)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Foundations Under Pressure: Legal Skills Pedagogy in a Rapidly Evolving AI Landscape, Second Annual AI & Legal Skills Virtual Conference: Innovation, Impact, & Integrity (June 2026) (co-presenter)

From Passion to Profession: Advice on Transitioning from Adjunct to Full-Time Legal Writing Faculty, presented by the Adjunct Programs Committee of the Association of Legal Writing Directors (December 2025) (moderator)

First Generation Online Faculty Panel, Florida International University (November 2025) (panelist)

Women in Law, Mentorship and Sponsorship, Continuing Legal Education, Coral Gables, Florida (October 2025) (panelist)

Reimagining Attorney Competency: Exploring the NextGen Bar Exam's Vision of Competency and Our Own, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Florida (August 2025) (discussant)

Surveying the Impact of AI on the Legal Profession, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Florida (August 2025) (discussant)

Enhancing Client Interviewing Skills: Preparing for the NextGen Bar and Beyond, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, FIU College of Law (December 2024) (presenter)

Writing Connections Workshop: Research, Writing, and First-Generation Students, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Florida (August 2022) (discussant)

Lawyering in Style, presentation sponsored by FIU College of Law Women's Law Society, CABA, and Society of First Gen Students (2022) (panelist)

Transculturation and Domicile: Perspectives on Citizenship, Immigration, and Identity, FIU College of Law (2022) (moderator)

Empowering Women in Law, Florida International University (2023, 2022) (guest speaker)

Minorities in Law, FIU College of Law (2021) (panelist)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS CONT'D

Próceres y Patrias: Celebrating the Contributions of Latin-American and Hispanic Jurists, FIU College of Law (2020) (panelist)

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT

FIU College of Law Committees:

Academic Standards Committee (2024 - present)
Admissions Committee (2024 - present)
Assistant/Associate Law Librarian Search Committee (2025 - 2026)
Competition Teams Committee (2023 - present)
Bylaws, Judicial Clerkship, Competitions & Teams Committees (2023 - 2024)
Curriculum Committee (2020 - 2023, 2024 - 2025)
Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee (2022)
Head of Instructional Services Law Librarian Search Committee (2021)
Adjunct Review/Hiring Committee (2020 - 2021)
Associate Dean for Information Resources Search Committee (2009)
Head of Public Services Search Committee (2009)
Assistant Dean for Career Planning and Placement Search Committee (2008)
Access Services Law Librarian Search Committee (2008)
Faculty mentor (2017 - present)

Other service at FIU:

Faculty Senate, College of Law Senator (2026 - 2027 academic year)
Artificial Intelligence Taskforce (2025 - present)
Faculty Senate, Ad Hoc Constitution & Bylaws Committee (2025 - 2026)
Faculty Advisor, Negotiation and Mediation Team (2023 - present)
NSF Grant Proposal working group member (2022 - 2023)
Faculty Advisor to students writing law review note (2020 - 2022)
Coach, Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition (2020)
Judge practice rounds for various moot court competition teams and grade briefs

Professional academic service and memberships:

Association of Legal Writing Directors (2023 - present)
ALWD Adjunct Programs Committee (2025 - present)

Legal Writing Institute

Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute, Vols. 25 & 26, Assistant Editor

OTHER PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Bar Memberships

Florida (Criminal Law and Appellate Practice Sections member)
U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida

OTHER PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES cont'd

First Generation Harvard Alumni

Board of Directors, Director at Large (2021 - 2025)
Student Affairs Committee
Lead FGHA mentoring program for Harvard undergraduate students (2022 - 2025)
Facilitated first generation panel for Harvard Law School students (2022)
Mentor to Harvard undergraduate students (2021 - present)

Harvard Law School Women's Alliance (HLSWA)

Co-Chair, Miami Chapter (2018 - 2023)

Harvard Club of Miami

Cuban American Bar Association

Marlins Committee (2018 & 2019)

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

HONORABLE CECILIA M. ALTONAGA, Southern District of Florida (May 2006 - May 2008 term) - Law Clerk

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Southern District of Florida (2003 - 2006)

Major Crimes: Tried ten jury trials to verdict, involving narcotics violations, firearm offenses, immigration offenses, and check fraud. Responsible for investigating narcotics violations, interstate theft, firearms offenses and security threats on public officials.
Appeals: Authored briefs for the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals involving criminal sentencing issues, habeas corpus, and immigration issues.

HUNTON & WILLIAMS LLP, Miami, Florida (2001- 2003)

Associate: Commercial litigation group focused on white collar criminal defense, internal investigations, product liability litigation, and antitrust litigation. Drafted dispositive and discovery motions in state and federal court.

HONORABLE DONALD M. MIDDLEBROOKS, Southern District of Florida (2000 - 2001 term) - Law Clerk

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Juris Doctor, June 2000
Latino Law Review, Managing Editor
Samuel J. Heyman Fellow for Public Service

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, Coral Gables, Florida

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, May 1997