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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Miami, Florida

Legal Skills & Values

- Associate Director: (2023 – present)
Direct LSV III courses, collaborate with the LSV Director on curriculum development, supervise adjuncts, teach the LSV III course focusing on legal research, legal analysis, persuasive writing, oral advocacy, negotiations, related skills, and Florida Bar professional responsibility requirements.
- Assistant Professor: (August 2020 - 2023)
Teach the first and second required courses in the Legal Skills and Values program, focusing on legal research, legal analysis, objective and persuasive writing, oral advocacy, related skills, and Florida Bar professional responsibility requirements.
- Visiting Lecturer: (January 2016 - May 2020)
Taught the second and third required courses in the Legal Skills and Values program, focused on legal research, legal analysis, persuasive writing, oral advocacy, negotiations, related skills, and Florida Bar professional responsibility requirements.
- Adjunct Professor: (August 2012 - December 2015)
Taught the third required course in the Legal Skills and Values program.
- Assistant Professor: (August 2008 - June 2009)
Taught the first and second required courses in the Legal Skills and Values program, focused on legal research, legal analysis, objective and persuasive writing, oral advocacy, related skills, and Florida Bar professional responsibility requirements.
- Committees:
Academic Standards Committee (2024 – 2025)
Bylaws, Judicial Clerkship, Competitions & Teams Committees (2023-2024)
Curriculum Committee (2020 - 2023)
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, 2025)
- Other Service:
Faculty Advisor, Negotiation and Mediation Team, 2023 - present
Panelist, *Lawyering in Style*, presentation sponsored by Women’s Law Society, CABA, and Society of First Gen Students (2022)
Moderator, *Transculturation and Domicile: Perspectives on Citizenship, Immigration, and Identity* (2022)
Guest Speaker, *Empowering Women in Law*, Florida International University (2022, 2023)

Other Service (cont'd): NSF Grant Proposal working group member (2022 - 2023)
Panelist, *Minorities in Law*, (2021)
Panelist, *Próceres y Patrias: Celebrating the Contributions of Latin-American and Hispanic Jurists* (2020)
Faculty Advisor to students writing law review note (2020 - 2022)
Co-coach for Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition (2020)
Guest Lecturer in Honors College course (2019)
Regularly judge practice rounds for various moot court competition teams and grade briefs
Faculty mentor (2017 - present)

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 (April 2003 - May 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 (Sept. 2001- April 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
La Alianza member

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, Coral Gables, Florida

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

PRESENTATIONS

- *Reimagining Attorney Competency: Exploring the NextGen Bar Exam's Vision of Competency and Our Own*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Florida (upcoming August 2025) (discussant)
- *Surveying the Impact of A.I on the Legal Profession*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Florida (upcoming August 2025) (discussant)
- *Enhancing Client Interviewing Skills: Preparing for the NextGen Bar and Beyond*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, FIU College of Law, Florida (December 2024) (presenter)
- *Writing Connections Workshop: Research, Writing, and First-Generation Students*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Florida (August 2022) (discussant)

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

Association of Legal Writing Directors, member, (2023 – present)

Legal Writing Institute

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

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)

Harvard Law School Women's Alliance (HLSWA)

Co-Chair, Miami Chapter, 2018 - present

Harvard Club of Miami

Member

Cuban American Bar Association

Marlins Committee Member, 2018 & 2019

Florida Association for Women Lawyers

Member