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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, LEGAL SKILLS & VALUES PROGRAM	AUGUST 2017-PRESENT
PROFESSOR, LEGAL SKILLS & VALUES	AUGUST 2018-PRESENT
ACTING DIRECTOR, LEGAL SKILLS & VALUES PROGRAM	JANUARY 2018-MAY 2018
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, LEGAL SKILLS & VALUES	AUGUST 2011-MAY 2018
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, LEGAL SKILLS & VALUES	AUGUST 2009- PRESENT

Direct and teach the first two courses in a 3-semester legal skills program that includes case briefing, legal analysis, objective and persuasive legal writing, traditional and electronic legal research, professionalism, oral presentations, brief writing, oral advocacy, and other legal skills. As Director, create syllabus, course policies, teaching notes, and curricular exercises including original appellate problems; and supervise, mentor and evaluate five faculty members. As Assistant Director, assist the Director in the above-mentioned tasks.

Teach Florida Constitutional Law. Class size averages between 40-65 students.

Teach Appellate Procedure and Appellate Advocacy (covering both the federal and Florida appellate systems).

Serve as Faculty Advisor to the Florida International University College of Law Board of Appellate Advocates. Manage an intramural tournament and coach the various traveling moot court teams for the College of Law.

Law School Service and Recognition

Committees:

Student Competitions/Advocacy Teams:	2017-2019 (chair)
Board of Advocates Faculty Committee:	2009–2016 (co-chair 2013-2016)
Placement Committee:	2017 – 2018
Diversity and Inclusion Committee:	2017 - 2018
Judicial Externship Selection Committee:	2009 – 2012

Other Service:

Judge, Semi-Final rounds of the FIU College of Law Intramural Appellate Advocacy Competition: 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018
Coach, Susan J. Ferrell Intercultural Human Rights Competition: 2015, 2016
Coach, American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018
Student Note Faculty Advisor: 2014, 2015, 2018
Professor CLEO Summer Institute: 2010
Professor FIU Law Path: Summer 2019

Recognitions:

Pioneer Award: May 2018
Professor of the Year: May 2018
Faculty Hooder: May 2012, May 2018

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

CAREER ATTORNEY JULY 1999 – AUGUST 2009
State of Florida, Third District Court of Appeal Miami, Florida
The Honorable Melvia B. Green

General duties include researching various areas of law including but not limited to: arbitration, anti-trust, attorney's fees, class actions, contracts, declaratory judgments, economic loss doctrine, evidence, family law, forfeiture, forum non conveniens, immigration, Jones Act, land use and zoning, litigation, medical malpractice, negligence, probate, real estate, service of process, unemployment compensation, venue, voir dire, workers compensation, First, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendment, 42 U.S.C. 1981 and 1983. Review extraordinary writs and pro-se litigant's petitions. Write memoranda of law for pending writs and appeals. Prepare summaries for oral argument cases, and observe oral arguments.

Administrative duties include the hiring and managing of legal interns from local law schools.

APPELLATE/LITIGATION ASSOCIATE SEPTEMBER 1995 - JUNE 1999
Hicks & Anderson, P.A. Miami, Florida

Appellate duties included the writing of opinion/reservation of rights letters, legal memoranda, petitions for certiorari and/or mandamus, appellate briefs; the arguing of substantive motions at the trial level and appellate cases; trial support work, including but not limited to, motions in limine, jury instructions, and directed verdicts.

Litigation duties included all aspects of handling insurance coverage cases from the pleading stage to the conclusion of the matter.

APPELLATE/LITIGATION ASSOCIATE AUGUST 1992 -SEPTEMBER 1995
Wicker, Smith, Tutan, O'Hara, McCoy, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
Graham & Lane, P.A.

Appellate duties included the drafting of legal memoranda for both federal and state courts, motions for summary judgment, appellate briefs, petitions for certiorari and/or mandamus, jurisdictional briefs for the United States Supreme Court, and a newsletter for both the firm and its clients summarizing recent decisions in Florida law.

Litigation duties included drafting motions, attendance and participation at motion calendar, depositions, expert depositions, site inspections and federal motion practice.

Administrative duties included management of the law clerk program.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT/LAW CLERK AUGUST 1991 - AUGUST 1992
State of Florida, Third District Court of Appeal Miami, Florida
The Honorable James R. Jorgenson

Duties included researching civil, criminal, and administrative legal issues and write memoranda of law for pending appeals. Review extraordinary writs and pro-se litigant's petitions. Prepared summaries for oral argument cases and observed oral arguments.

EDUCATION

J.D. WITH HIGH HONORS, VALEDICTORIAN MAY 1991
St. Thomas University School of Law Miami, Florida

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Editor-in-Chief, ST. THOMAS LAW FORUM, *Volume 3*
- West Publishing Company Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement: 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91.
- American Jurisprudence Awards: Torts I, Property I, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Wills and Trusts, Criminal Trial Advocacy.
- St. Thomas Achievement Awards: Labor Law, Interviewing Counseling and Negotiations, and Local Government Law.
- Phi Alpha Delta International Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement, 1991
- Scholarships: St. Thomas Merit, Florida Association of Women Lawyers, Labor and Employment Law Section of the Florida Bar
- American Inns of Court: Student Member
- Who's Who of American Law Students: 1989, 1990, and 1991

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, MAY 1988
Florida International University Miami, Florida

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Gender Neutral Pronouns in the Legal Writing Classroom: A Matter of Social Justice or An Unrealistic Expectation in Today's Legal Marketplace, presented at Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop, Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky; December 8, 2018.

Ethics and Professionalism in Appellate Practice, Guest Speaker, Dade County Bar Association Presentation, Third District Court of Appeal, Florida; May 12, 2016.

How to Grade Papers Without Losing Your Mind, presented at Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop, Stetson University College of Law, Tampa Campus, Tampa, Florida; December 3, 2010

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

The Florida Bar
Federal Bar, United States District Court, Southern, Middle and
Northern Districts of Florida
United States Court of Appeal, Eleventh Circuit

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

ACTIVITIES:

MAY 2019: INAUGURAL CLASS OF THE ALWD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

MEMBERSHIPS:

Member: American Bar Association
Member: Legal Writing Institute
Member: Association of Legal Writing Directors (“ALWD”)
Member: Appellate Section, The Florida Bar