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EDUCATION

University of Puget Sound School of Law, Tacoma, Washington
(Now Seattle University)
Juris Doctor, May 1989. Magna Cum Laude. Rank: 11/268.

Honors:

Andrew Walkover Memorial Faculty Scholar. Awarded for skill, dedication, scholastic achievement, and leadership.
American Jurisprudence Awards: Contracts, Federal Income Tax, and Comprehensive Pre-trial Advocacy.

Activities:

Law Review Note and Comment Editor
Inns of Court

Externships:

Washington Protection & Advocacy System
United State's District Court, Western District of Washington,
Judge William Dwyer

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington
Bachelor of Arts, Social Welfare, December 1985
School of Social Work Outstanding Undergraduate, 1985-86

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills: Seattle University School of Law

Teach research, analysis, and objective writing to first year law students. Teach oral and written advocacy to second year students. August 1994 - present (first year as an adjunct).

National Moot Court Team Coach 1999 and 2000

In-House Presentations:

- "Brief Writing" for Moot Court Members, 1996-1998, 2000, and 2001
- "Oral Argument" for Moot Court Members, 1996-1998
- "Revising Your Article" for Law Review Members, 1998
- "Outlining Your Article" for Seattle University Law Review members and/or Seattle Journal of Social Justice members, every fall 2001-2009.
- "Legal Learning Workshop," orientation session for day and evening summer entry students, each June, 1996-1999 and 2001-present

Staff Attorney: Washington Appellate Defender Association, Seattle, Washington

Provided appellate criminal defense for indigent clients. Reviewed trial court records for legal errors. Drafted appellate briefs, motions for discretionary review, and petitions for review. Presented oral arguments to the court commissioners, Court of Appeals, Division I, and the Washington Supreme Court. December 1991 - May 1995.

Judicial Clerk: Clerk to Justice Barbara Durham, Supreme Court of Washington, Olympia, Washington, August 1989 - August 1991.

Publications:

Just Briefs, Second Edition, Laurel Currie Oates, Anne Enquist & Connie Krontz (Aspen 2008).

"Improving Legal Writing Courses: Perspectives from the Bar and Bench," 8 Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute 201 (2002), co-author with Professor Susan McClellan.

Presentations:

"The Perspectives of Lawyers and Judges: As We Prepare Our Students For the Practice of Law, Do We Understand the 21st Century Practice?" 2000 Legal Writing Institute Seventh Biannual Conference at Seattle University, co-presenter with Professor Susan McClellan.

"Effectively Teaching Arguments, What Works and What Doesn't: Teaching Coherency in Three-Part Harmony," 2002 Legal Writing Institute Eighth Biannual Conference, co-presenter with Professor Susan McClellan.

"Using Analogous Case Descriptions to Teach Students to Write Principle-Based Arguments," Pacific Northwest Legal Writing Regional Conference: Teaching Legal Writing: Best Practices, Summer 2003

"Persuasive Writing: The Ethical Advocate," sponsored by the King County Bar Association, Seattle, Washington, Wednesday, December 10, 2003

"Appellate Advocacy for OPD Contract Attorneys," sponsored by the Office of Public Defense, Spokane, Washington, March 13, 2004

"Appellate Advocacy for OPD Contract Attorneys," sponsored by the Office of Public Defense, Olympia, Washington, April 24, 2004

"Appellate Public Defense Writing Refresher," sponsored by the Office of Public Defense, Leavenworth, Washington, June 25 and 26, 2007 (I presented over 7 and 1/2 hours on writing briefs, from a refresher on writing basics to writing persuasively.)

"Teaching Students to Transition from Fact-Based to Principle-Based Analogies," Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference, August 29, 2009

"Persuasive Legal Writing: A Writing Refresher," an all-day CLE sponsored by the King County Office of the Public Defender.