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EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Graduate School of Information Sciences, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS), August 2016 G.P.A.: 4.0

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, Illinois

J.D., magna cum laude, May 2010

Loyola University Chicago Law Journal, Executive Editor of Publication

CALI awards for highest grades in Constitutional Law, Employment Law, and Employee Benefits Law Research Assistant, Professor Cynthia Ho

Academic Tutor, Civil Procedure, Dean Michael Kaufman

Academic Tutor, Criminal Law, Visiting Professor

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

B.A., magna cum laude, Communication, August 2007

Phi Beta Kappa

Teaching Assistant, Taso Lagos, Ph.D., Communication

LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

Reference Librarian, November 2016 – Current Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA

- Provide high quality reference and research assistance to students, faculty, and alumni.
- Provide research instruction in the first year Legal Writing Program, the Externship Programs, and as requested by faculty.
- Serve as the embedded librarian in the Clinical Program, offering formal research instruction in addition to working one on one with students on real client research.
- Serve as the Advisor to the Seattle University Law Review.
- Perform faculty research covering both legal and interdisciplinary topics.
- Create and maintain research guides, using the Libguides platform.
- Participate in collection maintenance and development.
- Serve as liaison to law school organizations and departments including moot court and the Access to Justice Institute.

Reference Associate, August 2015 - May 2016

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois

- Provided high quality reference and research assistance to students, faculty, and other library patrons.
- Provided instruction to students at the reference desk with respect to research strategies, electronic legal research platforms, and Blue Book citation formats.
- Performed faculty research requests covering both legal and interdisciplinary topics.
- Guest lecturer in Advanced Legal Research.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, August 2017 – Current

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA

- Advanced Legal Research (2.0 credits) (live instruction)
- Advanced Research for Scholarly Writing (2.0 credits) (live instruction)
- Law Practice Technology & Ethics (2.0 credits) (asynchronous online)
- Essential Research Skills (1.0 credits) (online asynchronous)
- Legal Writing, Access Admissions Program (1.0 credits) (live instruction)
- Foundations of the US Legal System (2.0 credits) (live instruction)

Adjunct Professor, August 2022

North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC

• Professional Responsibility with a Technology Focus (2.0 credits) (synchronous online)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Chicago, Illinois

Of Counsel, July 2013 - June 2015 Associate, October 2010 - June 2011 Summer Associate, May 2009 - August 2009

- Advised private equity clients and institutional investors with respect to ERISA Title I structuring and fiduciary risk.
- Advised clients regarding employee benefit plan compliance matters, including tax qualification and ERISA requirements.
- Drafted and negotiated contractual agreements, disclosure documents, and private equity subscription agreements.
- Performed due diligence and advised clients with respect to liabilities in the context of corporate mergers and acquisitions.

UNITE HERE HEALTH, Aurora, Illinois

In-House Counsel, June 2011 - June 2013

- Counseled management on compliance and fiduciary risk.
- Drafted and negotiated non-disclosure agreements, employment agreements, lease agreements, and commercial contracts.
- Advised management and board of trustees on risks related to mergers and acquisitions.
- Collaborated with executives and management to create solutions for complicated business needs within the confines of regulatory guidance.

MCM, A Meisenbach Company, Seattle, Washington

Compliance Manager/Consultant, December 2000 – July 2007

- Advised human resources executives with respect to employee benefits compliance.
- Negotiated insurance policy terms and pricing.
- Drafted compliance manuals.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & CLES

ChatGPT 101 for Lawyers, Washington State Bar Association CLE, Forthcoming, August, 2023

The Role Associate Deans Play in Developing Tech Competencies, AALS Annual Meeting, January, 2022

The Intersection of Technology and Professional Responsibility, AALS Section on Technology Summer Webinar Series, July 2021

RegTech and Legal Services, Second Annual Technology and Innovation Law Conference, Seattle, WA, June 2019.

Partners in Hein: Cultivating Legal Scholars, Legal Writing Institute Conference, Eugene, OR, November, 2018.

Word to the Wise: Teaching Microsoft Word to Law Students and Attorneys, WestPac Conference, Anchorage, AK, September, 2018.

Word to the Wise: Microsoft Word for Legal Professionals, Public Law Library of King County CLE, Seattle, WA, May, 2018.

Legal Research Reboot, Washington State Bar Association CLE, Seattle, WA, October, 2018.

PUBLICATIONS

The Intersection of Technology Competence and Professional Responsibility: Opportunities and Obligations for Legal Education (working paper, Fall 2021).

Washington State Legal Research: Primary Resources, CALI, November 1, 2019.

Washington State Legal Research: Secondary Resources, CALI, August 22, 2019.

Infographics: Visual Content for Digital Natives, AALL RIPS-SIS Teach-In Kit, 2018.

The Evolution of Government Information Librarianship, CALL BULLETIN, May 17, 2016.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

Faculty Fellow, Initiative in Ethics and Transformative Technologies Research Fellowship, 2020-2021.

Recipient, Western Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Librarians (WestPac), Grant to attend the WestPac annual conference, September, 2018.

Fellowship, Jesuit Mission Fellows, 2018-2019

Recipient, Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS), Grant to attend the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) annual conference, July, 2017.

Recipient, Mid-America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL), Grant to attend the Conference of Newer Law Librarians, July, 2016.

Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Fellow, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

American Association of Law Schools, Section on Technology, Law, and Legal Education

- Communication Committee, 2022-2023
- Summer Webinar Series Committee, 2021

American Association of Law Libraries, since 2015

Co-Chair of the Research & Scholarship Committee, 2018-2019

Western Pacific Chapter, AALL (Westpac), since 2016

Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, 2020-Current

Law Librarians of Puget Sound, since 2016

- Treasurer, 2019-2021 Nominations & Election Committee current

Chicago Association of Law Libraries, 2015-2016

- Member of the CALL Bulletin Committee, 2015-2016
- Contributing author and article editor for the CALL Bulletin, 2015-2016

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to the Washington Bar, 2018. Admitted to the Illinois Bar, 2010 (inactive).