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EXPERIENCE

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Assistant Professor of Law, 2022-Present

PENN STATE DICKINSON LAW SCHOOL

Assistant Professor of Law, 2020-2022

National Judicial College

Instructor, 2020-Present

WHEELER TRIGG O'DONNELL LLP

Staff Counsel, 2018-2021

THE HONORABLE DAVID RICHMAN

COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS, 2016- 2018

COOLEY LLP

Associate Attorney, General Litigation Group, 2010- 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Law Reviews

Regulating Plain Language, 2023 WISC. L. REV. 687 (2023)

The Rise of Plain Language Laws, 76 U. MIAMI L. REV. 447 (2022)

The Uncertain Foundation of Work Product, 67 DEPAUL L. REV. 35 (2017)

A Separation of Powers Defense of Federal Rulemaking Power, 66 N.Y.U. ANN. SURV. AM. L. 593 (2011) (student Note)

Books & Treatises

UNITED STATES PLAIN LANGUAGE LAWS: THE LAWS REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSACTIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL DOCUMENT DESIGN (Wolters Kluwer, 2023)

Appellate Briefs chapter and 2019 Supplement, COLORADO APPELLATE LAW AND PRACTICE TREATISE (Thomson Reuters, 2018-2019)

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Specialty Publications

The Unkillable Learning Styles Myth, JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE, 28 LEGAL WRITING 401 (2024).

Coordinating international plain language law research, 5 PLAIN 2 (2023)

Converting Plain Language From Advice to Law, 87 THE CLARITY JOURNAL 40 (2023)

Which Contract is Better?, CONTRACTSPROF BLOG (2023)

Plain Language: Lawmakers' Preferred Solution, ATTORNEY GENERAL JOURNAL (2023)

496 U.S. Laws Require Plain Language Contracts, CONTRACT NERDS BLOG (2023)

18-Part Legal Writing Series, COLORADO AND DENVER BAR ASSOCIATIONS (2017-2019)

UNITED STATES PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

Annual Forum on Plain English, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON (2024)

The Duty to Make Contracts Understandable, ROCKY MOUNTAIN JUNIOR SCHOLARS CONFERENCE (2023)

Plain Language & The Judiciary, NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS WINTER FORMS CAMPS (2023)

A Common Law Duty to Make Contracts Understandable, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONTRACTS (2023)

A Common Law Duty to Make Contracts Understandable, JUNIOR FACULTY EXCHANGE, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA LAW SCHOOL (2023)

A Common Law Duty to Make Contracts Understandable, MIDWEST LAW AND ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING (2022)

The Doctrine of Plain Language, WESTERN REGIONAL LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE (2022)

Plain Language in the Courts, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COURT MANAGEMENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE (2022)

The Rise of Plain Language Laws, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS, TRANSACTIONAL LAW & SKILLS SECTION (2022)

UNITED STATES PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS (CONTINUED)

Plain Language Laws as Public Policy, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS, SECTION ON LEGAL WRITING (2022)

The Laws, Policies, Effects, and Risks That Mandate Versatile Writing, SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS (2021)

Inception: How Stories Plant Ideas in the Reader's Mind LEGAL WRITING, INSTITUTE EIGHTH APPLIED LEGAL STORYTELLING CONFERENCE (2021)

The Rise of Plain Language Laws, BIENNIAL EMPIRE STATE LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE (2021)

Using Language and Culture to Build Cross-Cultural Connections in the Legal Community, INTERNATIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION ABROAD AND LLM ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE (2021)

Reply Briefs Are Not Repeat Briefs, LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE WORKSHOP (2020)

Corporations, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF LAW (PROFESSOR GABRIEL RAUTERBERG) (2019)

INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

Guest Lecture, *Popular But Do They Work?: How and Why Lawmakers Use Plain Language Laws to Achieve Policy Goals*, RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW (India, 2023)

How Plain Language is Transforming Legal Documents in the United States and the World, BAHCESEHIR UNIVERSITY (Turkey, 2023)

Keynote Speaker, PLAIN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Argentina, 2023)

Presentation to "Clear Language and Transparency for an open government" program before Legislaturas Conectadas' (Argentina, 2023)

Moderator, *Plain Legislation Panel*, PLAIN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Argentina, 2023)

Plain English Skills for Lawyers, UNIVERSIDAD AUSTRAL (Argentina, 2023)

Panel with City of Buenos Aires Legislators, Librarians, and Lawyers (Argentina, 2023)

International Commercial Contract Design, KIMEP UNIVERSITY (Kazakhstan, 2023)

INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS (CONTINUED)

English at Work, CENTER FOR AMERICAN STUDIES (Poland/Ukraine, 2023)

United States Plain Language Laws, BAHCESEHIR UNIVERSITY (Turkey, 2022)

Using Plain Language in Contracts, TASHKENT STATE UNIVERSITY OF LAW
(Uzbekistan, 2021)

American Law and Lawyers, ISTANBUL BAR ASSOCIATION (Turkey, 2021)

The U.S. Common Law System, ISTANBUL BAR ASSOCIATION (Turkey, 2021)

Using Plain Language in Contracts, KIMEP UNIVERSITY (Kazakhstan, 2021)

Distinguished Guest Speaker, *Class Actions in the U.S.*, SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL
(India, 2021)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Bar Association Conference on Language, Justice, and Technology

Co-Organizer, Spring 2024

American Bar Association Language Access Standards Advisory Committee

Member, 2023-Present

The School of the New York Times

Lead Instructor, 2023

International Plain Language Federation

Certification Committee, 2020-2023

American Association of Law Schools

Member, Outreach Committee, Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research, 2021-2022

Journal of the Legal Writing Institute

Assistant Editor, 2020- 2021

Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System

Co-Creator, Denver, CO, 2019-2020

Colorado Judicial Institute

Our Courts Instructor, Denver, CO, 2019-2020

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D., 2010

Robert McKay Scholar, top 25% after four semesters

David Friedman Award for outstanding achievement in evidence

Semifinalist, Marden Moot Court Competition, 2009 and 2010

First Place, 1L Oral Advocacy Competition

Editor of Development, NYU Annual Survey of American Law

Research Assistant, Professor Arthur R. Miller

Teaching Assistant, Professor Arthur R. Miller

Teaching Assistant, President John Sexton

HAMILTON COLLEGE

B.A., Communications, 2007

Summa cum laude

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Colorado

New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York