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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER, Houston, Texas

Clinical Assistant Professor, August 2000 – August 2005; August 2016 – current

Lecturer, Lawyering Skills and Strategies, August 2014 – August 2016

Courses Taught: Layering Skills and Strategies (LSS) JD and Foreign LL.M. programs; Federal Pretrial Drafting; Transactional Drafting

- Teach legal research and writing to first-year law students and foreign students in the LL.M. program. This includes creating assignments and drafting rubrics, commenting on students' written work product, and regularly meeting with students to provide feedback and guidance.
- Teach Federal Pretrial Drafting, an experiential writing course for third-year law students preparing for litigation practice. This includes preparing course materials mimicking a diversity suit in the Southern District of Texas; teaching students about the intersection of substantive law, procedure, evidence, and professional responsibility in a lawsuit setting; organizing guest speakers; and commenting on and reviewing drafts of removal proceedings, an answer, written discovery, motions for summary judgment and supporting replies, and a mediation memorandum.
- Teach Transactional Drafting, an experiential writing course for second and third-year law students preparing for transactional practice. This includes preparing course materials mimicking a large commercial transaction; organizing guest speakers; and commenting on and reviewing drafts of various deal documents.
- Work with faculty on instruction of advanced legal writing assignments in upper-level courses.
- Support students seeking legal employment and judicial clerkships. This includes reviewing resumes, cover letters, and writing samples; writing letters of recommendation; and acting as a reference.
- Work with undergraduate students who are members of underrepresented groups in the Pre-Law Pipeline Program. This includes teaching classes on preparing personal and diversity statements for law school applications, commenting on those statements, and meeting with students to provide feedback and guidance.

Research Interests: The intersection of substantive law, procedure, evidence, and professional responsibility; legal pedagogy

Grants: Summer Research Grant (2016, 2017, 2018)

Law Center Service: Executive Committee; Curriculum Committee; Admissions Committee; Graduate Admissions Committee; Chair, Gus A. Schill Scholarship Selection Committee; mentor to first-year law students; bar mentor; summer instructor for Pre-law Pipeline Program; faculty advisor to Board of Advocates.

University of Houston Service: A.D. Bruce Religion Center Policy Board

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BAKER BOTTS LLP, Houston, Texas, *Associate, Trial Department*, 1994 – 2000.

EDWARDS & GEORGE LLP, Houston, Texas, *Contract Briefing Attorney*, 2003 – 2005.

Practice Description: represented clients in the trial and appeal of products liability, complex commercial, oil and gas, government contracts, and general business matters; drafted and argued jury charges and various dispositive and non-dispositive motions, both pretrial and post-verdict; formulated critical aspects of litigation and appellate strategy

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (2017–2018)

Best Practices in Designing Curricula and Teaching LLM Students, *Panelist*, Legal Writing Institute 2018 Biennial Conference, July 2018 (Milwaukee, Wisconsin).

Interactive Grammar and Editing, *Panelist*, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association’s Winning Writing for Trial Lawyers Seminar, April 2018 (Houston, Texas).

Effective Legal Writing, Air Liquide US Cluster Writing Seminar, April 2018 (Houston, Texas).

Incorporating Real-Life Skills for Wellness into the Legal Research and Writing Curriculum, *Panelist*, Eighteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 2018 (Denver, Colorado).

Reports on the Real World: How Focus on Practice Can Re-Focus 1Ls Burned Out by the Day-to-Day Grind of the 1L Curriculum, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, December 2017 (Houston, Texas).

Legal Writing for Immigration Practitioners, *Panelist*, ABA Children’s Immigration Law Academy CLE, May 2017, (Houston, Texas).

COMPLETED WORKS

Lael Lockhart, *Individually and as Executor of the Estate of Logan Lockhart, and Tiffany Lockhart v. Strickland Petrochemicals, Inc. and Mirador Oil & Gas Company* (complete practice file for Federal Pretrial Drafting course).

Sean M. Flaharty v. Digital Design Group (complete practice file for Federal Pretrial Drafting course).

Lynda Prescott, Individually and as Executor of the Estate of Zachary Prescott, Danielle Prescott, and Jackson Prescott v. The Thomas Group and Coleman Industrial, Inc. (complete practice file for Federal Pretrial Drafting course).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

If a Lawyer Isn't Happy, What's the Point? (proposing strategies for incorporating real-life skills for wellness in the legal research and writing curriculum).

Until Death Do Us Part: The Propriety of Classifying Pre-Death Damages as Actual Damages in Workers' Compensation Litigation (addressing concerns that the exclusive remedy provision of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act prevents plaintiffs from including medical expenses in exemplary damages calculations for claims brought under the Texas Wrongful Death statute).

Closing the Causation Loophole in Texas Wrongful Death Actions (analyzing the necessity of offering proof of proximate causation under the Texas Wrongful Death statute).

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

ALWD Teaching Grants Committee (chair, 2018 – current; committee member 2017 – 2018)

LWI Global Legal Writing Skills Committee (2018 – current)

AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Nominations Committee (2018 – current)

Association of Legal Writing Directors (UHLC delegate, 2017 – current)

ABA Section of International Law, International Law Year in Review (deputy editor, 2018 – current)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

State Bar of Texas Pattern Jury Charge Subcommittee IV (Business, Consumer, Insurance & Employment)

State Bar of Texas Law Practice Management Committee

Supreme Court of Texas Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board Member, The Children's Museum of Houston (September 2018 – current)

Chair, Charter Review Committee, City of West University Place (2018 – current)

Board Member, Baylor College of Medicine Teen Clinic at Ben Taub Hospital (2016 – 2018)

Volunteer, Baylor College of Medicine Teen Pregnancy Clinic (2010 – 2012)

Volunteer, Texas Children's Hospital (2008 – 2010; 2012 – current)

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo International, Rodeo Run, and Speakers Committees (1996 – current)

Parent Ambassador, St. Agnes Academy, Houston, Texas (2014 – 2018)

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW, Austin, Texas

J.D., with honors, 1994

- *Texas Law Review*
- Visited University of London, Queen Mary and Westfield College; completed course work in European Community/European Union law
- Research Assistant for Professors Alex Wilson Albright (Civil Procedure) and John T. Ratliff, Jr. (Civil Trial Advocacy)

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, Austin, Texas

B.J. (Bachelor of Journalism), with highest honors, 1991

- Blanche Prejean Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- Frank J. Morrow Endowed Presidential Scholarship
- Frank Denius Normandy Scholar; completed course work in history and philosophy in association with the Musée de la Paix and the Université de Caen Normandie, Caen, France

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bar Admissions: Texas (1994 – current)

Languages: Conversant in Spanish and French

Personal: Married. Mother to twins girls, now college freshmen at Duke University and The Georgia Institute of Technology. College sports fan. Pilates enthusiast.