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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER, Houston, Texas

Clinical Associate Professor, August 2019 - current

Clinical Assistant Professor, August 2000 - August 2005; August 2016 - August 2019

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

Courses Taught: Evidence; Lawyering Skills and Strategies in the JD and Foreign LL.M. programs; Federal Pretrial Drafting; U.S. Legal Skills; Transactional Drafting

- Teach Evidence to second and third-year law students. This includes creating course materials to prepare students for a multi-state litigation practice as well as the evidence portions of the Uniform Bar Exam.
- Teach legal research and writing to first-year law students and foreign-trained attorneys 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; commenting on and reviewing drafts of removal proceedings, an answer, written discovery, motions for summary judgment and supporting replies, and a mediation memorandum; and meeting regularly with students to provide feedback and guidance.
- Teach U.S. Legal Skills, a one-hour intensive introductory course for foreign lawyers that provides an orientation to U.S. legal education and a comparative analysis of civil and common law systems, as well as an introduction to the foundational principles of U.S. law. This includes lessons in U.S. legal terminology; the procedure and process of interpreting and enforcing U.S. laws; recommendations for class and exam preparation in a U.S. legal classroom; a review of accepted concepts of professionalism in the U.S. legal tradition; and a frank discussion of plagiarism and the UHLC Honor Code.
- 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.
- Work with Executive Director of Global and Graduate Studies to design English as an Other Language Course targeted to foreign-trained LL.M. applicants, and to create content for Global and Graduate Studies' website.

- 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; technology in law practice

Grants: Summer Research Grant (2016 - 2022)

Selected Law Center Service: Admissions Committee; Appointments Committee; Curriculum Committee; Executive Committee; Graduate Admissions Committee; Graduate Advisor to Candidates for an LL.M. in U.S. Law and International Law; 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

Selected University of Houston Service: Faculty Senate, Senator (member of the Faculty Governance Committee, the Graduate and Professional Studies Committee, and the GPSC's Academic Program Evaluation Subcommittee); Equal Opportunity Services Appellate Board; LMS Evaluation Committee; Friends of Women's Studies Liaison; A.D. Bruce Religion Center Policy Board; University of Houston International Student Advisory Committee

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

EDWARDS & GEORGE LLP, Houston, Texas, *Contract 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 -2022)

Writing Connections Workshop: Research, Writing, and First-Generation Students, Discussant, 2022 SEALS Conference, July 2022 (Florida).

Merits and Methods of Online Learning, 2022 LWI Biennial Conference, with members of the ALWD Online/Distance-Education Committee, July 2022 (Washington, D.C.).

Planning Forward: Lessons Learned from Emergency and Planned Distance Education, Discussant, 2021 SEALS Conference, July 2021 (Florida).

Dinosaurs Get Schooled: Tips and Tricks to Improve Online Teaching and Ensure Equity in the Online Classroom, Panelist, 2021 ALWD Biennial Conference, June 2021 (virtual).

Growing Pains: Grades and the First Semester Legal Writing Course, with Irene Ten Cate, 2021 Biennial Empire State Conference, May 2021 (virtual).

Developing Content: Online and HyFlex Courses, Panelist, 2020 SEALS Conference, July 2020 (virtual).

Doing the Splits: Designing and Teaching a Circuit Split Appellate Advocacy Problem, with D'Andra Millsap Shu, 2020 LWI Biennial Conference, July 2020 (Washington, D.C.) (selected to present, but conference canceled due to COVID-19).

Opportunity Knocks: Providing Foreign-Trained LL.M. Candidates with Necessary Skills to Become Licensed in the United States, with Megan Davis, 2020 Global Legal Skills Conference, May 2020 (Bari, Italy) (selected to present, but conference canceled due to COVID-19).

Catching the Court's Eye: Effective Writing and Editing Techniques to Elevate Your Advocacy, Panelist, 2019 Fifth Circuit Appellate Advocacy Seminar, October 2019 (New Orleans, Louisiana).

If a Lawyer Isn't Happy, What's the Point?, Panelist, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, September 2019 (Santa Clara, California).

Equal Education for All, Panelist, Association of Legal Writing Directors 2019 Biennial Conference, July 2019 (Boston, Massachusetts).

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

Katherine Brem, *Adaptable Modular Orientation Digital Coursebook* (forthcoming 2022).

Katherine Brem, “*Legal Vocabulary and the Anatomy of a Case*,” *Adaptable Modular Legal Research & Writing Digital Coursebook* (Sandra Simpson ed., forthcoming 2022).

Katherine Brem, “*Fundamentals of Case Briefing*,” *Adaptable Modular Legal Research & Writing Digital Coursebook* (Sandra Simpson ed., forthcoming 2022).

Katherine Brem, “*Introduction to IRAC and Applying a Single Case to Client Facts*,” *Adaptable Modular Legal Research & Writing Digital Coursebook* (Sandra Simpson ed., forthcoming 2022).

“*From Ground to Cloud and Back Again: Modern Tactics to Improve Your Teaching*” in *LAW TEACHING STRATEGIES FOR A NEW ERA: BEYOND THE PHYSICAL CLASSROOM* (Tessa Dysart & Tracy L.M. Norton, eds.) (2021).

Katherine Brem, *Grading Without Grades*, 68 *PERSPS.* 65 (2020).

Ass’n of Legal Writing Dirs. Online & Distance Educ. Comm., *TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING IN A HY-FLEX CLASSROOM* (Katherine Brem, ed. 2020).

“*What did you learn? It depends.*” *Using the Six-Word Story to Teach the Power of Brevity in Expression*, Ass’n Am. L. Sch. Legal Writing, Reasoning and Rsch. Newsl., Summer 2020, at 8.

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; diversity case involving a question of right of control in the borrowed employee context, to determine applicability of the exclusive remedy provision of the Texas Workers’ Compensation Act).

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

Franciscan Products L.P. v. Keller Hydrocarbons, Inc. (complete practice file for Federal Pretrial Drafting course; contract dispute involving a question of force majeure arising out of Hurricane Harvey, questioning the applicability of the parole evidence rule to interpret a Liquid Hydrocarbons Exchange Agreement between the parties).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Civility and Practice: Reconciling the Two in the Written Word (proposing best writing practices for a judiciary committed to improving civility in practice).

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).

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AWARDS

AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Chair-Elect (2022); Secretary (2021); Executive Committee (2020); Nominations Committee (2018-2020)
ABA Section of International Law, International Law Year in Review (deputy editor, 2018 - current)
ALWD Outstanding Service Award (2020)
ALWD Biennial Conference Committee (co-chair 2022 - current); Online/Distance-Learning Committee (co-chair, 2020 - 22); Teaching Grants Committee (chair, 2018 - 2020; committee member 2017 - 2018)
ALWD-LWI LexisNexis Scholarship Grants Committee (co-chair 2022 - current; member 2020-2022); LWI Bench and Bar Outreach Committee (2022 - current); LWI Global Legal Writing Skills Committee (2017 - 2020)

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 - 2019)
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, Speakers Committees (1996 - current)

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 Caen, France, in association with the Caen Mémorial and the Université de Caen Normandie

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bar Admissions: Texas (1994 - current)

Languages: Conversant in Spanish and French

Personal: Married. Mother to twin girls who are now college graduates. College sports fan. Pilates enthusiast.