

# JANET K. G. DICKSON

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## Education

**LL.M. TAXATION | 2000 | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW**

**J.D. | 1988 | SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

○ WITH HONORS: *CUM LAUDE*

- AM JUR BOOK AWARD: GIFT AND ESTATE TAX
- MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

**BA | 1982 | UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS**

- CHANCELLOR'S OUTSTANDING SENIOR STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENT
- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT | 1981 |
  - Related coursework: Political Science, History, Economics, Art

**CERTIFICATION | 2015 | MEDIATION 40-HOUR COURSE | DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER OF KING COUNTY**

## Clerkship

**THE HONORABLE CAROLYN R. DIMMICK, CHIEF JUDGE | 1995 | UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

## Academic Work Experience

**SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW | ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAWYERING SKILLS | 2001 - PRESENT**

- Courses Taught:
  - Legal Writing Skills and Values (current first year 6-credit required course);
  - Legal Writing, Analysis, and Research (former first year 4-credit required course);
  - Persuasive Writing and Oral Advocacy (second year 3-credit required course);
  - Trusts, Estates, and Enhanced Analytical Skills

**UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND SCHOOL OF LAW (NOW SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW) | LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR | AUGUST 1990 - MAY 1991**

- Courses Taught:
  - First-year and second-year Legal Writing courses

## UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND SCHOOL OF LAW (NOW SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW) | ADJUNCT LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR | AUGUST 1992 – MAY 1997

- Courses Taught:
  - First-year and second-year Legal Writing courses
  - Trusts and Estates

### Professional Accomplishments and Presentation within the United States

- ***Seeing the Connection Between Effective Advocacy and Its Underlying Bias. Legal Writing Institute***, with Kim Holst. Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, Seattle University School of Law, Summer, 2017.
- ***Writing Effective Appellate Briefs***. Washington State Bar Association CLE Panel Presentation, Seattle University School of Law, Spring, 2014.
- ***Lessons Learned from Integrating Real World Problems into Legal Writing Programs***. Legal Writing Institute 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Pennsylvania, 2014.
- ***Using Persuasive Techniques in Brief Writing***. Washington State Bar Association CLE Presentation, Seattle University School of Law, Spring 2013.
- **Panel Discussion: *Old Faces, New Places: Assimilating Lateral Hires into Successful Legal Writing Programs***. ALWD (Association of Legal Writing Directors) Conference, Wisconsin, June 2013.
- ***The Mental Game for the Fearful Speaker: Taming the Fear Within***. Western Regional Legal Writing Institute Conference, Oregon, August 2012.
- **Panel Discussion: *Borrowing Skills from Other Fields to Create “Big Picture” Legal Practitioners***. Legal Writing Institute 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, California, June 2012.
- **Panel Discussion: *Integrating Social Justice into the Legal Writing Curriculum, using Real World Problems from Local Nonprofit Agencies***. Legal Writing Institute 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Florida, June 2010.
- ***Advisor to Undergraduate Global Law Brigades Club, winner of the 2009 University Living Mission Award***. Seattle University, May 2009.
- ***Creating Confidence in Students Who are Petrified About Public Speaking***. Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Regional Conference, Arizona State University, Spring 2009.
- ***Teaching Generation Me: Understanding Our Students So We Can Teach Them Effectively***, with Mary Bowman. Northwest Regional Legal Writing, Gonzaga University Law School, August 2007.

- ***Creative Assignments, Engaged Students***, with Mary Bowman. Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2006.
- ***Teaching Law Students Who Suffer from Attention Deficit Disorder***. Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Washington School of Law, September 2005.
- ***Conducting Effective Student Conferences***. Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference, Seattle University School of Law, August 2003.
- ***Being Prepared At Checkout Time: What Everyone Should Know About Wills and Other Estate Planning Documents***. Estate Planning Presentation for Northwest Cremation Association, June 2002.

## Professional Accomplishments and Presentation outside the United States

- ***Finding Different Voices: Effective Advocacy and Underrepresented Perspectives***, with Kim Holst and Susie Salmon. Global Legal Skills Conference, Verona, Italy, 2016.
- ***Manners, Mindfulness, and a Modicum of Respect: Teaching Professionalism and Civility***, with Paula Lustbader, WACRA (The World Association for Case Method Research & Application) conference, Casablanca, Morocco, December 2012.
- ***Preparing Students for the Practice of Law: Helping Students Develop Their Ability to Read and Write in English***. Conference Chair, Third International APPEAL Conference, Mtunzini, South Africa, December 2011.
- ***Diagnosing, Critiquing and Grading Student Work***. Preparing Students for the Practice of Law: Helping Students Develop Their Ability to Read and Write in English. Third International APPEAL Conference, Mtunzini, South Africa, December 2011.
- ***Persuasion in Statutory Analysis***. Twenty-First Century Legal Skills Conference, Bahçeşehir University Faculty of Law, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2011.
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Workshop. Embera Drua tribe, Panama, June 2009.
- Conference on the Pedagogy of Legal Writing for Academics in Africa, Conference Co-Chair, Nairobi, Kenya, March 2007.
- ***Writing Precisely and Concisely***. Conference on the Pedagogy of Legal Writing for Academics in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, March 2007.

## Publications

*MANNERS, MINDFULNESS, AND A MODICUM OF RESPECT: TEACHING PROFESSIONALISM AND CIVILITY,*  
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CASE METHOD RESEARCH & APPLICATION (IJCRA), VOLUME 3, ACT 16 (2013).

*PERSUASION IN STATUTORY ANALYSIS,* BAĞÇEŞEHİR UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY, LAW JOURNAL, VOLUME  
7, NUMBER 83-84 (2011).

## Professional Associations and Bar Admissions

**LEGAL VOICE (PROMINENT NORTHWEST NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT ADVANCES THE LAW REGARDING GENDER ISSUES) | VICE-PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT | 2017 – 2018**

**LEGAL VOICE | MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD AFFAIRS COMMITTEE | 2014 – PRESENT**

**NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM | CHARTER MEMBER | 2012 – PRESENT**

**LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE | 1986 – PRESENT**

**U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON | ADMITTED 1995**

**WASHINGTON STATE BAR | ADMITTED 1989**

## Other Legal Experience

**BETTS AUSTIN PLLC | ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY | JUNE 2000 – AUGUST 2001**

- Provided counsel to individuals on estate plans for medium and large estates, including those involving family-owned businesses and complex tax situations
- handled real property dispositions and transfers related to estate planning and probate
- created business entities and advised clients on complex tax issues

**DICKSON & ASSOCIATES, PLLC | SOLO PRACTITIONER & CONTRACT ATTORNEY | 1996 – 2000**

- Advised clients about and drafted documents for estate planning purposes
- Advised clients on real estate issues
- drafted trial briefs for criminal defendants indicted in federal court

## **Current Service to Seattle University, Seattle University School of Law, and Legal Writing Community**

**SERVING ON NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR AALS, SECTION ON LEGAL WRITING, REASONING, AND RESEARCH | 2019**

**SERVED ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR AALS, SECTION ON LEGAL WRITING, REASONING, AND RESEARCH | 2018**

**PARTICIPATED AS LAW SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE FOR UNIVERSITY GLOBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE | 2009- 2018**

**SERVED ON LAW SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE | 2017- 2018**

**PARTICIPATED IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT FOR NEW LWSV COURSE | 2017- 2018**

**PROGRAM CHAIR, WESTERN REGIONAL LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE, SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW | 2017**

**TAUGHT CLASSES AND DEVELOPED CLASS PREP FOR COLLEAGUE ON SICK LEAVE | 2017- 2018**

**MENTORED VISITING LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR | SPRING 2018**

**SERVED ON LAWYERING SKILLS TIMELY SUBMISSION COMMITTEE | 2017- 2018**

**SERVED AS FACULTY ADVISOR FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS | 2017- 2019**