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### **EDUCATION**

#### **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, J.D., *cum laude*, May 1990**

Honors: Am. Jur. Award in Evidence  
International Trial Lawyers Award for Advocacy (for outstanding performance in Juvenile Justice Clinic)  
Honors in Legal Research and Writing Course

Activities: Student Attorney, Juvenile Justice Clinic  
Member, *Journal of Law and Technology*

#### **GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, A.B., May 1984**

Major: American Government  
Minor: Spanish

**SIT GRADUATE INSTITUTE**, Certification in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages,  
October 2010

### **LAW SCHOOL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**  
**LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR, AUGUST 1999 TO JANUARY 2009**  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAWYERING SKILLS, JANUARY 2009 TO PRESENT**

Teach two sections of Legal Writing I course each year to a total of approximately 30 to 35 students. Over the course of the year, students produce a series of objective legal memoranda of increasing complexity. The skills involved in producing these memoranda include understanding the drafting process; conducting legal research; analyzing legal issues; choosing an appropriate organizational scheme for the analysis; writing effective sentences and paragraphs; writing correctly; and revising and editing. Students submit drafts of each memorandum; I critique portions of each draft; students revise the drafts; and I critique and grade the final product.

Teach one section of Legal Writing II course each semester to 18 to 22 students. During the semester, students produce a trial level brief and an appellate brief. In producing these briefs, in addition to using the skills learned in Legal Writing I, students learn techniques to write persuasively. As in Legal Writing I, I provide individual critiques to the students on the drafts and finals of their briefs. In addition, students learn oral advocacy skills, and they argue the issues in the brief. For the argument on the trial-level issue, I play the role of the judge; when they argue the issues in the appellate brief, local practitioners act as judges.

Conduct out-of-class seminars for entire first year class on various writing skills, including grammar and punctuation.

Assist in training and mentoring of new Legal Writing faculty.

**UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA, SRI LANKA  
FEBRUARY-MARCH 2011 (SCHEDULED)**

Awarded Fulbright Specialist grant to teach six-week course to first-year law students and to work with faculty to develop Legal Research and Writing Curriculum.

**SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY  
SHANGHAI, CHINA, DECEMBER 2009**

Co-taught two-week class on Effective Legal Writing in English to approximately 20 undergraduate law students.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND  
JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, JUNE-JULY 2007, JUNE-JULY 2008, AND MAY-JUNE  
2010**

Co-developed and co-taught multi-week courses entitled "Legal Writing: Global Advocacy" and "Cross-Cultural Legal Communication." Taught courses to a combined group of U.S. law students and South African LLM students and candidate attorneys.

**FAR EASTERN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA, MAY 2003**

Developed and taught four-week course entitled "Introduction to the American Legal System." Taught course to 16 Russian law students in the Law Institute's International Department.

**GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA  
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, RESEARCH & WRITING, FALL 1997 AND SPRING 1999**

Taught legal research and writing to first-year law students on a part-time basis while practicing law.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Focus on Batson: Let the Cameras Roll*, 74 Brook. L. Rev. 95 (2008).

*From Oppression to Outsourcing: New Opportunities for Uganda's Growing Number of Attorneys in Today's Flattening World*, 4 Seattle J. Soc. Just. 835 (2006), co-authored with Professor Laurel Oates.

*Teaching Students to Recognize Bias in Legal Language and Arguments*, 20 Second Draft 19 (August 2005).

*Gorillas, Grammar, and Governments*, 18 Second Draft 7 (June 2004).

## **AWARDS**

**Bronson Dillehay Award Recipient, 2008** (awarded by the American Society of Trial Consultants for an article that addresses “a significant and persistent problem that undermines both the right to a fair trial and public confidence in the legal system”)

## **CONFERENCE ORGANIZING**

**CONFERENCE ON PROMOTING THE TEACHING OF LEGAL WRITING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA, JUNE 2009:** Co-organized conference of 20 U.S. academics and approximately 50 South African academics, magistrates, and practitioners.

**CONFERENCE ON THE PEDAGOGY OF LEGAL WRITING FOR ACADEMICS IN AFRICA, NAIROBI, KENYA, MARCH 2007:** Co-organized first conference on legal writing in Africa for 20 U.S. academics and 30 African academics from seven countries.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**CENTRAL STATES REGIONAL LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, OCTOBER 2009:** Conducting Training Sessions for Legal Educators in Afghanistan

**NORTHWEST REGIONAL LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE, PORTLAND, OREGON, AUGUST 2009:** Positive Critiquing: A Contradiction in Terms? (Co-presented with Professor Lori Bannai)

**CONFERENCE ON PROMOTING THE TEACHING OF LEGAL WRITING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA, JUNE 2009:** Development of and Models for Teaching Legal Writing (Opening Plenary)

**GLOBAL LEGAL SKILLS CONFERENCE IV, WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 2009:** Outsourcing of Legal Research and Writing: Practicing in a Global Legal Community (co-presented with Professors Anne Enquist and Laurel Oates)

**5<sup>TH</sup> WORLDWIDE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE EDUCATION (GAJE) CONFERENCE, MANILA, PHILIPPINES, DECEMBER 2008:** Integrating the Teaching of Legal Writing into the Clinical Context (co-presented with Professor Laurel Oates)

**LEGAL EDUCATION AT THE CROSSROADS CONFERENCE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 2008:** Increased Authenticity in 1L Legal Writing and Second-Year Writing Follow-up Courses (co-presented with Professor Laurel Oates)

**ISTANBUL LEGAL SKILLS CONFERENCE, ISTANBUL, TURKEY, AUGUST 2008:** Development of and Models for Legal Writing Programs in the United States (co-presented with Professor Bobbie Thyfault, California Western School of Law)

**GLOBAL LEGAL SKILLS CONFERENCE III, MONTERREY, MEXICO, FEBRUARY 2008:** After the Conference: Maintaining and Developing Connections Made at International Conferences (panelist on closing plenary)

**CONFERENCE ON GLOBALIZATION AND JUSTICE: INTERDISCIPLINARY DIALOGUES, SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, FEBRUARY 2008: Pedagogy and Globalization Session (co-presented with Professor Laurel Oates)**

**NORTHWEST REGIONAL LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, AUGUST 2007: Legal Writing: Why India and Why Africa? (co-presented with Professor Anne Enquist)**

**CONFERENCE ON THE PEDAGOGY OF LEGAL WRITING FOR ACADEMICS IN AFRICA, NAIROBI, KENYA, MARCH 2007: Teaching Students to Write Effective Letters to Clients (co-presented with Professor Scola Nafuna, Nkumba University, Uganda)**

**LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE CONFERENCE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, JUNE 2006: LRW Professors on the Move Around the Globe (panelist)**

**ABA SECTION ON LEGAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, OCTOBER 2004: From Pedagogy to Practice: Using Technology to Teach Legal Writing (co-presented with Professor Laurel Oates)**

**LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE CONFERENCE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, JULY 2004: E-Commenting Made Easy (co-presented with Professor Ken Chestek, Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis)**

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS CONFERENCE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, JANUARY 2004 : Workshop on Technology and Pedagogy: Student Writing (co-presented with Professor Laurel Oates)**

**NORTHWEST REGIONAL LEGAL WRITING CONFERENCE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, AUGUST 2003: Best Practices: Teaching Oral Argument (co-presented with Professor Andrew Carter)**

## **WORKSHOPS, TRAINING SESSIONS, AND GUEST LECTURES**

### **FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS:**

**High Court Judges**, Cape Town, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented half-day workshop on Effective Judgment Writing to approximately 15 High Court judges.

**Association of Regional Magistrates of South Africa**, Durban, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented one-day workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 20 magistrates.

**Association of Regional Magistrates of South Africa**, Pretoria, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented one-day workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 50 magistrates.

**Association of Regional Magistrates of South Africa**, Cape Town, South Africa, May 2007: Co-presented one-day workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 30 magistrates.

**KwaZulu-Natal Center for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA)**, Durban, South Africa, April 2007: Co-presented one day workshop on Writing Effective Awards to approximately 20 commissioners.

**International Association of Women Judges, South Africa Chapter**, Durban, South Africa, April 2007: Co-presented two-day workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 40 High Court judges and magistrates.

**Association of Regional Magistrates of South Africa**, Johannesburg, South Africa, April 2007: Co-presented one-day workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 30 magistrates.

**Conference on Judicial Leadership and Mentoring for Women Magistrates**, Vereeniging, South Africa, April 2007: Co-presented workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 25 women magistrates from around South Africa.

**Association of Regional Magistrates of South Africa**, Pretoria, South Africa, April 2007: Co-presented one-day workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 30 magistrates.

**Judicial Studies Institute**, Soroti, Uganda, February 2007: Co-presented two-day workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 25 Grade I magistrates.

**Judicial Studies Institute**, Mbarara, Uganda, February 2007: Co-presented two-day workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 20 Grade I magistrates.

**Judicial Studies Institute**, Kampala, Uganda, February 2007: Co-presented two-day workshop on Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 30 Grade I magistrates.

**Delhi Judicial Academy**, Delhi, India, January 2007: Co-presented two-hour seminar on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 50 magistrates-in-training.

**Judicial Studies Institute**, Kampala, Uganda, June 2005: Co-presented two-day seminar on Clear and Effective Judgement Writing to approximately 20 Ugandan High Court judges.

#### **FOR ATTORNEYS:**

**International Law Institute -- African Centre for Legal Excellence**, Kampala, Uganda, June 2010: Co-presented 5-day seminar on Clear and Effective Legal Writing for attorneys in government agencies from Tanzania, Uganda, and Kenya.

**Ombudsman's Office**, Gaborone, Botswana, June 2010 : Co-presented two-day workshop on Effective Legal Writing for government attorneys.

**Jin Mao Partners Law Firm**, Shanghai, China, December 2009: Co-presented two-week workshop on Effective Legal Writing in English to trainee attorneys.

**South African Revenue Service (SARS)**, Pretoria, South Africa, July 2008: Presented one day workshop on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 25 attorneys.

**Black Lawyers' Association**, Cape Town, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented one day workshop on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 25 attorneys.

**South African Society for Labor Law (SASLAW)**, Durban, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented one day workshop on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 35 attorneys.

**International Law Institute -- African Centre for Legal Excellence**, Kampala, Uganda, December 2007: Co-presented 5-day seminar on Clear and Effective Legal Writing for attorneys in private practice and government agencies from Tanzania, Uganda, Nigeria, Rwanda, and Malawi.

**Law Society of South Africa**, Cape Town, South Africa, May 2007: Co-presented two day workshop on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 10 attorneys.

**South African Society for Labor Law (SASLAW)**, Durban, South Africa, April 2007: Co-presented one day workshop on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 50 attorneys.

**KwaZulu Natal Law Society**, Durban, South Africa, April 2007: Co-presented one day workshop on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 15 attorneys.

**Law Society of South Africa**, Midrand, South Africa, April 2007: Co-presented one and half day workshop on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 35 attorneys.

**International Law Institute -- African Centre for Legal Excellence**, Kampala, Uganda, March 2007: Co-presented 5-day seminar on Clear and Effective Legal Writing for attorneys in private practice, academics, and government agencies from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

**Bar Association of India and Society of Indian Law Firms**, Delhi, India, January 2007: Co-presented half-day seminar on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 150 attorneys.

**Office of the Inspectorate General of Government**, Kampala, Uganda, December 2003: Co-presented one-week seminar on Clear and Effective Writing to approximately 35 government lawyers.

#### **FOR LAW FACULTY:**

**University of Pretoria**, Pretoria, South Africa, June 2010: Co-presented half-day workshop on best practices in giving student feedback to approximately 30 faculty members.

**Workshop on Teaching Methodologies (sponsored by USAID's Afghanistan Rule of Law Project)**, Kabul, Afghanistan, January 2009: Co-presented two-day workshop on teaching methodologies to approximately 50 members of law and Sharia faculties from across Afghanistan.

**University of Western Cape**, South Africa, June 2008: Consulted with the Dean and members of the law faculty regarding developing a legal writing curriculum.

**University of Pretoria**, Pretoria, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented four-day train-the-trainers workshop on teaching legal writing to academics from undergraduate and graduate law programs; supervising attorneys from public defender and tax agencies; and judicial trainers.

**University of Pretoria**, Pretoria, South Africa, April 2007: Co-presented half-day workshop on integrating writing components across the curriculum to faculty from Law, English, and other departments.

**Legal Education and Development (LEAD), School for Legal Practice**, Pretoria, South Africa, April 2007: Conducted workshop on teaching legal writing for approximately 25 faculty members.

**Law Development Centre**, Kampala, Uganda, April 2007: Conducted 2-day workshop on Effective Teaching for approximately 35 faculty and professional staff members.

**Law Development Centre**, Kampala, Uganda, June 2005: Co-presented half-day session on the Pedagogy of Legal Writing for for approximately 20 faculty and professional staff members.

#### **FOR LAW STUDENTS:**

**Legal Education and Development (LEAD), School for Legal Practice**, Durban, South Africa, June 2008: Co-presented workshop on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 60 post-graduate law students and attorneys from the Regional Justice Center.

**Legal Education and Development (LEAD), School for Legal Practice**, Durban, South Africa, April 2007: Co-presented workshop on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 40 post-graduate law students.

**Moi University Faculty of Law**, Eldoret, Kenya, April 2007: Presented guest lectures on various legal writing topics in three classes to undergraduate law students.

**Amity Law School**, Noida, India, January 2007: Co-presented half-day seminar on Effective Legal Writing to law students and faculty.

**Delhi University, Campus Law Centre**, Delhi, India, January 2007: Co-presented two-hour seminar on Effective Legal Writing to law students and faculty.

**K.C. Law College**, Mumbai, India, January 2007: Co-presented half-day seminar on Effective Legal Writing to law students, faculty, and attorneys.

**G.J. Advani Law College**, Bandra, India, January 2007: Co-presented two-hour seminar on Effective Legal Writing to law students and faculty.

**Law Development Centre**, Kampala, Uganda, June 2005: Presented half-day workshop on Effective Legal Writing to approximately 200 post-graduate law students.

#### **FOR PARALEGALS:**

**Washington State Paralegals Association**, Seattle, Washington, October 2009: Presented workshop on Effective Legal Writing as part of day-long CLE for paralegals.

**Washington State Paralegals Association**, Seattle, Washington, May 2010: Presented workshop on Effective Legal Writing as part of day-long CLE for paralegals.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

### **ACADEMICS PROMOTING THE PEDAGOGY OF EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY IN LAW (APPEAL)**

Co-President, 2007 to present  
Member, Board of Directors, 2007 to present

### **LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE**

Member, 1999 to present  
Chair, Website Committee, 2002 to present  
Website Manager, Legal Writing Institute Homepage ([www.lwionline.org](http://www.lwionline.org)), 2002 to present  
Member, Committee on Global Legal Writing Programs, 2007 to 2008  
Member, Subcommittee on Online Resources, 2007 to 2008

### **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS**

Member, 1999 to present  
Member, Section on Legal Writing

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**, Member, 1990 to present  
**CALIFORNIA STATE BAR**, Member, 1994 to present (currently on inactive status)  
**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR**, Member, 1990 to 1994  
**MARYLAND STATE BAR**, Member, 1990 to 1994

## **LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

**LAW OFFICES OF BRUCE A. LIEBERMAN, WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA**  
**CONTRACT ATTORNEY, JULY 1998 TO APRIL 1999**

**THELEN MARRIN JOHNSON & BRIDGES, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**  
**ASSOCIATE, JUNE 1994 TO DECEMBER 1997**

**AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
**ASSOCIATE, SEPTEMBER 1990 TO JANUARY 1994, AND SUMMER 1989**

In each position, engaged in all facets of civil litigation including counseling clients; conducting legal research; drafting pleadings, motions, and legal memoranda; conducting written discovery and depositions; negotiating settlements; arguing motions; and preparing for and assisting at trial.

## **OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**ELIZABETH SETON HIGH SCHOOL, BLADENSBURG, MARYLAND  
SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, SEPTEMBER 1986 TO JUNE 1987**

Taught high school Government/Current Issues class; coached mock trial team.

**CLOSE-UP FOUNDATION, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA  
PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR, OCTOBER 1984 TO MAY 1986**

Developed and conducted workshops for high school students in government studies program.