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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Director of Legal Writing Program, Assistant Professor of Law

July 2024 - present

Associate Director of Legal Writing Program

July 2022 – June 2024

Visiting Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills

August 2019 – June 2024

- Direct the efforts of tenure-track, long-term contract, visiting, and adjunct faculty teaching the first-year Legal Writing, Skills, and Values course (LWSV, described below) and the required second-year Written and Oral Advocacy course (LWII). Oversee curriculum development and modification, creation of course simulations/problems, and faculty evaluation. Coordinate as needed with representatives from the Dean's office, Law Library, law clinics, career office, Academic Support and Bar Studies program, Westlaw, and Lexis.
- Teach full-year LWSV course, involving (1) instructing and providing constructive feedback on all stages of writing predictive memoranda, including legal research, case reading, synthesis, analysis, effective organization and sentence-level writing, and citation; (2) introducing the lawyering skills of client interviewing, client counseling, fact development, and negotiation; and (3) facilitating understanding of the importance of professionalism, reflection, cultural competence, and using bias-free language in the law.
- Design memo problems and exercises that span statutory, regulatory, and common law; state and federal law; elements-based and factor-based analysis; and fact patterns often involving race, discrimination, and social justice.
- Nominated for Outstanding Faculty Award by graduating students in 2022, 2023, 2025
- Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Amicus Award, May 2022.
- *Service:*
 - Faculty Appointments Committee: Co-Chair 2024-25, Member 2025-26
 - Member, Curriculum Committee, 2023-24.
 - Faculty Advisor to Seattle University Law Review, 2024-25, and American Indian Law Journal, 2023-24.
 - Member, Mark Reutlinger Excellence in Writing Selection Committee, 2022-present, and Justice Whitener Scholarship Selection Committee, 2023.
 - William L. Dwyer American Inn of Court: Interim Faculty Representative on Executive Board, 2021-22 and 2025 to present.

PUBLICATIONS

What is 'the Rule'? Quotation Marks and the Role of Courts and Lawyers as Performers of the Common Law, forthcoming in *Duquesne Law Review*, volume 64, Issue 2 (spring 2026).

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Expanding Students' Justice Lens Through Assigning Memos All Year, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference (September 2025).

Memos All Year! An Argument for Saving Persuasive Writing Until the Second Year, Media Presentation at Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Biennial Conference (July 2025)

Graded Research Debrief Meetings, Innovative Teaching Workshop at ALWD Biennial Conference (July 2025).

The Use of Guiding or Study Questions to Enhance Student Learning and Engagement, AALS Annual Meeting, Program for Section on Teaching Methods entitled "Brave Baby Steps: Taking Small Pedagogical Risks with Your Teaching" (January 2025).

Co-Presenter, *Beyond Classroom Participation: Developing Professional Identity Through Meaningful Course Engagement and Professional Development Experiences*, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference (September 2024).

Quotation Marks, Civility, and Belonging: How Conventions for Quotation Can Affect Legal Culture in a System of Textualized Precedent, Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute (LWI) (July 2024).

Moderator, Discussion Group presentation, "Plagiarism in the Law and in Legal Education: What does it include and what should we do about it?" 21st Biennial LWI Conference (July 2024).

Promoting Reflection as a Professional Practice: Free-Writes and Recap Meetings, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference (August 2023).

What is 'the Rule'? Quotation Marks and the Role of Courts and Lawyers as Performers of the Law, Media Presentation at ALWD Biennial Conference (July 2023).

Discussion Group presentation on "Replacing Class Participation with a Professionalism Requirement," at ALWD Biennial Conference (July 2023).

Tactile Sorting Games to Strengthen Students' Use of Facts in Legal Analysis, Innovative Teaching Workshop at ALWD Biennial Conference (July 2023).

Robust Reflection: An Essential Element of Creating an Inclusive Classroom for Students with Disabilities, AALS Annual Meeting, Main Program for Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research (January 2023).

People-Centered Legal Teaching: Centering Students' Understanding of the Law around the People Who Make and Apply it, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference (October 2022).

Forcing the Issue: An Example of Building Unavoidable Issues of Race into the Memo Assignment, Legal Writing Institute (LWI) One-Day Workshop on theme of "Getting Out of Our Comfort Zones: Addressing Issues of Race in the LRW Classroom" (December 2020).

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Interviewed along with Professor LeighAnne Thompson for an article by Owen Leopold entitled "AI in Legal Education: a Seattle University Excerpt," in the January/February 2025 issue of the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association's magazine, "Pierce County Lawyer."

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Member, Legal Writing Institute (LWI),

- Member, One Day Workshops Committee, 2022-2024.
- Member, LWI Conference Program Committee, 2025-26

Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD), 2021–present.

- Participant in ALWD Leadership Academies in 2022, 2023, and 2024.
- Member, AWLD Guide Task Force, 2025-26
- Member, Teaching Workshops Committee, 2023-25.

The William L. Dwyer American Inn of Court

- Member, 2006–2009, 2021–present.
- Faculty Representative to the Board, 2021-22, 2024-present.

Hosted Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, September 2024.

Hosted One-Day Workshop: “Teaching Values in the Legal Writing Classroom,” December 2022.

CLE PRESENTATIONS

Effective Legal Writing to its Core, WSBA CLE, Dec. 2025.

Using Generative AI for Legal Research and Writing, King County Bar Association (KCBA) Appellate Section, Nov. 2025.

Using Generative AI in the Law, Network of Adjudicatory Agencies CLE held for Administrative Law Judges in Washington State, Oct. 2025.

Elevating Written Client Communication: Creating Clarity and Connection, American Law Institute CLE, March 2025.

Giving Effective Feedback, part of In-House Legal Writing CLE for the Office of the Attorney General of Washington (October 2024).

Writing Refresher: Writing Clearly, Correctly, and Convincingly, Co-presentation with Mimi Samuel for Washington State Bar Association CLE (invited 4 times in February 2021, February 2022, September 2022, and May 2023).

Dear Law Student Testimonial as part of William L. Dwyer Inn of Court CLE (November 2022)

Writing Refresher: Writing Clearly, Correctly, and Cohesively, In-House CLE for Federal Defender’s Office for Western District of Washington (March 2022).

Propriety of Claim Professional Testimony, NBI Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Law: Advanced Practice Seminar (November 2016).

Claim File Discovery Issues, WDTL Insurance Law Update (April 2016).

EDUCATION

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*

May 2007

- Dean's Medal for graduating class; Presidential Scholarship Recipient.
- Competitive Moot Court: 1st place in James Bond Competition; regional and national competitor at ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition and NAPABA National Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition, with several awards for Best Oralist and Best Brief.
- Other Activities: Student Fellow, Center on Corporations, Law and Society; Student Instructor in Street Law program at Lincoln High School in Tacoma (2006).

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

B.A. in Cultural & Social Anthropology

March 2002

- Focus in Globalization and Law.
- Semester Abroad through School for International Training in Harare, Zimbabwe, with overall theme of Arts & Social Change and independent study project on local labor law.

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

BETTS, PATTERSON & MINES, P.S.

Seattle, WA

Director
Attorney

January 2018 – February 2019
May 2013 – December 2017

- Trial and appellate complex civil litigation, including briefing dozens of motions in state and federal court and multiple appeals, second-chairing two trials, conducting strategic legal and factual research, working with fact and expert witnesses, and negotiating settlements.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL DIVISION

Washington, DC

Trial Attorney

September 2009 – May 2013

- Complex civil litigation defending the federal government in toxic tort cases nationwide, including conducting strategic factual investigation, working with expert consultants and witnesses, researching, briefing, and arguing state and federal law motions.
- Special Commendation by Civil Division Assistant Attorney General for work in resolving high-profile property damage case against the Bureau of Land Management, 2011.

WASHINGTON STATE COURT OF APPEALS

Tacoma, WA

Judicial Law Clerk to Hon. David Armstrong

August 2007 – July 2009

- Researched and drafted memoranda and opinions for judicial appellate panels in 40+ cases.

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

Seattle, WA

Law Clerk

June–August 2006

- Researched and drafted memoranda on immigration, civil rights, tort, sentencing issues; successfully briefed and argued immigration asylum case before 9th Circuit.

LAW OFFICES OF MELISSA HUELSMAN

Seattle, WA

Law Clerk

January–April 2006

- Drafted pleadings, motions, discovery for plaintiffs' predatory lending litigation.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLINIC

Seattle, WA

Student Legal Advisor

September 2006 – March 2007

- Partnered with Seattle University MBA student to advise microenterprise client. Conducted several client meetings and drafted a user agreement for client's website.

OTHER

- Admitted to practice in the State of Washington, U.S. District Courts in Western and Eastern Washington, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and U.S. Supreme Court.
- Seattle Univ. Moot Court Coach 2007-2008.
- Street Law: Student Teacher at Lincoln High School (Tacoma, WA) in 2006; Attorney Mentor at Wilson High School (DC) 2013.
- Northwest Firelight Chorale: Singer and/or piano accompanist 2008-09, 2013-present.
- Rising Star Elementary PTA, Treasurer, 2021-2023.