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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW  
*Assistant Professor of Law, 2022-Present*

PENN STATE DICKINSON LAW SCHOOL  
*Assistant Professor of Law, 2020-2022*

WHEELER TRIGG O'DONNELL LLP  
*Staff Counsel, 2018-2020*

THE HONORABLE DAVID RICHMAN  
*Law Clerk, 2016-2018*

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY  
*Volunteer Attorney, 2011-2012*

COOLEY LLP  
*Associate Attorney, Litigation Department, 2010-2015*

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE  
*Writing Instructor, 2020-Present*

INTERNATIONAL PLAIN LANGUAGE FEDERATION  
*Certification Committee, 2020-Present*

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS  
*Member, Outreach Committee, Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research, 2021-2022*

JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE  
*Assistant Editor, 2020-2021*

COLORADO JUDICIAL INSTITUTE  
*Our Courts Instructor, 2019-2020*

### **BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

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New York  
Colorado

### **EDUCATION**

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J.D., NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, 2010

*Robert McKay Scholar*

*David Friedman Award*

*Semifinalist, Marden Moot Court Competition, 2009 and 2010*

*First Place, 1L Oral Advocacy Competition*

*Editor of Development, NYU Annual Survey of American Law*

*Research Assistant, Professor Arthur R. Miller*

*Teaching Assistant, Professor Arthur R. Miller*

*Teaching Assistant, President John Sexton*

B.A., HAMILTON COLLEGE, 2007

*Summa cum laude*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Law Review Articles**

*The Rise of Plain Language Laws*, 76 U. MIAMI L. REV. 447 (2022)

Chosen for 2021 Legal Writing Institute/LexisNexis Scholarship Grant

*The Uncertain Foundation of Work Product*, 67 DEPAUL L. REV. 35 (2017)

*Note, A Separation of Powers Defense of Federal Rulemaking Power*, 66 N.Y.U. ANN. SURV. AM. L. 593 (2011)

### **Books and Treatises**

*Plain Language Laws in the United States* (Wolters Kluwer, forthcoming 2022)

*Appellate Briefs* chapter and *2019 Supplement*, COLORADO APPELLATE LAW AND PRACTICE TREATISE (2018-Present)

### **Specialty Publications**

*Legal Writing Series*, COLORADO and DENVER BAR ASSOCIATIONS (2017-2019)

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS**

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### **International Legal Community**

*Guest Speaker, American Law and Lawyers*, Istanbul Bar Association (Turkey, 2021)

*Guest Speaker, The U.S. Common Law System*, Istanbul Bar Association (Turkey, 2021)

*Guest Lecturer, Using Plain Language in Contracts*, KIMEP University (Kazakhstan, 2021)

*Distinguished Guest Speaker, Class Actions in the United States*, Symbiosis Law School (India, 2021)

*Guest Lecturer, Using Plain Language in Contracts, Tashkent State University of Law (Uzbekistan, 2021)*

*Guest Lecturer, Professor Gabriel Rauterberg, Corporations, University of Michigan School of Law (2019)*

### **Conferences**

Plain Language in the Courts, National Association of Court Management Annual Conference (2022)

Plain Language Laws as Public Policy, American Association of Law Schools Annual meeting, Section on Legal Writing (2022)

The Rise of Plain Language Laws, American Association of Law Schools Annual meeting, Transactional Law & Skills Section (2022)

Inception: How Stories Plant Ideas in the Reader's Mind, Legal Writing Institute Eighth Applied Legal Storytelling Conference (2021)

The Laws, Policies, Effects, and Risks That Mandate Versatile Writing, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference (2021)

Using Language and Culture to Build Cross-Cultural Connections in the Legal Community, International Legal Education Abroad and LLM Administrators Conference (2021)

The Rise of Plain Language Laws, Biennial Empire State Legal Writing Conference (2021)

Reply Briefs Are Not Repeat Briefs, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop (2021)