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LAW SCHOOL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL OF LAW, online law school 2015-Present

Adjunct Professor of Legal Writing and Appellate Advocacy

- Teaching responsibilities include online lecturing, diagnosing analytical and writing problems, providing written feedback, and conducting individual conferences.

LAWBOOST, Olympia, WA 2005-2013

Creator, Instructor

- Wrote course text for LawBoost, an online law school preparatory course.
- Wrote website's content, including over thirty articles about the law school experience.
- Conducted online class discussions with students.
- Hired and trained five law school legal writing professors to conduct LawBoost.
- Over one thousand students from more than a dozen law schools participated in LawBoost.

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA SCHOOL OF LAW, Missoula, MT 2001-2004

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, South Royalton, VT 1999-2001

Asst. Professor of Legal Writing, Instructor of Appellate Advocacy and Legal Analysis/Writing

- Teaching responsibilities included classroom lecturing, diagnosing analytical and writing problems, providing written feedback, and conducting individual conferences.
- Diversity Committee member and Latino-American Law Students Association advisor.
- Organized a comparative law trip to Cuba for sixteen students that focused on constitutional, criminal, and environmental law. The students met with law professors, attorneys, law students, government officials, and Cuba's Supreme Judicial Tribunal.

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, Olympia, WA 2022-Present

Dispute Resolution Investigator

- Investigate complaints filed by parents of special needs students.
- Write memoranda supporting the resolution of the complaints.

WASHINGTON STATE SENATE, Olympia, WA 2012

Session Aide, Staff to Senator Adam Kline

- Communicated with the public and constituents on behalf of the Senator.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, Olympia, WA 2007-2008

Court Program Analyst and Staff to the Supreme Court Dissolution Task Force

- Served a diverse group of twenty task force members consisting of legislators, parents, and social services experts appointed under 2SSB §5470 (2007).

SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, Olympia, WA 1998-1999
Judicial Clerk for Justice Charles Z. Smith

- Assisted in writing memoranda for *en banc* hearings and motions for discretionary review.
- Researched important issues, some of which were of first-impression.
- Conducted electronic legal research using tools such as LexisNexus.

NEW YORK SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN,
New York, NY 1997-1998
Staff Attorney

- Guardian Ad Litem for children in custody and visitation cases in Family Court.
- Trained mediator.

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF NEW YORK 1996-1997
Special Assistant Corporation Counsel

- Prosecuted child neglect and abuse cases in Family Court.

NASSAU/SUFFOLK LAW SERVICES, Islandia, New York 1994-1996
Staff Attorney/Law Student Supervisor

- Represented victims of domestic violence in Family Court.
- Trained and supervised law students participating in a Family Court legal clinic.

GINSBERG, KATSORHIS, & FEDRIZZI, Flushing, NY 1993-1994
Associate

- Participated in daily court appearances, conducted hearings, and addressed discovery issues.

RECENT PAST EMPLOYMENT

NISQUALLY MIDDLE SCHOOL, Lacey, WA 2017-2022
Teacher-Life Skills Program & Math

- The program served special needs students with a wide range of academic skills.
- Created education plans for each student and implemented those plans on a daily basis.
- Taught core math and strategic math classes to general education students.

EDUCATION:

CUNY SCHOOL OF LAW, Flushing, NY
• J. D., May 1992

HERBERT H. LEHMAN COLLEGE, Bronx, NY
• B. A., January 1988

Languages: Fluent in Spanish