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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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

New York
Colorado

EDUCATION

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

Law Review Articles

Regulating Plain Language, __ WISC. L. REV. __ (2023)

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, 2023)

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

Specialty Publications

Converting Plain Language From Advice to Law, __ THE CLARITY JOURNAL __ (2023)

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

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

International Legal Community

English at Work, Center For American Studies (Poland/Ukraine, 2023)

United States Plain Language Laws, Bahcesehir University (Turkey, 2022)

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

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

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

Class Actions in the United States, Symbiosis Law School (India, 2021)

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

U.S. Conferences and Guest Lectures

A Common Law Duty to Make Contracts Understandable, International
Conference on Contracts (KCON) (2023)

A Common Law Duty to Make Contracts Understandable, Midwest Law and
Economics Association Annual Meeting (2023)

The Doctrine of Legal Writing, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference
(2022)

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)

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