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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center Associate Professor of Legal Process
Fall 2007- present

Legal Process I and II
Drafting Commercial Documents
Law and Literature

Michigan State University College of Law Director of Research, Writing & Advocacy and
Professor of Legal Writing Fall 2002- Spring 2006

Research, Writing & Advocacy I and II (every year)
Legal Writing and Research for LL.M. Students (Fall 2003 & Fall 2004)
Basic Bankruptcy (Summer 2004)
Law and Literature (Spring 2005)
Contract Drafting (Fall 2005)

Responsible for teaching one section (23-28 students) of first-year legal writing every semester; in addition, in fall 2003 & 2004 responsible for teaching a small section of legal writing and research to foreign LL.M. students in school's new LL.M. program.

Responsible for directing the first-year program, including supervising 5 full-time and 4 to 6 adjunct legal writing teachers and, in the fall, 8 to 9 graduate English students who teach a writing workshop as part of the first-year legal writing program.

Quinnipiac University School of Law Assistant Professor of Legal Skills Fall 1997- Spring 2002

Legal Skills I and II
Responsible for teaching legal analysis, research, and writing to three small sections (a total of 40-45 students), as one of six teachers in a coordinated first-year legal writing program.

Advanced Writing and Research
Designed and taught new course, Advanced Writing and Research, Fall Semester (1999-2001).

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE (cont'd)

Tulane Law School Instructor in Legal Research & Writing Fall 1995-Spring 1997

Legal Research and Writing

Responsible for designing course for and teaching 80-85 first-year students in year-long legal research & writing class.

Legal Drafting

Designed and taught one-hour upper-level course on legal drafting, Spring 1997.

George Mason University School of Law Adjunct

Legal Writing (Fall 1992)

Bankruptcy (Spring 1992 & Spring 1993)

University of Notre Dame Visiting Instructor in French 1983-84

Intermediate French and Medieval French literature

University of Chicago Lecturer in French 1981-83

Beginning French

Chicago Cluster of Theological Schools Teacher 1980-83 (part-time)

Reading French for Graduate Students

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School J.D. cum laude 1987

Articles Editor, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* 1986-87

Research Assistant to Prof. Noyes Leech 1985-86

Organizing Member, Penn Law as a Second Career Group 1984-86

Advocate, Food Stamp Clinic 1984-85

Coordinator, Morris Fellow Program (for new students) 1985

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EDUCATION (cont'd)

University of Chicago Ph.D. 1984, M.A. 1977 French language & literature

Rotary Foundation Scholar, Poitiers, France 1978-79

Volunteer, Recording for the Blind, Inc. 1981-83

Orientation Adviser, Chicago International House 1977

University of Michigan B.A. (with high distinction) 1975 French and Russian

Phi Beta Kappa

National Merit Scholar

The Michigan Daily, Business Department 1972

English conversation assistant, Aix-en-Provence, France 1974

English conversation partner for foreign student 1975

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, Washington, D.C. Summer 1987; 1988-1995

Associate in Corporate Group of general practice law firm (230 attorneys). Practice included corporate transactions, debtor and creditor bankruptcy work, real estate work (loan transactions, workouts, closings, commercial leases), commercial litigation. Researched and drafted appellate and Supreme Court briefs on home lienstripping in Chapter 13, net operating losses as asset of bankruptcy estate, assumption and assignment of lease. Pro bono work in immigration area. For firm's International Litigation Newsletter, researched and summarized forum selection cases (1990-95).

Chambers of the Hon. J.L. Edmondson, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit,
Atlanta, Georgia 1987-88 Law clerk

Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis, Philadelphia, PA May-August 1986 Summer associate

Chambers of the Hon. Stanley S. Brotman, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
May-August 1985 Summer intern

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OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago, Development Office 1980-81

Researcher/Writer: Analyzed major individual donors' personal and business assets, interests, and giving capabilities; drafted and updated reports summarizing financial information and history of donor contacts with university.

University of Chicago, Regenstein Library 1979-80 (full time); 1977-78 (part-time)

Cataloguing Assistant for Cyrillic and other foreign language and humanities materials.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

"The Oral Presentation: Integrating MacCrate Skills and Substantive Issues in a Drafting Class," presentation at 2010 Conference, Transactional Education: What's Next? Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, June 4-5, 2010.

"Beyond the Legal Writing Horizon: How Other Conferences Can Help You Develop as an Academic and a Teacher," presentation at 2010 Empire State Legal Writing Conference, Hofstra University School of Law, Long Island, New York, May 14, 2010.

"Antigones: Modern Retellings of *Antigone* as Social and Political Commentary," paper delivered at a 2010 Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, Mar. 19-20, 2010.

"Guilt, Blame, Responsibility, and Redemption in Chris Bohjalian's *Before You Know Kindness*," paper delivered at a 2009 conference of the Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association, Boston, Massachusetts, Nov. 5-7, 2009.

"The Portrayal of the American Legal System in the Novels of Jodi Picoult" paper delivered at 2009 Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, Apr. 3-4, 2009.

"The American Legal System in the Literary Universe of Jodi Picoult," presentation at Southwest / Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Feb. 25-28, 2009.

"Adding Another Arrow to Your Quiver: Teaching a Law and Literature Course," presentation at 2008 Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, The University of Utah Law School, Salt Lake City, Utah, Mar. 21-22, 2008.

"Writing for the Reader: Principles of Clear and Concise Writing," presentation for the State of Michigan State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, Apr. 19, 2006.

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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (cont'd)

Book Review: "My Freshman Year: What a Professor Learned by Becoming a Student" by Rebekah Nathan (Cornell Univ. Press 2005), in 14 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing (Spring 2006).

"The Bankruptcy of a Large Corporation – General Principles," closing plenary presentation at 2006 Employment Labor Law Conference, Michigan State University, sponsored by MSU Labor Education Program, East Lansing, Michigan, Feb. 23, 2006.

"What Am I Supposed To Do With All These Comments?" – Helping Students to Process Written Feedback," presentation at 2005 Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference, Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis, Sept. 23-24, 2005.

"Expanding Your Repertory as a Teacher: How to Devise, Propose, and Obtain Approval of New Course Offerings," presented at the 2003 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Legal Research, Analysis and Writing, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri, Sept. 12-13, 2003.

"Using Teaching Portfolios for Self-Development and Program Development," presented at the 2003 Central States Conference on the Teaching of Legal Research, Analysis and Writing, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri, Sept. 12-13, 2003.

"Training Students in the Basics," July 2003, The Second Draft, bulletin and newsletter of the Legal Writing Institute.

"Between the First Draft and the Rewrite: Two Exercises To Help Students Improve Their Work," presented at the Third Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, The University of New Mexico School of Law, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mar. 7-8, 2003.

"Doing the Two-Step': Using a Two-Step Problem to Teach Research of Federal and State Administrative Law," part of panel presentation, "Administrative Law: The Case Study Approach to Teaching State, Federal and International Sources Using Traditional and Computerized Media," 2002 Legal Writing Institute Summer Conference, University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, Tennessee.

"Writing Facts Persuasively: An Active-Learning Exercise," Dec. 2001, The Second Draft, bulletin and newsletter of the Legal Writing Institute.

"Reinforcing Written Legal Analysis Through a Writing Exercise Done in Stages," presented at the Second Biennial Central Region Conference on the Teaching of Legal Research, Analysis and Writing, DePaul College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, Dec. 8, 2001.

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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (cont'd)

“Teaching and Reinforcing the Organization of Legal Analysis,” presented at the 2001 Southeastern Regional Research and Writing Conference, Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida, Sept. 8, 2001.

“Using an Elaborated Correction Key for Basic Writing Problems,” Nov. 1999, The Second Draft, bulletin and newsletter of the Legal Writing Institute.

Panel presentation and video, “Professional Development Through Teacher Portfolios,” 1998 Legal Writing Institute Summer Conference, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

W. Perlstein, A. Ostfield, and S. Pocock, "Bankruptcy and the Supreme Court: The 1992 Term," American Bankruptcy Institute Journal, Vol. XII, No. 6 (July/Aug. 1993).

Invited Speaker, "Recent Bankruptcy Developments of Interest to Lenders," presented July 9, 1993, at 1993 Attorneys' Conference of the Savings & Community Bankers of America, Williamsburg, Virginia.

R. Scott Kilgore and Sharon A. Pocock, "Protecting Retirement Assets from the Reach of Creditors," Capital Connection, Association of Legal Administrators, Capital Chapter, Mar. 1993 Newsletter.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Un Livre d’heures de la famille Huchet de la Bédoyère,” in 62 Mémoires de la Société d’histoire et d’archéologie de Bretagne 55 (1985).

Translation from the French, “Recalling Swallowed-Up Worlds,” by Elie Wiesel in The Christian Century, May 27, 1981.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania 1987 (inactive status)
District of Columbia 1989
U.S. Supreme Court 1993

LANGUAGES

French (fluent); German, Italian, Spanish, and Russian (basic)