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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Touro University, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Central Islip, NY 2025 - Present
Associate Professor of Law

Courses Taught:

- Evidence
- Business Organizations
- Forensic Criminology and the Law
- Expert Witnesses (Selected Topics in Trial Advocacy)

Faulkner University's Jones School of Law, Montgomery, Alabama 2021 - 2025
Assistant Professor of Law

Courses Taught:

- Evidence
- Business Associations
- Education Law
- Education Law (Seminar)
- Products Liability
- Trial Advocacy for Competition

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Myhand Law & Mediation, LLC, Vestavia Hills, Alabama 2026 - Present
Managing Member / Mediator: Registered mediator with the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution, providing alternative dispute resolution services in civil, corporate, and commercial matters. Facilitating negotiations in family law disputes, business disagreements, contract disputes, and employment conflicts. Conducting pre-mediation assessments and guiding parties through interest-based negotiation strategies to achieve mutually acceptable resolutions. Developing and managing a multi-jurisdictional mediation practice across Alabama and additional states.

Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., Wilmington, Delaware 2019 - 2021
Associate, Corporate Litigation: Working on litigation matters in the Court of Chancery that stem from high-stakes and complex corporate and business disputes. Participating in the representation of corporations, special committees, directors and officers in actions for breach of fiduciary duty, stockholder disputes, books and records demands, proxy contests, statutory appraisals and stockholder derivative litigation. Analyzing and interpreting merger agreements, stock purchase agreements, and contracts. Coordinating the multi-jurisdictional representation of national and international clients.

Copeland, Franco, Screws & Gill, P.A., Montgomery, Alabama 2018

Summer Associate: Researching and analyzing the law on complex issues, including the fiduciary exception to the attorney-client privilege, tortious interference with a contractual relationship, service of process on an international entity, perfection of a materialman's lien, and the appellate review of punitive awards. Participating in hearings, client meetings, mediations, and proffer sessions. Drafting pleadings, motions, briefs, and memoranda. Analyzing and summarizing complicated legal documents for the legal advocacy of both plaintiffs and defendants.

Holtsford, Gilliland, Higgins, Hitson, & Howard, P.C., Montgomery, Alabama 2018

Summer Associate: Drafted motions, pleadings, briefs, and memoranda for the defense of insurance carriers and their insured on topics including wrongful deaths, motor vehicle accidents, professional liability, real property, construction accidents, trespasses, and premises liability actions. Observed depositions, hearings, trials, and client meetings conducted by partners, and associates. Prepared advisory letters for clients in the areas of general insurance defense, motor vehicle litigation, insurance coverage, governmental entity litigation, bankruptcy, and workers' compensation.

Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program (ADAP), Tuscaloosa, Alabama 2018

Legal Intern: Researched and drafted legal memoranda and briefs on a variety of state and federal issues. Drafted pleadings and motions in civil litigation matters. Conducted and assisted with client intake. Collaborated with the legal director and legal department staff to discuss strategies.

Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, Miami, Florida 2017

Judicial Intern for the Honorable Barbara Areces: Researched substantive and procedural issues related to trial court level claims for a civil docket. Drafted memoranda, decisions, and orders on motions for summary judgment, reconsideration, and default judgment involving issues such as negligent entrustment, foreclosure, products liability, breach of contract, personal insurance protection (PIP), and expert qualification.

PUBLICATIONS

Work in Progress

Amending Rule 404(b) to Clarify the Admissibility of Uncharged RICO Acts

- under submission Summer 2026

Journal Publications

You Get the Jury You Get and You Don't Throw a Fit, 53 FORDHAM URB. L.J. 605 (2025).

- Available on SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=5268510>.

The Jury Does Not Always Need Help From Lay Opinion Witnesses, 31 WIDENER L. REV. 161 (2025).

- Available on SSRN at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=5007429>.

Once the Jury Sees It, the Jury Can't Unsee It: The Challenge Trial Judges Face When Authenticating Video Evidence in the Age of Deepfakes, 29 WIDENER L. REV. 171 (2023).

- Available on SSRN at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4270735>.

Redefining the Reasonable Person in Police Encounters: The Impact of the Mainstream News Media's Portrayal of Modern Police Conduct, 96 UNIV. DETROIT MERCY L. REV. 267 (2018).

- Available on SSRN at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3248373>.

Will the Jury System Survive the Peña-Rodriguez Exception to Rule 606(B)?: The Court's Response to Racial Discrimination by a Juror Leaves the Future of the American Jury Trial System in Jeopardy, 23 TEX. J. CR & CL 103 (2018).

- Featured on Excited Utterance Podcast. See Edward Cheng, *July 9 Episode, Taurus Myhand, Will the Jury System Survive the Peña-Rodriguez Exception to Rule 606(B)?*, Excited Utterance: The Evidence and Proof Podcast (2018), <http://www.excitedutterancepodcast.com>.
- Available on SSRN at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3118002>.

A Dream Still Deferred: The Unlawful Use of Student Fees for Instructional Technology in an Alabama Public School Causing a Disparate Impact for Minority Children, 19 RUTGERS RACE & LAW REV. 77 (2018).

- Available on SSRN at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3117988>.

You Be the Judge: The Wholesale Implementation of Bail Schedules by the Judiciary as an Abdication of Adjudicatory Responsibility Creating a Disparate Impact for African-Americans and Hispanics Accused of a Criminal Offense, 42 J. LEGAL PROF. 261 (2018).

- Available on SSRN at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3113973>.

EDUCATION

PhD	Troy University , Troy, Alabama Criminology Doctor of Philosophy (Student)	Anticipated December 2028
JD	The University of Alabama , Tuscaloosa, Alabama School of Law Juris Doctor	May 2019

Honors: Editor-in-Chief, Journal of the Legal Profession; Bench & Bar Legal Honor Society; National Vice-Chairman, American Bar Association Law Student Division; Student Bar Association ABA Representative; Dean's Community Service Award & Student Pro Bono Award; National Trial Competition 2019, Regional Semi-Finalist; First Vice President, UA Black Law Students Association.

	Faulkner University , Montgomery, Alabama Thomas Goode Jones School of Law	Transferred
	Honors: Winner, 2017 First-Year Moot Court Competition; Winner, Best Defense Counsel, 2017 Closing Argument Competition; Best Paper Award, Civil Procedure II.	
MS	Troy University , Troy, Alabama Master of Science in Criminal Justice	May 2011
	Honors: Trojan Ambassador	
MDiv	Interdenominational Theological Center , Atlanta, Georgia Master of Divinity, Turner Theological Seminary Concentration in Missiology, Evangelism, & Ecumenics	May 2009
BS	Excelsior University , Albany, New York Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies Minor in Education	June 2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

Recipient, The Rising Star in Education Award	2026
Touro University, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center Student Bar Association	
Nominee, The Shirley K. Howell, Professor of the Year Award	2024
Jones School of Law Student Bar Association	
Nominee, Professor of the Year Award	2023
Jones School of Law Student Bar Association	
George Peach Taylor Award	2018
Outstanding performance on a national trial team.	
Order of the Samaritan Award	2018
The highest public service award bestowed by the University of Alabama School of Law. To earn this award, a student must complete at least 90 hours of volunteer work, with at least 50 of those hours spent doing pro bono/law-related service.	
Dean's Community Service Award	2018
Performance of community service while in law school.	
Student Pro Bono Award	2018
Performance of volunteer work in approved nonprofit, public interest, or government offices.	
Ingram Endowed Scholarship Award	2017
Awarded by Faulkner University, Thomas Goode Jones School of Law for excellence in academic performance.	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Alabama, Bill Battle Academic Center, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 2017 – 2018
Athletic Tutor

Provided instructional assistance to undergraduate student-athletes.

Courses Tutored

Legal Environment in Business

Community Based Corrections

Statistics

Homeland Security

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Law Enforcement

African American Studies

SELECTED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Deepfake Dilemma in Evidence Law: Can Juries Handle the Truth in the Age of AI?

Central Islip, New York

April 20, 2026

Beyond the Casebook Series, Touro University, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center

Advocacy & Harnessing Artificial Intelligence: Preparing Our Students for Practice,

Gulfport, Florida

June 12, 2024

Educating Advocacy Teachers Conference 2024, Stetson University College of Law

Amending Rule 404(b) to Clarify the Admissibility of Uncharged RICO Acts,

Nashville, Tennessee

May 16, 2024

Evidence Summer Workshop 2024, Vanderbilt Law School

UPL; Multijurisdictional Practice of Law, Montgomery, Alabama

April 18, 2024

Professional Responsibility Course, Faulkner University Jones School of Law

Conflicts of Interest in Criminal Litigation, Montgomery, Alabama

February 13, 2024

Professional Responsibility Course, Faulkner University Jones School of Law

The Jury Does Not Always Need Help, Nashville, Tennessee

May 16, 2023

Evidence Summer Workshop 2023, Vanderbilt Law School

Black History in Education Law, Montgomery, Alabama

March 10, 2022

Board of Advocates, Faulkner University Jones School of Law

Authenticating Evidence in the Age of Deepfakes, Nashville, Tennessee

May 5, 2022

Evidence Summer Workshop 2022, Vanderbilt Law School

SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

Volunteer Attorney for Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief for North Carolina State Bar,

Raleigh, North Carolina

October 2024 – January 2025

Volunteer Judge for Hoover High School Law Academy,
Hoover, Alabama

August 2022 – November 2022

AMICUS CURIAE BRIEFS

Evidence Professors Amicus Brief, Delilah Diaz v. United States (Supreme Court of the United States, 2024), 2024 WL 450422.

Civil Procedure and Evidence Professors Amicus Brief, Molly Vogt v. CO Robert Anderson, et. al. (Supreme Court of the United States), Case No. 24-883.

Civil Procedure and Evidence Professors Amicus Brief, Molly Vogt v. MEN D Correctional Care, Inc. (United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit), Case No. 23-3359.

Criminal Procedure Professors Amicus Brief, State of Washington v. Walter Scott Amsden (Washington Supreme Court, 2026), Case No. 104521-2.

ACTIVITIES

Appointments Committee	2026 - Present
Curriculum Committee	2026 - Present
Student Affairs Committee	2025 - 2026
Curriculum Committee (JSL)	2022 - 2025
Outcomes and Assessment Committee (JSL)	2021 - 2025
Advocacy Committee (JSL)	2021 - 2025

ASSOCIATIONS

National Association of Legal Advocacy Educators	2023 - Present
American Bar Association	2019 - Present

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Minnesota: Good Standing (Attorney # 0505207)

CERTIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

40-Hour Domestic Mediation Training, Tuscaloosa, Alabama (course approved by Alabama Dispute Resolution Center), February 9-13, 2026

12-Hour Domestic Violence in Mediation, Birmingham, Alabama (course approved by Alabama Dispute Resolution Center), February 23-24, 2026

8-Hour Foreclosure Prevention/Mortgage Modification Mediation Training, Montgomery, Alabama (course hosted by Alabama Dispute Resolution Center), June 22, 2026