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Education:

J.D. 1977 cum laude – Harvard Law School
Activities: International Law Society
Harvard Legal Aid Bureau

B.A. 1973 summa cum laude – University of Iowa
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa
Majors: Political Science and French
Junior Year Abroad: Sorbonne, University of Paris

Legal Employment History:

Duke University School of Law
Durham, NC

Clinical Professor of Law: January 2001 to date

Director of Legal Writing: July 1998 to date

Senior Lecturing Fellow: July 1994 - December 2000

Courses: Legal Analysis, Research & Writing; Negotiation; Contract Drafting;
Readings in Ethics.

As Director of Writing: Oversee and participate in development of course syllabus and coordinate course content to ensure general uniformity in all sections of the writing course; coordinate with law school administration on issues of class size, schedules, and budget; coordinate with Director of Research to integrate research and writing portions of course; schedule, plan, and run weekly faculty meetings; hire and train new writing faculty members; create writing assignments (both alone and with other writing faculty); coordinate and oversee activities of outside writing consultant.

Other Teaching: Introduction to American Law: Duke-Geneva Institute in Transnational Law, July 2004, and Duke-Hong Kong Institute in Transnational Law, July 2007.

Faculty Advisor to Student Organizations: Outlaw; BALSAs

Poyner & Spruill
Raleigh, NC

Partner: January 1987 - June 1994

Associate: April 1984 - December 1986

Litigation Division. Major practice area: commercial litigation, including nuclear power plant construction litigation, personal injury insurance defense, employment-related litigation and advice, defense of securities fraud actions, and trade secrets/intellectual property suits. Extensive experience in pre-trial discovery and motion practice, lay and expert witness preparation, computerized document management, and settlement negotiations.

Recruiting Committee: 1984 - 1994

White & Case
New York, NY

Associate: September 1977 - May 1983

Litigation Department. Handled a variety of civil litigation matters in federal district and circuit courts and New York state courts. Major areas of practice: commercial law, federal securities law, and international law for corporate clients and foreign governmental bodies. Significant experience in employment-related suits and tort suits. Negotiated settlements and participated in arbitration proceedings. Extensive experience in pre-trial discovery. Work with lay and expert witnesses. Preparation of appellate briefs.

Honors and Awards

Winner of the Duke Bar Association Distinguished Teaching Award, March 2004.

Papers and Seminars:

Prepared manuscript and taught portion of N.C. State Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar on Rule 11 - Greensboro, NC, September 1990.

Participated in deposition demonstration and instruction portion of N.C. State Bar Continuing Legal Education 1993 Practical Skills Course - Raleigh, NC, September 1993.

Prepared and presented program on design of a legal writing course and curriculum - "Strategic Design," Biannual Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Seattle, WA, July 1996.

Prepared and presented program on using technology and other devices to motivate students - "Motivating Students by Creating a Hospitable Learning Environment," Biannual Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Ann Arbor, MI, June 1998.

Prepared and presented day-long portion of 2½-day continuing legal education course for government attorneys - "Advanced Writing Skills for Attorneys," U.S. Dep't of Justice, Office of Legal Education, National Advocacy Center, Columbia, SC, March 2000,

repeat presentations several times per year 2000-2003.

Prepared and presented program entitled “Negotiation Skills for Use In and Out of Mediation,” N.C. State Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar “Advanced Negotiation and Advocacy in Mediation,” Cary, NC, September 2000.

Panel member, “Legal Research & Writing Program Design,” First Annual North Carolina Legal Research & Writing Consortium, Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC, May 2001.

Reporter for Roundtable Discussion, “Internal and External Review of a Legal Writing Program,” Biannual Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors “Erasing Lines: Integrating the Law School Curriculum,” Minneapolis, MN, July 2001.

Prepared and presented program entitled “Tips for Effective Negotiation,” Continuing Legal Education Seminar “Public Law for the Public’s Lawyers,” sponsored by the N.C. Attorney General’s Office, the Institute of Government, and the Legislative Research Staff of the N.C. General Assembly, Raleigh, NC, September 2001.

Panel member, “Design of Legal Research & Writing Assignments,” Second Annual North Carolina Legal Research & Writing Consortium, University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC, May 2002.

Panel member, “Icing on the Cake—Legal Writing Consulting, Workshops, and Other Out-of-Law-School Opportunities,” Tenth Biannual Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Knoxville, TN, May 2002.

Hosted Third Annual Carolinas Legal Research & Writing Colloquium and presented “Web-based Appellate Brief Materials,” Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC, May 2003.

Discussion leader for “Colloquium on Prospective and Aspiring Law Teachers: Clinical Legal Education,” Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC, October 2003.

Prepared and presented program entitled “Effective Negotiation,” North Carolina Legal Aid Annual Continuing Legal Education Program, April 2004.

Panel member, “Public Interest Work in Law School and Practice,” Southern Regional Black Law Students Association Conference, Research Triangle Park, NC, February 2006.

Panel moderator, “Women in the Law: Women Practitioners Answer Your Questions,” Annual Esq. Career Symposium, Duke Law School, February 2006.

Speaker, “Women Lawyers and Negotiation,” Women Law Students Association Luncheon Series, Duke Law School, February 2006.

Judge for Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition, sponsored by the Mercer University School of Law, 2006 and 2007.

Co-presenter at Carolinas Legal Research & Writing Colloquium: “Birthing Upper-Level Research & Writing Courses: Process, Politics, and Pressures,” Elon University Law School, Greensboro, NC, May 2009

Admitted to Practice:

New York - May 1978
United States District Court,
Southern District of New York - July 1978
United States District Court,
Eastern District of New York - July 1978
United States Circuit Court of Appeals,
Second Circuit - June 1982
North Carolina - March 1984
United States District Court,
Eastern District of North Carolina - May 1984 United States Circuit Court of
Appeals,
Fourth Circuit - June 1984
United States District Court,
Middle District of North Carolina - November 1986

Professional, Legal Education, and Bar Association Memberships and Service:

Association of Legal Writing Directors - 1998 to date
Chair of Program Committee for 2005 Biennial Conference
Legal Writing Institute - 1994 to date
Association of American Law Schools, Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and
Research - 1994 to date
American Bar Association - 1978 to date
North Carolina Bar Association - 1984 to date
Judge for Adam Milani Disability Law Student Writing Competition - 2006 and 2007
Member Duke University Academic Council 2006-date