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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of North Dakota School of Law | Grand Forks, ND
Director, Lawyering Skills and Trial Advocacy Programs (2018 – present)
Associate Professor of Law (2020 – present); Assistant Professor of Law (2016 – 2020)

- **Teaching Responsibilities:** Trial Advocacy; Advanced Trial Advocacy; Evidence; Carrigan Cup Trial Competition: Trial Basics; Lawyering Skills I; Lawyering Skills II; Professional Foundations: The Trial Lawyer; Professional Writing & Communication.

Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law | Orlando, FL
Assistant Professor of Law (2014 – 2016)

- **Teaching Responsibilities:** Legal Research & Writing I; Legal Research & Writing II; Coach, Billings, Exum & Frye National Moot Court Competition and Charleston National Moot Court Competition; Tips & Tricks for Writing Bar Essays, Dean’s Workshops; Bar Essay Grader, Bar Writing Course.

University of North Dakota School of Law | Grand Forks, ND
Faculty Fellow (2012 – 2014)

- **Teaching Responsibilities:** Lawyering Skills I & II; Trial Advocacy; Advanced Trial Advocacy; Professional Writing & Communication; Post-Trial Practice.

Concordia College | Moorhead, MN
Adjunct Professor, Mock Trial Program (2011 – 2012)

HONORS & AWARDS

UND Outstanding Advisor Award | 2020
Awarded in recognition of the advising related to the UND School of Law Trial Team.

Rodney & Betty Webb Professorship | 2019
Awarded in recognition of “outstanding teaching and dedication to the profession of law.”

UND School of Law Webb Faculty Achievement Award | 2017 – 2019
Awarded in recognition of productivity, dedication, and excellence related to teaching and professional service.

Association of Legal Writing Directors Outstanding Service Award | Summer 2019
Awarded in recognition of outstanding service related to committee work.

Association of Legal Writing Directors Travel Grant | Summer 2019
Awarded a full travel grant to attend the 2019 ALWD Biennial Conference, entitled *A Tome for Transformative Leadership: Teaching and Learning*.

UND School of Law Summer Research Grant | Summers 2017, 2018, and 2019
Awarded in support of scholarly works in progress.

UND Faculty Instructional Development Committee Teaching Grant | Summer 2017
Competitive grant funding awarded for revising Lawyering Skills I to incorporate a Multistate Performance Test component into the course.

Association of Legal Writing Directors Travel Grant | Summer 2017
Awarded a full travel grant to attend the 2017 ALWD Biennial Conference, entitled *Acknowledging Lines: Talking About What Unites and Divides Us*.

University of North Dakota Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award | Nominee | 2020; 2013

SERVICE

University of North Dakota School of Law

- Chair, Faculty Selection Committee (2020 – present);
- Member, Academic Success and Bar Passage Committee (2019 – present);
- Member, Joint School of Law and SBAND Committee (2018 – present);
- Faculty Advisor, Law Women Caucus (2018 – present);
- Faculty Advisor, Rural Practice Association (2017 – present);
- Coordinator, Expert Witnesses Project, in collaboration with UND's Psychology Department and the Forensics Science Graduate Program (2017 – present);
- Member, Faculty Selection Committee (2019 – present & 2017 – 2018);
- Chair, Student Recruitment, Diversity, and Educational Engagement (2018 – 2019);
- Faculty Advisor, Immigration Law Student Association (2018 – 2019);
- Member, Scholarships and Stewardship Committee (2018 – 2019);
- Coordinator, National Trial Competition, Region 9 (2017 – 2018);
- Co-facilitator, Revised Orientation Program (2017 – 2018);
- Member, Student Recruitment Assistance Group (2016 – 2019);
- Member, Joint Academic Success, Bar Passage, Curriculum & Assessment (2016 – 2018);
- Member, Academic & Student Affairs Committee (2016 – 2017);
- Judge, UND School of Law Moot Court Competition (2016 & 2018).

State Bar Association of North Dakota

- President, Women Lawyers Section (2020 – present);
- Board Member, *The Gavel* Editorial Board (2020 – present);
- President – Elect, Women Lawyers Section (2019 – 2020);
- Secretary Treasurer, Women Lawyers Section (2018 – 2019);

- Member, Women Lawyers Section Leadership Committee (2018 – present);
- Chair, Women Lawyers Section Programming Committee (2018);
- Program Coordinator, Judicial Service: A Guide to Judicial Application, Selection, and Appointment (2017);
- Member, SBAND Law-Related Education Committee (2012 – 2014);
- Member, SBAND Outstanding Student Note Committee (2013);
- Co-Chair, SBAND Education and Professionalism Committee (2011 – 2012).

Association of Legal Writing Directors

- Chair, Distinguished Speakers Series Committee (2019 – present);
- Chair, Blackwell Reception Committee (2017 – 2019);
- Member, ALWD Biennial Conference Site Committee (2017 – 2019);
- Member, Blackwell Reception Committee (2016 – 2017).

National Online Trial Competition, Judge (Spring 2020).

EDUCATION

University of North Dakota School of Law

Juris Doctor (J.D.), *with distinction* | May 2010 | Class Rank: 1 | Order of the Coif

- **North Dakota Law Review:** Student Articles & Managing Associate Editor; North Dakota State Bar Association Award for Outstanding Student Case Comment.
- **Honors:** Order of the Coif; Order of Barristers; Highest Grade Award in Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II, Property I, Lawyering Skills I, Lawyering Skills II, Employment Discrimination, State and Local Taxation, Energy Law, Ideas of the First Amendment; Mary & Glen Geiger Scholarship for Scholastic Ability & Personal Character; Champion & Best Oralist Award, 2008 Moot Court Competition; North Dakota State Bar Association Scholarship for Top First-Year Law Student; Constitutional Law Award; Property Law Award; Public Law Course Award; Memorial Union Outstanding Student Leader Award.
- **Activities:** UND School of Law Trial Team, Member; Graduation Speaker Committee, Co-Chair; International Human Rights Organization, Public Relations Officer; Law Women Caucus, Member; The Randy H. Lee American Inn of Court, Pupil.
- **Norway Exchange Program, University of Oslo School of Law** | Summer 2008
Completed courses in the Norwegian Legal System, Human Rights in Europe, and European Union Business Law.

Concordia College, Moorhead, MN

Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and English Literature | *cum laude* | May 2002

- **Honors:** Concordia College Alpha Honor Society.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, Fargo, ND

Chambers of the Honorable Kermit E. Bye | Judicial Clerk | 2011 – 2012

- Researched complex legal issues, wrote bench memoranda, and made recommendations for disposition. Prepared opinion drafts, reviewed petitions for rehearing and petitions for rehearing *en banc*, and disposed of administrative and screening panel matters.
- Summer Extern & Academic Year Intern | Summer 2008 & Spring 2009

North Dakota Supreme Court, Bismarck, ND

Chambers of the Honorable Mary Muehlen Maring | Judicial Clerk | 2010 – 2011

- Performed legal research, drafted bench memoranda, and made recommendations for disposition. Prepared opinion drafts in complex civil and criminal cases.

The Vogel Law Firm, Fargo, ND

Summer Associate | Summer 2009

- Performed legal research on a variety of cases, including medical malpractice, criminal defense, oil and gas, and debtor-creditor relations. Wrote office memoranda to supervising attorneys briefing the issues. Drafted summons and complaints, summary judgment motions and briefs in support, post-trial motions, and appellate briefs. Attended client meetings, court hearings, and trials.

Legal Services of North Dakota, Fargo, ND

Immigration Law Extern | Spring 2009

- Researched and wrote memoranda on various legal issues in the field of immigration; prepared applications for permanent residency and naturalization; drafted petitions for change of name and birth date; attended client meetings.

University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND

Teaching Assistant | Lawyering Skills Program | 2008 – 2010

- Assisted in teaching legal research and writing; developed classroom and take-home writing exercises; graded citation and research assignments; advised students on writing legal memoranda and appellate briefs; prepared students for moot court competition and served as a judge during the preliminary rounds of the First-Year Moot Court Festival.

Co-Chair | Academic Success Program | 2008 – 2010

- Presented to first-year law students on a variety of topics, including class and exam preparation, exam taking, and applying for summer clerkships; worked with students to improve academic performance; counseled students on academic probation.

PUBLICATIONS

Legal Research Ethics in the Age of Artificial Intelligence (with Tammy Oltz) (in progress; author's portion substantially completed).

Legal Research Just in Time: A New Approach to Integrating Legal Research into the Legal Writing Curriculum, 88 TENN. L. REV. ____ (forthcoming) (with Tammy Oltz).

Cultivating Grit in Law Students: Grit, Deliberate Practice, and the First-Year Law School Curriculum, 47 CAP. U. L. REV. 341 (2019).

Grit, Growth Mindset, and Women in the Profession, THE GAVEL (Fall 2018) (with Julia Ernst).

UND School of Law and SBAND Host Regional Trial Competition, THE GAVEL (Spring 2018) (with Julia Ernst).

Women Lawyers Section Program on Judicial Service, THE GAVEL (Winter 2018) (with Julia Ernst).

UND Law Trial Team Competes in National Competition, THE GAVEL (Spring 2017).

Teaching and Assessing Professional Communication Skills in Law School, 91.1 N.D. LAW REV. 99 (2016).

Interpreting and Implementing International Treaty Obligations, Medellín v. Texas, 85 N.D. LAW REV. 2 (2009) (winner of the North Dakota State Bar Association's Award for Outstanding Student Case Comment).

U.S. Citizen Naturalization Test Changes October 1, 2008, THE LEGAL SERVICES SENTINEL, vol. 3, issue 3 (Fall 2008).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & OTHER SPEAKING ACTIVITIES

I Dissent: An Event Honoring the Legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Moderator, virtual (December 11, 2020).

The Practice of Law Panel: The Endgame and Life after Law School, Moderator, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND (August 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017).

Integrating Mini Bar Units into the Legal Writing Curriculum: The First Year and Beyond, Presenter, Charleston School of Law, Charleston, SC (December 2019) (with Kirsten Dauphinais).

RBG Documentary Night and Panel Discussion, Moderator, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND (November 2019).

Straight from the Horse's Mouth: Starting a Conversation with the Bench and Bar about What Legal Writing Means for the Practice of Law, Presenter, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, New Orleans, LA (November 2018) (with Jennifer Cook).

The Law School Experience, Presenter, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND (November 2018).

Legal Research Just in Time: A New Approach to Integrating Legal Research into the Legal Writing Curriculum, Presenter, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of California Irvine Law School, Irvine, CA (September 2018) (with Tammy Oltz).

Balancing the Scales with filmmaker Sharon Rowen, Moderator, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND (February 2018).

The Law School Experience and the Practice of Law, Presenter (invited), Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (November 2017).

Judicial Service: A Guide to Judicial Application, Selection, and Appointment, Moderator, Building Relationships and a Judicial Resume Panel, Bismarck, ND (November 2017).

Teaching Professional Communication Skills in Law School, Presenter, Drake University School of Law, Des Moines, IA (December 2016).

The Role of Self-Critiquing in Formative Assessment, Presenter, Faculty Teaching Series, Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, Orlando, FL (December 2015).

Tips & Tricks for Writing Bar Essays, Presenter, Dean's Workshops Series, Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, Orlando, FL (June 2015).

The First-Year Experience, Panelist, Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, Orlando, FL (February 2015).

Faculty Scholarship Workshops Series, Moderator, Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, Orlando, FL (January 2015).

Law and Leadership, by invitation, presented to the General Meeting of Law Women Caucus, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND (November 2013).

The Art of Writing Judicial Opinions, presented to the Advanced Appellate Advocacy class at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND (November 2013).

Grammar, Citation, and Briefs, Oh My!, presented to the external moot court teams at the University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND (November 2012).

Fundamentals of Law Webinar: Estate Planning, Moderator, State Bar Association of North Dakota (May 2012).

North Dakota Supreme Court Law Clerk Panel, Panelist, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND (March 2012).

Fundamentals of Law Webinar: Starting Your Own Practice, Moderator, State Bar Association of North Dakota (February 2012).

Fundamentals of Law Webinar: Oil & Gas, Moderator, State Bar Association of North Dakota (September 2011).

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member, American Bar Association (2010 – present);
Member, Legal Writing Institute (2014 – present);
Member, Bruch VanSickle American Inn of Court (2010 – 2011).

SELECTED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Academy for Children Montessori School, Fargo, ND
Chair, Academy for Children Carnival (Spring 2017 & Spring 2018);
Editor, Academy for Children Newsletter (2016 – present).

YWCA, Fargo, ND
YWCA Women of the Year Committee (2011 – 2014).