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### Experience

#### Professor of Legal Research and Writing

Fall 1998-Present

Chicago-Kent College Of Law, 565 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL 60661

Responsibilities include teaching Legal Writing I and II, the required legal writing classes for first-year law students and doctrinal courses, including Criminal Procedure, Lawyer as Investigator, and Evidence; researching issues involving investigations and legal skills, and serving the law school and the profession.

### Teaching

- **Received high student evaluations**

For example in the Fall of 2010 received the following:

**Legal Writing I** --80% of the students gave the instructor an A, 13% gave an A-, and 7% a B+  
**Criminal Procedure I** –Students gave the instructor a 1.03 with the best being 1.00

- **Designed three new courses**

**Legal Writing III** focused on transactional drafting, client advising, negotiating, and business entity formation. I helped redesign the entire legal writing curriculum in one of the nation's foremost legal writing programs.

**Lawyer as Investigator** focused on teaching the skills necessary for lawyers to conduct effective and ethical investigations including interviewing, evidence preservation and processing, case planning, interpreting forensic sciences, and conducting discovery for criminal and civil investigations.

**Illinois Criminal Litigation** focused on teaching students the tools of litigating a criminal matter in Illinois, including drafting discovery requests, a suppression motion, a supporting memorandum, a pretrial evidentiary motion and supporting memorandum, and a sentencing memorandum. Students also argued in support of the suppression motion.

- **Coached moot court teams**

These inter-scholastic teams have done exceedingly well in national competitions, with a team making the finals of the Chicago Bar Association, a team reaching the semi-finals of the John Marshall competition, a team winning the best brief award in the Buffalo criminal law competition, a team taking second in regionals in the National Moot Court competition and advancing to the national finals, and a team winning the Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Law Competition in 2004. Awarded the Nudelman Award for outstanding faculty support to the moot court honorary society in 2011.

## International Experience

- **Judicial College for the State of Toluca, Mexico**  
Have given two, three-day presentations, with co-presenters, to approximately 30 judges about how they can conduct oral trials as required by the recent reforms to the Mexican Constitution. Funding was supplied by a US AID grant.
- **China University of Political Science and Law**  
Taught 26 Chinese students legal writing and analysis skills in an intensive two week course.
- **Law faculty of Tec de Monterrey, Mexico City**  
Pursuant to a grant from US AID, I helped train law faculty, judges and prosecutors in the trial skills they need as Mexico changes from a written criminal trial system to an oral trial system. This included teaching Mexican law professors how to train students to conduct oral trials, training judges in how to conduct such trials, and training Mexican prosecutors over a three-year period.
- **Albanian and Serbian attorneys**  
Selected by the United States Departments of State and Justice to present trial training seminars in Kosovo to Albanian and Serbian attorneys to enhance their advocacy under a newly promulgated code of criminal procedure.
- **Jordanian law professors**  
Under an ABA/CLE grant, helped conduct a three-day workshop in the Kingdom of Jordan for Jordanian law professors on how to use interactive teaching techniques for Jordanian law students. Invited back to the Kingdom of Jordan to conduct, with a co-presenter, a program for Jordanian law professors on how to do skills training for law students.
- **Students from Shanghai**  
Taught a group of Chinese students from East China University of Political Science and Law for four weeks about American legal systems and writing and advocating in English.

## Recent and Upcoming Presentations

- **CLE Presentation to the Chicago-Kent Council of Alumni, June 2014**  
Will present, with others, on the ethical pitfalls of lawyers using social media.
- **Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference, April 2013**  
Lead a discussion imploring a group of seasoned teachers to incorporate more technology into the teaching of legal writing.
- **Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 2013**  
Presented on how to train law students to write for an audience that reads material primarily on-screen.
- **Third Biennial Conference on Transactional Education, November 2012**  
Explored the ethical obligations of attorneys when they create, transmit, and store documents.

- **Legal Writing Institute Biannual Conference, May 2012**  
Discussed how the technology lawyers use to create documents presents some ethical quandaries and how instructor as can make their students aware of these through alternative teaching techniques.
- **Western Legal Writing Conference, August 2012**  
Presented on the disconnect between how students are encouraged to create documents in law school and how lawyers in practice create those documents.
- **Delegation of Mexican Law Professors, November 2011**  
Compared the criminal procedure models used in Mexico and the United States while highlighting the benefits and challenges posed by the recent Mexican constitutional reforms.
- **Symposium on the Law of the Smartphone, November 2011**  
Presented about the potential challenges under the Fourth Amendment to the Government's acquiring cellphone location data without a search warrant.
- **Central States Legal Writing Conference, September 2011**  
Discussed, with a co-presenter, how technology used by lawyers while writing poses ethical quandaries.
- **Delegation of Mexican Law Professors, June 2011**  
Gave several presentations to a delegation of Mexican law professors concerning the recent Constitutional reforms to the Mexican Constitution.
- **Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 2011**  
Advocated that law students should be taught how to interview in order to be effective fact-gatherers.
- **Legal Writing Institute Biannual Conference, June 2010**  
One of three presenters debating whether the traditional office memo is still an effective teaching device for first year law students.
- **Institute of Law Teaching and Learning Conference, June 2010**  
Demonstrated with a co-presenter how law professors can model skills in the classroom to not only enhance student learning but to encourage students to see themselves as lawyers.
- **Emory Conference on Teaching Transactional Skills, June 2010**  
Moderated a panel and presented about how to teach transactional skills to students other than drafting focusing on teaching interviewing and presenting skills.
- **Colonial Frontier Legal Writing Conference, Duquesne Law School, December 2009**  
Presented about how to evaluate student presentations.
- **Central Region Legal Writing Conference, Marquette Law School, October 2009**  
Demonstrated how to teach students to give effective presentations.
- **Southeastern Legal Writing Conference, Stetson Law School, September 2009**  
Showed why the traditional office memorandum is becoming obsolete.
- **Tec de Monterrey, Summer 2009**  
Planned and conducted a week-long trial training for Mexican law professors and judges.

- **Conference on the Child as a Witness, Widener Law School, April 2009**  
Participated on a panel on the prevailing protocols for child witnesses. Criticized the protocols.
- **Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Arizona State University, March 2009**  
Discussed why the traditional legal memorandum is becoming obsolete in light of modern technology and client demands.
- **Conference on Teaching Transactional Legal Skills, Emory Law School, May, 2008**  
Moderated a panel about teaching students drafting skills related to due diligence.
- **Southeastern Legal Writing Conference, Nova Law School, September 2007**  
Presented material on effectively teaching students to edit.
- **Back to the Future of Legal Research, Chicago-Kent College of Law, May 2006**  
Planned, with others, symposium exploring the future of legal research in the electronic age.  
Moderated a panel about effectively teaching research skills.
- **Legal Research in your Pajamas, Chicago-Kent College of Law, October 2006**  
Planned and conducted a continuing legal education seminar on how to research legal problems electronically attended by almost 100 lawyers and judges.
- **Critiquing Student Work, Chicago-Kent College of Law, January, 2006**  
Designed and delivered workshops to the legal writing faculty on critiquing and evaluating students' work, teaching electronic research techniques, and conducting peer editing exercises.
- **Teaching Interactive Teaching Skills, Chicago-Kent College of Law, February, 2006**  
Gave workshop to the entire faculty about how to use interactive teaching techniques in the classroom.
- **Future of Legal Research, Chicago-Kent College of Law. May 2005**  
Helped plan symposium about the future of legal research in the electronic age, helped conduct survey of several hundred practicing lawyers about their research habits, presented the results of the survey and moderated panels about teaching research skills.

### **Debates**

- Debated, with a colleague, Professors Stras and McGinnis about appropriate theories of Constitutional interpretation resulting from the "wise Latina" remark made by Justice Sotomayor.
- Debated Professor Paul Cassell before a law school audience about the advisability of a so-called victim's rights amendment to the Federal Constitution.
- Debated United States Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald about the U.S. Patriot Act.
- Debated the advisability of the reporter's privilege before the Chicago Press Club.

## Publications

- **Lawyer As Investigator (in process )**  
Writing a book that will instruct law students and lawyers about how to conduct an effective and ethical investigation by imparting such skills as how to interview effectively, how to develop a case plan, and how to process evidence.
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution Manual (2007)**  
Authored manual distributed to every judge in Illinois about how to use alternative dispute resolution tools to help resolve complex litigation matters in Illinois.
- **Peer Reviewer**  
Reviewed various manuscripts for publishers including texts about teaching international students American legal skills and teaching American students legal skills through electronic platforms.
- **Editor**  
Edited numerous student law review articles and helped prepare them for publication. For example, the two students who worked with me this year had their notes accepted for publication in the schools law review.

## Media

- **Expert commentary**  
  
Have appeared on every major media outlet in Chicago discussing various criminal cases, including Fox Television to discuss the Michael Jackson trial and commenting regularly on public radio about the investigations and trials of former Governors Rod Blagojevich and George Ryan and the Family Secrets mob trial. Appeared on Diane Sawyer's *World News* on national ABC.

## Pro Bono Service

- Appointed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit to represent a defendant convicted of robbing a bank and sentenced to 73 years.
- Appointed by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois to represent a prisoner who complained that he was unconstitutionally deprived of health care.

## Sole Practitioner

1992-1998

Law Offices of Douglas Wm. Godfrey, Chicago, IL

Private practice of litigation, including criminal defense, civil litigation, and appellate practice.

- Tried numerous actions to verdict or judgment before juries or judges in the Criminal Division of the Circuit Courts of Cook and DuPage Counties, and the Juvenile, Chancery, Domestic Relations and Municipal Divisions of Cook County.
- Authored prevailing briefs in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Wisconsin Court of Appeals, and the Illinois Appellate Court for the Second District. Authored or edited briefs filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, The Wisconsin Supreme Court, and the Illinois Appellate Court for the First District.

- Chairman of the Amicus Curiae Committee of the Illinois Attorneys for Criminal Justice for the three years. Authored amicus brief on behalf of criminal defense attorney who was found in contempt and sentenced to a jail term while advocating for his client.
- Vindicated three clients in federal forfeiture actions resulting in the return of approximately \$1 million of wrongfully seized property.
- Represented eight accused attorneys before the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission without a single client being censured, sanctioned, or suspended.
- Represented clients before administrative hearing officers for the Illinois Civil Service Commission, Secretary of State, and Department of Children and Family Services.
- Advocated for a falsely accused Chicago Police Officer before the Chicago Police Department Internal Affairs Bureau, resulting in the officer being exonerated.
- Appeared for both criminal and civil clients in U.S. District Court.
- Represented individual accused of fraud in U.S. Bankruptcy Court
- Part-time writing instructor at John Marshall Law School, winter 1993; taught legal skills class requiring class preparation, grading assignments, leading class discussions, and assigning final grades.

**Litigation Associate**

**1990-1992**

Katten, Muchin & Zavis, Chicago, IL

Broad litigation experience, including product liability, ERISA, Title VII, ADEA, breach of contract, breach of restrictive covenant, insurance coverage and discovery disputes.

- Managed and coordinated more than twenty breast implant product liability cases across the country.
- Prepared pleadings and supporting memoranda in varied types of litigation in federal and state court.
- Supervised junior associates in all aspects of civil litigation, including discovery responses.
- Negotiated numerous disputes to satisfactory results.

**Assistant District Attorney**

**1986-1990**

Kings County District Attorney's Office, Brooklyn, NY

Served as Trial Assistant in the Homicide Bureau and the Sex Crimes/Special Victims Bureau. Evaluated cases to determine appropriate charges and plea offers. Conducted numerous evidentiary hearings, misdemeanor jury trials, bench trials, night court arrangements, and calendar calls.

- Tried fourteen felony cases to verdict before juries in a period of nineteen months.
- Investigated and indicted over 250 defendants for various felonies, including homicide, rape, sales of narcotics and armed robbery.
- Key member of the Domestic Violence Task Force that prosecuted battering adults while counseling and providing services to victims of abuse.

## **Education**

**University of Michigan Law School**, Ann Arbor, MI  
**Juris Doctorate**, 1986

- Awarded highest grade in Criminal Law

**University of Illinois**, Champaign-Urbana, IL

**M.A., Literature**, 1986

**B.A., Honors, History and Philosophy**, 1981

Phi Beta Kappa

Dean's List, 1977-1981

Co-Winner of the highest GPA in the History Department, 1981

G.E. College Bowl Finals, 1978

Edmund James Scholar