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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Juris Doctor, May 2006

- Managing Editor, Articles Selection Committee Member, Membership Coordinator, *Michigan Journal of Race and Law*
- First-Year Orientation Programs, Women Law Students Association

YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, Connecticut

Bachelor of Arts in History, May 2002

- Wilmann-Lidz Award for Excellence, 2002; Outstanding History Thesis Nominee, 2002; Monroe Jubitz Fellowship, 1999-2002
- Peer Health Educators; Footbridge Friends; Yale Political Union; WYBC – AM

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW, Eugene, Oregon

Legal Research and Writing Clinical Professor, May 2010 – Present

- Courses: Legal Research and Writing I and II, Intensive Writing, Legal Drafting, Advanced Legal Research; Real Estate Transactions; Advanced Legal Writing; Writing Colloquium; Writing in Law Practice; PLUS Pre-Law Legal Writing; 1L Pre-Orientation (2018-25)
- Law School Service: Diversity Committee (2010-11, 2014-15); Library Committee (2010-11, 2013-14); Sustainability Committee (2011-12); Search Committee for Associate Director of Alternative and Public Interest Careers (2012); Lectures and Awards Committee (2012-2013); Student Scholarship Workgroup, Chair (2012-2013); Search Committee for Associate Dean for Finance and Operations (2013); Bar Exam Bootcamp Co-Coordinator and Lecturer (2013, 2014, 2017-19); University Program Review Committee (2013-14); Academic Support Series Lecturer (2014, 2015); Career and Professional Success Committee (2011-12, 2014-15, 2016-17); Search Committee for Law Librarian (2015); Appointments Committee (2015-16, 2017-18, 2022-23); Curriculum Committee (2011, 2013, 2015-17, 2019-20 (Chair), 2023-24, 2024-25 (Chair), 2025-26); *Oregon Law Review* faculty advisor (2015-17); Academic Success Committee (2018-19); *Journal of Environmental Law & Litigation* faculty advisor (2019-22); Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee (2020-23); Instructor of Record for Oregon Law journals (2024-27)
- University Service: Faculty Grievance Committee (2014-16); Diversity Committee (2014-16); Financial Aid Appeals Board (2015-17); Student Conduct Committee (2018-20); Scholastic Review Committee (2018-20); Decanal Review Committee (2022-23)
- Grants and Awards: Galen Scholar (2013-14); Ersted Award for Specialized Pedagogy, 2016; Galen Writing Specialist (2017-18); ALWD Outstanding Service Award (2019, 2021); Morris Galen Scholar (2018-20); ALWD Teaching Grant

recipient (2019); Orlando John Hollis Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award (2021);
Generative AI Stipend recipient (2024)

SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP, Los Angeles, California and Chicago, Illinois

Associate, Real Estate, September 2006 – June 2009

Summer Associate, Summer 2005

- Represented lenders and borrowers in real estate finance transactions, including complex, multi-site sale-leaseback transactions.
- Represented buyers and sellers in asset purchase and stock purchase transactions.
- Negotiated and drafted commercial leases on behalf of landlords and tenants.
- Drafted and negotiated purchase agreements, loan documents, estoppels, subordination agreements and other ancillary transaction documents.
- Represented REITs and real estate development companies in the acquisition and disposition of commercial properties.
- Represented borrowers and lenders in troubled asset transactions and loan modifications.
- Drafted and analyzed real estate documentation for mergers, acquisitions and public offerings.
- Conducted due diligence for commercial loans, acquisitions and dispositions, including the review of title and survey, leases and organizational documents.

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

Reading is Dead: Can Law Schools Make Lawyers from Non-Readers?, 101 Neb. L. Rev. 293 (2025).

Failure Begets Failure, 48 Stetson L. Rev. 33 (2018).

Feedback Distortion: The Shortcomings of Model Answers as Formative Feedback, 65 J. Legal Educ. 938 (2016).

Shorter Articles (since 2020)

Sometimes It's Sometime, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (August/September 2021)

A Smattering of Ideas: A Check-In on my Lifelong Learning Pursuit, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (July 2021)

Find Your Academic Atmosphere: Lifelong Learning for the Joiners and the Loners, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (June 2021)

Writing That Sings: Imagine the Lessons We Could Learn from Pop Songs, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2021)

Opposites Attract: Context is Key When Tossing Out Contronyms, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2021)

Beat the Slump: Finding Motivation to Write While Working from Home, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (February/March 2021)

On the Subject of Subjects: A Concrete Way to Avoid Abstract Writing, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (January 2021)

Tips from a Master Storyteller: Good Writing Comes from Hard Work, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (July 2020)

Better, Smarter, More Efficient: Some New-School Solutions for Old-School Work, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2020)

Contract Drafting: Back to Basics, Oregon Business Lawyer (March 2020)

Writing in a Digital World: Tips for Easing the Transition from Paper Documents, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (December 2019)

It's Just a Matter of Time: Tips for Improving Your Proofreading Prowess, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (November 2019)

Making Sense of Lists: Twists and Turns of a Legal Document Require Better Formatting, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (July 2019)

The Worst Words, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2019).

Irregularity and Other Challenges: Addressing Tricky Verbs, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (January 2019).

Your Professional Bio is Legal Writing, Too, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (November 2018).

Weakening Words, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (September 2018).

Toes, Cakes, and Eggcorns: Phrases Change but Meanings Stay the Same, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2018).

Make Fewer Mistakes, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (February/March 2018).

Accepting Criticism with Grace, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (December 2017).

Avoiding Plagiarism, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (July 2017).

The Progressives: Past and Present, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (June 2017).

Modifier Fighters: Finding and Fixing Misplaced, Squinting and Dangling Modifiers, Oregon State Bulletin (May 2017).

Nominalizations, or How to Ruin Perfectly Good Nouns and Adjectives, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2017).

Writing for the New Year: An Exercise Regimen, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (February/March 2017).

E-Communication Etiquette: Notes on Electronic Professionalism, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2016).

Latin in Legal Writing, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2016).

Confessions of Legal Writing Professors, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (February/March 2016).

Kind Regards and Other Affronts, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (September 2015).

Diagramming Sentences, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (June/July 2015).

Tricky Little Words, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2015).

Mental Shrinkage: The Many Costs of Multitasking, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (March 2015).

Thinking About Writing, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (July 2014).

Write As You Speak, Unless..., Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2014).

My New Year's Resolution, AALS Section Newsletter, Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research 13 (Spring 2014).

Cross Section Peer Review in First-Year Legal Research and Writing, 22 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 25 (Fall 2013).

Mentoring Legal Writers, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (July 2013).

Procrastination and Writer's Block: Breaking the Habits of the Inefficient, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (June 2013).

Spring Cleaning for Writing, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2013).

Readers' Pet Peeves: A Brief Collection of Annoyances and Goat Getters, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (January 2013).

Primer on Pronouns: Common Mistakes, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2012).

Words of Authority in Legal Drafting: The Problem with Shall, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (February/March 2012).

Reliable Resources for the Wired Writer, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (December 2011).

PRESENTATIONS

American Association of Law Librarians Biennial Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, *Refocusing in the Attention Economy* (invited speaker), July 2026

Nebraska Appellate Court Judicial Department, *Reading is Dead* (invited speaker), April 2026.

University of Oregon School of Law, Faculty Colloquium, *Generative AI Roundtable: Efforts to Solve the Riddle* (panelist), September 2025

Washington State Office of the Attorney General, 2023 Legal Writing CLE, *Mentoring Legal Writers: Diagnosing Writing Issues and Providing Effective Feedback* (invited speaker), December 2023.

UC Irvine Law School, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, *Upcoming Volume of Legal Writing: Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (poster presentation), July 2023.

Georgetown Law School, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, *Want to Hear How to Receive a Scholarship Grant?* (panelist), Washington DC, July 2022

Georgetown Law School, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, *Scholarly Writing: LWI and ALWD Publications* (panelist), Washington DC, July 2022

University of Michigan Law School, ALWD Biennial Conference, *From Aspiration to Action: Teaching in a Pre-Law Outreach Program*, June 2021.

Annual Washington Judicial Conference, *Mentoring Legal Writers*, September 2020 (cancelled due to COVID).

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Washington DC, *Crafting a Scholarly Essay (Part I)* and *Scholarly Essay Workshop (Part II)*, July 2020 (cancelled due to COVID)

University of Oregon School of Law, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, *The Process of Writing a Law Review Article*, March 2020 (cancelled due to COVID)

Oregon State Bar Business Law Conference, Portland, *Quick Tips for Clear and Effective Contract Drafting* (invited speaker), November 2019

Santa Clara University School of Law, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, *Remediating Student Failure*, September 2019

University of Oregon School of Law, LWI One-Day Workshop, *Partners in Hein: Cultivating Legal Scholars*, December 2018.

SEALS Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, *Connecting Teaching and Learning: Maximizing Formative Assessment* (panelist), August 2018

University of Oregon School of Law, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, *Using Legal Writing and Rhetorical Science to Advance Environmental Science Advocacy* (with Lance Long, Rebekah Hanley, and Joan Rocklin), March 2018.

AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, *Arc of Career Panel: Opportunities and Challenges for Faculty of Color in Skills-Focused Law Teaching and Law Administration* (moderator), January 2018.

University of Oregon School of Law, Portland, Oregon, *Pathways to Law School Teaching and Higher Ed Administration*, May 2017.

Seattle University School of Law, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, *Missed Connections: How Students Perceive Model Answers*, September 2017.

Annual Washington Judicial Conference, *Leading by Example: Using Fundamental Writing Skills to Enhance Complex Judicial Decisions*, September 2016.

State of Oregon Law Library, Mary Lawrence Society, *Sentence Guidelines: Tips for Building Good Sentences and Taking Them Apart*, August 2016.

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, *The 1L Skills Prism: Providing Context to Enhance Comprehension, Confidence, and Performance in LRW and Beyond* (with Rebekah Hanley), August 2015.

University of Oregon School of Law, Legal Writing & Leadership Conference, *Leading in Clinical Teaching* (moderator), April 2015.

University of Nevada-Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, *Cross-Section Peer Review* (with Megan McAlpin), March 2013.

University of Oregon School of Law, LWI One-Day Workshop, *Classroom Innovations: Flipping, Slicing, and Dicing* (moderator), December 2013.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board, *Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (Editorial Board Member, 2018-20; Assistant Editor-in-Chief, 2020-22; Editor-in-Chief, 2022-24; Managing Editor 2024-26)

Legal Writing Institute: Website Committee (2011); Bar Outreach Committee (2011-13); New Members Committee (2014); 2016 Biennial Conference Program Committee (2014-16); Scholarship Grants Committee (2016-20); New Member Outreach Committee (2022-24); New Faculty Mentor (2024-26)

ALWD: Survey Committee (2014-16, 2018-20); Scholarship Grants Committee (2014-15; Co-Chair: 2021-22); Publications Committee (2014-16, 2022-24; Chair: 2016-18); 2019 Biennial Conference Program Committee (presentations subcommittee chair); 2021 Biennial Conference Program Committee (presentations subcommittee chair); 2023 Biennial Conference Program Committee; Distinguished Speakers Committee (2023-25); Awards Committee (Chair: 2025-26)

AALS Section on Legal Writing: Media Committee (2011-12); Diversity Committee, Co-Chair (2016-19)

Co-Chair, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Oregon School of Law, August 2013 and 2022

Chair, Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Oregon School of Law, April 2015

Yale Law Journal: Article Referee, February 2026

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to practice in Illinois, California, and Oregon