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Education

1991 University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Juris Doctor

Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Coif

University of Pittsburgh Law Review Symposium Editor

1984 University of Pittsburgh

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Work Experience

March 2008- Professor of Legal Writing

Present University of Pittsburgh School of Law

June 2002- Director of Legal Writing Program
Present University of Pittsburgh School of Law

July 1993- Instructor promoted to Associate Professor of Legal Writing

2008 University of Pittsburgh School of Law Fall 2001 Course planner and guest faculty at the

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Summers 1998, Legal Methods Professor

2002, 2005, 2007, CLEO Institute

2009 University of Pittsburgh School of Law

July 1998- English for Lawyers, now U.S. Law and Language,

2014 University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Designed and taught this intensive law school preparation course with Professor Ann Sinsheimer. Students in the course are attorneys from other countries preparing to enter

LL.M. programs in the U.S.

May 1995- Guest Faculty

July 1995 University of Pittsburgh Medical School

March 1992- Judicial Clerkship

July 1993 The Honorable Justin M. Johnson

Superior Court of Pennsylvania

Summer 1991 Summer Associate

Cindrich and Titus

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Spring 1991 Internship

Legal Aid Society of Pittsburgh

Child Advocacy Division

Summer 1990 Judicial Clerkship

The Honorable Donna Jo McDaniel

Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas

Presentations, Awards and Appointments

Presentation on the English for Lawyers course to the Regional TESOL conference at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, October 31, 1998.

A Tale of Two Cities, presentation on the English for Lawyers course at the Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, University of Seattle Law School, July 21, 2000.

Presentation and Workshop on *Writing in Plain English* at the Pennsylvania State Trial Judges Association Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 23, 2001.

English for Lawyers- at the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, May, 2001, under State Department sponsorship.

Clear, Precise, and Persuasive Writing in a Medical Legal Context, presentation at the annual conference of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, October 27, 2001.

Appointed to a five-year term as a *Fulbright Senior Specialist*, November 2001.

Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award to present English for Lawyers at the Faculty of Law, University of Iceland, March 4-8, 2002.

English for Lawyers at the University of Donetsk, Ukraine, May 13-16, 2002, under State Department sponsorship.

Around the World in 800 Megahertz, presentation at the Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Knoxville, Tennessee, May 29, 2002.

Developing Legal Writing Programs for Foreign LL.M. Students, invited speaker at the AALS conference, Washington, D.C., January 5, 2003.

English for Lawyers, at the Institute for International Relations in Kiev, Ukraine, May 2003, under State Department sponsorship.

English for Lawyers, at Meiji Gakuin University in Tokyo, Japan, August 2003.

Fulbright Senior Specialist Award to teach English for Lawyers, at the University of Ghent, Belgium, October 2003, and October 2004.

Writing Trial and Appellate Briefs that Persuade, invited speaker at the Allegheny County Bar Association CLE presentation in Pittsburgh, PA, March 10, 2004.

English for Lawyers, at the University of Lodz, Poland, June 2004.

English for Lawyers, at the University of Pristina, Kosovo, May 2005, under State Department sponsorship.

Legal Writing, a presentation to the lawyers of the Office of Security and Cooperation in Europe, Pristina, Kosovo, May 2005.

Legal Writing, a presentation to the lawyers of the Justice Department of the United Nations Mission in Kosovo, May 2005.

Invited speaker, ABA Legal Skills Conference, Prague Czech Republic, May 2005.

Fulbright Senior Specialist Award to teach English for Lawyers at the University of Ghent, Belgium, October 2005 and October 2006.

English for Lawyers, at U.S. Steel in Kosice, Slovakia, December 2006.

Participant in a panel presentation, *Expanding Classroom Borders by Incorporating Interdisciplinary Rhetorical Strategies and Practical Legal Skills into the ESL Legal Writing Classroom*, at the Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 2006.

Language and the Law at the Ministry of Trade, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia under USAID auspices, April 2007.

English for Lawyers at the University of Ghent, Belgium, September 2007.

English for Lawyers, University of Bahrain, February 2008, under Department of Commerce sponsorship.

Member of the Planning Committee for the ABA Global Legal Skills Conference held in Monterrey, Mexico, March 2008.

Invited speaker for the ABA Global Legal Skills Conference in Monterrey, Mexico, March 2008.

Appointed to a one year term on the Fulbright Senior Specialists Peer Review Committee for Law, January 2008.

Invited Speaker for the Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 2008.

English for Lawyers, Sultan Qaboos University College of Law, Oman, February 2009, under Department of Commerce sponsorship.

Appointed to a second one year term on the Fulbright Senior Specialists Peer Review Committee for Law, May 2009.

Invited Speaker, Global Legal Skills Conference at Georgetown University, June 2009.

Invited Speaker, Central Regional Legal Writing Conference, Marquette University, October 2009.

Conference Planner, First Colonial Frontier Legal Writing Conference, Duquesne University, December 2009.

English for Lawyers, United Arab Emirates University College of Law, February 2010.

Appointed to a third and fourth term on the Fulbright Senior Specialist Peer Review Committee for Law May 2010, May 2011.

Invited speaker, AALS Annual Conference, January 2012.

Invited speaker, Global Legal Skills 2012 Conference, March 2012.

Invited speaker, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, May 2012.

Appointed for a five year term on the Fulbright Specialist Roster. April 2013.

Appointed to a fifth term as a Fulbright Specialist Peer Reviewer, April 2013.

Invited speaker on *Mindful Lawyering*, American Association of Law Librarians, July 2016.

Appointed as Secretary for University of Pittsburgh School of Law Chapter of Order of the Coif, August 2016

English for Lawyers, Xi'an, China, October 2016.

Invited speaker, *Mindful Lawyering*, AALS Mindfulness Conference at the Southeastern Law Schools Annual Conference, Boca Raton, FL, August 2017

Elected to a three year term on the AALS Executive Board for the Balance in Legal Education Section, January 2018

Invited speaker, *Reflection in Legal Writing Instruction*, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Milwaukee, WI, July 2018

Invited speaker, Improvisation and Mindfulness, AALS Mindfulness Conference at the Southeastern Law Schools Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, August 2018

Publications

Using a Negotiation Simulation to Improve Analysis, THE SECOND DRAFT, November 1997 (with Ann Sinsheimer).

LEGAL ENGLISH: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LEGAL LANGUAGE AND CULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES (2000)-a textbook published by Oceana Publications, a division of Oxford University Press (with Ann Sinsheimer). Second edition published in 2003. Third edition published by Oxford University Press, January 2013 and titled United States Legal Language and Culture.

English for Lawyers: A Preparatory Course for International Lawyers, 7 THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE 137 (2001) and 7 BERKELEY WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL 137 (2001). (with Ann Sinsheimer).

Using Negotiation to Improve Thinking and Writing in the First Year in TEACHING THE LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM 271(Steven Friedland and Gerald Hess eds., 2004).

A Glimmer of Insight, THE SECOND DRAFT (August 2005).

Using Culture in the Classroom: Enhancing Learning for International Law Students, 15 Mich. St. J. Int'l L. 557 (2007).

Welcoming the Student on the Autistic Spectrum into the Legal Writing Classroom, The Second DRAFT (February 2008).

LEGAL WRITING: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH (2013) (second edition 2018). Chapter on Mindfulness published on SSRN in 2016.

Meditation for Law Students: Mindfulness Practice as Experiential Learning, 41 L. & Psych. Rev. 159 (2017).

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Association of Law Schools

Member of Legal Research and Writing, International Legal Education, and Balance in Legal Education Sections

Executive Board Member Balance in Legal Education Section-2018

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Member of the Plain Language and Women in the Profession Committees

Allegheny County Bar Association

Member of the Women in the Law Committee

American Bar Association

University of Pittsburgh Center for Medical Ethics

Legal Writing Institute

Association of Legal Writing Directors