ALWD Visiting Scholars Committee: Interested Scholar Form

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General background (describe your professional life in a paragraph):

I am a Professor of Law at Mercer University School of Law. After graduating summa cum laude from Tulane Law School, I practiced law in New York City in the area of Trusts & Estates. I returned to Tulane Law School as a Forester Fellow where I taught Legal Research & Writing before joining the faculty of Mercer University School of Law in 2006. During my time at Mercer, I have taught the following courses: Legal Writing 1 (predictive writing); Legal Writing 2 (persuasive writing); Legal Letters; Advanced Writing Group, Trusts & Estates Drafting; Introduction to Client Counseling; Introduction to Law Study; Wills, Trusts, & Estates; and Real Estate Transactions. I have twice received the Reynold Kosek Award for Teaching. I have been the author or co-author on a moot court workbook, 17 law review articles, and 12 essays. I have presented at over 48 national and regional conferences including presentations at the Annual Meetings of the Association of American Law Schools, the Annual Meetings of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools, the Biennial Conferences of the Legal Writing Institute, and the Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors. I have also presented several CLE Seminars.

Areas of scholarly interest consistent with the purpose of the grant program (“The Legal Communication & Rhetoric Visiting Scholars Grants are intended to further support, strengthen, and encourage scholarship focusing on the study and practice of professional legal writing.”):

My scholarship draws from composition and rhetoric to examine and question standard conventions of legal writing and legal drafting in particular. One of my recent articles was published in LR&C: JALWD. The article, co-authored with Professor Susan Chesler, posited that the transactional lawyer should be seen as a storyteller. I am a current member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the Legal Writing Institute, and I have served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the Legal Writing Institute.

A representative list of your scholarship; please include any available links to online versions of your publications:

Copies of my law review articles are available on my SSRN page: http://ssrn.com/author=1237699. A list of representative law review articles appears
below, but all my publications are listed on my curriculum vitae. Citing references to my articles are also listed on my curriculum vitae.


I am also the co-author of the regular column “Writing Matters” in the Georgia Bar Journal. My colleague, Professor David Hricik, and I proposed the regular column and have been co-authoring the regular column since 2007. Every member of the Georgia Bar receives a copy of the Georgia Bar Journal. The column is the second most widely read section of the Georgia Bar Journal. All copies of the Georgia Bar Journal are available [https://www.gabar.org/newsandpublications/georgiabarjournal/archive.cfm](https://www.gabar.org/newsandpublications/georgiabarjournal/archive.cfm).

Ideas for programming that you might offer a host school, including potential topics and target audiences:

I am happy to develop programming that would most benefit the host school. Below is some examples of potential programming and target audiences. The programming could be presented in the traditional presentation format, lunch-and-learn format, coffee talk format, or writers’ workshop.

**For Faculty:**
- Incorporating Writing in Every Law School Course
- Closing Activities: The Neglected Assessment Tool
- Dead Men (and Women) Do Tell Tales: Storytelling, Intent, and Wills
- Carving a Scholarship Niche

**Practitioners:**
- The Characteristics of Good Legal Writing
- Strategies to Provide Effective Feedback on Writing
- Drafting With (and Without) Forms
- How to Write with Power

**Law Students:**
- Drafting Basics and Beyond
- Workshop on Revision
- The Art and Science of Demand Letters
- Constructing Effective Moot Court Briefs with Storytelling Techniques
In no more than 300 words, describe why a host school should consider you as a Visiting Scholar:

I am an experienced writer, teacher, and presenter. The discipline of legal writing is a varied field with scholars bringing varied perspectives and experiences. I bring to the discipline the perspective of a transactional lawyer. My work draws from composition and rhetoric to question standard conventions about legal writing, with a particular emphasis on legal drafting. Peter Elbow has been a major influence in both my scholarship and my teaching. But I also draw from the work done on narrative.

My teaching philosophy of student engagement is replicated in my presentation style. Each presentation is designed to deliver relevant information in an engaging, accessible manner.

As listed above, I would be interested in customizing the programming for the host school. I would welcome the opportunity to work with faculty, students, and practitioners to inspire critical consideration of legal writing and foster new approaches to the study and practice of professional legal writing.
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TEACHING AREAS

Legal Writing (predictive and persuasive writing); Trusts & Estates Drafting; Will, Trusts, & Estates; Real Estate Transactions; Family Law; Legal Letters

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mercer University School of Law, Macon, Georgia
2014 – present  Professor of Law
2009 – 2014  Associate Professor of Law (tenured as of July 2011)
2006 – 2009  Assistant Professor of Law

- Identifying learning objectives and developing relevant assessment mechanisms to foster active learning and retention of course material.
- Coordinator of one week Introduction to Law Program required for all first year students (2014-present) and served as Coordinator for one week Introduction to Counseling Program required for all second year law students (2012).
- Served as Chair or Member of the following university committees: House of Delegates (2017-2018 immediate past chair, 2016-2017 chair, 2015-2016 chair-elect); University-Wide Communications Task Force (2008-2010 co-chair of National Best Practices Sub-Committee);
Themis Bar Review
2015, 2016, 2017  Bar Preparation Lecturer

• Prepared lecture handout and recorded bar preparation lectures for Georgia Wills & Estates.
• Prepared lecture handout and recorded bar preparation lectures for Georgia Trusts.

William S. Boyd School of Law – University of Nevada, Law Vegas
Summer 2015  Visiting Professor of Law
2013 – 2014  Visiting Associate Professor of Law

• Identified learning objectives and developing relevant assessment mechanisms to foster active learning and retention of course material.
• Taught Family Law during the 2015 summer semester.
• Taught Lawyering Process I; Lawyering Process II; and Wills, Trusts, and Estates in the full-time J.D. program and part-time evening J.D. program during the 2013-2014 academic year and 2014 summer semester.

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana
2004 – 2006  Forrester Fellow, Legal Research and Writing Instructor

• Identified learning objectives and developed relevant assessment mechanisms to foster active learning and retention of course material.
• Participated in meetings with the Legal Research & Writing Committee to develop programmatic improvements.

Schulte, Roth & Zabel LLP, New York City, New York
2002 – 2004  Associate, Trusts and Estates Department

• Drafted over 100 wills, 40 trusts, numerous letter agreements to charitable entities, court petitions, office memos, and client letters.
• Communicated with clients in an advisory fashion regarding the terms of their documents.
EDUCATION

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana
Juris Doctor, summa cum laude, May 2002
GPA: 3.813  Rank: 3 of 291
Selected Honors and Activities:
Member of Order of the Coif
Tulane Law Review, Managing Editor

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts, summa cum laude, May 1999
GPA: 4.0

PUBLICATIONS

Book

e-Books


Law Review Articles

The Transactional Reader and Narrative Transportation (with Professor Susan M. Chesler) (work-in-progress)


Happily Ever After: Fostering the Role of Transactional Lawyer as Storyteller, ___

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- *Articles of Interest*, 43 *EST. PLAN.* 33 (June 2016).
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- Avi Z. Kestenbaum & Amy F. Altman, *Have We Got It All Wrong?: Rethinking the Fabric of Estate Planning*, 155 No. 2 TR. & EST. 29 (Feb. 2016).

The Will as Personal Narrative, 20 ELDER L. J. 355 (2013) (received the 2012 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Call for Papers Award).

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• Allen v. Longsworth, 47 Misc. 2d 1216 (A) (N.Y. Sup. Ct. Suffolk Cnty. 2015)


• *Keeping Current-Probate*, ABA Prob. & Prop. 18 (July/Aug. 2012).

New Ways to Teach Drafting and Drafting Ethics, 12 TRANSACTIONS: THE TENN. J. OF BUS. LAW 187 (2011) (remarks from the 2010 Teaching and Drafting Skills Conference).

Beyond the Personal Representative: The Potential of Succession without Administration, 50 S. TEX. L. REV. 449 (2009).

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• 10-88 THOMPSON ON REAL PROPERTY, Thomas Editions Supp. to § 88.13 The Personal Representative, Probate and Administration (2011).
• 8-44 TEXAS TRANSACTION GUIDE-LEGAL FORMS §44.11 Law Reviews and Periodicals.
• JESSE DUKEMINIER & ROBERT H. SITKOFF, WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATES (9th ed. 2013).
• Jaume Tarabal Bosch, Will-Substitutes in the U.S. and in Spain, 103 IOWA L. REV. 2293 (2018).
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• John H. Martin, Reconfiguring Estate Settlement, 94 MINN. L. REV. 42 (2009).

Teaching Multiple Skills in Drafting and Simulation Courses, 10 TRANSACTIONS: THE TENN. J. OF BUS. LAW 222 (2009) (remarks from the 2008 Teaching and Drafting Skills Conference).


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- 37 AM. JUR. PROOF OF FACTS 3d 149, Insurer’s Liability For Improper Issuance or Maintenance of Life Insurance Policy, Prompting Murder or Attempted Murder of Insured (2011).
- THOMAS P. GALLANIS, FAMILY PROPERTY LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS ON WILLS, TRUSTS, AND FUTURE INTERESTS 347 (Foundation Press 2011).
- JESSE DUKEMINIER, JAMES LINDGREN, & ROBERT H. SITKOFF, WILLS, TRUSTS, AND ESTATES 150 (8th ed. 2009).
- 37 AM. JUR. PROOF OF FACTS 3d § 149 Insurer’s Liability for Improper Issuance or Maintenance of Life Insurance Policy, Prompting Murder of Attempted Murder of Insured (2011).
- Carla Spivack, Kills Shouldn’t Inherit from their Victims—Or Should They?, 48 GA. L. REV. 145 (2013).
- Andrew R. Fischer, Elder Abuse: A Private Problem that Requires Private Solutions, 8 J. HEALTH & BIOMEDICAL L. 81 (2012).
- Carla Spivack, Let’s Get Serious: Spouse Abuse Should Bar Inheritance, 90 OR. L.
Mark Adam Silver, *Vesting Title in a Murderer: Where is the Equity in the Georgia Supreme Court’s Interpretation of the Slayer Statute in Levenson?*, 45 GA. L. REV. 877 (2011).

*Keeping Current – Property*, 22 No. 4 ABA PROB. & PROP. 17 (July/Aug. 2008).


Citing References:

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- **Annotations, Louisiana Civil Code Article 724.**
- **Lawrence M. Friedman, Dead Hands: A Social History of Wills, Trusts, and Inheritance Law** (2009).

**Essays**


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*Book Review: Point Made: How To Write Like a Nation’s Top Advocate by Ross Guberman*, 16 No. 7 GA B.J. 86 (June 2011).


*How Summer Family Road Trips Made Me a Better Teacher*, AALS New Law Professor Section Newsletter (Dec. 2009).

*Reprints*, AALS New Law Professor Section Newsletter (Winter 2008).

*On Writing: Using the Elements of Fiction to Tell the Client’s Story*, 4 No. 3 THE COMPLETE LAWYER (May/June 2008).

*Professor, Do You Have Time For A Really, Really Quick Question?*, AALS New Law Professor Section Newsletter (Nov. 2007).


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Citing References:
- Beverly Petersen Jennison, Saving the LWR Professor: Using Rubrics in the Teaching of Legal Writing to Assist in Grading Writing Assignments by Section and Provide More Effective Assessment in Less Time, 80 UMKC L. REV. 353 (2011).

Armed With More Than A Red Pen: A Novice Grader’s Journey to Success with Rubrics, 14 No. 2 PERSP. 28 (Fall 2005).

Citing References:
- Beverly Peterson Jennison, Saving the LWR Professor: Using Rubrics in the Teaching of Legal Writing to Assist in Grading Writing Assignments by Section and Provide More Effective Assessment in Less Time, 80 UMKC L. REV. 353 (2011).
- Louis J. Sirico Jr., Beyond Offering Examples of Good Writing: Let the Students Grade the Models, 14 NO. 3 PERSP. 160 (Spring 2006).

Writing Matters: Regular Column in Georgia Bar Journal Since 2008 Co-Authored with Professor David Hricik
Using Automation to Enhance Your Email Communications, 24 No. 3 GA B.J. 74 (Dec. 2018).
Creativity Can Help You Write What Your Client Needs, 23 No. 7 GA B.J. 75 (June 2018).
What e-Filing May Mean to Your Writing, 23 No. 6 GA B.J. 79 (April 2018).
Reflecting on Writing, 23 No. 5 GA B.J. 61 (Feb. 2018).
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Two Key Stages of Writing: Revising and Editing, 22 No. 6 GA. B.J. 94 (April 2017).
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Seven Characteristics of Good Legal Writing, 22 No. 1 GA. B.J. 76 (Oct. 2016).
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Can You Take a Look at This?: Tips to Provide Meaningful Feedback, 21 No. 1 GA. B.J. 74 (Aug. 2015).
Beyond the Comma: Semicolons and Colon, 20 No. 7 GA. B.J. 58 (June 2015).
Judges Use Humor, But Should You? 20 No. 5 GA. B.J. 52 (Feb. 2015).
He, She, They: Strategies to Incorporate Gender-Inclusive Writing, 20 No. 2 GA. B.J. 54 (Oct. 2014).
“Breaking Up Is Hard to Do”—Withdrawal Letters, 19 No. 2 GA. B.J. 64 (June 2014).
Sometimes You Need to Blame Zombies, 18 No. 7 GA. B.J. 64 (June 2013).
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To Fee for Services Rendered, 17 No. 5 GA. B.J. 54 (Feb. 2012).
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FWIW: Why Writing Well Matters, Even in Email, 16 No. 6 GA. B.J. 62 (Apr. 2011).
Citation Manual Updates, 16 No. 4 GA. B.J. 62 (Dec. 2010).
A Picture Can be Worth 1,000 Words and a Chart, Even More, 16 No. 1 GA. B.J. 90 (Aug. 2010).
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Don’t Misquote Me, 15 No. 5 GA. B.J. 60 (Feb. 2010).
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Effective Transitions, 15 No. 2 GA. B.J. 64 (Oct. 2009).
Summer Beach Reading, 15 No. 1 GA. B.J. 74 (Aug. 2009).
Pondering Passive Voice, 14 No. 7 GA. B.J. 70 (June 2009).
Prewriting and the Two Pile Technique, 14 No. 6 GA. B.J. 68 (Apr. 2009).
Improve Your Prose through Poetic Devices, 14 No. 5 GA. B.J. 58 (Feb. 2009).
That Other Citation Manual, 14 No. 4 GA. B.J. 70 (Dec. 2008).
The Road to Heaven Is Paved with Good Adverbs, 14 No. 2 GA. B.J. 64 (Oct. 2008).
Good, Bad, and Ugly Legalese, 14 No. 1 GA. B.J. 86 (Aug. 2008).
Avoiding Doe Snot While on the Trail of Statues, 13 No. 7 GA. B.J. 80 (June 2008).
Common Comma Conundrums Part I, 13 No. 5 GA. B.J. 64 (Feb. 2008).
Writing Myth Busters, 13 No. 4 GA. B.J. 84 (Dec. 2007).
Refresher on Signals, 13 No. 2 GA. B.J. 56 (Oct. 2007).
Reducing Citation Clutter, 12 No. 7 GA. B.J. 60 (June 2007).
PRESENTATIONS

Speaker: Brain Breaks for the Legal Writing Classroom, Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, Boston, Massachusetts, to be held May 29-31, 2019.

Speaker: Transactional Storytelling, 19th Annual Rocky Mountain Conference, Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada, to be held March 15-15, 2019 (with Professors Susan M. Chesler and Lori Johnson)


Speaker: Effective Motion and Brief Writing, Workers’ Compensation Law Institute, Jekyll Island, Georgia, Oct. 5, 2018.

Discussion Group Participant and Moderator: Beyond Stiffs and Gifts: Course Coverage in a Modern Trusts & Estates Classroom, SEALS Discussion Group, For Lauderdale, Florida August 10, 2018.

Speaker: Where Are They Now?: Articles that Shaped the Legal Writing Discipline, Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Marquette Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 14, 2018.

Speaker: Brain Breaks for the Legal Writing Classroom, Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference, Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta Georgia, April 21, 2018.

Speaker: Happily Ever After: Fostering the Role of the Transactional Lawyer as Storyteller, Biennial Conference for Teaching Drafting and Transactional Skills, Emory Center for Transactional Drafting, Emory Law School, Atlanta, Georgia, June 1, 2018 (with Professor Susan Chesler).

Speaker: Fun and Fast Formative Assessment in Big Classes, AALS Teaching Methods Conference Call, September 15, 2017.


Speaker: Breaking Bad Legal Writing Habits and Addictions, 2016 National Association of Bar Executive Communication Section Meeting, Savannah, Georgia, October 20, 2016 (with Professor David Hricik).
Speaker: Tales from a Form Book: Stock Stories and Estate Planning Forms, Wills, Trusts & Estates Meets Gender, Race & Class Part II, Oklahoma City University School of Law, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 10, 2016.

Discussion Group Participant and Moderator: Teaching Trusts and Estates in the Age of Assessment, SEALS Discussion Group, Amelia Island, Florida, August 6, 2016.


Speaker: From Form Book to Story Book: Tales of Transactional Drafting, Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, Washington, July 22, 2015 (with Professor Lori Johnson).


Participant: Not Your Mother’s Will: Gender, Language, and Wills, West Coast Rhetoric Scholarship Workshop, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, November 15, 2013.

Speaker: Gender, Language, and Wills, Symposium: Wills, Trusts and Estates Meets Gender, Race and Class, Oklahoma City University School of Law, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 28, 2013.
Speaker: *Concurrent Pedagogy Session*, AALS Workshop for Beginning Legal Writing Teachers, Washington, DC, June 20, 2013.


Speaker: *In-Class Legal Drafting Exercises*, One-Day Legal Writing Institute Workshop, Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School, Atlanta, Georgia, December 2, 2011.

Speaker: *The Will as Personal Narrative*, Centerville Chapter of the National Associate of Insurance and Financial Advisors, Centerville, Georgia, November 10, 2011.


Speaker: *Bottom Drawer: Exploration of Scholarship Topics*, Biennial Meeting of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, June 25, 2011 (with Professor Kirsten Davis and Professor Cassandra Hill).


Speaker: *Are You Looking At Me?: Strategies for Effective Communication*, Magistrates of Gwinnet County, Atlanta, Georgia, April 20, 2011.

Speaker: *A Rose Is a Rose: An Examination of Genre*, Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference, Mercer Law School, Macon, Georgia, April 16, 2011.

Speaker: *Language in Last Wills and Testaments*, Elon University School of Law, Greensboro, North Carolina, March 14, 2011 (Faculty Exchange Program).

School of the Future,” Honolulu, Hawaii, December 11, 2010 (with Professor Oren R. Griffin and Professor Timothy W. Floyd).


**Speaker:** *Beyond the Boilerplate: Contract and Will Drafting,* Fourteenth Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Marco Island, Florida, June 30, 2010 (with Professor Susan M. Chesler and Professor Susan Payne).

**Speaker:** *Not Your Mother’s Rhetoric: Teaching Rhetorically Across the Curriculum,* 2010 Summer Conference of the Institute of Law Teaching and Learning, Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kansas, June 18, 2010 (with Professor Linda Berger and Professor Suzianne Painter-Thorne).

**Speaker:** *New Ways to Teach Drafting and Drafting Ethics,* Biennial Teaching Drafting and Transactional Skills, Emory Center for Transactional Drafting, Emory Law School, Atlanta, Georgia, June 5, 2010 (with Professor Susan Chesler).

**Speaker:** *Game On!: Active Learning with Classic Childhood Games,* Tenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Arizona Rogers College of Law, Tucson, Arizona, March 19, 2010 (with Professor Suzianne Painter-Thorne).

**Speaker:** *In the Name of God, Amen: Evolution of Language in Last Wills and Testaments,* Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida, January 28, 2010 (Faculty Exchange Program).

**Speaker:** *Group Writing,* 2009 Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida, September 12, 2009.

**Speaker:** *Speaking for the Dead: Voice in Last Wills and Testaments,* New Scholars’ Panel, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, Florida, August 7, 2009.

**Speaker:** *Rhetorical Stepping Stones,* Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, University of Kansas City-Missouri School of Law, Kansas City, Missouri, July 18, 2009 (with Professor Linda Berger and Professor Suzianne Painter-Thorne).

**Speaker:** *Integrating Writing into Casebook Courses without Significantly Increasing Grading,* 2009 Summer Conference of the Institute of Law Teaching and Learning, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington, June 23, 2009.
**Speaker:** *Easy Extras: Strategies for Maximizing Unexpected, Unplanned Minutes of Class Time*, Ninth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law – Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, March 14, 2009.

**Speaker:** *Beyond Chalk and Talk: Active Learning Activities for the Classroom*, Thirteenth Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 15, 2008.

**Speaker:** *Teaching Multiple Skills in Drafting and Simulation Courses*, Inaugural Teaching Drafting and Transactional Skills: The Basics and Beyond, Emory Law Center for Transactional Law and Practice, Atlanta, Georgia, May 31, 2008.

**Speaker:** *Four Active Learning Strategies to Address the Statement of Facts*, Georgia Legal Writing Consortium, Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, December 5, 2007.

**Speaker:** *M & Ms, Highlighting, and Freewriting, Oh My!: Active Learning Techniques to Teach the Statement of Facts*, Southeast Legal Writing Conference, Nova Southeastern Law School, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, September 8, 2007.

**Speaker:** *Just the Facts, Ma’m: Using the Presentation of Facts to Enhance Students’ Analysis*, Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Denver, Colorado, June 15, 2007.

**Speaker:** *Revision in the Classroom: An Alternative to Peer Review*, Rocky Mountain Conference, The William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 10, 2007.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE**

**LEGAL WRITING: JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE**

- Co Editor-in-Chief of Volume 23 of *LEGAL WRITING: THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE*.
- Editor-in-Chief of Volume 22 of *LEGAL WRITING: THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE*.
- Assistant Editor-in-Chief of Volume 21 of *LEGAL WRITING: THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE*.
- Member of the Editorial Board of *LEGAL WRITING: THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE* (2012 - present).
• Assistant Editor in Volume 14, Volume 15, Volume 16, and Volume 17 of LEGAL WRITING: THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE.

COMMITTEE SERVICE
• Co-Chair of the 2020 Legal Writing Institute Conference Program Committee.
• Co-Chair of the Legal Writing Institute Teaching Resources and Development Committee (2014-2016).
• Co-Chair of the Legal Writing Institute Scholarship Development and Outreach Committee (2012-2014, 2010-2012).
• Co-Chair of the Legal Writing Institute Professional Development Committee (2008-2010).

ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL WRITING DIRECTORS
• Co-Chair of the Scholarship Committee (2010-2011).
• 2010 Coordinator of the J. ALWD Visiting Scholars in Rhetoric & Writing Grant.
• Provided external reviews for JALWD in Fall 2008 and Fall 2009.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS
• Member of the 2014 Committee on Committees for the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Legal Research, and Legal Reasoning.
• Member of the 2010 Awards and Recognition Committee for the AALS Section on Teaching Methods.
• Member of the 2010 Awards and Recognition Committee for the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Legal Research, and Legal Reasoning.
• Executive Committee Member of AALS Section on New Law Professors (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010).
• Chair of the 2009 Poster Committee for the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research.
• Member of the 2008 Poster Committee for the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS
• Member of Trusts & Estates Resource Group (2016-2017).

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
• Regional Technical Appellate Brief Grader for the 2010 National Appellate Advocacy Competition hosted by the ABA Law Student Division.
• Regional and National Technical Appellate Brief Grader for 2009 National Appellate Advocacy Competition hosted by the ABA Law Student Division.
AWARDS

- William S. Boyd School of Law—University of Nevada, Las Vegas Adjunct/Visiting Faculty of the Year Award 2013-2014.
- 2012 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Call for Papers Award.
- Selected by graduating Mercer Law School students to hood the following classes: Class of 2018, Class of 2013, Class of 2011, and Class of 2010.
- Georgia Association for Women Lawyers 2009 Mercer Professor of the Year.
- George Dewey Nelson Memorial Award in recognition of highest cumulative GPA of common law students within the Tulane Law School Class of 2002.