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## OBJECTIVE

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My objective as a legal writing and oral advocacy instructor is to encourage creativity and higher-order thinking while preparing students to be efficient, ethical, and persuasive legal practitioners.

## EDUCATION

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### University of Michigan Law School

Ann Arbor, MI

J.D., *Cum Laude*, December 1996

- Finalist, Best Brief, Campbell Moot Court Competition (1997)
- Recipient, S. Anthony Benton Memorial Award (1996)
- Associate Editor, *Michigan Journal of International Law* (1995-1996)
- Coach, Jessup International Moot Court Team (1995-1996)
- Research Assistant – John H. Jackson (Summer 1995)
- Regional Competitor, Jessup International Moot Court Competition (1994-1995)
- Recipient, Fead Case Club awards for Best Brief and Best Oral Argument (1994)

### University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

B.A., *Cum Laude* (Major in Political Science), May 1993

- Intercollegiate Debate Team (1990-1993), ranked in the top 10 U.S. debaters (1993)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Michigan State University College of Law

East Lansing, MI

Clinical Associate Professor

2015-present

Clinical Assistant Professor

2012-2015

Adjunct Professor

2009-2012

- Appellate Advocacy (Research, Writing & Advocacy II) (11 semesters)

2010-2020

- Moot Court Competition Class (11 semesters)

2009-2019

- Administrative Law: Food Safety and Labeling (online) (8 semesters)

2012-2018

- Advocacy for Foreign-Educated Lawyers (5 semesters)

2011-2015

- Communications Skills for Lawyers (4 semesters)

2012-2014

- Moot Court Competition Seminar (1 semester)

2013

- Research, Writing & Advocacy I (1 semester)

2013

- Moot Court Board (faculty advisor)

2012-2015

- Board of Advocates (faculty advisor)

2015-present

### University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Detroit, MI

- Adjunct Professor, Administrative Law

Fall 2011

### University of Louisville

Louisville, KY

- Assistant Professor of Communications / Assistant Debate Coach

1993 - 1994

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Workshop: Writing the Winning Brief (Symbiosis Law School, Noida, India) 2013
- Workshop: Communication Skills for Lawyers (Symbiosis Law School, Noida, India) 2013

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- National Finalist, Frito-Lay Dreamvention Competition 2019
- Distinguished Skills-Based Faculty Award Winner (Student Bar Association) 2015
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- AALS Teacher of the Year Award 2014

## **MOOT COURT COACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- LLM International Arbitration Team Coach (quarterfinalist) 2012
- Emory Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Team Coach (octafinalist) 2012
- National Health Law Moot Court Team Coach 2012
- Ruby Vale Corporate Law Moot Court Team Coach (quarterfinalist, best brief) 2013
- Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Team Coach (semifinalist) 2013
- National Moot Court Competition Coach (Regionals) (national qualifiers, best brief) 2013
- National Moot Court Competition Coach (national finals) 2014
- Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship Team Coach (quarterfinalist) 2014
- ABA Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Team Coach (semifinalist) 2014
- Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Team Coach (semifinalist) 2014
- National Moot Court Competition Coach (regional finalist) 2014
- ABA Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Team Coach (national champion) 2015
- Vanderbilt First Amendment Moot Court Team Coach 2015
- Gibbons Criminal Procedure Moot Court Team Coach (quarterfinalist) 2015
- Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Team Coach (champions, best brief) 2015
- Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Team Coach (two teams) (champions) 2015
- Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship Team Coach (quarterfinalist) 2016
- ABA Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Team Coach (finalists, one national qualifier) 2016
- Billings Constitutional Law Moot Court Team Coach (quarterfinalist) 2016
- Hispanic Bar Association Moot Court Team Coach 2016
- Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Team Coach (two teams) (semifinalist) 2016
- Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Team Coach (champion) 2016
- Emory Civil Rights & Liberties Moot Court Team Coach 2016
- Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship Team Coach 2017
- Ruby Vale Corporate Law Team Coach (finalist, top oralist) 2017
- ABA Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Team Coach (finalist, best brief (2 teams)) 2017
- Evan Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Team Coach 2017
- Prince Evidence Moot Court Team Coach (octafinalist) 2017
- Hispanic Bar Association Moot Court Team Coach 2017
- Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Team Coach 2017
- Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Team Coach (finalist, best brief) 2017
- Emory Civil Rights & Liberties Moot Court Team Coach 2017
- FBA Appellate Moot Court Team Coach 2018
- Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship Team Coach 2018
- ABA Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Team Coach (2 teams) (regional finalist) 2018
- Schreck Gaming Law Moot Court Team Coach 2018
- Zehmer Workers Compensation Team Coach (quarterfinalist) 2018
- Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Team Coach (finalist) 2018
- Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Team Coach 2018
- ABA First Amendment & Media Law Diversity Competition Team Coach (finalist) 2018
- Latino/Latina Society National Moot Court Team Coach (2 teams) 2018
- Billings Constitutional Law Moot Court Team Coach (semifinalist) 2018
- Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship Team Coach 2019
- McGee National Civil Rights Competition (2 teams) (champion, second place brief) 2019
- ABA Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Team Coach (2 teams) (regional finalist) 2019
- Sutherland Cup First Amendment Competition Moot Court Team Coach (quarterfinalist) 2019

- Gibbons Criminal Procedure Moot Court Team Advisor (semifinalist) 2019
- Zehmer Workers Compensation Team Coach (2 teams) (semifinalist, best brief) 2019
- Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Team Coach (semifinalist) 2019
- Billings Constitutional Law Moot Court Team Coach (semifinalist, best brief) 2019
- Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Team Coach (2 teams) 2019
- Appellate Lawyers Association Moot Court Team Coach (finalist) 2019
- Immigration Law Moot Court Team Advisor (champion, best brief) 2020
- ABA Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Team Coach (regional champion, national best brief) 2020
- Evan Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Team Advisor (quarterfinals, 3rd place brief) 2020

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Sterling Commercial Credit-Michigan, LLC**  
Corporate Counsel

**Brighton, MI**  
2009 - 2011

**Dickinson Wright, PLLC**  
Senior Attorney, Commercial Litigation

**Ann Arbor, MI**  
1998 - 2009

**State of Michigan Court of Appeals**  
Law Clerk, Hon. Peter D. O'Connell

**Lansing, MI**  
1997 – 1998

**Dykema Gossett, PLLC**  
Summer Law Clerk

**Lansing, MI**  
1996

## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

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- Licensed Member (Inactive), State Bar of Indiana
- Licensed Member, State Bar of Michigan
- Admitted to practice in all United States District Courts in Michigan and Indiana