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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA 2023 - Present

Associate Teaching Professor

Legal Skills in Social Context

- Teach Legal Skills in Social Context, the first-year lawyering skills course that combines legal research and writing instruction with a year-long social justice project.

Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA 2021 - 2023

Visiting Lecturer, Lawyering Program

- Taught Lawyering Skills, the first-year legal research and writing course.
- Taught a week-long lawyering lab covering negotiation, client counseling, and contract drafting skills.

New England Law | Boston, Boston, MA

2010 - 2018

Adjunct Instructor, Legal Research & Writing I

- Taught Legal Research and Writing, the first-year legal research and writing course.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Legal Advisor

Boston Public Schools, Boston, MA

2019 - 2021

- Served as chief counsel to the Boston Public Schools, overseeing an in-house legal office of five attorneys and two support staff that provided all in-house and litigation-related legal services to BPS, a city department with 10,000 employees, 125 schools and 55,000 students.
- Advised the superintendent, executive staff and school committee on day-to-day district operations, proposed policies, and applicable laws.

Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel

2012 - 2019

Assistant Corporation Counsel

2007- 2012

City of Boston Law Department, Boston, MA

- Advised senior city officials on a variety of legal issues affecting daily operations and long-range policies, including public procurement, ethics and public records, municipal finance, use of public property, city trust funds, partnerships, data sharing agreements, and real property acquisition and disposition.
- Represented the City of Boston in all phases of litigation including discovery, motion practice, trial, and post-trial matters; appeared before the Massachusetts Trial Court and Appeals Court in various cases including constitutional claims, eminent domain, contract, zoning, property tax, election law and tort litigation, administrative appeals, and challenges to city ordinances.

Superior Court of Massachusetts, Boston, MA

2006 - 2007

Law Clerk to the Justices

- Drafted judicial decisions on substantive motions in civil and criminal sessions of the Massachusetts Superior Court; drafted rulings of law and jury instructions.

EDUCATION

Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*

2006

Honors: *Suffolk Transnational Law Review*

Activities: Juvenile Justice Clinic

Publications: Comment, *The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction: Shared Parental Intent to Abandon Prior Home State Determines Child's Habitual Residence—Holder v. Holder*, 392 F.3d 1009 (9th Cir. 2004), 29 SUFFOLK TRANSNAT'L L. REV. 363, 363-370 (2006).

Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH

2000

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, Sociology

PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCES

- *What Would You Do? Using a Practice-Based Case Study to Help Students Develop their Professional Identities*, Presentation at the New England Legal Writing Conference (Nov. 22, 2024).
- *From Flags to School Lunches: Using Practice Experience as a Case Study for Legal Writing Instruction and Professional Identity Formation*, Presentation at the Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (July 20, 2024).
- *Election 2016: Candidates' Use of Gender and its Effects on Voters' Views*, WOMEN'S BAR REVIEW (Fall 2016).
- *Cracking the Airbnb Conundrum: Creating Meaningful Short-Term Rental Regulations that Achieve Your Municipality's Regulatory Goals and Encourage Innovation*, Presentation at the International Municipal Lawyers Association Mid-Year Seminar (Apr. 17, 2016).
- *Apps in the Hall: Counseling the Local Government Regulator in the On-Demand Economy*, MUNICIPAL LAWYER (Sept.–Oct. 2015).