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EDUCATION

- 1993 **J.D., Berkeley Law, University of California at Berkeley**
 American Jurisprudence Award in Torts
 Moot Court Commendation for Best Brief in Section
- 1990 **B.A., Boston College**
 Political Science, *summa cum laude*

EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, Colorado

Legal Writing Professor; Director of Legal Writing Support (2012-present)

My responsibilities include teaching first-year and advanced legal writing courses and providing one-on-one legal writing assistance for students. I also regularly teach a legal analysis class and lead academic support workshops for first-year students.

Associate Dean for Instructional Development (2016-2021)

I served as an associate dean for five years as the first non-tenure-track faculty member in an associate dean role. My responsibilities included recruiting, hiring, orienting, and evaluating adjunct professors; supervising several permanent faculty and staff members; developing new LL.M. and MSL programs; developing and administering a survey tracking outcomes and assessments to ensure compliance with ABA rules; helping to develop new scheduling software; assisting with course scheduling; and advising the dean on all kinds of issues.

University of Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, Indiana

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Legal Writing (2005-2012)

I taught two sections of first-year Legal Writing (approximately 40-44 students per year). The fall semester focused on the fundamental principles of legal analysis, and the students prepared both legal memoranda and pre-trial briefs. The spring semester focused on an appellate moot court assignment, which included the preparation of a brief and oral argument.

Otten, Johnson, Robinson, Neff & Ragonetti, P.C., Denver, Colorado

Associate Attorney (1994-1997)

I practiced law in the firm's commercial litigation department, representing clients in all stages of civil litigation.

SCHOLARSHIP

- *Dethroning the Hierarchy of Authority*, 97 OR. L. REV. 51 (2018).
- HOW TO DO THINGS WITH LEGAL DOCTRINE (U. of Chicago Press 2020)(with Pierre Schlag).
- *Bound by Their Own Rules: The Unwritten Laws of the Judiciary* (work in progress).

COURSES TAUGHT

Legal Writing I; Legal Writing II; Legal Analysis; Advanced Legal Research & Writing for Practice; Advanced Legal Writing; Foundations; Applied Evidence.

CAREER AWARDS

Clifford J. Calhoun Public Service Award (2020). This award is given once a year to a faculty or staff member who contributes to the public service of the Law School in the spirit and tradition of the contributions Professor Emeritus Clifford Calhoun made during his 29-year Law School career.

Outstanding New Faculty Award (in both 2014 and 2015), an award given by Colorado Law students to one new faculty member each year.

Charles F. Crutchfield Professorial Excellence Award (2009). I was named Faculty Member of the Year by the Notre Dame Black Law Student Association.

SERVICE

Profession

- Associate Editor, *Legal Communication & Rhetoric: Journal of the Association of Legal Writing Directors* (2018 to present).
- Co-chair (with Nantiya Ruan of University of Denver Law School) of *Applied Legal Storytelling Conference* hosted by Colorado Law in July 2019. This biennial national legal writing conference had approximately 100 attendees.
- Co-founder of new scholarship workshop (Peer Scholarship Exchange) supported by the Legal Writing Institute. Co-chair of the selection committee for this workshop. On hold due to Covid-19 but to be revived soon.

University

- *Excellence in Leadership* program: In 2017-18 I was nominated for and completed the University of Colorado's year-long leadership program with faculty and staff members from all four university campuses.
- I have chaired or been a member of multiple law school committees, including:
 - Dean's Cabinet
 - Executive Committee
 - Academic and Student Affairs
 - Evaluations Committee (non-tenure-track)
 - Adjunct Committee
 - Leaders in Law and Community (LILAC) committee
 - Academic Support Committee
 - Student Affairs Group
 - Student Support Network
- I have chaired or been a member of numerous search committees, including searches for:
 - Dean (2016 search)
 - Clinical Professor (Natural Resources clinic)
 - Director of Academic Support
 - Director of LL.M program
 - Registrar
 - Assistant Dean for Development position (twice)
 - Faculty Assistant positions (four times)
 - Faculty Events Coordinator position (twice)
 - Events Coordinator
 - Executive Assistant for Faculty Affairs