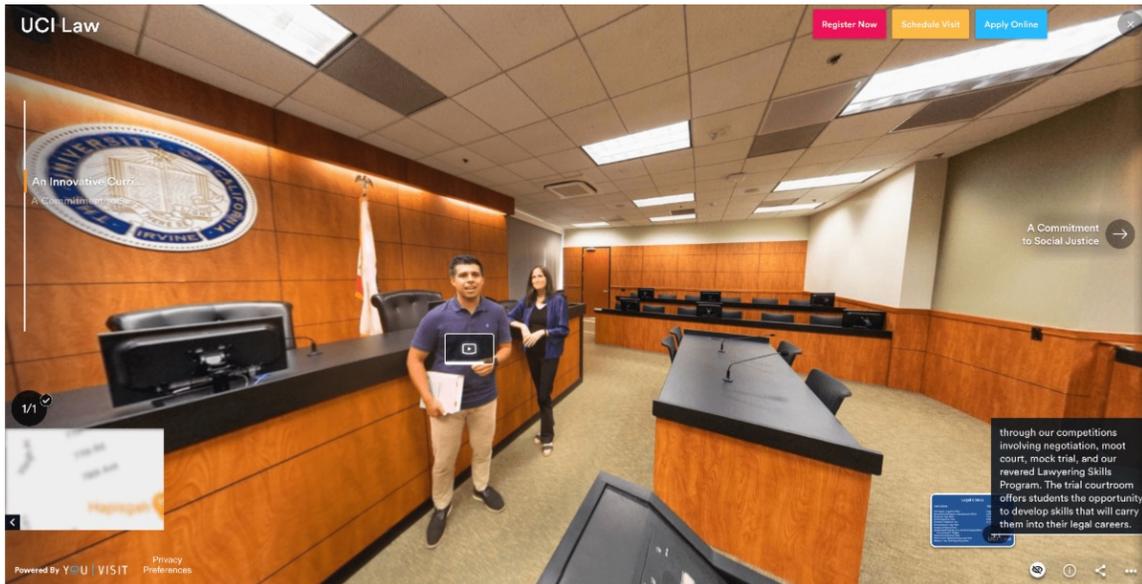


Lawyering Skills Program News & Updates



UCI Law's Lawyering Skills Program, currently [ranked tenth in the country among Legal Writing Programs](#), offers students an innovative and comprehensive introduction to the range of critical skills necessary for students to thrive in the communities in which they practice. In our [virtual campus tour experience](#), hear directly from Associate Dean for Lawyering Skills Professor Rachel Croskery-Roberts and 2L student, Anthony Pimentel, about some of the things that make our [Lawyering Skills Program](#) so unique.

Save the Date!



The Lawyering Skills faculty at UCI Law is thrilled to welcome you all to our beautiful campus next summer for the [2023 ALWD Biennial Conference, Raising the Bar: Reaching New Heights through Innovation and Collaboration](#). The conference will take place July 12-14, 2023.

Summer in July in Southern California is a lovely time to visit. Please plan to join us for what promises to be an outstanding conference; planning is well underway! Bring the family, especially if you'd like to extend

your trip to visit our beaches, museums, summer art festivals, theme parks (Disneyland! Universal Studios!), and more.

UCI Law Welcomes Visiting Faculty

UCI Law is thrilled to announce that we have not one but two

distinguished visitors this year:

Professor Lisa Mazzie joins us in the spring of 2023 to teach both Lawyering Skills II and an upper-division skills course entitled Writing for Law Practice. Professor Mazzie has been a faculty member at Marquette University Law School for 18 years and teaches legal analysis and writing, appellate advocacy, writing for law practice, and gender and the law. She is the current chair of the AALS Section on Women in Legal Education.



Professor Mazzie is also the only Marquette Law faculty member to be inducted into Marquette's Pro Bono Honor Society; since 2017, she has performed nearly 200 hours of pro bono legal work for the law school's Domestic Violence Injunction Project (with Sojourner Family Peace Center and Quarles & Brady), including representing petitioners in court, and with the Milwaukee Justice Center Forms Clinic, assisting clients with completing forms for family law matters.

Professor Mazzie is currently working on a textbook under contract with Carolina Academic Press with Professor Meredith Stange, *Writing for Law Practice: What They Didn't Teach You First Year*. She also has an article forthcoming in *Marquette Law Review*, *The Fungible Female: How Performative Feminism Hurts Women*, 105 *Marq. L. Rev.* (forthcoming 2023). Professor Mazzie is ABD for her PhD at Marquette University in Educational Policy and Leadership, with a specialization in Sociology.

Professor Abby Patthoff is joining us for the entire 2022-2023 school year. She is teaching Lawyering Skills I and II. Professor Patthoff is a Professor of Legal Research and Writing at Chapman University, Dale E. Fowler School of Law, where she has taught since 2012. Prior to that time, she taught at the University of Idaho College of Law. She also clerked for the Honorable Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia.



Professor Patthoff has taught courses in legal analysis, advocacy, and judicial writing. She was recently (2020-21) awarded a Faculty Excellence Award, which recognizes "exceptional contributions in the areas of scholarly and creative activity, teaching, and service." She also serves as an ambassador for the Institute for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at Chapman. She currently serves on the Executive Committee for the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research.

Her scholarly interests include pedagogy and legal writing, and she is an editorial board member of the peer-edited journal, *Legal Communication & Rhetoric: J. ALWD*.

Spotlight on Teaching Innovation

Professor Beatrice Tice Offers New Innovative Course, *Acting Like A Lawyer*



“All the world’s a stage...” The lawyer’s stage is the courtroom, the boardroom, the negotiating table, the supervising attorney’s office...in short, anywhere that a lawyer presents herself in her professional role. But are students prepared to step onto that stage with confidence and success? Doctrinal classes focus on the important substantive law, while lawyering skills classes focus on teaching critical legal writing skills. There is little time for in-depth training in the ‘other’ crucial skills set of oral communication and presentation.

That’s where Professor Beatrice Tice and her innovative class *Acting Like a Lawyer* step in.

Acting Like a Lawyer provides students with a one-of-a-kind opportunity to spend a semester focusing on these other skills. Drawing on her own performing arts background, Beatrice has created a class that teaches the tools of performance in the context of legal practice. Every student goes ‘on stage’ at least once a week in a series of dynamic role-plays as they learn to speak clearly, move confidently, and channel crippling nerves into positive energy. At the same time, students actively develop their own professional persona, making conscious choices about their unique identity as a lawyer and exploring how to present themselves in that professional role.

Is the class effective? One student began the class unable to speak to even a small group of people without crying. She ended the semester by becoming a moot court finalist. As she said afterwards, *Acting Like a Lawyer* made all the difference.

Lawyering Skills Faculty News

Led by some of the top leaders in legal writing and lawyering skills in the nation, our dedicated, highly-accomplished faculty members have a deep commitment to supporting student success and innovation in the discipline.

Cindy Thomas Archer, Professor of Lawyering Skills

Professor Archer’s areas of expertise include Legal analysis and communication;

experiential education; civil litigation practice; various aspects of the lawyer-client relationship; access to justice; client interviewing and counseling skills; cultural humility in client representation; and inclusive excellence in legal education.



Leadership Positions

- Chair Leadership and Leadership Development Committee, Association of Legal Writing Directors (2022-2023).
- Executive Committee Member, Association of American Law Schools Section on Teaching Methods (2022).
- Co-Chair, Association of American Law Schools, Legal Research and Writing Section, Diversity Committee (2021-23).

Publications

- Cindy Thomas Archer, *Taking the Simulated Supervisor Meeting Online and Making it a Collaborative and Inclusive Learning Experience*, 31 Persps. __, (forthcoming 2022).

Speaking Engagements 2022

- **July:** Cindy Thomas Archer, *Beginning at the End: Using Bench Briefs to teach Predictive Analysis* (presenter), ALWD Innovative Teaching Workshop, Georgetown University Law Center
- **August:** Cindy Thomas Archer, *Promoting Inclusive Excellence and Mitigating the Impact of Bias When Grading and Providing Feedback* (discussion group leader), SEALS Conf.
- **August:** Cindy Thomas Archer, *Integrating Literature into the Law School Curriculum: A Social Justice Approach* (moderator), SEALS Conf. Panel.
- **October:** Cindy Thomas Archer, *Law Student to Lawyer: The Integration of Personal Identity into Professional Identity* (invited presenter), Orange County Association of Legal Recruiters Education Conference
- **October:** Cindy Thomas Archer, *Avoiding the Ethical Pitfalls of Remote Work from Anywhere, USA* (MCLE presenter)

Committee Memberships

- Editor, *The Second Draft: A Legal Writing Publication* (2022-2025)
- Association of Legal Writing Directors, Biennial Program, Program Committee (2022-2023)



Rachel Croskery-Roberts, Associate Dean for Lawyering Skills; Professor of Lawyering Skills

Professor Croskery-Roberts is currently the President-Elect of the Association of Legal Writing Directors and the Associate Dean for Lawyering Skills at UCI Law. Her areas of expertise include legal analysis, writing, and research; client counseling and interviewing; persuasion and rhetoric in the law; contract drafting and negotiation; effective online teaching and learning; inclusive excellence in legal education; and employment discrimination. She

Leadership Positions

- Associate Dean for Lawyering Skills
- President-Elect, Association of Legal Writing Directors (August 1, 2022-present) (elected by membership in April 2022)
- Board Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors Board of Directors (2020-present, reelected in 2021 for three-year term)
- Member of the Executive Committee for the Association of Legal Writing Directors Board of Directors, August 2021-present
- Treasurer, AALS Section on Teaching Methods (2022)
- Executive Committee Member, AALS Section on Women in Legal Education (2021-present)
- Executive Committee Member, AALS Section on Teaching Methods (2021-present)
- Association of American Law Schools House of Representatives Alternative Delegate for UCI Law

Publications

- Rachel Croskery-Roberts, Alison Mikkor, Sarah Berman, and Olympia Duhart: Essay, *Demystifying the Lawyering Skills Classroom for First Generation Law Students: Classroom Strategies* (in *Fostering First Gen Success and Inclusion: A Guide for Law Schools*) (forthcoming 2023 with Carolina Academic Press).
- Rachel Croskery-Roberts: Book Chapter, *Helping Students Succeed in Synchronous and Asynchronous Environments* (with Queena Mewers) (in *Law Teaching Strategies for a New Era: Beyond the Physical Classroom*) (Tessa Dysart & Tracy Norton, eds., Carolina Academic Press 2021).
- *The Power of the Pack: How to Claim Your Individual Power and Unite Your Pack* (with Matthew Cordon, Cassandra Hill, Sarah Morath, and Suzanne Rowe), Proceedings, Volume 1, Issue 3 (July 2021) (an Online Academic Publication of the University of Oregon School of Law).
- Rachel Croskery-Roberts and Ezra Ross, *Creating and Administering an Interviewing Project for 1Ls: Benefits, Challenges, and Lessons Learned from COVID-19*, 29 PERSPS. 9 (2021).

Speaking Engagements 2022

- **March:** Rachel Croskery-Roberts (with Derek Kiernan-Johnson, University of Colorado; Helena Whalen-Bridge, National University of Singapore; and Steve Johansen, Lewis and Clark Law School) (competitively-selected speakers), *Proposed Guidelines for Ethical Legal Storytelling*, 20th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
- **July:** Rachel Croskery-Roberts, Yes, "Objective" Analysis Persuades: *Introducing Legal Storytelling from Day One*, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Georgetown Law School
- **July:** Rachel Croskery-Roberts, Alison Mikkor, Sarah Berman, and Olympia Duhart (panel presentation), *An Uneven Playing Field: Demystifying the Lawyering Skills Classroom for First Generation and Other Nontraditional Students*, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Georgetown Law School
- **September:** *The Art of Persuasion: How to Persuade Like a Human Being, Not a Lawyer* (with Christopher W. Arledge)(invited speaker), Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Orange County
- **October:** *Designing Realistic Simulations that Reignite Student Passion for the Law* (competitively-selected speaker), Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Oregon School of Law

Committee Memberships

- Legal Writing Institute, Global Lawyering Skills Committee (2022-2024 term)
- Legal Writing Institute, Blackwell Award Committee (2022-2024 term)
- Association of Legal Writing Directors, Teaching Grants Committee (Board Liaison) (2020-present)
- Association of Legal Writing Directors, Online/Distance Learning Committee (Board Liaison) (2021-present)

- Legal Writing Institute, Society of American Law Teachers (“SALT”) Collaboration Committee (2020-2022)
- Planning Sub-Committee for AALS Section on Women in Legal Education Primary Annual Meeting Program Panel (2021 and 2022)

Honors

- Professor Rachel Croskery-Roberts was elected as an [American Bar Foundation](#) Fellow in May 2022. Membership is limited to just one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction. Members are nominated by their peers and selected by the ABF Board. The ABF Fellows is a global honorary society that recognizes attorneys, judges, law faculty and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the highest principles of the legal profession and to the welfare of their communities. ABF Fellows hail from nearly 40 countries and hold a wide variety of influential roles. Notable Fellows include the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader-Ginsberg; Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Sonia Sotomayor; Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts; and former United States Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton



Alison Mikkor, Professor of Lawyering Skills

Professor Mikkor was recently promoted to full Professor with Security of Employment. Her areas of expertise include legal analysis and communication; civil litigation practice; appellate practice; experiential learning; the lawyer-client relationship; client interviewing and counseling skills; professional responsibility; and inclusive excellence in legal education.

Publications

- Alison Mikkor, *Problematic Problems: A Trauma Informed Approach to Law School Exercises*, 26 Legal Writing: J. Legal Writing Inst. 35 (2022).

Speaking Engagements

- **July:** Rachel Croskery-Roberts, Alison Mikkor, Sarah Berman, and Olympia Duhart (panel presentation), *An Uneven Playing Field: Demystifying the Lawyering Skills Classroom for First Generation and Other Nontraditional Students*, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Georgetown Law School
- **July:** Alison Mikkor & Sherri Keene, *Which Came First, the Bias or the Grade? Identifying Strategies for Even Handed Student Assessment*, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Georgetown Law School
- **September:** Alison Mikkor, *Trauma Informed Pedagogy & the Law School Hypo* (Invited Presentation), Oregon School of Law Faculty Workshop

Committee Memberships

- Association of Legal Writing Directors, Biennial Conference Site Committee (2022-2023)

Honors

- Promoted to full Professor with Security of Employment (July 2022)

Trilby Robinson-Dorn, Professor of Lawyering Skills

Professor Robinson-Dorn is the current Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of the [Pay Equity Project](#) at UCI Law. Her areas of expertise include lawyering skills; legal profession; employment law; client counseling; litigation; business transactions; and women in the profession.



Leadership Positions

- Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- Director, The Pay Equity Project
- Co-Chair, Equal Pay Today Research and Litigation Committee
- Association of American Law Schools House of Representatives Delegate for UCI Law

Speaking Engagements

- **January:** Trilby Robinson-Dorn, *Implementing Anti-Racism and Racial Justice into the Law School Curriculum* (with Professor Kaaryn Gustafson)(speaker), AALS 2022 Annual Meeting
 - **June:** Trilby Robinson-Dorn, *Occupational Segregation and Equal Pay* (speaker), Equal Pay Today and Institute for Women's Policy Research Webinar
 - **June:** Trilby Robinson-Dorn, *Pay Equity Laws: Intended, Unintended, and Unpursued Consequences for Tackling Gender Wage Gaps* (speaker), Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) Annual Meeting
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Ezra Ross, Professor of Lawyering Skills

Professor Ross's areas of expertise include lawyering skills; the legal profession; appellate litigation; client counseling and interviewing; and complex commercial litigation. He has helped develop the Federal Judicial Center's national legal writing program for federal judicial clerks and worked with local public interest organizations to provide legal services to the Orange County homeless population. He has written on the failure of law professors to embrace pro bono work, the causes of regulatory dysfunction, and the risks of empathetic lawyering.

Leadership Positions

- Co-chair, Nominations Committee, AALS, LWRR section 2022-Present

Publications

- Ezra Ross, *Reframing Faculty Pro Bono*, 70 *Journal of Legal Education* 3 (2022) (peer reviewed).
- Ezra Ross, *The Fourth Element: Pro Bono for Junior Law Faculty*, 2 *Proceedings* 37 (2022) (peer edited).
- Ezra Ross, *Creating and Administering an Interviewing Project for 1Ls: Benefits, Challenges, and Lessons Learned from COVID-19* (with Rachel Croskery-Roberts), 29 *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research & Writing* 9 (2022) (peer reviewed).
- Ezra Ross, *Some Pitfalls of Empathic Lawyering*, 18 *Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD* 173 (2021) (peer edited).

Speaking Engagements

- **February:** Ezra Ross, *Creating and Administering an Interviewing Project for 1Ls: Benefits, Challenges, and Lessons Learned from COVID-19* (with Rachel Croskery-

Roberts), Thompson Reuters—Law School

Committee Memberships

- Nominations Committee, AALS, LWRR 2021-Present
- Committee on New Law Professors, AALS 2022-Present
- Rules & Policies, ALWD, 2021-2022

Honors

- Lawyers of Distinction (2022)



Beatrice Tice, Professor of the Practice of Law

Professor Tice's areas of expertise include legal research and writing; foreign, comparative and international legal information; comparative study of the publication and use of legal information; and global access to legal information.

Publications

- Beatrice Tice, *Welcome to My One-Woman Show! My Unexpected New Career as a Skill Video Producer*, 34 *The Second Draft* (2021)

Committee Memberships

- Elections Committee, ALWD, 2022-Present

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