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EDUCATION:

1975-1978 Loyola Law School --Los Angeles
 J.D. Degree, cum laude
 Special Emphasis in Commercial Law

AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES:

Honors Scholarship 1977, 1978
Dean's List throughout law school
American Jurisprudence Award in Secured Transactions in Real Property
St. Thomas More Law Society
Benn o Brink Bankruptcy Award
Judicial Externship with the Honorable Robert L. Ordin, Bankruptcy
 Judge
Small Business Administration Clinical Program
Research Assistant for Professor Lloyd Tevis

1972-1975 California State University --Long Beach
 B.A. Political Science, magna cum laude

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

California Bar, November, 1978
United States District Court, Central District, 1979
 Northern, Southern, Eastern Districts, 1989
U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1979

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2008 – present Founding Faculty and Associate Dean of Lawyering Skills
University of California, Irvine School of Law
- 1995 - 2008 Director, Legal Practice Program
University of Michigan Law School
625 South State Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48105-1215
- 1993 – 1997 Partner, Tonner & Matera
5748 Silva Street
Lakewood, CA 90713
Practice concentration – insurance coverage
- 1992 – 1995 Director of Legal Writing
Loyola Law School
1441 West Olympic Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90015-3980
- 1991 – 1992 Adjunct Professor of Law
Loyola Law School
Course: Contracts/Writing
- 1988 – 1992 Senior Associate/Supervisor Insurance Coverage Department
Johnson & Vorwerck
One World Trade Center, 11th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90831-1100
- 1985 – 1987 Adjunct Professor of Law Loyola Law School Course: Sales
- 1983 – 1985 Associate Professor of Law
Loyola Law School
Director of Legal Writing Program
- 1979 – 1985 Associate Professor of Law
Loyola Law School
Courses: Civil Procedure Workshop, Sales, Commercial Transactions
- 1981 – 1985 Private Tutorials for California Bar Examinees

1983	Consultant, Pacific Bell Legal Department 1010 Wilshire Blvd, #1505 Los Angeles, CA 90017
1980 – 1982	Of Counsel – Insurance Coverage/Bad Faith Litigation Perona, Langer, LaTorraca & Beck 300 San Antonio Drive Long Beach, CA 90807
1981	Six Week Seminar in Legal Writing Law Offices of Steven D. Miller 8912 West Olympic Blvd. Beverly Hills, CA 90211
1978 - 1979	Associate - Bad Faith Litigation Perona, Langer, LaTorraca & Beck 300 San Antonio Drive Long Beach, CA 90807

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Service to the University of California, Irvine

2015 – present	Veteran PTS(D)/Reintegration Conference Planning Committee
2015 – present	UC Office of the President – UC Retirement Benefits Advisory Board
July 2012 – present	UC Irvine Extension, Brazilian Lawyers Seminar
2010 – present	Curriculum Committee, UC Irvine School of Law
2010 – present	Student Symposium Committee
2014 – 2015	Promotion and Tenure Committee, UC Irvine School of Law
2011 – 2014	UC Irvine Faculty Welfare Committee
2011 – 2014	UC Irvine Representative to University Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity

2012 – 2014	Campus Climate Committee
2010 – 2012	Curriculum Committee, UC Irvine School of Law, Chair
2011 – 2012	Dean’s Advisory Committee

SELECTED OTHER ACTIVITIES:

2000 – present	Advisory Board - Burton Legal Writing Award
2003 – present	Chair - Burton Distinguished Judicial Writing Award Committee
2012 – 2015	Thomson-Reuters Academic Advisory Board
2013 – 2014	Co-chair – AALS Legal Writing Section Welcome Committee
2007 – 2011	Lexis-Nexis Academic Advisory Committee
2009	ABA Section of Legal Education J.D., Site Evaluation Team, Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
2001 – 2008	Editorial Board–The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute
2007	ABA Section of Legal Education J.D. Site Evaluation Team, Rutgers-Camden School of Law Consultant/Evaluator, Case Western Law School Case Arc Program
2006	Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Strategy Committee, Citation Committee
2005	Member - Legal Writing Institute, Conference Program Committee
2003	Consultant/ Evaluator, Rutgers-Camden School of Law Legal Writing Program
2001	Brief Evaluator, ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition

- 1998 Legal Writing Section Program Committee - AALS
Coordinator, Legal Writing Institute Conference and ALWD Conference,
June 1998, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1997 - 2000 Board of Directors, Association of Legal Writing Directors
- 1982 – 1995 Volunteer Attorney – Long Beach Legal Aid Society
Long Beach Women’s Bar Association Los Angeles County Bar
Association Defense Research Institute
Phi Alpha Delta

PUBLICATIONS: *The Law of Prime Numbers*, 68 NYU L. Rev. 185 (April 1993) coauthored
with Paul Horowitz, Daniel L. Stewart, Florrie Roberts, Karl Manheim,
Joseph Sliskovich, David Tunick, Derek Asiedu-Akrofi, Laurie Levenson,
William Coskran, Bryan Hull, John McDermott, Roberta Klein, John
Nockleby, Christopher May, Daniel Lazaroff, Theodore Seto, Wendy
Satuloff, Gregory Kavounas

Memorial Dedication to Walter Trinkaus, 29 Loyola L. Rev. 1387 (1996)

Designing Effective Legal Writing Problems, 3 J. Legal Writing Inst.163
(1997), coauthored with Diana Pratt

The Jurisprudence of Yogi Berra, 46 Emory L.J.697 (1997), coauthored
with thirty-six other authors

Legal Writing Scholarship: Point/Counterpoint, 7 Perspectives 68 (1999),
coauthored with Jan Levine

Bye Bye Bluebook, Michigan Bar Journal (August 2000), Co-authored
with Pamela Lysaght

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PRESENTATIONS: *Legal Writing Directors Panel: Our Role*, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, August 2015

Adapting to Legal Practice Norms: Teaching Law Students to Draft Substantive Emails and Handle Quick Turn-Around Assignments, Co-Presented with Professor Trilby Robinson-Dorn, Global Legal Skills Conference, John Marshall Law School, May 2015

Email and Short Memo Assignments, Co-Presented with Professor Trilby Robinson-Dorn, Empire State Legal Writing Conference, Syracuse University, May 2015

Is a Total Revolution in Teaching Skills Necessary? New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Conference, Vermont Law School, September 2014

Persuasive is Overrated (sort of), Co-presented with Professor Mark Osbeck, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, March 2014

Teaching Collaboration, Legal Writing Institute Workshop, University of Connecticut School of Law, December 2012

Common Law Analysis Course, Bahcesehir University, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2012

Fact Investigation – Keeping It Real, Global Legal Skills Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica, March 2012

Teaching Skills in the First Year of Law School, Bahcesehir University, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2011

Writing Assignments – Reflections from the Pros, LWI One Day Workshop, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California, December 2, 2011

Teaching Legal Research Skills During Law School
SCALL 2010 Legal Research Workshop
USC Gould School of Law, May 21, 2010

How LLM Students Can Succeed on Law School Exams,
English Language Institute, University of Michigan, July 2008

Writing Judicial Opinions, South African Supreme Court of
Appeals, Bloemfontein, South Africa, November 2007

Telling Stories to a Jury, Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, City
University, London, England, July 2007 with Rachel Croskery-Roberts

Writing Program Design, Legal Writing Institute, Nairobi, Kenya, March
2007

Critiquing Student Work, Legal Writing Institute, Nairobi, Kenya, March
2007

Portfolios for Legal Writing Instructor Reviews, 11th Bi-annual
Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Seattle, Washington, July 2005
with Philip Frost

*Building a New Legal Writing Program or Overhauling Your Current
Program: Working with Faculty, Deans and Administrators*, Association
of Legal Writing Directors, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, July 2003 with
Arnold Siegel and Timothy Blevins

Why Race Matters in the Classroom, First Michigan Conference on Racial
and Ethnic Fairness in the Legal System, 15th Annual meeting of The
National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, Detroit,
Michigan, April 2003 panel presentation

Mentoring Legal Writing Faculty: Walking the Tightrope, Legal Writing
Institute Conference, Knoxville, TN, May 2002 with Diana Pratt

Looking Forward, Looking Back: 20 Years of Legal Writing, AALS Legal
Writing Section Luncheon Speaker, Washington, D.C., January 2000

Student Recruitment and Institutional Advancement, Association of Legal
Writing Directors Conference, Boston, MA, July 1999

Hiring, Promotion, and Firing of Contract Law Faculty: Process and Practice, Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference, Boston, MA, July 1999

Taking Risks: The Next Stage for Your Program and Your Career, Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference, Boston, MA, July 1999

Critical Reading and Brief Writing, AALS Plenary Workshop, New Orleans, LA, January 1999

So You Want to be a Director, Legal Writing Institute, Ann Arbor, MI, June 1998

Point/Counterpoint: Legal Writing Scholarship, Legal Writing Institute, Ann Arbor, MI, June 1998

Common Law Analysis, Beijing Bar Assn., Beijing, China, June 1998

Legal Writing Curriculum Today, SEAALS Conference, San Marco Island, FL, July 1998

The Legal Practice Program: The Second Year, University of Michigan Alumni Breakfast, Michigan State Bar, Detroit, MI, October 1997

Lawyer Dissatisfaction Panel, University of Michigan Committee of Visitors, Ann Arbor, MI, October 1997

Movin' On - Taking Your Act on the Road, ALWD Conference, Chicago, IL, July 1997

The Legal Practice Program, University of Michigan Alumni Breakfast, New York State Bar, New York, NY, December 1996

Effective Problems, Legal Writing Institute, Seattle, WA, July 1996 with Diana Pratt

Small Group Coordinator, AALS Conference on Legal Writing and Research, Washington, D.C., July 1993

Diversity and Cooperative Learning in Legal Writing, SALT Conference
on Diversity, Santa Clara University School of Law, October 1993

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL:

Campbell Moot Court Judge 1999 - 2006

Map Advisor -Summer Starters 1998 - 2008

Client Counseling Panel -1997

Co-coached Client Counseling Team – 1999

Preview Weekend Speaker 1996 - 2006

INDEPENDENT STUDY SUPERVISOR:

- Insurance Law
- Evidence
- Advanced Legal Writing
- South African Externships