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LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Professor of Legal Writing, Northern Kentucky University – Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Courses include Basic Legal Skills I & II, Introduction to Law, Trial Advocacy, Pre-trial Litigation, Agency, Partnership, and Employment Law, and Discrimination Law, 1991-present.

Visiting Professor of Law, Northern Kentucky University – Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Taught Civil Procedure I & II, 1995-1996.

Commissioner, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, representing the 6th Supreme Court District. Appointed by the Governor to two three-year terms on the Commission. Review complaints of discrimination filed with the agency, held hearings and adjudicated claims, or conciliated them, 1992-2001.

Attorney, Dinsmore & Shohl, Cincinnati, Ohio and Florence, Kentucky. General litigation, including product liability and personal injury work in one hundred plus member law firm with national practice, 1987-1991.

Judicial Law Clerk, for the Honorable S. Arthur Spiegel, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Western Division. Two year clerkship. Attended conferences and hearings, prepared jury instructions for civil and criminal trials, and researched and wrote draft opinions. Served as a liaison between attorneys and Court, 1985-1987.

Attorney, Jolly & Blau. General practice with areas of concentration in Worker's Compensation, personal injury, products liability, and employment law in seven member firm, 1984-1985.

EDUCATION:

Northern Kentucky University – Salmon P. Chase College of Law. Order of the Curia. Law Review. Class rank: 3/64. GPA 3.35/4.0, 1981-1984.

National Judicial College, Administrative Law: Fair Hearing Certification Course, February, 1996. Training resulted in certification as an administrative law judge. Recertified by the Kentucky Attorney General's Office in August of 1997.

Federal Mediation Training, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio, October 1991.
Received training in order to serve as a voluntary mediator for the court in effectuating settlements between parties in a wrongful death lawsuit.

National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Completion of intensive professional training program in the teaching of advocacy skills at Harvard Law School, April 1991.

Legal Writing Institute. Completion of intensive teacher training course on development and implementation of law school writing course. University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, 1992.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

Teaching Students with Disabilities: Heart, Soul, Duty, Association of Legal Writing Director's Conference, June 5, 2015, in Memphis, Tennessee.

Power up Your Administrative Decision Writing: Top it Off with Effective Topic Sentences and Clarity, Kentucky Office of the Attorney General -- Administrative Hearings Branch, June 12, 2015, in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Taming the Grammar Monster, Legal Writing Institute Conference, University of Kentucky Law School, December 6, 2013.

Opening the Lens in the Legal Writing Classroom, South East legal Writing Conference, Mercer College of Law, Macon Georgia, April 15, 2011.

Universal Design in the law School Curriculum, Faculty Development Presentation, NKU-Salmon P. Chase college of Law, March 2010.

Rainbow Colors, presentation on diversity and discrimination law issues before the Governor's Scholars Program, summer 2000.

Strengthening Hate Crime Laws in Kentucky, presentation at brown bag lunch before faculty at Northern Kentucky University, Fall 1999.

A Conversation On Race, participant and introductory speaker on behalf of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights which co-sponsored the program with Kentucky Educational Television, August 19, 1997.

Sexual Harassment, presented to the Kentucky Association of College Bookstores, Fall 1994.

The Role of Lawyers In a Changing Society: A panel Discussion on Racism, Sexism, and Classism, presented to Northern Kentucky University on October 28, 1993.

The Supreme Law of the Land: The Origins of Judicial Review, presented to the Mary Inglis Chapter of the Daughters of The American Revolution on September 1, 1993.

The Dos and Don'ts of Effective Legal Writing Style, presented at the "Writing to Win" CLE seminar sponsored by the Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati Bar Associations on March 31, 1992.

Kentucky Workers' Compensation Update, presented to the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Fall 1990.

PUBLICATIONS:

Four Tips for Persuasive Writing, _ Ky. Bench & Bar __ (forthcoming March 2016).

Top it Off: Describe Cases Using Effective Topic Sentences. Kentucky (March 2015 Ed.), kentuckybenchandbar.epubxp.com/i/488164-mar-2015/52.

Repairing Damaged Goods, Federal and State Legislation Prohibiting Employers from Making Current Employment a Job Requirement, 14 Rutgers Race & L. Rev. 54 (2013).

Have a Job to Get a job: Disparate Treatment and Disparate Impact of the "Currently Employed" Requirement, 18 Mich. J. of Race & Law 189 (2012).

Bridging the Law School Learning Gap through Universal Design, 28 Touro L. Rev. 1393 (2012) (special issue dedicated to legal education).

The Last Taboo: Breaking Law Students with Mental Illnesses Out of the Stigma Straightjacket, 79 UMKC L. REV. 123 (2010.)

Promoting Mental Health in Law School: What Law Schools Can Do For Law Students to Help Them Become Happy, Mentally Healthy Lawyers, 48 Brandeis L.J. 95 (2009).

Building a Rock Foundation: Using Cases to Support Arguments, 73 Ky. Bench & Bar 30 (2009)

The Fable of the Timed and Flagged LSAT: Do Law School Admissions Committees Want the Tortoise or the Hare? 38 Cumberland L. Rev. 33 (2007).

Designing Persuasive Facts - Building Character and Theme in the First Paragraph, 70 Ky. Bench & Bar (2006).

Teed Off About Private Club Discrimination on the Taxpayers' Dime: Tax Exemptions and Other Government Benefits to Discriminatory Private Clubs, 13 Wm. & Mary J. Women & L. 235 (2006).

Disabilities to Exceptional Abilities: Law Students with Disabilities, Nontraditional Learners, and the Law Teacher as a Learner, 6 U. Nev. L. J. 116 (2005).

Coordinating a Legal Writing Program With the help of a Course Webpage: Help for Reluctant Leaders and the Technologically Challenged Professor, 22 Quinnipiac L. Rev. 479 (2004).

Strengthening Hate Crime Laws in Kentucky, 88 Ky.L.J. 63 (2000).

Chipping Away At Discrimination at the Country Club, 25 Pepperdine L. Rev. 495(1998).

Fair Housing Act: The Fair Housing Act's Protection Based Upon Familial Status, 15 Preventive Law Reporter 18 (1997).

A Real Estate Professional's and Attorneys' guide to the Fair Housing Law's Recent Inclusion of Familial Status as a Protected Class, 28 Creighton Law Rev 1143 (1995).

Avoiding Housing Discrimination by Real Estate Professionals, The Real Estate Finance Journal p. 5 (Spring 1995).

Back to the Future: The Application of the 1991 Civil Rights Act to Pre-Existing Claims, 44 Merc. L. Rev. 911 (1993).

ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLIC SERVICE:

Member, The Legal Writing Institute & Association of Legal Writing Directors.

Board of Directors, The Children's Law Center, 1996 to 2000.

Commissioner, Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, 1992 to May 2001.

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee, 2000.

Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame Selection Committee, 1999.

Board of Directors, of the Northern Kentucky Legal Aid Society, 1991-2000.

Kentucky Bar Association, Women and the Law Handbook Committee, 1993-1994.

Federal Mediator, 1991-1992. U.S. District Court, Southern District.

Ohio and Kentucky Bar Associations.