

## JOSEPH C. BRENNAN, ESQ.

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, SOUTH ROYALTON, VT

*Director, Academic Success Program and Assistant Professor of Law, 2015 – 2019*

*Director, Academic Success Program and Professor of Law, 2019 – 2021*

*Interim Vice Dean for Students and Professor of Law, 2021 – present*

Teaching Responsibilities: Bar Exam Skills and Tactics (online and residential); Contracts (online and residential); February Early Bar Course (online and residential); Foundations of Legal Analysis (online and residential); Legal Methods; Legal Writing 1; July Education for the Bar (online); Torts; Various Independent Research Projects including Supervising Student Advanced Writing Requirement Submissions

Committee Service: Admissions (2015 – 2019); Advising (2016 – present); Black Law Student Association Faculty Advisor (2016 – present); Board of Trustees Elected Faculty Representative (2018 – 2021); Committee on Standards (2021 – present); Curriculum (2018-2019) (former chair); Dean's Advisory Committee (2018-2021) (former chair); Student Services (2015 – present); Threat Assessment Management (2015 – present); Wellness (2015 – present)

Community Involvement: Student Bar Association Faculty Service Award (2017); Black Law Student Association Service and Appreciation Award (2017, 2019); Participated in Alliance LGBTQ fundraiser (2016, 2017, 2018, 2020); Participate in yearly mental health and character and fitness panels (2015 – 2021); Served on the Executive Board of New England Consortium for Academic Success Professionals (2016 – 2020) (former chair)

Administration: 504 Accommodations Coordinator; Supervise Academic Success Department, Career Services, and Registrar; Manage department budgets; Track and report bar pass data; Provide updates to faculty and board; Present at open houses and admitted student days; Organize Jump Start Pre-Orientation Program

Presentations:

- Bloomberg Law with June Grasso, Expert Guest, Interview Regarding COVID-19 Class Actions against Higher Education Institutions (<https://link.bloomberglaw.com/BLM7245663810>) at 19 minute mark (May 8, 2020)
- "Admitted at Graduation: Leveraging the Vermont Last Semester Bar Option to Help Students Launch their Careers," Presenter, 2019 New England Consortium for Academic Success Professionals Conference – South Royalton, Vermont (December 13, 2019)
- "Gunners, Wallflowers & Truants: A Workshop on Classroom Management," Presenter, Vermont Law School Faculty Development Session – South Royalton, Vermont (November 5, 2019)
- "Weaving Student Needs, Experiential and Online Learning to Create a Tailored Educational Experience," Panelist, 2019 Online & Hybrid Learning Pedagogy Conference – Denver, Colorado (September 27, 2019)
- "Self-Care in the Legal Profession," Panelist, 2019 Vermont Law School Solutions Conference – South Royalton, Vermont (March 21, 2019)
- "Programming from Matriculation to the Bar," Panelist, 2017 New England Consortium for Academic Success Professionals Conference – Boston, Massachusetts (December 8, 2017)
- "Practicing High Quality Critical Writing in Law School," Presenter, 2015 New York Academic Support Conference – New York, New York (April 17, 2015)

**ACCESSLEX INSTITUTE, WEST CHESTER, PA (REMOTE WORK)**

*Consultant, Helix Bar Prep Course, 2020 – present*

- Develop contract law content
- Record contract law subject matter videos

**COUNCIL ON LEGAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY (“CLEO”), LARGO, MD (REMOTE WORK)**

*Pre-Law Summer Institute, Instructional Mediator, 2019 – 2020*

- Facilitated remote sessions throughout summer prior to 1L year for students in the CLEO Legally Inspired Cohort (“CLIC”)
- Held regular sessions and one-on-one meetings throughout 1L year with CLIC students
- Administered assessments and collaborated with CLEO to track student progress

**CHARLOTTE SCHOOL OF LAW, CHARLOTTE, NC**

*Student Success Faculty, 2014 – 2015*

- Taught Introduction to Professional Responsibility, Introduction to the Study of Law, MBE Strategies, and North Carolina Distinctions (bar course)
- Counseled students in one-on-one meetings to improve substantive knowledge, skills, and writing
- Served on Student Services Committee

**GRAHAM CURTIN, P.A., MORRISTOWN, NJ**

*Attorney, 2008 – 2013*

- Represented clients in civil litigation matters including jury trials, arbitrations, mediations, administrative hearings, and settlement negotiations focusing on personal injury, employment law, products liability, property disputes, professional (legal) malpractice, breach of contract, and uniform commercial code cases
- Engaged in all aspects of discovery including drafting and responding to interrogatory and discovery demands, requesting and reviewing medical records, performing site inspections, conducting fact and expert depositions, communicating with judges and judicial staff, consulting with treating physicians and experts, meeting with clients, and coordinating with adversaries
- Researched and drafted briefs and other written submissions
- Drafted, reviewed, and revised commercial contracts and lease agreements
- Coordinated with in-house counsel at major manufacturing companies and commercial properties

**THE HONORABLE EDWIN H. STERN, P.J.A.D.,**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, APPELLATE DIVISION, MORRISTOWN, NJ**

*Judicial Law Clerk, 2007 – 2008*

- Analyzed appellate issues in administrative, family, criminal, employment, labor, and property law
- Consulted with appellate judicial panel regarding issues raised on appeal
- Drafted bench memoranda and judicial opinions

**SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, NEWARK, NJ**

*Pre-Legal LSAT Class Teacher, 2006 – Present*

- Design and teach LSAT preparation course to college and post-graduate students
- Advise students on law school admission

*Academic Support Program Teaching Fellow, 2005 – 2007*

- Taught contracts, constitutional law, tort, and academic skills tutorials to 1L and 2L students
- Coordinated with professors to develop tutorial aligned to doctrinal class

*Legal Education Opportunities Teaching Fellow, May 2005 – August 2005*

- Taught legal methods tutorial to rising 1L students
- Assisted students with legal writing skills
- Collaborated with faculty and administration to evaluate students for admission to law school

**ST. MALACHY GRADE SCHOOL, PHILADELPHIA, PA**

*AmeriCorps Teacher*, 2003 – 2004

- Developed lessons and taught courses in science, social studies, and English
- Assisted in the direction of after school program
- Organized fundraisers and managed tuition payments

**EDUCATION**

**SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, NEWARK, NJ**

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2007

Honors: Distinguished Public Interest Scholar

Chancellor's Scholarship

Activities: Student Outreach Society, Vice President and Soup Kitchen Service Site Coordinator

**ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY, PHILADELPHIA, PA**

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, in History, May 2003

Minors: Philosophy and Biology

Honors: Board of Trustees Scholarship

St. Joseph's University Honors Program

Activities: Project H.O.M.E. Tutoring Program, Service Site Coordinator