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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 – present

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

Committee Service: Admissions; Advising; Black Law Student Association Faculty Advisor; Board of Trustees Elected Faculty Representative; Curriculum (former chair); Dean's Advisory Committee (chair); Student Services, Threat Assessment Management; Wellness

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); Participate in yearly mental health and character and fitness panels (2015 – 2019); Serve on the Executive Board of New England Consortium for Academic Success Professionals (2016 – present) (current chair); Instructional Mediator for Council on Legal Education Opportunities ("CLEO") Pre-Law Summer Institute (2019)

Department Management: Supervise approximately 15 student mentors, ASP Program Manager, and ASP Assistant Director; Manage department budget; Track and report bar pass data; Provide department updates to faculty and board; Present at open houses and admitted student days; Organize Jump Start Pre-Orientation Program

Presentations:

- "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)

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, 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, 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

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