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TEACHING AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Professor of Legal Research & Writing, SMU Dedman School of Law, Aug. 2008 – Present

- Teach *Legal Research, Writing and Advocacy* to first year law students.
- Instruction during the fall focuses on teaching students how to thoroughly research and analyze the law in preparation for writing an objective legal memorandum.
- Instruction in the spring emphasizes persuasive writing and advocacy; specifically, writing an appellate brief and presenting oral argument to the court.
- Received Distinguished Faculty Award by SMU Women in Law.

Co-Director and Instructor of Pre-Law Scholars, SMU Dedman School of Law Aug. 2010 – Present

- Direct and teach *Pre-Law Scholars* course to select undergraduate students interested in applying to law school. The course introduces students to the core first-year law school subjects, such as contracts, torts, property, and legal writing; informs them about the application and admission process; and exposes them to practitioners in various legal fields.

Attorney, Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, L.L.P., Sept. 2003 – Aug. 2008

- Practiced in the areas of business & securities litigation and commercial contracts.
- Drafted and argued motions and briefs in state court, federal court, and courts of appeal, including an amicus brief to Texas Attorney General on behalf of the SPCA of Texas.
- Served as general (outside) counsel for Verizon Wireless Messaging Services negotiating commercial contracts, responding to Requests for Proposals, handling consumer disputes, and counseling on employment-related issues.

Research Assistant, John Attanasio, SMU Dedman School of Law, May 2001 – May 2003

- Revised and updated *Constitutional Law* casebook, supplement, and treatise (Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.); researched and revised articles published by Dean Attanasio.

Adjunct Faculty, Richland College, 1995 – 1999

- Taught undergraduate writing courses to first-year college students. Curriculum focused on persuasive, analytical, and informative writing, as well as literary analysis.
- Taught Developmental Writing to entry-level college students in preparation for first-year writing courses. Many of these students spoke English as their second language (ESL).

PUBLICATIONS

- *Beware of Expert: Texas Supreme Court Holds “Snap-Back” Provision Does Not Protect Inadvertent Disclosure to Testifying Experts.* The American Bar Association Section of Litigation, “Expert e-Alert” (May 2007).
- *Resist the Urge to Change that Comma! U.S. District Court Denies Motion to Exclude Amended Expert Report but Awards Fees as Sanction for Altering Report.* The American Bar Association Section of Litigation, “Expert e-Alert” (September 2006).
- *The Aftermath of United States v. Virginia: Why Five Justices are Pulling in the Reins on the “Exceedingly Persuasive Justification,”* 55 SMU L. REV. 1755 (2002).
- Authored feature story in *The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation* newsletter on postdoctoral grant recipients.

- Authored “Decorating the Great Outdoors” and “The Paper Chase” for the Dallas Market Center’s trade magazine, *The Source*.
- Short fiction has appeared in two Texas literary journals, *Atelier* (“The Truth about Love”) and *Sojourn* (“God is in the Detail”)

PRESENTATIONS

- Presented “The Art of Beading” at the Legal Writing Institute’s 7th Applied Legal Storytelling conference at University of Colorado Law School (2019)
- Presented a continuing legal education course entitled “Ten Tips for Persuasive Writing” to Texas U.S. District Attorneys. (2017)

EDITING

- Updated *Texas Insurance Coverage Litigation - The Litigator's Practice Guide* authored by Amy Elizabeth Stewart, Esq.
- Updated *Fresh Start!* (revised title: *Beating the Paycheck-to-Paycheck Blues*) and *The Credit Repair Kit* (Dearborn Financial Publishing, Inc.), both authored by John Ventura, Esq.

GHOSTWRITING

- Wrote a grant request that resulted in a \$100,000 award by the Hillcrest Foundation as part of pro bono representation of a non-profit organization.
- Wrote several chapters of *Law for Dummies* (IDG Books) by attorney John Ventura, and *Divorce for Dummies* (IDG Books) by John Ventura and Mary Reed. Topics covered: juvenile law, criminal procedure, estate planning, and child support.
- Wrote weekly columns in *The Laredo Times*, *The Rio Grande Valley News*, and *The Coastal Current* for attorney John Ventura’s column, “Taking Care of Business”, which addressed consumer protection, employment, bankruptcy, landlord/tenant, and credit issues.

EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law

Juris Doctor, May 2003

Activities:

- SMU Law Review, Articles Editor, 2002 – 2003
- SMU Law Review, Staff, 2001 – 2002
- Student Bar Association, Mentor, 2001 – 2003
- Intern at Dallas District Attorney’s Office, Family Violence Division, 2002

Honors and Awards:

- Order of the Coif
- Order of the Barristers
- Baker & McKenzie Best Law Review Comment
- Jackson Walker Moot Court Competition Best Brief (Appellant)
- Nomination for Best Law Review Casenote
- Phi Delta Phi/American Jurisprudence Award for Civil Procedure
- E. Eugene Mason Scholarship Recipient, 2001 – 2003
- Phi Delta Phi Honors Society
- Dean's List, Fall 2000 – Spring 2003

The University of Texas at Dallas

Master of Arts, Literary Studies, 1997

Bachelor of Arts, Literary Studies, 1994

Honors:

- Magna Cum Laude
- Dean's List
- Nominated by professors to represent UTD as top fiction writer in Texas.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- *Buddy Up Tennis*, Mentor, 2019
- *Awards Committee*, Tennis Competitors of Dallas, 2018
- *Tournament Co-chair*, Girls, Inc. of Dallas, 2017
- *Alumni Board*, The Greenhill School, 2009 – 2012
- *Co-curricular Support*, The Greenhill School, 2011 – 2012
- *Attorney Volunteer*, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, 2006 – 2008
- *Library & Communications Coordinator*, The da Vinci School, 2006 – 2008

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Playing competitive tennis, reading and writing fiction, hiking, and eating my husband's delicious cooking.