

# CASSIE WALKER

• clinical professor of legal research • assistant director for scholarly initiatives • director of advocacy programs •

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## EDUCATION

### 2013 • University of Washington

MLIS, Certificate in Law Librarianship

Directed fieldwork: San Diego County Law Library

### 2012 • Tulane University, School of Law

J.D., Certificate in Maritime Law

Student Bar Association (President), *Tulane Maritime Law Journal*

### 2009 • Florida State University

B.S., Political Science, Sociology

*magna cum laude*

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## LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

### 2013-present • Southern Methodist University, Underwood Law Library

2024-present • *Clinical Professor of Legal Research & Assistant Dir. for Scholarly Initiatives*

2020-present • *Assistant Director for Scholarly Initiatives & Adjunct Professor of Law*

2015-2020 • *Head of Research Services & Adjunct Professor of Law*

2013-2015 • *Research & Faculty Services Law Librarian & Adjunct Professor of Law*

- Direct and manage the law school's online digital repository at [www.scholar.smu.edu/law](http://www.scholar.smu.edu/law) and supervise staff or student employees who assist with content maintenance
  - Collaborate with the Associate Dean for Research to promote scholarly initiatives by co/hosting workshops and publishing educational materials
  - Guide the long-term goals and projects for scholarly initiatives by conducting faculty scholarly impact reports and collaborating with staff who support scholarly profiles
  - Perform legal and interdisciplinary research for eight assigned law faculty
  - Conduct guest research lectures and create course-specific research guides
  - Train annually the 150+ 2L student editors on the law school's seven journals with research, writing, and citation instruction
  - Shape the law journals' best practices and facilitate adoption of emerging trends by mentoring student leaders and training journal administrative support staff
  - Collaborate with other library staff on acquisition decisions
  - Provide reference assistance to the SMU community, the public, and attorneys
  - Assist with creation and editing of digital or print signs, library maps using Adobe InDesign, and other marketing material
  - Lead social media efforts including the library's twitter account @SMULawLibrary
  - Developed and transitioned a library-run student research assistant pool of 8-10 students
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**2012-2013 Academic Year • University of Washington, Gallagher Law Library**  
*Law Library Intern with rotations in Reference, Circulation, and Technical Services*

**August 2012 • University of Texas, Tarlton Law Library**  
*Volunteer*

**2011-2012 Academic year • United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Library**  
*Library Intern*

**2008-2009 • Ausley & McMullen, P.A.**  
*Assistant Firm Librarian*

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## OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

### **Southern Methodist University**

*Courses taught • Clinical Professor of Legal Research*

- Advanced Legal Research
- Advanced Legal Research: Texas
- Technology for Law Practice

2023-present • *Director of Advocacy Programs*

- Direct and support the law school's Board of Advocates student organization to plan on-campus competitions, advocacy training for all law students, and public service events
- Plan and prioritize annually the applications for 20+ off-campus competitions, 50+ student competitors, and 20+ alumni Advocacy Fellow coaches
- Administer the program's annual budget
- Coordinate with advocacy Directors from the Texas law schools to host regional competitions
- Collaborate with the Associate Dean for Experiential Learning, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, and the Director of Alumni Relations on issues affecting curriculum, students, and alumni
- Supervise two administrative support staff

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## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

**March 31, 2023 • The Research Observation Assignment**  
SWALL 2023 Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ

**2018-2020 • Regular contributor, RIPS Law Librarian Blog**

**July 24, 2019 • Co-Presenter, Show & Tell: Swag from Libraries Across the Country**  
AALL 2019 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

**March 22, 2019 • Taking the Scare out of Administrative Law Research**  
SEAALL 2019 Annual Meeting, Hot Springs, VA

**March 22, 2019 • *Taking the Scare out of Administrative Law Research: Creating Two Exercises That Stick***

SEAALL 2019 Annual Meeting, Hot Springs, VA

**April, 16, 2018 • Co-Presenter, *Let's Get Experiential! Practical Tips for Meeting the ABA's Simulation Course Requirements***

SWALL 2018 Annual Meeting, Houston, TX

**July 17, 2017 • Co-Presenter, *Attorney Research Skills: Continuing the Conversation Between Law Firm and Academic Law Librarians***

AALL 2017 Annual Meeting, Austin, TX

**April 28, 2017 • Co-Presenter & Moderator, *Let's Talk! A Conversation Between Academic, Firm, and Government Librarians***

DALL 2017 Spring Institute, Dallas, TX

**April 16, 2016 & July 17, 2016 • Co-Presenter, *Leave Treasure Hunts to Pirates: Using Legal Research Plans and Logs to Create Experiential Legal Research Courses***

SWALL 2016 Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX & AALL 2016 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

**December 5, 2015 • *Dissecting ABA Standard 303: Experiential Learning***

Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Denver, CO

**July 21, 2015 • Co-Presenter, *The Multi-Channel Event Marketing Cycle***

AALL 2015 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

**April 9, 2015 • Co-Presenter, *Think Smarter, Not Harder: The Successes and Failures of Creating a Research Assistant Program***

SWALL 2015 Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO

**2014 • *"Specialized Legal Research Courses: The Next Generation of Advanced Legal Research"***

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## **A ALL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE**

**2011-Present, American Association of Law Libraries**

**2020-2021; 2023-2024 • Annual Meeting Program Committee**

*Information Management team; Marking and Outreach team*

**2016, 2020 • Leadership Academy**

*Invited Mentor (2020) and Academy Fellow (2016)*

**2019-2020 • CONELL Handbook Special Committee**

*Chair, Appointed by Michelle Cosby*

**2016-2019 • CONELL Committee**

*Member and 2019 Chair*

**2017-2018 • Awards Creation and Review Special Committee**

*Chair, Appointed by Greg Lambert*

**2014-present • Academic Law Libraries SIS**

*Faculty Services Committee, 2016 Chair*

**2014-present • Southwestern Association of Law Libraries**

*2023-2024 • Local Arrangements Committee, Chair*

*2016-2019 • Executive Board, Secretary*

*2017-2019 • Constitution & Bylaws Committee*

*2016-2017 • Recruitment Committee*

*2014-2017 • Annual Meeting Program Committee*

*2015-2016 • Legal Information Services to the Public Committee*

*2015-2016 • Local Arrangements Committee (Joint SWALL/SEAALL Annual Meeting)*

*2014-2015 • Grants Committee*

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**SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

**2013-Present • Junior League of Dallas, a Women's Service Organization**

*2022-2024 • Development, Donor Recognition Team, Invitations Chair and Assistant Chair*

*2022-2023 • T. Boone Pickens Leadership Institute, 2023 Class Member*

*2021-2022 • Development, Underwriting Team, Corporate Fundraiser*

*2020-2021 • The Senior Source*

*2019-2020 • Research & Development Committee*

*2017-2019 • Technology Committee, Assistant Chair (2017-2018)*

*2016-2017 • Dallas Zoological Society*

*2015 • Burnett Elementary*