

EDUCATION

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW
Juris Doctor 2001

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
Bachelor of Arts, English 1997

TEACHING & ACADEMIC SERVICE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAW 2023 - PRESENT
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW

- Teach Legal Writing I, Legal Writing II, and an advanced legal writing course for 2Ls training for Teaching Fellow positions.
- Faculty liaison for Legal Writing III adjunct department.
- Serve on the Scholarship Committee and Student Awards and Recognition Committee.
- Preparing scholarly article and presentation of research on the erosion of church/state separation in public education through the Free Exercise clause of the First Amendment.

VISITING PROFESSOR OF LAW 2022-2023
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW

- Taught Legal Writing I, Legal Writing II, and Transactional Writing.
- Authored *Girl Power – Certifying Women-Owned Businesses*, Accessible Law Journal.
- Raised underwriting funds and scholarship for Judge's Gavel advocacy competition.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, LEGAL WRITING 2021 - 2022
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW

- Lead persuasive legal writing workshop for first-year law students
- Designed curriculum for and taught Transactional Drafting class. The course included substantive lectures, 3 graded assignments, and several practicum designed to equip graduates with marketable negotiating and drafting skills.

HONORS & AWARDS

TEXAS RISING STAR 2007
Texas Monthly
Nominated by members of the prestigious Texas Super Lawyers list, the Texas Rising Star honor is reserved for the top Texas attorneys who are 40 years old or younger, or have been in practice fewer than 10 years.

BEST ORAL ADVOCATE 2000
Pace University Law School Environmental Moot Court Competition

FIRST PLACE 1999
ABA Client Counseling Competition
SMU Dedman School of Law

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

DEFENSE RESEARCH INSTITUTE 2003
Toxic Tort & Environmental Law Seminar
Presenter, “*Hindsight is 20/20...Trying the Toxic Tort Case 20 Years After the Fact- How to Use State of the Art Coupled with Sophisticated User Defenses to win Your Case*”

ORAL FIXATION, REAL LIFE STORIES
Winspear Dallas 2014
Writer and Speaker, “*Silver Linings*”

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS GLOBAL CONFERENCE 2019
University of Texas at Dallas
Facilitator

MENTOR EXPERIENCE

CIRCLE OF SUPPORT COLLEGE PREP MENTOR 2003-2006
WINSTEAD, PC

- Founded and operated a school-year mentor program for female high school junior/seniors. The program included tutoring for the SAT, applications for college, job interview skills, and financial responsibility. In 2006, Circle of Support took over the program, renamed as Up and Out, working with students exclusively from James Madison High School.

STUDENT MENTOR 2000
SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

- Through the Practical Clinic of SMU’s law school, 2L students were able to work directly with students from under-served public schools in Dallas to encourage graduation, secondary education, and to provide guidance around real-time legal issues.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WRIGHT LAW PLLC 2015 – 2022
Senior Counsel, Head of Litigation

- Admitted in all Federal Districts in Texas
- Manage firm’s litigation practice group, including state and federal claims for plaintiff and defendant
- Oversee and train junior associates
- Advise Firm’s corporate clients on risk mitigation
- Concentration on commercial, employment, compliance and real estate disputes

PERRY STREET COMMUNICATIONS April 2017 – March 2018
Special Consultant, legal and legislative issues

- Limited project as legal advisor and consultant for campaign against Lt. Governor Patrick’s 2017 “Bathroom Bill” on behalf of public company client
- Drafted speeches and memoranda for CEO and company lobbyist
- Drafted presentation to American Airlines communications department regarding effecting communication practices and avoiding legal pitfalls
- Monthly contributor for Forbes online publication (2018); drafted entries for CEO Aakash Kumar of Shiftsmart.com

NATALIE M. BRANDT PC

2011 – 2015

Principal

- Managed own docket of litigation matters
- Provided on-call litigation support for numerous firms and colleagues, including discovery, motion practice, and trial preparation
- Fractional general counsel services for Enseo, Inc.
- Lead litigation counsel for several corporate clients, hiring and managing additional outside counsel for complex and specialty dispute matters such as trade secret theft and patent infringement
- Contract counsel for Winstead PC, Palter Stokely Simms PLLC, Wright Connatser PLLC

WINSTEAD, PC

2003 - 2009

Senior Associate

- Briefing attorney for case on behalf of Rent-A-Center at the Fifth Court of Appeals; winning argument made by Justice Craig Enoch
- Briefing attorney for matter on appeal to the Fifth Circuit [*Smith v. BCE Inc*, 2005 WL 3454104].
- Lead litigation counsel for several corporate clients, hiring and managing additional outside counsel for complex and specialty dispute matters such as trade secret theft and patent infringement
- Managed full docket of commercial litigation matters, including title insurance defense, business torts, breach of contract, and transportation claims
- Oversaw junior associates
- First chair attorney at two bench trials and second chair attorney in successful jury trial regarding \$80M business fraud with public company
- Responsible for full docket of commercial litigation matters, including title insurance defense, business torts, breach of contract, and transportation claims
- Handled many foreclosures and subrogation claims; obtained numerous summary judgments against borrowers
- Created firm's first policy for Working Mom Lawyers

DEHAY & ELLISTON, PC

2001 – 2003

Associate

- Managed active docket of asbestos cases and took over 200 depositions
- Worked closely with head partner to prepare dozens of cases for trial
- Assisted with several successful jury trials in cancer and mesothelioma claims

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, NORTHERN DISTRICT

2000

Summer Associate

- Performed research and writing for assistant U.S. Attorneys on both civil and criminal matters.
- Assisted at trial defending Veteran's hospital in medical malpractice matter.
- Drafted appellate brief to the Fifth Circuit, successfully argued by AUSA (*Honorable, ret.*) Michael Snipes. [*United States of America v. Boniface Suleman Odiodio*, 21 Fed.Appx. 838; 2002 WL 261486]

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

CERTIFIED MEDIATOR

APPIGNANI HUMANIST LEGAL CENTER, VOLUNTEER LOCAL COUNSEL

DALLAS VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY PROGRAM

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION