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## LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### UNT DALLAS COLLEGE OF LAW

**Dallas, TX**

*Assistant Professor of Law, August 2021 – Present*  
*Adjunct Professor, January 2018 – December 2020*

Courses taught: Legal Writing I; Legal Writing II; Legal Writing III: Teaching Fellows; Legal Writing III: Transactional Drafting; and Law, Literature, and Popular Culture

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## EDUCATION

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### SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

**Dallas, TX**

JURIS DOCTOR, MAY 2008

- International Law Review Association – Case Note Editor; Finalist – Best Comment, Spring 2007
- Served as Teaching Assistant to Lecturer in Law, Michaela Conway Cashen, August 2006 – May 2008

### BOSTON COLLEGE, MORRISSEY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**Chestnut Hill, MA**

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH WITH A MINOR IN AMERICAN STUDIES, MAY 2005

- GPA: 3.91; College of Arts & Sciences Class Rank: 42/1406
- Summa Cum Laude
- Phi Beta Kappa, Boston College Chapter
- Dean's List First Honors, every semester
- Dean's Scholar Finalist
- Staff writer for *The Heights*, the Boston College bi-weekly student newspaper

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

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State Bar of Texas (2008)

United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

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## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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### RYAN, LLC

**Dallas, TX**

*Director, Corporate Counsel, March 2017 – August 2021*

- Corporate counsel advising and supporting senior leadership, practice leaders, and HR on litigation / dispute resolution, employment law, outside counsel management, case assessment, strategy, and risk mitigation practices, government and regulatory investigations, oversight of discovery, employee training, record management, and corporate governance and compliance, both domestically and abroad.
- Draft, review, manage, and negotiate corporate agreements in support of Ryan's expanding business operations, including employment, severance, corporate policies, confidentiality / non-disclosure, restrictive covenants, and settlement agreements.
- Work with teams of lawyers and paralegals to reduce corporate legal costs through assumption of traditional outside counsel responsibilities, including drafting and editing motions, discovery, and demand letters,

conducting and advising on internal and government investigations and audits, attending mediations, managing e-discovery and legal holds, addressing pre-litigation disputes, responding to document requests, garnishments, and subpoenas, and defending depositions of employees.

**SCHEEF & STONE, L.L.P.**

**Dallas, TX**

*Associate, March 2016 – March 2017*

- Associate working on all aspects of complex commercial litigation, with an emphasis on employment law, multi-district litigation, receiverships, and appellate briefing.
- Responsibilities included motion practice, written discovery, attending hearings, and trial preparation.

**GARDNER HAAS PLLC**

**Dallas, TX**

*Senior Associate, June 2015 – March 2016*

- Senior Associate working on all aspects of complex commercial litigation in state and federal court, with an emphasis on fiduciary litigation, financial services litigation, trade secret disputes, and contract claims.
- Responsibilities included coordination of e-discovery, written discovery, and motion practice.

**KANE RUSSELL COLEMAN & LOGAN PC**

**Dallas, TX**

*Associate, September 2008 – June 2015*

- Associate attorney working in the firm's litigation group, with an emphasis on complex litigation.
- Regularly defended and prosecuted claims on behalf of small businesses, publicly traded companies, and individuals in a wide range of complex commercial litigation matters, including financial services related litigation, securities fraud, receiverships, Ponzi schemes, multidistrict litigation, UCC articles 3 and 4, letters of credit, real estate disputes, oil and gas, partnership disputes, DTPA, and fiduciary claims.
- Served as part of a three-lawyer team that obtained a complete defense verdict on breach of contract claims after a four-day jury trial in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.
- Served as first-chair trial counsel to an oil and gas company and its president in a AAA arbitration and successfully defended against fraud and control person liability claims.
- Served as second-chair trial counsel in a two-day bench trial in Dallas County and successfully recovered unpaid legal fees, plus pre- and post-judgment interest and attorneys' fees, on behalf of a law firm client.
- Successfully intervened on behalf of and represented a secured creditor in the SEC's receivership proceeding against R. Allen Stanford and the Stanford Financial Group (*SEC v. Stanford Int'l Bank, Ltd, et al.*, No. 3-09-cv-0298-N, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas).
- Represented a major U.S. financial institution in defense of class action claims relating to wrongfully assessed overdraft fees in *In re: Checking Account Overdraft Litigation*, MDL 2036, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Miami Division.

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**PUBLICATIONS**

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*You Can't Just Learn It on the Job: The Case for Requiring Transactional Drafting in the Law School Curriculum*, \_\_ TEX. TECH L. REV. \_\_ (2025) (forthcoming)

*Here We Are Now, Entertain Us: One (Elder) Millennial's Thoughts on How to Connect with Gen Z in the Legal Writing Classroom*, 5 PROCEEDINGS 11 (Fall 2024)

*Music of the Law: A Wigmorean Playlist for a Modern Era*, 59 TULSA L. REV. 301 (2024)

*Diamonds are a Smuggler's Best Friend: Regulation, Economics, and Enforcement in the Global Effort to Curb the Trade in Conflict Diamonds*, 41 INT'L LAW. 4 (Winter 2007)

Co-author, *Ponzi Schemes and Litigation Risks: What Every Financial Services Company Should Know*, 14 N.C. BANKING INST. 29 (March 2010)

Co-author, *The Subprime Morass: Past, Present and Future*, 12 N.C. BANKING INST. 125 (March 2008)

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## PRESENTATIONS

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*Creating Connection Through Vulnerability in the Legal Writing Classroom*, accepted proposal for presentation at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Mar. 14–15, 2025 (S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT)

Here We Are Now, Entertain Us: *One (Elder) Millennial's Thoughts on Methods and Means of Connecting with Gen Z in the Legal Writing Classroom*, presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, Sept. 13–14, 2024 (Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA)

*Music of the Law: A Wigmorean Playlist for a Modern Era*, scholarship presentation at the annual meeting for the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, May 17, 2024 (Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia)

*You Can't Just Learn It on the Job: The Case for Requiring Transactional Drafting in the Law School Curriculum*, presentation at the AALS Lone Star Regional Legal Writing Conference, April 5, 2024 (University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX)

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## LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

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Member: By-Laws Committee (Fall 2021 – present); Appointments Committee (Fall 2024 – present)  
Adjunct Faculty Committee (Fall 2021 – Spring 2024); Faculty Development Committees (Fall 2021 – Spring 2024)

UNT Dallas Faculty Senator (Tenure Track representative) (Fall 2023 – present)

UNT Dallas Faculty Senate – Charter and Bylaws Committee Member and Senate Liaison (Fall 2024 – present)

UNT Dallas Faculty Senate – Excellence in Research Sub-Committee Member (Fall 2024)

Faculty Supervisor, 1L Judge's Gavel Oral Argument Competition (Spring 2022 – present)

Student Bar Examinee – Faculty Mentor (Summer 2022 – present)

Faculty Sponsor – UNT Dallas College of Law Esports & Gaming Law Society (2024 – present)

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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ABA Section of International Law, 2024 International Law Year in Review – Deputy Editor

AALS Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section – Outreach Sub-Committee Member (2024 – present)

AALS Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section (member)

Legal Writing Institute (member)

Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities (member)

Dallas-Fort Worth Boston College Alumni Association (president: 2014 – 2020; member: 2020 – present)

Boston College Mentor Match Program – Alumni Mentor (2022 – present)

Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas Young Alumni Association (2005 – present)

Member of the 2012 – 2013 Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Leadership Class