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LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNT DALLAS COLLEGE OF LAW

Dallas, TX

Assistant Professor of Law, August 2021 – Present

Adjunct Professor, January 2018 – December 2019; August – 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

EDUCATION

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
- Teaching Assistant to Lecturer in Law, Michaela Conway Cashen, August 2006 – May 2008
- Research Assistant for the Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research Department – Summer 2006

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 and film critic for *The Heights*, the Boston College bi-weekly student newspaper

BAR ADMISSIONS

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

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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.
- Drafted, reviewed, managed, and negotiated corporate agreements in support of Ryan's expanding business operations, including employment, severance, corporate policies, confidentiality / non-disclosure, restrictive covenants, and settlement agreements.

- Worked 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.

PUBLICATIONS

"Who Are We Writing For? Legal Writing and Hierarchy," AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Mirco-Essay (2026 Spring / Summer Newsletter)

"And Please, Speak as You Might to a Young Child": Client-Centric Legal Writing Assessments for a NexGen and GenAI World, 130 PENN ST. L. REV. PENN STATIM 71 (2026)

"So, This is a Little Embarrassing, But...": Embracing Vulnerability to Create Connection in the Legal Writing Classroom, 32 PERSPS. 10 (2025)

Respite Finem: Law, Regret, and the Purpose-Driven Life in Leo Tolstoy's The Death of Ivan Ilych, 38 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 167 (Spring 2025) (lead article)

You Can't Just Learn It on the Job: The Case for Requiring Transactional Drafting Within the Law School Curriculum, 57 TEX. TECH L. REV. 1 (Fall 2024) (lead article)

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 (Spring 2024)

Co-author, with Kenneth C. Johnston & Kellie M. Johnson, *Ponzi Schemes and Litigation Risks: What Every Financial Services Company Should Know*, 14 N.C. BANKING INST. 29 (2010)

Co-author, with Kenneth C. Johnston, James B. Greer, & Julie Biermacher, *The Subprime Morass: Past, Present and Future*, 12 N.C. BANKING INST. 125 (2008)

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) (student comment)

PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, “*A Talent for Humanity*”: *Empathy and Law in Anton Chekhov's “A Nervous Breakdown,”* 28th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, June 17, 2026 (DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL)

Presenter, *Writing for Clients: Plain Language Exercises in the 1L Legal Writing Curriculum*, 2026 Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, May 29, 2026 (University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD)

Panelist, “Ethics, Equity, and Innovation” Pre-Law Conference Attorney Luncheon Panel, 2026 UTD Pre-Law Advising Center Pre-Law Conference Day, April 24, 2026 (University of Texas at Dallas)

Conference Speaker, *Becoming a Lawyer: A Journey from Law School to Practice—and the Realities of Life in the Law*, 2026 UTD Pre-Law Advising Center Pre-Law Conference Day, April 24, 2026 (University of Texas at Dallas)

Presenter, *Palsgraf Isn't Just Torts: Teaching Legal Writing Through a Canonical Case*, 2026 Lone Star Regional Legal Writing Conference, April 10, 2026 (South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX)

Presenter, *From Anxiety to Advocacy: Toward a Better Oral Argument Experience*, 24th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Mar. 14, 2026 (University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ)

Speaker, *Beyond the Deal Document: Incorporating Plain Language and Client Communication into Transactional Assessments*, Pedagogy Panel on Experiential Exercises in Business Law, 2026 AALS Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 7, 2026

Panelist, *From Passion to Profession: Advice on Transitioning from Adjunct to Full-Time Legal Writing Faculty*, ALWD Adjunct Committee Virtual Community Meeting, Dec. 4, 2025

Presenter, *Should We Teach Rhetorical Flair?*, 15th Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, Sept. 5, 2025 (UC Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA)

Panelist, AALS / LWRR Faculty Appointment Services New Legal Writing Faculty Recruitment Program Virtual Q&A, Aug. 13, 2025

Panelist, *New Legal Writing Professors*, Legal Writing Institute New Teacher Summer Bootcamp, July 23, 2025 (virtual panel)

Presenter and Panel Chair, *“That Deadly Official Life”: Delimitation, Legal Culture, and Voices of Influence in Leo Tolstoy’s The Death of Ivan Ilych*, on “Imagined Futures From Within the Legal Profession” panel at the 27th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, June 17, 2025 (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.)

Presenter, *Creating Connection Through Vulnerability in the Legal Writing Classroom*, 23rd Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Mar. 14, 2025 (S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT)

Presenter, *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*, 14th Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, Sept. 13–14, 2024 (Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA)

Presenter, *Music of the Law: A Wigmorean Playlist for a Modern Era*, 26th Annual Conference of 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)

Presenter, *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)

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

UNT Dallas College of Law Faculty Committees:

- Scholarships (Chair and Member: Fall 2025 – present)
- Honor Council (Member Fall 2025 – present)
- Appointments Committee (Member Fall 2024 – present)
- By-Laws Committee (Member Fall 2021 – Spring 2025)
- Adjunct Faculty Committee (Member Fall 2021 – Spring 2024)
- Faculty Development Committee (Member Fall 2021 – Spring 2024)

UNT Dallas Faculty Senate

- Senator – Tenure Track Representative (Fall 2023 – Spring 2025)
- Charter and Bylaws Committee Member and Faculty Senate Liaison (Fall 2024 – Spring 2025)
- Adjunct of the Year (Teaching) Award Sub-Committee Member and Coordinator (Spring 2026)
- Excellence in Research Award 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)

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

THE SECOND DRAFT (Board Member: 2026 – present)

LEGAL WRITING: THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE (Assistant Editor: Vol. 30, Spring 2026)

LEGAL COMMUNICATION & RHETORIC: JALWD (Peer Reviewer: 2025 – present)

SCRIBES – THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LEGAL WRITERS (Preliminary Article Screener: 2025 – present)

ABA Section of International Law, 2025 International Law Year in Review (Eurasia Committee) – Deputy Editor

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Ukrainian Legal English Initiative (ULEI) (English language support volunteer: 2025 – present)

Association of Legal Writing Directors

- Adjunct Programs Committee (2025 – present)
- Member (2025 – present)

AALS Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section

- Outreach Sub-Committee (Senior Co-Chair: 2026 – present; Junior Co-Chair: 2025 – 2026; Member: 2024 – present)
- Member (2024 – present)

Legal Writing Institute (Member: 2024 – present)

Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities (Member: 2023 – present)

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

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

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

Dallas Bar Association (2008 – present)

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

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

UNT Dallas Faculty Senate Award for Excellence in Research (2026)

Up-and-Coming 100: Texas Super Lawyers – Rising Star – Business Litigation (2017)

Texas Super Lawyers – Rising Star – Business Litigation (2015 – 2016)