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Admitted to the Illinois Bar

EDUCATION

DePaul University College of Law · Juris Doctor

- Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Coif, Dean's List
- DePaul Law Review; Associate Editor
- CALI Awards for Excellence (based on highest grade in class): Administrative Process; Criminal Law; Legal Writing

University of Wisconsin, Madison · Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

- College Semester Abroad; Durban, South Africa: Reconciliation and Development Program through the School for International Training. Studied political and social trends in post-apartheid South Africa and conducted independent research while residing with a Zulu family.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

DePaul University College of Law

- *Co-Director, Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication (LARC) Program and Senior Professional Lecturer · Appointed in 2022*
Appointed by Dean to co-direct the LARC program. Work with and oversee a team of more than 13 full-time and adjunct instructors. Coordinate curriculum, select and develop course problems, and meet with instructors throughout the semester to ensure student success and satisfaction. Serve as Faculty Advisor to Moot Court competition team. Continued other teaching duties detailed below.
- *Associate Director, LARC Program and Senior Professional Lecturer · Appointed in 2016*
Appointed by Dean to direct the LARC III Program. Oversaw a team of more than 10 adjunct instructors. Coordinated curriculum, selected course problems, and met with instructors throughout the semester to ensure student success and satisfaction. Continued other teaching duties detailed below.
- *Senior Instructor/Senior Professional Lecturer of LARC · Promoted in 2014; Renewed in 2018*
Awarded five-year Long-Term Teaching Contract and promoted to Senior Instructor/Senior Professional Lecturer. Continued teaching duties detailed below.
- *Instructor of LARC I and II · 2009 to 2013*
Taught first-year law students required legal writing curriculum. Instructed students to draft legally, factually, and ethically sound legal memoranda and trial briefs. Focused on concise, objective, and persuasive writing techniques, and efficient legal research strategies.

- *Instructor of LARC III* · 2012 to Present (Various Semesters)
Taught second-year law students final semester of required legal writing curriculum. Instructed students to draft legally, factually, and ethically sound trial and appellate briefs. Focused on persuasive and concise writing techniques, efficient legal research strategies, and effective oral arguments.
- *Instructor of Legal Drafting: Transactions* · 2011 to Present (Various Semesters)
Instructed students to draft legally and ethically sound contracts, contract provisions, and correspondence
- *Adjunct Instructor of LARC III* · Spring Semester 2008 to 2008-2009 Academic Year
Taught second-year law students final semester of required legal writing curriculum. Instructed students to draft legally, factually, and ethically sound trial and appellate briefs. Focused on persuasive and concise writing techniques, efficient legal research strategies, and effective oral arguments.
- *Student Teaching Assistant to Professor Andrea Kayne Kaufman* · 2001-2002 Academic Year
Selected to assist the Assistant Director of the Legal Writing Department with mentoring and advising first-year law students with drafting concise and legally and factually sound memoranda and briefs.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Illinois Appellate Court, First District

- *Law Clerk to the Honorable Rodolfo Garcia* · July 2006 to July 2009
Law Clerk to the Honorable David Erickson · June 2005 to July 2006
Researched and analyzed complex legal issues in various types of state criminal and civil appeals including post-conviction, medical malpractice, and insurance and contract dispute cases. Drafted over 60 judicial opinions and orders, some resolving issues of first impression, and some noted in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*. Worked independently and in conjunction with appellate court judge on multiple projects simultaneously. Edited drafts proposed by other court attorneys, attended appellate oral arguments, and supervised law student externs.
- *Staff Attorney; Research Department* · September 2003 to June 2005
Researched and analyzed legal issues raised by parties in various types of state appeals. Drafted judicial opinions, orders, and court memoranda for all First District Justices.

Illinois Office of the Governor (pro bono) · January 2010 to August 2010

- Assisted committee appointed by the Governor to review the early release of Illinois prisoners. Assisted with research for, and drafting of, the Governor's *Report on the Meritorious Good Time and MGT Push Programs*.

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

- *Law Student Extern to the Honorable Ronald Guzman* · January 2003 to May 2003
Reviewed and assessed legal and factual arguments raised by parties in various types of federal criminal and civil cases, including a federal death penalty case. Researched and analyzed legal issues; drafted judicial opinions and memoranda.

Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago

- *Law Student Clerk* · September 2002 to May 2003
Assisted multiple attorneys on a specialized project involving persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Interviewed potential clients, drafted pleadings, and made court appearances pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 711, which provides in part that senior law students may be certified by their school's dean to appear in court on behalf of clients while working for certain organizations.

Chicago Legal Clinic

- *Law Student Intern* · Summer 2002
Assisted multiple attorneys in family law cases. Interviewed clients, researched, and analyzed legal issues, drafted pleadings, and made court appearances pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 711.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- *DEI in the LRW Classroom* · Fall 2021
Presented with LARC Co-Director Michelle Brown Cue at the 2023 Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference in Des Moines, IA
- *Zoom Oral Arguments: Should They Stay or Should They Go?* · Fall 2021
Presented with LARC Director Martha Pagliari at the 2021 Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference in Kansas City, Missouri (attended online)
- Planning Committee and Panelist, Beyond the First Year Legal Writing Conference (DePaul University College of Law April 2018)
- *Introducing Persuasive Writing Skills Using Job Application Cover Letters* · September 15, 2017
Presented with the DePaul College of Law Assistant Dean of Career Services at the 2017 Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- *Effective Use of Precedent in Persuasive Writing* · March 1, 2016
Presented a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) program to Assistant Attorneys General at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. Discussed strategies for and presented materials about drafting persuasive documents that use authority efficiently.

PUBLICATIONS

- Martha Pagliari & **Jody Marcucci**, *Zoom Oral Arguments: Should They Stay or Should They Go?* 30 No. 1 Persps. 52 (2023)
- **Jody Marcucci** & Shannon Schaab, *Using Job Application Cover Letters to Introduce Persuasive Writing Skills: A Collaboration Between a Legal Writing Instructor and a Career Services Director* (co-authored with Shannon Schaab) The Second Draft, Fall 2018
- *Doe v. County of Centre: Foster Children, AIDS, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Direct Threat Exception*; published in the DePaul Law Review, Volume 52, June 2003 (Student Publication).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

DePaul University College of Law

- *Research Assistant to Professor Jane Rutherford* · Summer 2001
Conducted research regarding marital dissolution in Illinois for law review articles.

FELLOWSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

- *Equal Justice Works Fellowship*: Awarded student funding to work at the Chicago Legal Clinic, Summer 2002.
- *Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Internship*: Awarded student funding to work at the Chicago Legal Clinic, Summer 2002.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- *Chicago Bar Association*, Member.
- *Legal Writing Institute*, Member; former LWI Lives Author.