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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT (Law-related)

2002-present **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**
COLLEGE OF LAW **EAST LANSING, MI**

Associate Clinical Professor of Law (2002-present). Teaching concentrations: Legal Writing, Media Law, Intellectual Property Law. Courses taught: Research, Writing & Advocacy I and II, Media Law (including creation of an online class), Copyright Law, Intellectual Property in the Internet Age, Advanced Legal Writing, and legal writing for the Legal Education Opportunity Program (bridging college and law school). Also teach Media Law to undergraduate journalism students. I teach legal writing to first-year law students with a focus on Intellectual Property Law. It is one of only two such specialized legal writing programs in the nation.

Director of the MSU First Amendment Law Clinic (2010-present): Created and supervised the *only* law clinic in the nation devoted to the defense of student press rights. Clinic sends law students to teach First Amendment law to high school journalists across the state of Michigan. More than 4000 students at 30 high schools have been trained in eight First Amendment workshops since 2011. Also supervise student clinicians working on cases involving student press rights, copyright, privacy, social media, and libel issues.

Former Co-Director of Research, Writing & Advocacy Program. (2006-2010). Co-managed the required legal writing course for 300 first-year law students. Administered spring semester, participated in curriculum development and hiring of professors.

Faculty Supervisor (2011-present) of teams in the Williams Moot Court Competition held at UCLA. Students have placed in quarter-finals in the only moot court competition in the nation focusing on LGBT issues.

1999-2002 **DICKINSON WRIGHT P.L.L.C.** **DETROIT, MI**

Associate. Dickinson Wright is one of Michigan's largest corporate defense law firms. Practiced in Commercial Litigation, Employment Law, Defamation Law, eBusiness Law, Collections Litigation, Products Liability Litigation. Skilled litigator, some transactional experience. Conducted court appearances. Prepared discovery, depositions, drafted motions, settlement agreements, client letters, shareholder agreements, employee agreements, stock option plans, Web site acceptable use and privacy policies for one of Michigan's largest law firms.
Publications: Transforming the Way We Work and Play: The Future of eBusiness, Michigan Forward magazine, February 2000; Who's Minding Your Ideas? Protecting Your Intellectual Property, eViewpoint, Summer 2000.

AFFILIATIONS (Law-related)

2012-present **MICHIGAN COALITION OF OPEN GOVERNMENT**

Vice President. Co-founder of a non-profit corporation that serves as a clearinghouse for public records (freedom of information) and public access requests that have been illegally denied. MiCOG also serves as an educational outreach center on FOIA and Open Meeting Act issues.

EDUCATION

- 1996-1999 **UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY LAW SCHOOL** **DETROIT, MI**
Juris Doctorate degree, cum laude
Managing Editor, University of Detroit Mercy Law Review
Articles: Allocating Blame to the Empty Chair: Tort Reform or Deform? UDM Law Review, Winter 1999. *Walking Together In a Good Way: Indian Peacemaker Courts in Michigan*, UDM Law Review, Spring 1999.
Affiliations: UDM Women's Law Caucus, President.
Honors: Book Awards: Copyright, Trial Practice, Legal Writing.
Recipient, Women Lawyers of Michigan Association Scholarship.
- 1977-1981 **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY** **EAST LANSING, MI**
Bachelor's degree in journalism.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT (Journalism-related)

- 1998 **DETROIT FREE PRESS** **DETROIT, MI**
1994-1995 *Employment was disrupted for some years as a result of a labor strike that started in July 1995.*
Business Reporter. Covered small businesses and entrepreneurship in Michigan.
Oakland County Reporter. Covered social and demographic issues. Reported on a suburban sex shop boom, arcane historical sites and regional bus systems.
Detroit Mayoral Reporter. Chronicled daily events of Mayor Dennis Archer. Reported on empowerment zones, Detroit pasturelands, new stadiums.
- 1996-1997 **THE BLADE** **TOLEDO, OHIO**
Weekend Assignment Editor. Supervised writers, edited copy, assigned stories.
Mayoral Reporter. Covered daily news of Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner.
- 1990-1993 **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS** **SEATTLE, WA**
The AP wire service is the world's largest news gathering organization.
State House Reporter, Lansing, MI. Covered the Michigan House of Representatives. Reported on sweeping school curriculum and tax legislation.
Newswoman/Supervising Editor, Detroit, MI. Covered Dr. Jack Kevorkian's assisted suicides, post office shootings, Detroit's vacant, wild lands. Supervised reporters
Newswoman/Supervising Editor, Seattle, WA. Covered doctors in the Alaskan outback, Northwest timber/salmon negotiations, gays in the military. Supervised news coverage.
- 1986-1990 **THE SUN** **LOWELL, MA**
The Sun is a medium-size newspaper in northeastern Massachusetts.
City Hall/Education Reporter. Chronicled school desegregation, racial tension. Produced an in-depth series on *Perestroika* in the former Soviet Union.
Health/Social Issues Reporter. Produced stories on Southeast Asian refugees, AIDS, teenage pregnancy, environmental threats on Cape Cod.
Suburban Reporter. Exposed sexual harassment in town hall. Covered schools, government and the accuracy of drunk driving Breathalyzer tests.
- 1983-1986 **HARVARD UNIVERSITY NEWS OFFICE** **CAMBRIDGE, MA**
Public Affairs Office. Wrote stories for Harvard's weekly newspaper on University visitors including White House officials, foreign prime ministers, Mario Cuomo, Jesse Jackson, Michael Dukakis. Coordinated media relations.

1982-1983

THE UNION LEADER
and NEW HAMPSHIRE SUNDAY NEWS

MANCHESTER, NH

Reporter/Photographer on state's largest newspaper. Correspondent for 36 towns in southwestern New Hampshire. Covered city governments, police, features.

HOBBIES

I enjoy throwing dinner parties, talking politics, touring New York City with my two daughters, yoga, cross country skiing, swimming, biking, theater, dogs, and eating Asian food.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Michigan Interscholastic Press Association twice annual conferences in Lansing, MI in August and October 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014. LECTURED on copyright law and student press rights in two separate presentations at a summer conference and a fall conference attended by 1500 high school journalism students and their faculty advisors.

2014

Midwest Clinics Conference in East Lansing, Michigan in September. Presentation on how to create a First Amendment Law Clinic as part of a presentation on the “unbundling of legal services.”

2013

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference in Boulder, Colorado in March 2013. Presentation entitled: “Taking It to the Streets: Bringing Legal Writing to Life.” Presented with two other legal writing professors. Presentation on how to pull students out of the classroom and into an outside environment to do legal research.

2010

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference in Tucson, Arizona on March 19, 2010. Presentation is entitled: “Writing + Love = Invested Law Student, Happy Professor.” Presentation on the benefits of teaching legal writing from an intellectual property law point of view, and the results of a student survey conducted of my RWA-IP students in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

2010 Bi-Annual National Legal Writing Institute Conference on June 27-30 in San Marco, Florida. Presentation is entitled: “See Me, Feel Me, Touch Me: Bringing Legal Writing to Life.” I was the main organizer of a panel of five legal writing professors from MSU College of Law which discussed how to pull students out of the classrooms and into the streets to do legal research.

2006

2006 Bi-Annual National Legal Writing Institute Conference in June 2006 in Atlanta, Georgia. Presentation entitled “Killing Three Birds With One Stone: Teaching Legal Writing from an Intellectual Property Law Perspective. Presented the results of a student survey conducted of my RWA-IP students in 2005 and 2006.