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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, First Amendment Law, Media Law, Intellectual Property Law. Courses taught: Research, Writing & Advocacy I and II, Media Law (including online class), Copyright Law, Intellectual Property in the Internet Age, Advanced Advocacy, and legal writing for the Legal Education Opportunity Program (bridging college and law school). Have also taught 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 supervise 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 10,000 students at 45 high schools have been trained in semester-long First Amendment workshops since 2011. Also supervise student clinicians working on pro bono cases involving student press rights, copyright, privacy, social media, and libel issues.

Supervisor, The McLellan Free Speech Online Library (2018-present): Created from a cache of valuable legal research, and clinician experience at the MSU First Amendment Law Clinic, *The McLellan* is a website that specializes in educating young people aged 14- to 21-years-old about free speech rights. Includes Q&As, quizzes, student speech news, media law resources, and an interactive question-and-answer section. Q&As feature frequently asked questions by high school journalists involving social media, copyright, student speech, privacy, libel, FOIA issues. (URL: www.mclellan.law.msu.edu)

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 semifinals and quarterfinals in the only moot court competition in the nation focusing on sexual orientation and gender identity 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

Member, former Vice President. Co-founder of an organization 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.

2018-present **FREE EXPRESSION LEGAL NETWORK**

Member. **FELN** is a nationwide coalition of law school clinics, academics, and legal practitioners. Members work on media law, government transparency, and/or access issues. Members share resources and expertise, while collaborating on projects to promote and defend the constitutional rights of free speech and a free press.

EDUCATION

- 1996-1999 **UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY LAW SCHOOL** **DETROIT, MI**
Juris Doctorate degree, cum laude
Managing Editor, University of Detroit Mercy Law Review
President, UDM Women's Law Caucus, President.
Honors: Jurisprudence 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 economic 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 the Toledo mayor.
- 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 giving historical kayak tours on the Detroit River, throwing dinner parties, talking politics, touring New York City with my two daughters, Broadway shows, yoga, cross country skiing, swimming, biking, boating, theater, dogs, and grilling fish.

PUBLICATIONS

Authored:

Why Lawsuits Against the Media May Not Hurt Freedom of the Press

Published online in: *The Conversation*, March 17, 2021, updated March 26, 2021.

Article was republished by more than 24 news outlets in the United States, Canada, Britain and Australia, including the *Houston Chronicle*, *The Missoulian*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Roanoke Times*, *Winston-Salem News*, *Morgantown News Herald*, *North Platte Telegraph News*, *Idaho Press*, *Waco Tribune Herald*, and *Detroit Legal News*.

Allocating Blame to the Empty Chair: Tort Reform or Deform?

Published in: *University of Detroit Mercy Law Review*, Winter 1999.

Walking Together In a Good Way: Indian Peacemaker Courts in Michigan

Published in: *University of Detroit Mercy Law Review*, Spring 1999.

Co-Authored:

Digital Manipulation of Images of Models' Appearance in Advertising: Strategies for Action Through Law and Corporate Social Responsibility Incentives to Protect Public Health

By: Caitlin McBride, JD, Nancy Costello, JD, Suman Ambwani, PhD, Breanne Wilhite, MPH, and S. Bryn Austin, ScD. Published in: *American Journal of Law & Medicine*, 45 (2019): 7-31
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2006 thru 2019

Michigan Interscholastic Press Association annual conferences in Lansing, MI in October for the last decade. Lectured on copyright law and student press rights in two separate presentations at a conference attended by 1500 high school journalism students and their faculty advisors.

2019

Southern Clinical Conference sponsored by Loyola New Orleans Law School and Tulane University Law School in October 2019. Presentation entitled, *Grassroots to Global: Expanding Your Clinic's Impact by Going Online*. Presentation focused on how a cache of valuable legal research, and clinician experience at the MSU First Amendment Law Clinic was reconfigured to create "The McLellan Online Free Speech Library" (URL: www.mclellan.law.msu.edu), a website that specializes in educating young people aged 14- to 21-years-old about free speech rights.

2018

Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference at Loyola University New Orleans Law School in October 2018. Presentation entitled: *Exposure to the Bar, Bench and Law that You Love Can Happen as a 1L*. Presentation on how teaching legal writing from a specialty perspective can expose 1L students to real-life lawyers and an area of law they are interested in. Loyal alumni are a rich pipeline for summer internships and fulltime jobs for law students. Alumni give lectures, judge oral arguments, serve on panel discussions. Law students learn early practicing IP Law.

2017

Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference at Stetson University Law School in Clearwater, Florida in April 2017. Presentation on teaching legal writing from an intellectual property law specialty perspective.

Attended a conference for a consortium of First Amendment clinics from across the United States to engage in discussions to encourage cross-clinic collaborations nationwide in Chicago in May 2017.

Southern Regional Clinical Conference at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana in October 2017. Presentation on the MSU First Amendment Clinic at Michigan State University College of Law which is an unusual hybrid of street law and clinic, and the only academic clinic in the nation primarily focused on student press rights and speech rights.

National Access, Accountability & Free Expression Network, a nationwide consortium of First Amendment and government transparency programs, of which the First Amendment Law Clinic was a founding member. Attended conference at Yale University Law School in New Haven, Connecticut in October 2017. It focused on government access, transparency and FOIA. Participants discussed and planned collaborations of First Amendment Clinics from across the country.

2014

Midwest Clinics Conference at Michigan State University College of Law in East Lansing, Michigan in September 2014. Presentation on how to create a First Amendment Law Clinic that does outreach to state high schools 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*. Presentation on how to pull students out of the classroom and into an outside environment to do legal research. Presented with two other legal writing professors.

Communications Law in the Digital Age Conference in New York City in November 2013. Attended annual conference sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute.

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2010

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference in Tucson, Arizona in March 2010. Presentation 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 legal writing students in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

2010 Bi-Annual National Legal Writing Institute Conference in June 2010 in San Marco, Florida. Presentation entitled: *See Me, Feel Me, Touch Me: Bringing Legal Writing to Life*. Main organizer of a panel of five legal writing professors from MSU College of Law which discussed how to coax 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 legal writing students in 2005 and 2006.