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**Courses:** Legal Skills and Strategies I; Legal Skills and Strategies II; Employment Law;  
WRC: General Drafting for Solo or Small Firm Attorneys.

### **Law Review Articles**

*Take a (Cognitive) Load Off: Using Principles of Adult Education Theory to More Effectively Integrate a Drafting Unit into a First-Year Legal Writing Course and Ensure Student Success*, 63.1 Howard L.J. \_\_ (Forthcoming 2019).

*The Seven Principles of Good Practice in (Asynchronous Online) Legal Education*, 44 Mitchell Hamline L. Rev. 105 (2018)

*The Public Policy Exception to Employment At-Will: Time to Retire a Noble Warrior?*, Mercer Law Review v. 61 no. 2 (Winter 2010)

*Void Agreements, Knocked-out Terms, and Blue Pencils: Judicial and Legislative Handling of Unreasonable Terms in Noncompete Agreements*, 24 Hofstra Labor & Employment Law Journal 223 (Winter 2007)

*I Couldn't Watch the Ball Because I Was Watching the Ferris Wheel in Centerfield*, 22 Ent. and Sports Lawyer 1 (Winter 2005)

*How Special is Special? An Insurance Agent's Duty to Advise*, 21 Hamline L.Rev 323 (1998)

Comment, *Handbooks, Disclaimers and Fairness in Minnesota Employment Law*, 17 Hamline L.Rev. 379 (1994).

### **Essays and Bar Journal and Legal Writing Articles**

*A Challenge for LWI: Retaining and Valuing Our Roots*, 23 Legal Writing: Journal of the Legal Writing Institute 36 (2019)

*Lessons Learned in Giving Writing Exams* 24, No. 3 The Second Draft (Bull. of the Leg. Writing Inst.) 18 (Fall 2010)

*The Writer's Corner: Making Policy Arguments III*, 63 *Bench and B. of Minn.* 24 (Feb. 2006)

*My Dinner with IRAC*, 20, No. 2 *The Second Draft* 13 (2005)

*The Writer's Corner: Making Policy Arguments II*, 62 *Bench and B. of Minn.* 34 (March 2005)

*The Writer's Corner: Making Policy Arguments*, 61 *Bench and B. of Minn.* 30 (Oct. 2004)

*[Not Just] For New Teachers*, *The Second Draft* (*Bull. of the Leg. Writing Inst.*) (Spring 2004)

*Use and Argue the Case Law Effectively*, 61, No. 3 *Bench and B. of Minn.* 28 (March 2004)

*Workin' Weekends* 18, No. 1 *The Second Draft* (*Bull. of the Leg. Writing Inst.*) 9 (2003)

*Presenting Case Law Effectively*, 60, No. 9 *Bench and B. of Minn.* 30 (October 2003)

*Teaching Students to Use the Facts Section*, 16, No. 1 *The Second Draft* (*Bull. of the Leg. Writing Inst.*) 11 (2001)

### **Presentations and Conferences**

*Linking and Leading*, Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop, Ave Maria Law School (December 2019)

Panelist, *Catch the Wave: Teaching Legal Writing and Skills Online*, Legal Writing Institute Biennial National Conference, Marquette College of Law, Milwaukee (July 2018)

*Conference Organizer*, University of Denver Sturm College of Law Conference, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (March 2018)

*The Magic Sentence*, Sandra Day O'Connor Law School, Arizona State University, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (March 2017)

*Distance Learning Course Development: Inside and Outside of Legal Writing*, Legal Writing Institute Biennial National Conference, Philadelphia (June 2014)

*Helping First-Semester Students Understand Different Types of Arguments*, Boyd Law

School, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (March 2014)

*Developing a Distance Learning Course*, Sandra Day O'Connor Law School, Arizona State University, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (March 2012)

*The Benefits of Creating Automatically Graded Research Assignments*, Boyd Law School, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (March 2007)

### **Academic Experience**

University of Houston Law Center  
*Associate Clinical Professor*

Houston TX  
2016-

Teach the first-year Lawyering Skills and Strategies course. Develop and teach online courses, including General Drafting and Employment Law. Serve on numerous law school committees, including currently chairing the online learning committee. Co-chair, AALS Legal Writing Section Awards Committee and member of the joint ALWD/LWI Surrey Committee. Previously served on the AALS Legal Writing Section Program and Status committees and was an organizer of the 2018 Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference.

Hamline University School of Law  
*Professor of Legal Writing*  
*Legal Writing Instructor*

St. Paul MN  
1997-2016

Taught in both the J.D. and MSL programs. Taught Legal Research and Writing; also taught Employment Law and transactional drafting in both classroom and online formats. Served on numerous law school committees, including the committee which developed a part-time weekend program and chaired the admissions committee. Also served on several university-wide committees, including technology and faculty intellectual property rights.

College of St. Catherine  
*Adjunct Professor*, Masters of Organizational Leadership Program. 2008  
Developed and taught an online introduction legal principles course.

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### **Education**

Hamline University School of Law, J.D., 1995, With Honors, Top 10%, Dean's List

University of Minnesota, B.A., 1990