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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT**

- University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas
- Clinical Associate Professor, fall 2019-present
- Clinical Assistant Professor, 2010-summer 2019

## ***Awards and Recognitions***

- Recipient of the university-wide 2023 UH Group Teaching Excellence Award, given in recognition of the Lawyering Skills and Strategies faculty's strong commitment to teaching and student success
- UH Teaching Excellence Award, Instructional/Clinical category, 2016
- SBA Professor of the Year for the part-time program, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 (co-winner), 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2024-25
- Selected by the Law Center as one of its three 2018 AALS Teachers of the Year
- Two-time recipient of Outstanding Service Award of the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) for work as Chair of the ALWD By-Laws Committee (2018-19) and for work as member of the ALWD By-Laws Committee (2021-22)
- James M. Roach Law Fund Volunteer Award, UH Law Alumni Association (2021)

## ***Courses***

- Legal Research & Writing: 2010-12
- Lawyering Skills & Strategies: 2012-present
- Introduction to Law and Legal Writing instructor: Law Center Pre-Law Pipeline Program, summer 2015 (co-instructor), 2016 (instructor), 2017 (instructor)
- Adjunct Professor: Law Center Judicial Process and Internship Course, summer 2007

## ***Collaborations in Upper-Level Writing Courses***

- Health Regulatory Process, with Professor Jessica Mantel (spring 2014, 2016)
- Consumer Credit Law and Policy, with Professor Jim Hawkins (fall 2014)

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### *External Presentations and Workshops*

- *Adapting to New Realities in Legal Education* (panelist), Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, August 2016 (Amelia Island, Florida)
- *Experiential Learning in Legal Writing Programs* (panelist), Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section panel, January 2017 (San Francisco, California)
- *Tips & Tricks for Briefs & Motions*, Houston Young Lawyers Association continuing-education presentation, February 2017 (Houston, Texas)
- Training and workshop on effective legal writing for attorneys served by the American Bar Association's Children's Immigration Law Academy (co-presenter), May 2017 (Houston, Texas)
- Presentation on effective editing techniques for appellate briefs, continuing-education seminar organized by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association and the Harris County Public Defender's Office, May 2017 (Houston, Texas)
- *Connecting the Dots* (co-presenter), Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, August 2017 (Seattle, Washington)
- *"If a Lawyer Isn't Happy, What is the Point?": Incorporating Real-Life Skills for Wellness into the Legal Research and Writing Curriculum* (co-presenter), Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 2018 (Denver, Colorado)
- *Catching the Court's Eye: Persuading Effectively in Motions and Briefs*, Winning Writing for Trial Lawyers seminar sponsored by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association and the Harris County Public Defender's Office, April 2018 (Houston, Texas)
- *The Road Less Traveled: The Policy Memo Exercise* (co-presenter), Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, December 2018 (University of Illinois College of Law)
- *Making Mindfulness a Part of the Legal Writing Curriculum* (co-presenter), Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, September 2019
- *Catching the Court's Eye: Effective Writing and Editing Techniques to Elevate Your Advocacy* (co-presenter), Fifth Circuit Appellate Advocacy Seminar, the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit, October 2019
- *Make It Personal: How Personal Interests Contribute to Professional Development* (co-presenter), Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, December 2019 (St. Mary's University School of Law)
- *Creative Collaboration: How Three Professors Developed A Policy Memo Assignment* (co-presenter), SEALS Works-In-Progress workshop, Writing Connections Committee, August 2020
- *Onward and Upward: Applying 2020's Design and Delivery Innovations to Strengthen Future Courses*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, December 2020 (Appalachian School of Law)
- *Pandemic Pivot: Our Experience Creating a Virtual Legal Writing Center* (co-presenter), ALWD Biennial Conference, June 2021
- *Standing out from the Pack: Persuading the Court Through Your Writing*, Houston Young Lawyers Association continuing-education presentation, October 2021 (Houston, Texas)

- *Demanding Attention: Teaching Persuasive Writing through the Demand Letter*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, December 2021 (South Texas College of Law Houston)
- *Demanding Attention: Teaching Persuasive Writing through the Demand Letter*, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, October 2022 (University of Oregon School of Law)

### ***University and Professional Committees***

- University of Houston Faculty Engagement and Development Advisory Board, member 2018-21 and 2022-present, Chair 2019-20
  - Working group developing university-level resource guide for promotion-eligible Non-Tenure Track faculty, 2019-20
  - Working group developing university-level HyFlex and online teaching best practices, Co-Chair, summer 2020
  - Working group developing recommendations for minimum technology standards for HyFlex classrooms, spring 2021
- ALWD Bylaws Committee, Chair 2018-19 and 2022-23, member 2019-22
- ALWD, working group helping develop diversity statement, 2019
- Legal Writing Institute (LWI), New Member Outreach Committee, member 2020-22
- LWI, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, member 2022-23

## **LAW CENTER SERVICE**

### ***Selected Internal Presentations and Workshops***

- *Finding the Law* co-presenter, People's Law School, fall 2010, spring 2011, fall 2011, spring 2012, fall 2012, spring 2013
- *Fundamentals of Editing*, Fort Bend Gifted and Talented Mentorship Program, fall of 2010-2016, fall 2017
- *Writing for Internships: Tips and Tricks of the Trade*, Public Interest Workplace class, summer 2011, spring 2013
- *Tips on How to Write for a Court*, Judicial Process class, summer 2009, fall 2011, spring 2012, fall 2015
- *How to Write for a Court of Appeals*, spring 2014, spring 2015
- *How to Do an Effective Appellate Oral Argument*, spring 2011-24
- Legal Research and Writing panel, *Getting the Edge in Your First Year—Law Center Diversity and Inclusion Initiative: 1L Boot Camp*, August 2014
- *Tips for Improving Your Persuasive Writing*, presentation, Immigration Law Clinic, summer 2014
- *Tips for Improving Your Persuasive Writing*, workshop, Civil Practice Clinic, fall and spring, 2014-22
- *Tips to Improve Your Memoranda to the Case File*, workshop, Transactional Law Clinic, summer 2014, fall 2014, spring 2015, fall 2015
- *Corresponding with the Opposing Side* (co-presenter), workshop, Domestic Violence Law class, fall 2015-19

- *Critical Reading and Effective Writing*, CLEO Road to Law School event, hosted at University of Houston Law Center, January 2020
- *Prompt Engineering and Editing with GenAI* (co-presenter), fall 2024

### ***Interviews***

- [\*UHLC Assistant Clinical Professor Simpson Gives Lessons in Nature's Law\*](#), December 2015
- Briefcase Radio, [audio segment](#) with Dean Leonard Baynes on pollinators and local ordinances affecting wildscaping, January 2018
- Briefcase Magazine, interview, [\*Protecting Pollinators\*](#), September 2018
- [\*UHLC Professor Simpson Explains Declining Insect Numbers; Impact of Australian Fires\*](#), February 2020
- *Advocate for Gardens that Sustain the Web of Life*, [Houston Layer Magazine](#), at 32, 41, January/February 2020
- [\*2024 Brought Bumper Crops of Pollinators to this Urban Garden\*](#), Houston Chronicle, January 2025

### ***Internal Committee and Directorship Service***

- Ad hoc faculty committee on non-tenure-track faculty, 2013-18
- Evening Law Program Committee, 2014-19
- Entry Level Hiring Committee, 2015-16
- Clinical Hiring Committee, 2016-18
- Honor Board Faculty Advisor, 2018-20
- Student Affairs committee, 2018-22
- Online Learning Committee, 2020-22
- Grievance Committee, 2021-present
- Post Tenure/CEA Review Committee, 2022-2024
- Co-Director of Legal Writing Center (Legal Writing Fellows program), 2020-22
- Ad Hoc A.I. Committee, 2024-present

### ***Selected Service to Students***

- 1L Faculty Mentor, 2011-23
- Co-Director, Legal Writing Center (Legal Writing Fellows program), 2020-22
- Faculty sponsor:
  - Public Interest Law Organization, 2011-23
  - Evening Law Students Association, 2012-20
- Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy:
  - Co-presenter and reviewer: gave talk on developing comment topics, co-drafted reference materials for candidates in developing comment topics, reviewed first drafts of candidates' comments, and provided in-person feedback on first drafts, 2014-15
  - Co-presenter and reviewer: gave talk on developing comment topics, revised reference materials, fall 2015

- Co-coach: Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition, spring 2011-14.  
Team awards related to oral advocacy:
  - Champion (2012)
  - Finalist (2011)
  - Quarter-finalist (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
  - Best speaker (2012, 2013)
  - Third-best speaker (2012)
- Practice judge:
  - Texas Young Lawyers Association Moot Court Competition, summer 2011 and 2013
  - Moot Court National Championship Competition, spring 2013
- Brief judge: Moot Court National Championship, winter 2011
- Competition judge:
  - Interscholastic Moot Court Intra-Team Competition (finals), fall 2010 and 2011
  - Blakely-Butler Moot Court Competition (preliminary), spring 2011
  - Moot Court National Championship, winter 2012
  - Intra-Team Moot Court (finals), fall 2015
  - Blakely-Butler Moot Court Competition (semi-finals), fall 2016
  - Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship, spring 2022
- Networking in Practice Lunch, mock interview volunteer, fall 2014
- Law Center Community Service Day:
  - Participant, summer 2014-23
  - Organizer, service activity packaging native-plant seeds for Law Center community, summer 2022-24
- Critical Reading, asynchronous presentation developed for admitted students, summer 2020

### ***Other Internal Service***

- Organizer and faculty liaison, campus visit of First Court of Appeals of Texas, spring 2013
- Law Center Street Law High School program, volunteer, spring 2016, spring 2017, spring 2019
- Captain, Law Center 100% Challenge, spring 2016-22
- Co-ambassador for Law Center, UH Faculty & Staff Campaign, spring 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
- Panelist, Mastering the Craft of Teaching Workshop, University of Houston, spring 2019
- Joint proposal on native-plant alternatives for new Law Center building (co-creator), spring 2022

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### First District Court of Appeals of Texas

- Chamber staff attorney for Chief Justice Sherry Radack (summer 2009-July 2010), Justice Timothy G. Taft (summer 2002-summer 2009), and Justice Murry B. Cohen (fall 1998-summer 2002)
- Research Attorney: February 1997-fall 1998

- Interim intern coordinator, summer 2009-winter 2009
- Assistant to intern coordinator, summer 2002-summer 2008 (approximate)
- Presenter, orientations for new law clerks

Meyer, Orlando & Evans, P.C. Associate, August 1994 - February 1997

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ADMISSIONS**

- Association of Legal Writing Directors (member)
- Legal Writing Institute (member)
- Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section of the Association of American Law Schools (member)
- Bar admissions: Texas, 1994-present

## **EDUCATION**

University of Houston Law Center. Juris Doctorate, May 1994

- Graduate cum laude
- John Black Moot Court Competition, best speaker, spring 1992
- National Moot Court Competition, 1992 and 1993
- Craven Moot Court Competition, quarter-finalist, February 1993
- ABA Moot Court Competition, March 1993
- Advanced Civil Advocacy Workshop (NITA), fall 1993
- Excellence in Advocacy Award, 1992-93

Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. Bachelor of Arts, May 1988. Majors: French, International Studies. Graduate cum laude, Dean's list, Phi Beta Kappa

## **CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

I devote my personal time to education about pollinators and other insects, their conservation, and the (sub)urban wildscapes supporting them—my passion outside of legal writing. As part of that community service, I have given interviews for radio, television, magazine, website, and newspaper; presented for numerous organizations, conferences, and workshops, both locally, state-wide, and out of state; served on committees and an advisory group; and conducted educational presentations and activities, including establishing a website and social media presence (e.g., Facebook, Instagram). I am currently interested in the local laws affecting individuals' ability to wildscape in urban and suburban areas. My complete naturalist CV may be found [here](#).