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Professional Experience

Access & Operations Librarian; Teaching Assistant Professor, Law Library, Albert E. Jenner, Jr. Law Library, University of Illinois College of Law, June 2022-present

- Manages the Jenner Law Library's circulation department, including supervising civil service staff and 12 undergraduate/graduate student hourly employees.
- Teaches LAW 627: Legal Research, a mandatory, credit-bearing legal research course in the College of Law's first year curriculum.
- Teaches LAW 792-A: Advanced Legal Research Illinois, an elective, credit-bearing legal research course offered to students in their second and third years at the College of Law.
- Provides comprehensive reference services to the University of Illinois community (faculty, staff, and students) as well as the general public, including one-on-one instruction in the use of Westlaw Edge, HeinOnline, Lexis+, Nexis Uni, Bloomberg Law, ProQuest Congressional and other electronic and print resources.
- Assists law school faculty with written scholarship, including analyzing citations and conducting substantive legal research in various areas of law including, but not limited to, employment law, civil rights law, and higher education law.

Reference Librarian and Lecturer, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, June 2019-May 2022

- Provided comprehensive reference services to the Moritz College of Law community, The Ohio State University community, and the public.
- Taught Legal Analysis and Writing I (predictive writing) and II (persuasive writing), credit-bearing legal research and writing courses in the first-year curriculum.
- Conducted research on behalf of faculty members in a wide range of disciplines including legal ethics, administrative law, civil procedure, intellectual property, consumer fraud, and regulatory compliance.
- Acted as Reference Coordinator for the Spring 2020 and Summer 2021 semesters. As reference coordinator was responsible for scheduling and managing the reference desk calendar, including scheduling the shifts for five reference librarians, as well as the library's student research assistants.

- Assisted law school faculty with written scholarship, including analyzing citations and providing permanent links for cited websites via perma.cc.
- Acted as library liaison to the Ohio State Technology Law Journal and provided research and reference services to journal members as needed.
- Presented research and reference instructional sessions to various College groups, including at first-year orientation, law journal orientation, and to law school clinics.
- Created and managed LibGuides for courses, including the Immigration Law Clinic.

Attorney, Quinn, Johnston, Henderson, Pretorius, and Cerulo, Springfield, IL., February 2009-June 2018

- Handled complex civil litigation matters, in both state and federal court, from inception through resolution.
- Tried medical malpractice, long-term care, property damage, and general liability cases to verdict.
- Engaged in extensive motion practice, including researching, drafting, and arguing dispositive motions in diverse areas of law, including medical malpractice defense, long-term care liability defense, insurance coverage, civil rights defense, governmental tort claims, and general liability claims.
- Oversaw all aspects of written discovery, including drafting and responding to interrogatories, requests for production, and requests to admit.
- Negotiated favorable settlements for clients through direct negotiations with opposing counsel, in formal mediation proceedings, and in settlement conferences with presiding judges.
- Conducted and defended hundreds of depositions, including those of parties, retained and independent experts, and other key witnesses.
- Defended employers in workers' compensation matters before the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.
- Drafted appellate briefs for cases pending in the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Districts of the Illinois Appellate Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.
- Argued appeals before the Fourth and Fifth Districts of the Illinois Appellate Court, as well as before the Illinois Workers Compensation Commission.

Education

The Ohio State University, John Glenn College of Public Affairs, Columbus, Ohio Master of Public Administration and Leadership, 2022

University of Illinois School of Information Sciences, Champaign, Illinois Master of Science in Library and Information Science, 2019

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, Illinois Juris Doctor, cum laude, 2008

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IllinoisBachelor of Arts, History, 2005

Internships and Assistantships

Graduate Assistant, University of Illinois College of Law, Albert E. Jenner, Jr. Memorial Law Library, June 2018-May 2019

Cataloging Intern, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Springfield, Illinois, Fall 2018.

University Service

University of Illinois College of Law, Awards Committee, 2022-present

Moritz College of Law, Academic Affairs Committee, 2020-2022

- Reviewed new course proposals and made recommendations to faculty on whether to approve proposals.
- During Covid-19 shutdown the Committee was oversaw the process of ensuring that the transition to online teaching complied with both OSU and ABA requirements.

Moritz College of Law, Graduate Services Committee, 2019-2020

 Reviewed and analyzed student applications for admission to the Moritz College of Law's Master of Laws (LLM) and Master of Legal Studies (MLS) programs

Professional Affiliations

- American Association of Law Libraries (2019-present)
- Midwest Association of Law Libraries (2022-present)
 - o MALL Membership Committee (2023-present)
- Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (2019-2022)
 - o ORALL Nominations Committee (2019-2020)
 - o ORALL Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2021-2022)
 - o ORALL Internet and Social Media Committee (2021-2022)
 - o ORALL Education Committee (2022-2022
 - o ORALL Membership Committee (2022-2022)
- Illinois State Bar Association (2009-2018, 2022-present)

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Missouri (inactive status)
- United States District Courts for the Southern and Central Districts of Illinois
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Awards and Recognition

- Fall 2022, ICES List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, LAW 627 (both sections taught)
- Designated a Rising Star by Super Lawyers: 2014-2018
- Designated an Emerging Lawyer by Leading Lawyers: 2015-2018