

Kari L. Sanderson

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Education

The University of Chicago, The Law School, Chicago, Illinois **J.D. 1998**
The University of Chicago Roundtable
Senior Interdisciplinary Programs and Topic Access Editor
Student Government, Third-Year Class Representative

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington **B.A. 1994**
Major: English Literature
Academic honors, three years

Legal and Teaching Experience

University of Illinois College of Law **August 2017 – Present**
Teaching Professor of Law August 2022 – Present
Director of Appellate Advocacy August 2020 – Present
Anderson Center Moot Court Director August 2023 – Present
Associate Teaching Professor of Law August 2020 – August 2022
Assistant Teaching Professor of Law August 2017 – August 2020

- Teach one section of each course in the 1L legal writing series: Introduction to Legal Analysis and Writing, and Introduction to Advocacy.
- Teach one section of Advanced Legal Writing: Appellate Advocacy.
- Teach Advanced Legal Writing: Transactional Writing.
- Taught Law and Literature course.
- Create problems, project series, and additional materials used in Introduction to Legal Analysis and Writing, Introduction to Advocacy, Advanced Legal Writing: Appellate Advocacy, and Advanced Legal Writing: Transactional Writing.
- As director, support the adjunct professors teaching three additional sections of Advanced Legal Writing: Appellate Advocacy, including by providing the problem used in all sections, a bench brief, syllabi, grading tools, and classroom materials.
- Devise, research, and create the problems for the Frederick Green Moot Court Honorary Round, including a bench brief and realistic record on appeal.
- Devise, research, and create the problems for the Anderson Center Seventh Circuit Moot Court Competition, including a bench brief and realistic record on appeal.
- Created the format for the Anderson Center Seventh Circuit Moot Court Competition, which offers a unique competitive structure designed to approximate practice by retaining collaborative work on the brief, but utilizing individual oral arguments where each competitor represents only a single client.

George Mason University School of Law

Director, Second Year LRWA Program

Associate Director, LRWA Program

Assistant Director, LRWA Program

August 2008 – June 2017

December 2013 – June 2017

August 2012 – November 2013

August 2008 – July 2012

- Responsible for the required 2L writing program within the LRWA (Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis) Program.
- Created curriculum, problems, project series, syllabi, grading tools, and additional materials used in all appellate writing and legal drafting sections.
- Taught sections of appellate writing and legal drafting.
- Managed corps of 20-30 adjunct instructors.
- Restructured legal drafting course from a course surveying disparate drafting tasks to an integrated course providing an introduction to transactional work and drafting.
- Oversaw the creation of a pilot program for elective upper-level, practice-specific, drafting course.
- Taught 1L introduction to legal research, writing, and analysis course and managed team of 17 third- and fourth-year teaching assistants.

Jenner & Block LLP

August 2003 – August 2008

Paralegal: Family Law Practice Group.

- Drafted court pleadings, motions, orders, and settlement agreements; frequent client contact.
- Performed financial analysis, due diligence, and legal research; drafted legal memoranda and CLE course materials.
- Managed, trained, and instructed project assistants.

Sachnoff & Weaver, Ltd.

February 2000 – January 2002

Associate: Corporate, Securities, and Intellectual Property Law Group.

- Drafted documents for leveraged acquisitions, stock and securities offerings, and corporate governance.
- Negotiated service contracts and leasing arrangements.
- Coordinated closings for multiple mergers and acquisitions.

Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon

June 1997 – January 2000

Summer Associate, Law Clerk, and Associate: Practiced in the areas of insurance defense and product liability litigation, family law, and general corporate and securities.

- Primary attorney on multiple divorce cases.
- Co-author, “Original Proceedings for Temporary and Permanent Custody” IICLE Practice Handbook: Child Custody Litigation, H. Joseph Gitlin, General Editor.

Presentations

Emory's Seventh Biennial Conference on the Teaching of Transactional Law & Skills - Preparing Future Lawyers to Draft Contracts, Do Deals, and Take Care of Business **October 6, 2023**

Emory Law Center for Transactional Law and Practice

Presenter: One Semester, One Deal: A Transactional-Practice Focused Syllabus

Invited Presentation at Chapman and Cutler LLP **January 24, 2023**

Co-Presenter: Should This Be an Email: Writing Professional Emails – A Refresher

Eighth Applied Legal Storytelling Conference **July 15, 2021**

Virtual – Hosted by Mercer University School of Law

Presenter: Introducing Rule Synthesis Using the Trial of Harry Potter

Emory's Seventh Biennial Conference on the Teaching of Transactional Law & Skills - Emerging from the Crisis: The Future of Transactional Law and Skills Education **June 4, 2021**

Virtual – Hosted by Emory Law Center for Transactional Law and Practice

Presenter: Try This Session: Introducing the Letter of Intent Using Craigslist Presentation later published as: *Building Bridges: Examples of Exercises that Teach Lawyer Skills*, 23 Transactions: Tenn. J. Bus. L. 329 (Fall, 2021)

LWI One-Day Workshop **December 1, 2018**

University of Illinois College of Law

Panel Discussion Participant: Upper-Level Writing Classes – Writing After the First Year

Presenter: Teaching Transactional Legal Writing

Legal Writing Institute One-Day Conference **December 4, 2015**

Widener Law Commonwealth

Presenter: Paths in the Forest: A Proposed Argument Decision Tree

Capital Area Legal Writing Conference **March 9, 2012**

Georgetown University Law Center

Presenter: Legal Drafting: A Proposed Problem Series with a Corporate Focus

College and University Service since Joining the College of Law

University of Illinois Committee on Learning Outcomes Assessment **July 2018 – Present**
Member

College of Law Assessments Committee **August 2018 – Present**
Chair August 2023 - Present
Co-Chair July 2021 – Present
Member August 2018 – July 2021

University of Illinois Committee on Admissions
Member

July 2020 – July 2022

University Senate
Senator

July 2018 – May 2019

College of Law Diversity Committee
Member

September 2017 – July 2018