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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL

Assistant Professor of Legal Studies, August 2019-present

Undergraduate Courses: Family Law, Criminal Procedure, Women and the Law, Evidence, Legal Research & Writing, Law and Society, Survey of American Law

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Pedagogical Assistant Professor of Paralegal Studies, July 2015-July 2019

Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to Law, Introduction to the Paralegal Profession, Legal Technology, Legal Ethics, Contracts, Criminal Law & Procedure, Family Law, Women and the Law, Evidence, Alternative Dispute Resolution

University of Colorado at Denver, School of Public Affairs, Denver, CO

Lecturer, Fall 2016, Summer 2013, Summer 2012

Undergraduate Course: Crime Theory & Causes

PROPOSED TEACHING AREAS

Family Law, Women and the Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

Sanctuary Cities and Counties for the Unborn: The Use of Resolutions and Ordinances to Restrict Abortion Access, Northern Illinois University L. Rev. (forthcoming Spring 2021).

Crises Collide: Examining the Intersection of Sex Trafficking and Opioid Use, Kentucky L.J. (forthcoming Spring 2021).

A Path Forward: Florida's Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking, 71 S. C. L. Rev. 3 (2020).

The Failure of Amanda's Law in Kentucky: Creating Best Practices for Legislatures Passing Domestic Violence Statutes, 38 *Quinnipiac L. Rev.* 41 (2019).

Opioid Crisis and the Law: An Examination of Efforts Made in Kentucky, 70 *S. C. L. Rev.* 3 (2019).

Ruth Bader Ginsburg: Examining Her Path to the High Court Bench and its Intersection with the ACLU, 6 *Lincoln Mem'l U. L. Rev.* 1 (2019).

SHORTER WORKS

Our Rightful Place: A History of Women at the University of Kentucky, 1880-1945, *Bench & B.* (forthcoming March 2021) (book review).

Covid-19, Disruption, and Teaching Practices, *Legal Writing: J. of Legal Writing Inst.* (forthcoming Spring 2021).

RBG Played the Long Game on Making Real Change for Women...and Men, *Kentucky Herald-Leader* (2020) (opinion).

Should We Do Away with Office Hours?, *InsideHigherEd.com* (2020) (opinion).

Starting a Prison Reading Group, *Jurist.org* (2020) (commentary).

Richard H. Underwood's Gaslight Lawyers: Criminal Trials & Exploits in Gilded Age New York, 83 *Bench & B.* 6 (2019) (book review).

Abortion Access in Kentucky: 2019 Legislative Update, 83 *Bench & B.* 22 (2019).

Teaching Legal History Through Women and the Law Curriculum, 34 *The Legal Educator* (2019).

Top 5 Mistakes that Young Lawyers Make, 15 *The Young Lawyer* (2010).

Does That Framed License Mean Anything? Creating Possibilities in the Young Lawyer's Career, 11 *The Young Lawyer* (2007).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Dorothy Kenyon: Examining Her Work in the Equality Movement. I am looking at her papers housed at Smith College for an article about her work, including her relationship with Pauli Murray.

The Importance of Literacy in Prisons. I created a prison reading group in 2020 and obtained data from participants. I am examining the data and literacy efforts in prisons.

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

The Law Office of Jennifer L. Brinkley, Bowling Green, KY, March 2007-April 2011 and August 2017-February 2019

- Managed solo law practice, practicing in the areas of family law, disability/guardianship cases, criminal law, dependency/neglect/abuse cases, juvenile law, and business law.

Manager of Human Resource Administration at Martin Management Group, Bowling Green, KY, September 2013-February 2014 and July 2014-July 2015

- Responsible for administration of employee benefit programs and compliance with various labor rules and regulations. Provided guidance on employment related issues for over 430 employees in six states, among 15 locations.

Prosecutor, Assistant Warren County Attorney, Bowling Green, KY, November 2009-September 2013

- Prosecutor in Warren District Court handling misdemeanor criminal offenses, traffic offenses, mental health cases, guardianship cases, and juvenile public offenses. Executed search warrants and arrest warrants. On call to answer questions from various law enforcement agencies and/or prepare warrants as needed. Frequent jury trial experience.

Associate Attorney at Harned, Bachert & Denton, Bowling Green, KY, August 2005-March 2007

- Practiced in the areas of civil litigation, workers' compensation, employment law, family law, contracts, and business law. Also worked as a law clerk May-August 2004.

LEGAL CLINIC EXPERIENCE

Attorney, Western Kentucky University Student Legal Services Clinic, Bowling Green, KY, July 2015-July 2019

Practiced in areas of family and criminal law representing WKU students and participated in educational programming with the University community and community partners.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **2020-2021 Distinguished Faculty Service Award Nomination.** Nominated for a Faculty Service Award by a Legal Studies student.
- **2020 Faculty Teaching Award for Course Redesign using Open Education Resources.** Selected to redesign Survey of American Law course.
- **2017-2018 Teaching Award Nomination.** Nominated for a Faculty Teaching Award in University College.
- **2017 WKU Master Advisor Certificate.** Presented by Academic Advising and Retention Center.

- **2016-2017 WKU ZSEIFS Participant.** Selected to participate in the Zuheir Sofia Endowed International Faculty Seminar (ZSEIFS) to Bosnia-Herzegovina in May/June 2017. Obtained Q-TAG Grant to conduct research on gender and the judiciary.
- **2015 Outstanding Young Lawyer.** Presented in June of 2015 by Kentucky Bar Association Young Lawyers Division at Kentucky Bar Association Annual Convention.
- **2014 University of Kentucky College of Law Alumni Young Professional Award.** Presented in June of 2014 at Kentucky Bar Association Annual Convention.
- **2011-2012 Outstanding Graduate Student (Criminology).**
- **2009 Guardian ad Litem of the Year.** Presented by CASA for Excellence in Legal Representation of Neglected and Abused Children.
- **2009 Community Service Award.** Presented by the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association for the 2009 Law Day Food Drive, Small Firm Division.

EDUCATION

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

M.A. Criminology

August 2009-December 2011

Thesis: Smashing Cycles: An Exploratory Analysis of Factors Coinciding with Female Defendants Charged with Assault Offenses When Minor Children Are Present

Honors: WKU Outstanding Criminology Graduate Student of the Year (2011-2012)

University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law, Lexington, KY

Juris Doctor

August 2002-May 2005

Honors: Recipient of Moot Court National Team Scholarship; Recipient of Trial Advocacy Scholarship; Top Finisher in Trial Advocacy Competition; Best Oral Advocate Award; Member of National Moot Court Team; Member of National ATLA Trial Team (the only second year member)

Activities: Moot Court Board, Trial Advocacy Team; Student Recruitment Coordinator; Student Recruitment Committee; 1L Representative on Technology Committee; Student Public Interest Law Foundation; Student Advisor to Kentucky Innocence Project; Moot Court Social Chair

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

B.A. Broadcasting

August 1997-December 2001

Honors: Recipient of College Heights Scholarship; Recipient of Athletic Book Scholarship; Member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society; Member of Golden Key National Honor Society; Dean's List; President's Scholar; Recipient of WKU Film Festival Awards (Best PSA and Best Documentary); Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*

STUDENT RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Research Supervisor, UWF Legal Studies Department (August 2020 – present).

Serve as advisor for student working on article detailing the trend of animal custody statutes.

Research Supervisor, UWF Legal Studies Department (February 2020 – March 2020).

Served as advisor for student working on comparative analysis of state domestic violence statutes for UWF symposium. (Canceled due to COVID-19.)

Research Supervisor, WKU History Department. (September 2018 – May 2019).

Served as a primary advisor for student working on a FUSE grant to fund research on gender and the judiciary in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis, WKU Honors College Department, PLS 324. (January 2017 – May 2017).

Worked with two Honors College students on their augmentation of Women and the Law (PLS 324), researching and analyzing Ruth Bader Ginsburg's history.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis, WKU Honors College Department, PLS 350. (March 2016 – December 2016).

Worked with two Honors College students with their augmentation of Evidence (PLS 350), analyzing evidentiary practices in a criminal trial.

PRESENTATION LIST

February 5, 2021. *Selling Vulnerability: Sex Trafficking, Opioids, and Eradicating the Demand Symposium*. Served as a panelist at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law Symposium to 98 participants.

November 17, 2020. *Sanctuary Cities and Counties for the Unborn: The Use of Resolutions and Ordinances to Restrict Abortion Access*. Provided a presentation on my paper to Northwest Florida Paralegal Presentation.

November 4, 2020. *AAfPE National Conference*. Panelist on the Research and Scholarship Panel discussing *Sanctuary Cities and Counties for the Unborn: The Use of Resolutions and Ordinances to Restrict Abortion Access*.

October 8, 2020. *RBG: Celebrating Her Life and Legacy*. Provided a presentation on Ruth Bader Ginsburg's history via Zoom to 65 participants.

April 7, 2020. *Ipsa Dixit Podcast*. Was a guest on the podcast discussing article, titled: *The Failure of Amanda's Law in Kentucky: Creating Best Practices for Legislatures Passing Domestic Violence Statutes*. In *Quinnipiac Law Review* (2019).

February 21, 2020. *Human Trafficking Symposium*. Panelist discussing sex trafficking at a symposium sponsored by the University of South Carolina School of Law. Article forthcoming in South Carolina Law Review Fall 2020.

November 19, 2019. Presented article, *The Failure of Amanda's Law in Kentucky: Creating Best Practices for Legislatures Passing Domestic Violence Statutes*, at Northwest Florida Paralegal Association.

October 29, 2019. *Gender and Justice: Theory and Practice Across Contexts*. Presented paper at International Conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, titled: *The Failure of Amanda's Law in Kentucky: Creating Best Practices for Legislatures Passing Domestic Violence Statutes*. Sponsored by Atlantic Initiative.

October 3, 2019. *Ipse Dixit Podcast*. Was a guest on the podcast discussing article, titled: *Ruth Bader Ginsburg: Examining Her Path to the High Court Bench and its Intersection with the ACLU*. In *LMU Law Review Spring 2019*. 6(1).

January 2019, September 2018, January 2018, December 2016, March 2016. *Family Law Basics*. Presented session for participants of the Bowling Green Reach Higher Program at the Housing Authority, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

November 2018. *Writing a Diversity Statement for your Portfolio*. Presented one-hour session for faculty to introduce importance of diversity statements.

October 2018 and November 2015. *Mock Interview and Resume Skills Workshop*. Gave mock interviews to participants of the Bowling Green Reach Higher Program at the Housing Authority, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

July 2018. *WKU Walk to Remember Srebrenica Genocide Symposium*. Spoke on panel at Kentucky Museum about genocide and next steps in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

March 2018. *WKU #MeToo Presentation*. Spoke on panel about sexual harassment.

February 2018. *Teaching Tips: Improving Your Classroom Presentation for Students*. Presented 50-minute session for faculty at Lilly National Conference on Teaching for Active and Engaged Learning, Anaheim, California.

November 2017. *The Intersection of Bosnian Culture and American Legal Practice*. Obtained grant funding to bring three Bosnian-American female attorneys to WKU to discuss the title of the panel. Moderated the panel discussion, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

October 2017. *The Loving Story*. Facilitated discussion and screening of "The Loving Story" documentary for students and faculty.

September 2017. *Lunch and Learn*. Presented a 30-minute session to faculty about teaching tips and improving student engagement, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

September 2017. *Bosnia Film Festival*. Moderated a film at the Bosnia Film Festival and spoke about gender and the judiciary, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

April 2017. *The Shift in the Equal Protection Clause and Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Impact on Gender Equality*. WKU Seventh Annual Gender & Communications Conference, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

April 2017 and 2016. *Take Our Sons & Daughters to Work Day*. Presented Law & Order unit to elementary students at WKU.

September 2016. *Criminal Law and Family Law Basics*. Presented information to Congolese and Bhutanese refugees at the International Center, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

July 2016. *Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Her Impact on Women's Rights: Could She Be Confirmed Today?* Presented original paper at Society for Values in Higher Education National Conference, Oberlin, Ohio.

May 2016. *Justice for Black Women*. Presented information about history of reproductive rights, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

March 2016. *The Notorious RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Her Impact on Women's Rights*. WKU Sixth Annual Gender & Communications Conference, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

October 2014. *Moderator*. Kentucky Law Update, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

May 2013. *From Charge to Sentencing*. Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy, Lucas, Kentucky.

March 2013. *The Juvenile Justice System*. WKU Social Work, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

January 2009. *How to Make It on Your Own: Starting and Managing a Small Law Firm*. Kentucky Bar Association New Lawyers Program, Covington, Kentucky.

May 2008. *U @ 18: Becoming an Adult in Kentucky*. Eleventh Street Alternative School, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

October 2007. *Building a Law Firm...From Scratch*. Kentucky Bar Association New Lawyers Program, Louisville, Kentucky.

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

OUR Reviewer for student grant funding, 2020
Deputy Editor, ABA Section of Int'l Law, 2020 Int'l Law Year in Review
Judge for California Western Regional ABA Negotiation Tournament, 2020
Judge for UWF Mock Trial Scrimmage, 2020
UWF University Research Council, 2020-2021
Peer Reviewer for Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal, 2020
Judge for Gulf Breeze Mock Trial Tournament, 2020
Santa Rosa Correctional Institution Reading Group, 2020
Created Little Free Public Library, 2020
Phi Alpha Delta Faculty Sponsor, 2019-present
Teen Court Volunteer, 2019-2020
FUSE Grant Reviewer, 2018
IYO Grant Reviewer, 2018
University Curriculum Committee Member for Potter College, 2018-2019
Judge for Forensics Tournament, 2018
Judge for Annual WKU Student Research Conference, 2016-2018
TOP Advisor, 2018, 2016
Noel-Levitz Faculty Focus Group Member, 2017-2018
University Curriculum Committee At-Large Member, 2017-2018
Steering Subcommittee Member, 2017-2018
Member of Peer Teaching Evaluation Committee, 2017
QEP Evaluation & Assessment Team Member, 2017
Student Legal Services Free Living Will Clinic, 2016-2017
University Curriculum Committee Alternate Member, 2016-2017
University Curriculum Committee At-Large Member, 2015-2016
Academic Policy Subcommittee Member, 2015-2016
Search Committee Chair for WKU Police Chief, 2015
WKU Library Advisory Council, 2014-2018

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Search Committee for Department Chair, 2020-2021
Legal Studies Advisory Board, 2019-present
UWF Explore Majors Fair, 2019
UWF Day of Declaration, 2019
Potter College Curriculum Committee Member, 2018-2019
MPA Graduate Committee Member, 2018-2019
ABA Approval Process Member, 2017
Discover WKU Participant, 2017, 2016
Renter's Rights Workshop, 2016
Barren County Dual Credit Informational Sessions, 2015-2016
Master Plan Participant, 2015

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Florida Association for Women Lawyers (Northwest Chapter), 2019-present
Kentucky Bar Association Communications Committee, 2018-present
American Association for Paralegal Education, 2017-present
International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, 2017-2018
Southern Kentucky Collaborative Professionals Board of Directors, 2018-2019
Society for Values in Higher Education (SVHE), 2016-2019
WKU Alumni Association (Lifetime member)
UK Rosenberg College of Law Alumni Association

RESEARCH FUNDING

- **QTAG Grant (Internal):** Awarded a QTAG Grant (\$1,820.00 awarded) for research project while in Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH) to conduct interviews with judges, lawyers, and NGO workers. Received IRB approval for research project.
- **IYO Grant, Attorney Panel Discussion (Internal & External):** Submitted to Office of International Programs a grant proposal to bring three Bosnian-American female lawyers to campus in November of 2017 to discuss the intersection of Bosnian culture and American legal practice. Awarded \$700 from Office of International Programs, \$300 from WKU Gender & Women's Studies, and \$100 from WKU Student Legal Services Clinic. External funding of \$300 from Kerrick Bachert Law Firm obtained.
- **QTAG Grant (Internal):** Awarded a QTAG Grant (\$1,577.96 awarded) to conduct research on an article examining Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dissent history; traveled to Washington, D.C. January 10-14, 2016 to collect data on project. Attended oral arguments at United States Supreme Court.

OTHER WRITING PUBLICATIONS

(2019). Wanting to Live in the Before (essay). Conquer: The Patient Voice Magazine. Vol. 4, No. 5.

(2018). Tendrils (short story). *Bonfire(s) Literary Journal*. Vol. 1.

(2018). To Have and to Hold (poetry). *Nebo Literary Journal*.

(2018). On a June Night in 2000 (poetry). *Pink Panther Magazine*.

(2016). Counting Breaths (poetry). *The Survivor's Review*. Vol. No. XVI.

(2016). Unraveling (poetry). *Route 7 Review*.

(2014). A Mother's Love (poetry), Keeper of Things (poetry). In *The Notebook: a progressive journal about women & girls with rural & small town roots*. (No. 3).

(2014). Earth and Breath (poetry), Days of Rain (short story), Life Lessons (poetry). In *Still Here: VLP Magazine*.

(2013). Dripping (poetry). In *Handful of Dust Magazine*. (Issue 10).

(2013). Homecoming (poetry). In *The Blue Pen Literary Magazine*. (Issue 1).

(2012). Clinging Tightly: The Life of a Second Wife, Stepmom, Adoptive Mom and Lawyer. *Lawson Lane Press*.

(2012). The Warren County Attorney's Office. In *Bowling Green Parent*. (2).
(2010-2012). Clinging Tightly. Weekly Column in *Bowling Green Daily News*.
(2011). Review of *Waiting for a Warm Body to Fill It* by Kelly Moffett. In *The Poetry Market Ezine*. 10(7).
(2011). Threads (poetry). In *issue.Zero Literary Magazine*. (No. -1).

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court of the United States
Admitted to U.S. Court of Appeals, United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
Admitted to U.S. District Court, Western District Court of Kentucky
Admitted to Kentucky Bar Association