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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

Malibu, California

Assistant Professor of Legal Research and Writing

2025-present

Director of Appellate Advocacy Program for External Competitions

2026-present

Co-Director of Appellate Advocacy Program for Internal Competitions

2025-2026

- Currently teaching: Legal Research and Writing I and II,
Straus Institute: Introduction to U.S. Law, MLS program: Law in Practice
- Faculty advisor to the law school's moot court team
- Authored multiple problems for the Armand Arabian Advocacy Tournament and the Vincent S. Dalsimer Moot Court Competition, including problems argued before Justices of the United States Supreme Court
- Organized and managed three moot court competitions, including 1L competition involving more than 200 students

Visiting Professor of Law

2025

- Courses taught: Legal Research and Writing II

Adjunct Professor of Law

2018-2024

- JD courses taught: Honors Appellate Advocacy
- Straus Institute courses taught: Introduction to U.S. Law
- MLS courses taught: Introduction to U.S. Law, Torts, Practical Litigation, Property, Law in Practice

TEACHING AWARDS

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

Malibu, California

- Pepperdine Waves of Excellence Award for Teaching
- Pepperdine David McKibbin Excellence in Teaching Award
as the school's top adjunct professor

2025

2020

LAW SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Vice-Chair of the Caruso School of Law Academic Standards Committee 2026-present
- Member of the Pepperdine University Grievance Committee 2026-present
- Member of the Caruso School of Law Academic Standards Committee 2025-2026
- Volunteer at Glory Reins Riding School, provide care for therapy horses 2024-present
- Pro bono counsel for junior ice hockey team 2024-present
- Certified USA Hockey coach, volunteer coach for youth ice hockey teams 2022-present
- Coached multiple teams in New York City Bar Moot Court Competition that advanced to national rounds 2017-2019
- Coached team that won Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Offices of Jeffrey T. Belton

Simi Valley, California

Owner

2012-2024

- Represented plaintiffs in complex litigation cases throughout California, in both state and federal court, including mass tort cases, class actions, and cases involving homeowners' associations
- Served as appellate counsel for other firms and assisted with litigation on an of counsel basis
- Successfully briefed and argued motions involving complicated topics such as class certification, management of complex litigation, summary judgment involving novel questions of law, and anti-SLAPP litigation
- Wrote appellate briefs covering numerous areas of law including scope of bankruptcy discharge for tort judgments, enforceability of arbitration provisions, limits of spousal support orders in family court, and breach of fiduciary duty claims in probate litigation
- Successfully argued appeals before the Ninth Circuit and California Courts of Appeal
- Served as defense counsel in civil litigation involving breach of contract, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and malicious prosecution claims
- Served as counsel for junior ice hockey team, prepared player contracts, and reviewed media licensing agreements
- Prepared dynamic video presentations of claims and attended more than 100 mediations

Belton Realty

Simi Valley, California

Owner

2010-present

- Lead real estate broker for a family-owned brokerage that specializes in selling probate and trust properties throughout Southern California

Trujillo & Winnick, LLP

Santa Monica, California

Of Counsel

2015-2019

- Appointed as class counsel in certified federal court class action involving ERISA claims and state court class action involving breach of fiduciary duty claims

Law Offices of Dan Monteleone

Reseda Ranch, California

Associate

2005-2012

- Litigated complex construction defect cases involving multiple parties and structures
- Represented homeowners' associations in cases involving real property claims
- Successfully briefed and argued an appeal before California's Fifth District Court of Appeals

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Los Angeles County Bar Association Trial Advocacy Project

Los Angeles, California

Volunteer Prosecutor

2010

- Accepted for admission into LACBA's prestigious program for development of advanced trial practice skills
- Tried numerous criminal cases to verdict as a volunteer prosecutor with the Office of the Ventura County District Attorney

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University School of Law Malibu, California
Juris Doctor, *cum laude* (Class Rank Top 14%) May 2005
Straus Institute, Certificate in Dispute Resolution May 2005
Honors: Dean's List (four semesters); Order of Barristers, CALI award (Arbitration Practice)
Moot Court: Interschool Moot Court Team; Robert F. Wagner National Moot Court Competition
(first place advocate, semifinalist); Stetson International Environmental Law Moot
Court Competition (fourth place advocate in international rounds);
Vincent S. Dalsimer Moot Court Competition (finalist, best brief)

University of California Los Angeles Los Angeles, California
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minor in Anthropology, *cum laude* May 2002
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Provost's Honors List
Activities: Producer of UCLATV Weekly News Program

MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of California (License #239443) 2005-present
State Bar of Nevada (License #9758) 2006-present
United States District Court, Central District of California 2005-present
United States District Court, Eastern District of California 2010-present
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Bar 2010-present
United States Supreme Court Bar 2017-present
California Bureau of Real Estate, Real Estate Broker, (License #01887960) 2010-present
Legal Writing Institute 2025-present