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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pepperdine Caruso School of Law Academic Mastery Program

Assistant Professor of Law & Practice

Assistant Director of Academic Mastery & Bar Preparation

Malibu, CA

2025 - Present

2021-2023; 2025- Present

Teaching, training, and mentoring law students in academic and bar exam preparation curriculum. Position includes assessment and grading, course design, academic advising, and both online and in-person lecturing. Specific responsibilities include advising and instructing students at-risk of academic dismissal, and those with poor predictors for first-time bar passage.

- Courses Taught:
 - Fall and Spring Academic Mastery Program Workshops
 - Bar Exam Workshop

Pepperdine Caruso School of Law Clinical Programs

Director of Externships; Adjunct Professor of Law

Malibu, CA

2023 - 2025

Responsible for teaching and administering the School of Law's JD externship program (average 100 - 120 per semester). Duties include course and program design, teaching in the classroom and one-on-one, liaising with external placement sites, coordinating with faculty advisors, reviewing student evaluation and reflection materials, and managing enrollment and assessment systems.

- Courses Taught:
 - Externships Workshop
- Clinical Conference Presentation:
 - ABA Standard 303(c); AALS Externships National Conference 2024

Director of Pro Bono Programs

Overseeing and managing the law school pro bono legal service initiatives, including recruiting student volunteers, identifying community legal needs, coordinating with partner organizations, developing new pro bono projects, and clinical supervision of volunteer law students. Specific duties include renewal of engagement with external and internal partners, student body and organizational leadership, and communities in need.

- Pro Bono Projects:
 - August 2023 Lahaina Wildfire Response; Maui, Hawaii
 - September 2024 Hurricanes Helen and Milton Relief
 - January 2025 Los Angeles Wildfire Disaster Clinic

Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law

Adjunct Professor

Malibu, CA

2022 - Present

Teaching part-time graduate level legal studies courses online and in-person to non-JD students pursuing their Masters of Legal Studies, Masters of Dispute Resolution, or Masters of Law. Bar exam mentorship and preparation for foreign attorneys in the LLM program taking their first bar exam in an American jurisdiction.

- Courses Taught:
 - Introduction to United States Laws & Legal Systems
 - Legal Research & Writing
 - The Intersection of Law & Society, Residency Program

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University School of Law

Malibu, CA

Doctorate of Jurisprudence, Cum Laude

- **Class Rank:** Top 19%; 3.515 Final GPA
- **Activities:**
 - Veterans Legal Society, *President*; Palmer Center for the Law and Entrepreneurship, *Fellowship*;
 - Phi Delta Phi Legal Honors Fraternity, *Member*; Veteran Recruitment Committee, *Member*;
 - Study-Abroad London Program; *Participant*

University of Colorado

Boulder, CO

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

- **Honors:** Dean's List; 3.7 GPA
- **Activities:** Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, *President*; Interfraternity Council, *Speaker*

SERVICE

- United States Marine Corps - Sergeant (2003-2007)
 - Two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals; two Certificates of Commendation; three Letters of Recognition; three meritorious promotions; four-time Marine of the Quarter
- Community Honors and Activities:
 - Community Veteran Justice Project: former volunteer; current member of Board of Directors
 - Poudre Valley Fire District "Above & Beyond" award; Larimer County Sheriff's Office Citizen Commendation
 - Team Rubicon: veteran-volunteer disaster response organization. Service projects include COVID-19 Pandemic Response and 2025 LA Wildfires Response
 - Team RWB: volunteer surf coach for disabled veterans
- Pepperdine Caruso School of Law Military & Veteran Liaison
 - Veterans Legal Society Faculty Advisor; 2022 - Present
 - Advising JD students interested in legal careers in military service as J.A.G. Officers
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- Member, University Church of Christ; Malibu, CA
 - Youth Group Mentorship Program: member
 - Church Benevolence Committee: member