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EMPLOYMENT

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law, Malibu, CA

March 2007 – July 2021 / February 2024 - Present

- Served in several multi-year roles:

Assistant Professor of Law and Practice

- Recipient of Pepperdine University Howard A. White Award for Teaching Excellence
- Develop and teach curriculum for in-person and online Legal Research and Writing, Advanced Legal Analysis and Writing, Advanced Litigation Writing, Academic Mastery, Bar Exam Workshop, and Federal Income Taxation courses
- Present at Legal Writing Institute Conferences on legal research and writing topics

Assistant Dean of Academic Mastery, Bar Preparation, and Graduate Employment (previously for student employment, too)

- Manage law school's academic success program for 1L, 2L, and 3L students, and bar exam preparation programs for 3L students and alumni; develop and teach online and in-person courses; individually counsel and tutor students and graduates; and train and supervise instructional faculty
- Revamp and lead law school's bar preparation programs, achieving substantial gains in graduates' first-time and ultimate bar exam passage rates
- Strategize, plan, and coordinate with law school's administration and faculty to develop and maintain successful orientation, professional development, and experiential learning programs
- Develop and manage career and professional development programs for students and alumni, including soliciting employer participants, planning and coordinating recruiting and interview programs, managing career counseling programs, and training and supervising all attorney and professional staff members
- Facilitate substantial annual increases across multiple years for law graduates in full-time, long-term legal jobs, outperforming peer California law schools
- Develop and manage annual outreach campaigns to thousands of law school alumni and law firm, corporate, government, and nonprofit employers to increase employer participants and job opportunities for students and recent graduates
- Develop and present professional development programs for students and recent graduates on topics including resume and interview preparation, networking, effective use of social media, professionalism, and legal career paths and practice areas
- Counsel students and recent graduates on resume preparation, interviewing, and job search strategies
- Manage annual employment reporting to ABA, NALP, and U.S. News, and work with Pepperdine's internal auditors and general counsel to ensure accuracy of reported data
- Co-presented at NALP Conference on writing and professional development programs for law firm associates

Placement Counsel LLC, Moorpark, CA
Legal Placement Specialist

December 2021 – Present

- Founder/manager of nationwide legal search, recruiting, and placement firm

Self-Employed, Sarasota, FL

August 2021 – October 2023

Corporate / Litigation Attorney and Legal Editor

- Served as corporate and data privacy attorney for Newman LLP, a multistate law firm; advised corporate clients and drafted and negotiated transactional, commercial (including SaaS), data processing, data privacy, website terms of use, and other agreements
- Served as contract litigation attorney for MacGregor Madhok LLP, a California litigation firm; drafted motions, discovery documents, and case analyses for federal and California insurance coverage matters
- Served as senior legal editor for Alta Claro, drafting attorney training courses on commercial lending, technology transactions, and data privacy, processing, and security law for AmLaw 100 law firms

Self-Employed, Moorpark, CA

May 2017 – Present

Law School and Bar Exam Tutor

- Privately tutored law students, graduates, and attorneys, helping them achieve academic success in law school and pass the California and Uniform bar exams

United States District Court (D. Idaho), Boise, ID

August 2021 – September 2021

Judicial Clerk for Judge B. Lynn Winmill

- Served as interim judicial clerk; conducted legal research and drafted opinions and orders

Latham & Watkins LLP, Los Angeles / Costa Mesa, CA

August 1992 – October 1995 / November 2000 – May 2003

Tax Associate

- Provided federal tax advice to corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, charitable organizations, and individual investors in connection with business entity formations and complex business transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, public and private securities offerings, and restructurings
- Researched complex tax issues and drafted opinion letters, tax sections of agreements, SEC filings, and disclosure documents; also drafted guidance memoranda to shareholders, business executives, and professional advisors describing tax issues and structuring alternatives
- Assumed significant responsibilities in business disputes, tax controversies, and general litigation matters, including researching and drafting pleadings, motions, briefs, and jury instructions
- Supervised junior and summer associates

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law, Malibu, CA

May 1992

Juris Doctor, summa cum laude

- Class rank: 1st of 225, Valedictorian
- Pepperdine Law Review, Editor-in-Chief (Volume 19) and Staff Member (Volume 18)
- Dean's Merit and Barbara Bayliss Scholarships Recipient

- Legal Research and Writing Teaching Assistant
- Am Jur Awards for Top Grades in Federal Courts, Property, Torts, Legal Research and Writing, and Remedies
- Best Petitioner's Brief, Dalsimer Moot Court Competition

Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
Bachelor of Science, cum laude

June 1987

- Major: Finance, Minor: Economics

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SERVICE

Pepperdine Caruso School of Law Committees and Other Work

Current

- Member of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Steering Committee (Spring 2026 – Present)
- Dean's Representative to California Bar Committee of Bar Examiners' ABA Law School Council (Spring 2026 – Present)
- Specialized Academic Support Advisor to Selected Academically At-Risk 1L Students (Fall 2025 – Present)
- Guided Enrollment Advisor to Selected Academically At-Risk 2L and 3L Students (Summer 2024 – Present)
- Faculty Mentor to Post-Graduate Bar Examinees for February and July Bar Exams – dozens each year (July 2017 – July 2021 / July 2024 – Present)

Previous (Various Terms)

- Served as Academic Standards Committee Vice Chair, facilitating and drafting Committee's responses to FERPA and other issues with academic policies and midterm and final exams
- Served as Moot Court program director and Moot Court Board faculty mentor; drafted competition problems and bench briefs, managed competition logistics, and advised and coached student participants
- Served as Bar Passage Committee Chair, facilitating Committee's research and analysis into graduates' bar exam passage rates and law school's bar exam preparation courses, programs, and initiatives, and drafted Committee's recommendations for administration and faculty consideration and approval
- Served as Career Development Committee and Employment Task Force Chair and Vice Chair, leading Committee's efforts to engage employers and help students and alumni maximize employment outcomes, and assisted students and alumni with networking, job searches, and preparing for interviews
- Served on Student Life, Curriculum, and Ad Hoc Bar Examination Committees

BAR ADMISSION

- California State Bar License #162128