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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 6/2019-present **Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law** Malibu, CA
*PROFESSOR OF LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING, DIRECTOR OF AI INNOVATION,
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING*
- Teach Legal Research & Writing I & II, including objective writing and persuasive advocacy
 - Teach Bias in Legal Analysis & Writing, an ABA Standard 303 seminar
 - Voted 1L Professor of the Year in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021
 - Former Director of the Judicial Clerkship Institute, a two-day training for federal judicial clerks with federal judges and practitioners as speakers
 - Academic Standards Committee Chair, Clerkship Taskforce Vice-Chair, Admissions Committee Member, University Faculty Committee Member, past Moot Court Board Advisor
 - Current and past Academic Advisor to probationary students & many groups, including OUTlaw, the Multicultural Law Commission, First Generation Law Students Association, & Iranian Law Students Association
- 1998-2019 **Loyola Law School** Los Angeles, CA
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
- Taught Legal Research & Writing, Appellate Advocacy, American Legal Research & Writing for Foreign Lawyers (LLM Students), Legal Drafting, and Ethical Lawyering
 - Served as a Writing Specialist, working with individual students on legal writing
- 1995-96 **Whittier Law School** Los Angeles, CA
FULL-TIME LEGAL SKILLS INSTRUCTOR and ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
- Taught Legal Skills I & II, Pretrial Litigation, Professional Responsibility Practicum, and Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiation
 - Advised Black Law Students Association, PILF, and Moot Court Honors Board
- 1993-94 **Loyola University Chicago School of Law** Chicago, IL
LECTURER
- Taught Legal Writing, Moot Court (Basic Appellate Advocacy), and Legal Research

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE Licensed to practice law in California and Illinois

- 2006-2019 **Utility Consulting Group LLC** Los Angeles, CA
GENERAL COUNSEL
- Served as corporate counsel, overseeing all outside counsel and contract matters
- 2003-2006 **Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold LLP** Los Angeles, CA
SPECIAL COUNSEL–APPELLATE DEPARTMENT
- Prepared appellate briefs and presented oral arguments in state civil appeals
 - Wrote and argued dispositive motions in state and federal trial court cases
 - Supervised associates writing appellate briefs, writs, and key civil trial motions
- 1997-2003 **Horvitz & Levy LLP** Encino, CA
APPELLATE ASSOCIATE
- Wrote appellate briefs and writs in state and federal civil appeals, including briefs to the United States Supreme Court and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
 - Presented oral arguments at the California Supreme Court and Court of Appeal
 - Wrote and argued dispositive motions in state and federal trial court cases

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1996-97	United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit <i>LAW CLERK TO JUDGE FERDINAND F. FERNANDEZ</i>	Pasadena, CA
	• Researched and wrote comprehensive bench memoranda and drafted opinions	
1994-95	United States District Court, District of Connecticut <i>LAW CLERK TO JUDGE T. F. GILROY DALY</i>	Waterbury, CT
	• Drafted rulings, orders, jury instructions, and findings of fact and law	
1992-94	Illinois Appellate Court, First District <i>LAW CLERK TO PRESIDING JUSTICE EDWARD J. EGAN</i>	Chicago, IL
	• Researched and wrote comprehensive bench memoranda and drafted opinions	
1990-92	Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago <i>FELLOW & ILLINOIS LICENSED LAW STUDENT</i>	Chicago, IL
	• Represented clients in state jury trials, bench trials, and administrative hearings	
EDUCATION		
1985-89	Northwestern University Bachelor of Science in Social Policy and Education	Evanston, IL
	• Dean's List (3.75/4.00 or above) - five quarters.	
1989-92	Loyola University Chicago School of Law Juris Doctor, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Chicago, IL
	• Top 3% of class • Executive Editor for Publication, <i>Loyola University Chicago Law Journal</i> • Selected Honors: Justice Hayes Scholarship Award for the highest academic record in the final year, BNA Law Student Award for outstanding overall scholastic achievement, American Jurisprudence Awards for the highest grades in seven courses, and Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Honor Society membership	
SELECTED PRO BONO WORK		
2007-2026	City of Calabasas COMMISSIONER, TEEN COURT BAILIFF	Calabasas, CA
	• Served as Chair and Vice Chair of the Parks, Recreation, and Education Commission and Traffic & Transportation Commission	
2019-2024	State Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel <i>ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER</i>	Canoga Park, CA
	• Suggested needed legislation and advise Assemblymember on community issues	
2005-2021	Las Virgenes United School District <i>VOLUNTEER</i>	Calabasas, CA
	• Prepared and filed successful IRC 501(c)(3) application for LVUSD's Foundation • Wrote bylaws and governing documents for several LVUSD parent organizations • Served as board member, including president, of parent organizations responsible for significant fundraising and District support	
1995-2006	California Court of Appeal for the Second District <i>VOLUNTEER MEDIATOR</i>	Los Angeles, CA
	• Appointed by the Court to mediate select civil appeals	

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1995-99

Bet Tzedek Legal Services *VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY*

Los Angeles, CA

- Represented clients in contract, housing, family, and administrative matters
- Recipient of the State Bar of California Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Award

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference at Minnesota Law, “*Care to Comment?*” on Best Practices in Grading, July 17, 2026
- Co-editor and co-author, *Legal Argumentation: Reasoning and Writing About the Law*, open source textbook (CALI 2025).
- Co-author, *How can artificial intelligence support instruction of legal reading and writing: A white paper*, forthcoming in the *Computers & Education: Artificial Intelligence* journal
- Presenter, Lorman Education national webinars: *Advanced Legal Writing II*, May 2026; *Advanced Legal Writing I* (May 2025); *Bias in Legal Analysis and Writing* (May 2024)
- Presenter, Frost LLP: *Clear and Persuasive Writing Seminar* (October 2025)
- Presenter for large forensic accounting firm Gursey LLP: *Intensive Persuasive Writing Workshop* (May 2025); *Writing Persuasive Declarations* (June 2024)
- Monthly Blogger, Appellate Advocacy Blog of the Law Professor Blogs Network, 2019-2025
- Presenter, Legal Writing Institute Leadership Academy 2025: *Generative AI Panel*
- Presenter, CALIcon 2025 Empower, Enlighten, Evolve, [*OER, OA typesetting, nine editors & nine authors: What could go wrong?*](#) With [Brian Larson](#), [Joshua Jones](#), and [Krista Bordatto](#) (June 6, 2025)
- Presenter, *Success in Legal Research and Writing* national Westlaw webinar (Sept. 22, 2023)
- Presenter, *Engaging Brief Introductions & Summaries of Argument*, Corbin Appellate Symposium at University of Arkansas, Little Rock (Mar. 30-31, 2023)
- Co-Author, *Criticism of Non-Exam Pathway is Thinly Veiled Protectionism*, L.A. Daily Journal (Aug. 04, 2022)
- Lead Author, Legal Writing Institute’s *LWI Lives*, with profiles of national leaders in LRW education in December 2021, May 2021, and December 2020
- Co-Presenter, *Discovery and the Arc of Litigation*, with Prof. David DeJute, CDO’s Summer Legal Skills Practicum (Jul. 14, 2020)
- Co-Presenter, *Organizing, Hosting, and Preparing for Virtual Moot Court Competitions*, William & Mary Conference for Excellence in Teaching Legal Research & Writing Online (Jun. 18, 2020)
- Co-Presenter, *You Had Me at Hello: Ten Tips For Teaching Students to Craft Powerful Introductory Emotional Hooks*, with Prof. Maureen Johnson, Legal Writing Institute, One-Day Workshop at USC Law School (Dec. 4, 2015)
- Daubert Provides Reasonable, Necessary Limits on “Junk Science” Expert Testimony, Med. Malpr. Law & Strategy 2 (Vol. XIX, No. 10, Aug. 2002)
- Citation of Unpublished Decisions: The Ninth Circuit Offers Conflicting Opinions, Certworthy 1 (DRI, Summer 2002)
- Radiologists’ Liability Should Be Limited to Cases Where Mistake Was More than Error in Judgment, Med. Malpr. Law & Strategy 2 (Vol. XIX, No. 7, May 2002)
- Recovery of Damages for “Filial Consortium” After the Death of a Child Should Be Limited, Med. Malpr. Law & Strategy 2 (Vol. XIX, No. 6, Apr. 2002)
- The Ninth Circuit Cautions: Don’t Be Seduced Into Citing Unpublished Decisions, 37 Tort & Insurance Prac. 8 (ABA, Spring 2002)
- Liability for “Wrongful Life” Should Not Be Expanded to Negligence After Conception, Med. Malpr. Law &

Strategy 2 (Vol. XIX, No. 3, Jan. 2002)

- *Corporate Hospital Liability for Attending Physicians' Negligence Should Not Be Expanded*, Med. Malpr. Law & Strategy 2 (Vol. XIX, No. 1, Nov. 2001)
- *Physicians Should Have No Duty to Disclose Non-Recommended Procedures*, Med. Malpr. Law & Strategy 2 (Vol. XVIII, No. 11, Sept. 2001)
- *Medical Community Informed Consent Standard Should Remain the Majority Rule*, Med. Malpr. Law & Strategy 2 (Vol. XVIII, No. 10, Aug. 2001)
- Co-Author, *State High Court Justice Injects Reason into Punitive Damages Debate*, with Ellis Horvitz, 11 Legal Opn. Letter 6 (June 2001)
- *The Use of Res Ipsa Loquitur Must Be Limited in Medical Malpractice Actions*, Med. Malpr. Law & Strategy 2 (Vol. XVIII, No. 7, May 2001)
- *The Borrowed Servant Rule: Which "Captain" Is Liable?*, Med. Malpr. Law & Strategy 2 (Vol. XVIII, No. 3, Jan. 2001)
- *Unpublished State Toxic Tort Ruling Offers Valuable Guidance (the Lockheed Litigation Cases)*, 15 Legal Backgrounder 49 (Oct. 2000)
- *Informed Consent Causation Standard Applies in Battery Cases Based on Lack of Consent to Surgery*, Med. Malpr. Law & Strategy 12 (Vol. XV, No. 12, Oct. 1998)
- *Filing Amicus Curiae Briefs: A "Friend of the Court" Should Be a Friend Indeed*, Tort & Insurance Prac. 18 (ABA Winter 1998)
- Co-Author: *Toward a State Constitutional Check on Police Discretion: A Subjective Test for Pretextual Seizures*, with Prof. Patricia Leary, 69 Temple L. Rev. 1007 (1996)
- *The Untimely Demise of the Involuntary Confession Material Witness Rule in Illinois*, 14 N. Ill. U.L. Rev. 105 (1993)
- Note, *Voter Initiatives in Illinois: Where Are We after Chicago Bar Association v. State Board of Elections?*, 22 Loy. U. Chi. L.J. 1119 (1991)