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CAREER OVERVIEW

Assistant Professor of Legal Writing, University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio, 2009-present.

Current Teaching:

Legal Analysis, Research & Writing I & II: LARW is a mandatory year-long course for first-year law students that teaches both the principles of legal analysis and the writing skills necessary to communicate clearly the application of good legal analysis to a particular fact pattern. The course addresses both objective writing and persuasive writing skills.

Litigation Drafting: This elective course teaches students the techniques of drafting core litigation documents, including pleadings, discovery requests and responses, client communications, and dispositive motions and memoranda in support. Students assume the role of counsel for either the plaintiff or defendant and represent their respective clients in the pretrial stage.

Senior Attorney, Genesis Professional Liability Managers (Genesis), Beachwood, Ohio, 1996-2004.

Responsibilities and Experience:

- Managed claims filed under directors' and officers' liability (D&O) insurance policies issued to publicly traded companies.
- Served as in-house counsel to underwriters on issues relating to coverage and securities litigation loss prevention.
- Negotiated and finalized multi-million dollar settlements of claims involving securities class action litigation filed against Genesis insureds.
- Managed the defense of coverage actions filed against Genesis, including the hiring and supervision of outside counsel representing Genesis, drafting and editing motions and memoranda seeking the dismissal of coverage litigation filed against Genesis, and negotiating settlements.

Litigation Associate, Jones, Day, Cleveland, Ohio, 1991-1996.

Practice Areas and Experience:

- Litigated civil actions involving product liability, securities, commercial, real estate, antitrust, and labor and employment matters.
- Particular expertise in class action and multi-district product liability litigation.
- First- and second-chair trial experience in civil litigation filed in federal court.

Judicial Clerk, United States District Court for the District of Maryland, 1989-1991.

Experience: two-year clerkship with Judge Alexander Harvey II.

EDUCATION

CORNELL LAW SCHOOL, Ithaca, New York.

- 1989, J.D., *cum laude*.
- Member, Cornell Law Review.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, Tennessee.

- 1986, B.A., *magna cum laude*, in History and German.

PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS

Note, "Do Not Resuscitate: The Failure to Protect The Incompetent Patient's Right of Self-Determination," 75 Cornell L. Rev. 218 (1989).

Recipient, 2011 ALWD Teaching Grant.

SEMINARS, PROGRAMS & CONFERENCES

June 2010: Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. Conducted CLE program on the topic "Persuasive Writing."

December 2010: University of Dayton School of Law, Dayton, Ohio. Panelist at the Legal Writing Institute's One-Day Teaching Workshop on the topic of "Teaching Legal Research and Citation."

OTHER

Member, Board of Directors, The Ardmere Foundation, Akron, Ohio (a non-profit organization dedicated to improving quality of life for adults and children with developmental delays and other disabilities).