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LAW SCHOOL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1997 to present

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON SCHOOL OF LAW
Akron, Ohio

Associate Professor of Law –

Tenured position teaching Evidence, Criminal Law, Trial Advocacy and Advanced Trial Advocacy. I also team-teach Sexual Orientation and the Law.

Named “Professor of the Year” by the Black Law Students Association in 2006.

Nominated for the honor of “Professor of the Year” by the graduating classes of 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2004. The student evaluations consistently place me among the top teachers at the law school.

From August 1997 until July 2000, I was the Director of Akron’s Trial Competition Program. The National Institute for Trial Advocacy ranked Akron’s program 2nd in the nation in 1999 and 5th in the nation in 2000 out of approximately 120 participating law schools. I personally coached a National Trial Competition team to a regional championship in 1998 and two ATLA Trial Competition teams to regional championships in 1999.

2002 to present

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Teaching Team Member, Winter Trial Advocacy Workshop –

Member of the Teaching Team of Harvard Law School’s Winter Trial Advocacy Workshop. My responsibilities include skills training with groups of law students (large groups of 24 and small groups of 8) and a lecture and demonstration in a plenary session to the 144 enrolled law students and the other members of the Teaching Team.

Fall 2004
& Spring 2008

**CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY, CLEVELAND-MARSHALL
COLLEGE OF LAW**
Cleveland, Ohio

Visiting Professor –

Visiting Professor teaching Criminal Law. The student evaluations placed me among the top teachers at the law school.

LAW SCHOOL TEACHING EXPERIENCE (continued)

1990 to 1997

THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SCHOOL OF LAW
Dayton, Ohio

Adjunct Professor and Trial Team Advisor –

I taught Civil Trial Practice in the fall semester and Criminal Trial Practice in the spring semester. The sections I taught were very popular with the students invariably closing first out of all of the elective courses offered at the law school.

I selected and coached Dayton's successful trial competition teams from 1994 until 1997. Dayton won the National Trial Competition regional championship in 1994.

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1996 to present

GERRY SPENCE'S TRIAL LAWYERS COLLEGE
Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Member of the Teaching Faculty –

The Trial Lawyers College is a three-week, intensive, trial advocacy course for experienced trial lawyers offered each summer at Mr. Spence's Wyoming ranch. I teach all phases of the trial process from jury selection through closing argument. The student evaluations consistently place me among the top teachers in the program.

LEGAL EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SCHOOL OF LAW
Dayton, Ohio

J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, 1986.

Class rank: 3rd out of 109.

University of Dayton Law Review.

Academic achievement awards in Contracts, Family Law and Torts.

Outstanding Advocate, National Trial Competition, Region VI, 1986.

Student Bar Association third-year class vice-president.

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
Cincinnati, Ohio

B.A. (psychology) 1980.

A.S. (psychology) 1978.

EMPLOYMENT

1990 to 1997

CREW, BUCHANAN & LOWE

Dayton, Ohio

Trial Attorney –

Extensive jury and bench trial experience in state and federal court in personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, products liability, domestic relations, commercial and criminal defense cases. Extensive research, writing and appellate practice.

1986 to 1989

SMITH & SCHNACKE

Dayton, Ohio

Litigation Associate –

Smith & Schnacke was the largest law firm and was generally regarded as the most prestigious law firm in Dayton, Ohio. I was an associate in the firm's litigation department from my graduation from law school in 1986 until the firm ceased the practice of law at the end of 1989.

1984 to 1986

**HONORABLE JOHN M. MEAGHER
MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT**

Dayton, Ohio

Judicial Law Clerk –

Researched and drafted civil and criminal court opinions.

LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

Expanding Felony-Murder In Ohio: Felony-Murder or Murder-Felony?, 63 OHIO ST. L.J. 15 (2002).

Psychodrama and the Training of Trial Lawyers: Finding the Story, 21 N. Ill. L. Rev. 1 (2001).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Gerry Spence's 2003 book, *The Smoking Gun*, is the true story of a woman and her teenage son charged in what appeared to be a hopeless murder case. At Mr. Spence's request, I wrote a companion manual called *Gerry Spence's The Smoking Gun As A Teaching Tool* for use by law professors interested in using Spence's book in teaching criminal law, criminal procedure, clinical practicum, ethics, evidence or trial advocacy. The companion manual is a chapter-by-chapter synopsis of the book that highlights teachable topics and analyzes some of the skills and techniques described in the book.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (continued)

I have contributed to *The Warrior*, a quarterly magazine published by Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers College. I authored the following articles that were published in this journal:

Eye Of The Storm, THE WARRIOR, Fall 2004, at 5 (acknowledging the contributions of a fellow staff member of the Trial Lawyers College).

TLC In The Funny Papers, THE WARRIOR, Fall 2002, at 1 (describing Tom Batiuk's visit to my trial advocacy class and reprinting the Funky Winkerbean series that depicted the class).

Psychodrama At Harvard, THE WARRIOR, Summer 2002, at 19 (describing my experiences teaching trial advocacy at Harvard Law School).

Dutch, THE WARRIOR, Winter 2002, at 33 (a eulogy to a friend who informally served as my jury trial consultant).

PRESENTATIONS

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| April 2007 | Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers Seminar, Perrysville, Ohio. I taught opening statement skills to experienced trial lawyers. |
| January 2007 | Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers Seminar, Palm Springs, California. I taught jury selection to experienced trial lawyers. |
| January 2006 | Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers Seminar, Palm Springs, California. I taught jury selection and opening statement skills to experienced trial lawyers. |
| March 2005 | Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers Seminar, Seattle, Washington. I taught jury selection and opening statement skills to experienced trial lawyers. |
| March 2004 | Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers Seminar, Seattle, Washington. I taught jury selection and direct-examination skills to experienced trial lawyers. |
| October 2003 | National Employment Lawyers Association Fall Seminar, "The Theatre of Reality: Trial Skills for the Plaintiff's Employment Lawyer", Atlanta, Georgia. I spoke in a plenary session and led a small group discussion on the use of psychodrama for trial lawyers. |
| May 2003 | The Institute for Continuing Legal Education's "Masters In Litigation" series, Ann Arbor, Michigan. I was the sole presenter in this 3 ½ hour trial advocacy seminar. |
| March 2003 | Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia. I taught jury selection and opening statement skills to experienced trial lawyers. |
| March 2002 | Gerry Spence's Trial Lawyers Seminar, San Antonio, Texas. I taught jury selection and cross-examination skills to experienced trial lawyers. |

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- October 2001 The Midwest Clinical Teachers Conference, Lansing, Michigan. I spoke in each of the plenary sessions and led small group discussions in this 3 ½ day seminar for law professors on the training methods developed at the Trial Lawyers College that could be used by clinicians and trial advocacy teachers in the training of law students.
- May 2001 The Ohio State Bar Association Annual Meeting, Dayton, Ohio. I gave a lecture/demonstration on cross-examination.
- March 2001 The Ohio State University College of Law and The Ohio State Law Journal Symposium, “Addressing Capital Punishment Through Statutory Reform”, Columbus, Ohio. I led a discussion session on Ohio’s aggravated felony-murder rule.
- March 2001 Gerry Spence’s Trial Lawyers Seminar, San Antonio, Texas. I taught jury selection and cross-examination skills to experienced trial lawyers.
- May 2000 The Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio. I spoke in the plenary session on storytelling.
- April 2000 The Northern Illinois University Law Review Symposium, “Defense Strategies in Death Penalty Litigation”, DeKalb, Illinois. I spoke on tools for humanizing the accused in capital cases.
- March 2000 Gerry Spence’s Trial Lawyers Seminar, San Antonio, Texas. I taught direct-examination and closing argument skills to experienced trial lawyers.
- May 1999 The Cuyahoga County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association’s Death Penalty Seminar, Cleveland, Ohio. I spoke on the use of psychodrama in capital cases.
- January 1999 Gerry Spence’s Trial Lawyers Seminar, San Diego, California. I taught jury selection and cross-examination skills to experienced trial lawyers.
- December 1998 The Ohio Continuing Legal Education Institute’s Death Penalty Seminar, Columbus, Ohio. I spoke on the use of psychodrama in capital cases.
- October 1998 Gerry Spence’s Trial Lawyers Seminar, Perrysville, Ohio. I taught jury selection and cross-examination skills to experienced trial lawyers.
- June 1998 Gerry Spence’s Trial Lawyers Seminar, New Orleans, Louisiana. I taught jury selection and cross-examination skills to experienced trial lawyers.
- May 1998 The Ohio State Bar Association Annual Meeting, Criminal Justice Section, Dayton, Ohio. I spoke on the use of character evidence in sexual assault cases.
- January 1998 Gerry Spence’s Trial Lawyers Seminar, San Diego, California. I taught jury selection and cross-examination skills to experienced trial lawyers.
- July 1997 The Ohio Continuing Legal Education Institute’s Skills Training Seminar, Columbus, Ohio. I gave a lecture/demonstration on jury selection.
- June 1997 The Ohio Continuing Legal Education Institute’s Skills Workshop, Columbus, Ohio. I led a group in direct-examination and cross-examination skills training.

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- July 1996 The Ohio Continuing Legal Education Institute's Skills Training Seminar, Columbus, Ohio. I led a group in opening statement, closing argument and jury selection skills training.
- June 1996 The Ohio Continuing Legal Education Institute's Skills Workshop, Columbus, Ohio. I led a group in direct-examination and cross-examination skills training.

MEMBERSHIPS, COMMITTEES & ACTIVITIES (past and present)

- Trial Lawyers College Board of Directors.
- The University of Akron School of Law Curriculum Review Committee.
- The University of Akron School of Law Ad Hoc Bar Performance Committee.
- The University of Akron School of Law Alumni and Student Affairs Committee.
- Staff Attorney for Artemis House, Inc., Dayton, Ohio – a domestic violence resource center.
- Court-appointed arbitrator, Montgomery County Common Pleas Court.
- Numerous pro-bono, state and federal, court-appointed criminal cases.
- American Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Ohio, 1986.
- Federal District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, 1986.