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## **EXPERIENCE**

# VERMONT LAW SCHOOL

South Royalton, Vermont, 1997-present Director, Legal Writing Program, 2008-present Associate Director, Legal Writing Program, 2003-08 Assistant Director, Legal Writing Program, 1999-2003

Professor of Law, 2005-present Associate Professor of Legal Writing, 2003-05 Assistant Professor of Legal Writing, 1997-2003

Courses taught: Appellate Advocacy; Dispute Resolution; Legal Writing I; Legal Writing II; Sexual Orientation and the Law; Constitutional Law (2016-present)

Faculty Advisor to the Alliance (VLS's LGBTQ student group) (1997-present) Faculty Advisor to the Social Justice Scholars (2015-present) Faculty Advisor to the National Moot Court Team (1997-99, 2005-09) Faculty Advisor to the National Baseball Arbitration Team (2013-present) Faculty Advisor to the Space Law Moot Court Team (2019)

Committees: Diversity Committee (1997-2007) Admissions Committee (1999-2001) Appointments Committee (2003-05, 2017-18) Merit Compensation Committee (2006) Judicial Clerkship Committee (2010-13) (chair, 2013-16) Assessments Committee (2018) Curriculum Committee (2009-present) (chair, 2014-present) Dean's Advisory Committee (2016-present) (elected by faculty)

Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees (2002-04) (elected by faculty)

<u>Faculty Service Award (2014)</u> (Faculty-wide award presented by the Student Bar Association for exceptional service)

## National Legal Writing Committee Work:

AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Nominating Committee (2008-10) Awards Committee (2009-10, 2018-present) Chair, Pink Ink Committee (2011-12), Co-chair (2012-13)

Association of Legal Writing Directors Program Committee, Biennial Conference (2010, 2016, and 2018) Scholarship Grants Committee (2010-12) Co-Chair, Scholarship Grants Committee (2012-17)

Legal Writing Institute Upper Level Writing Committee (2010-11) Faces of LWI Committee (2014-16) Co-Chair, Awards Committee (2016-present) Distinguished Speaker Committee (2019-present)

# **EXPERIENCE (Non-VLS)**

MIDDLETON & TIMME Anchorage, Alaska Associate 1996-97

ALASKA SUPREME COURT Anchorage, Alaska Law Clerk to Chief Justice Allen T. Compton 1995-96

PALAU SUPREME COURT Koror, Palau Senior Court Counsel 1993-95 Special Advisor to Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong 1997-2007

ALASKA SUPREME COURT Anchorage, Alaska *Law Clerk to Justice Edmond W. Burke* 1992-93 UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW Eugene, Oregon Instructor, Legal Research and Writing 1988-92

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW Saint Louis, Missouri Instructor, Legal Research and Writing 1987-88

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES New Orleans, Louisiana *Staff Attorney* 1986-87

ALASKA SUPERIOR COURT Anchorage, Alaska *Law Clerk to Judge Rene Gonzalez* 1985-86

## **EDUCATION**

NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL

J.D. 1985 Concannon Programme of International Law, London Law Centre (1983-84) Intern, Center for Constitutional Studies (1983); Summer Associate, Harter, Secrest, & Emery, Rochester, NY (1984); Grade Point Average 3.31

CORNELL UNIVERSITY B.A. in History 1982 Honors work: Zebinah Eastman and the Midwest Abolitionist Movement

## **BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

Louisiana (1987) Oregon (1990) Alaska (1996) United States Supreme Court (1997)

## PUBLICATIONS

Assessing the Legal Writing Style of Brett Kavanaugh, 44 Vermont Bar J. 30 (2018)

Is Neil Gorsuch a Role Model for Legal Writing? Yes and No, 43 Vermont Bar J. 27 (2017)

Welcome to Our Gender-Neutral Future, 42 Vermont Bar J. 36 (2016)

*The Connection Between Writing Effective Briefs and Remaining Fully Human*, 41 Vermont Bar J. 21 (2015) (co-authored with Stephen Reynes)

Sweat the Small Stuff, 40 Vermont Bar J. 37 (2014)

Credibility in Advocacy: Humility as the First Step, 39 Vermont Bar J. 22 (2013)

Spiralling Into Control: Appreciating the Groundbreaking Legal Writing Pedagogy of Professor Mary S. Lawrence, 91 Oregon L. Rev. Online 1 (2012)

May It Please the Classroom: Using Pending United States Supreme Court Cases to Teach Appellate Advocacy and Persuasive Writing, 12 The Scribes Journal of Legal Writing 99 (2009)

We've Heard this Before: The Legacy of Internacial Marriage Bans and the Implications for Today's Marriage Equality Debates, 34 Vt. L. Rev. 277 (2009)

Controversial Issues in the Legal Writing Classroom: Risks and Rewards, 16 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 12 (2007)

*Civil Union: A Reappraisal*, in *Defending Same-Sex Marriage* (Mark Strasser, ed.) (Praeger 2007)

Same-Sex Marriage, Civil Unions, Workplace Discrimination, Same-Sex Harassment, Romer v. Evans, entries in the online encyclopedia, www.glbtq.com (2004)

Vermont Civil Unions: A Success Story, in Marriage and Same-Sex Unions, A Debate (Lynn Wardle, David Coolidge, and Mark Strasser, eds.) (2003)

In Praise of Civil Unions, 30 Capital L. Rev. 315 (2002)

*Vermont Civil Unions: The New Language of Marriage*, 25 Vt. L. Rev. 15 (2000) (Lead article in Symposium on *Baker v. State*, Vermont's same-sex marriage case)

Making History in Vermont, The Loquitur, Vol.15, No. 2, at 12 (Spring 2000)

#### PRESENTATIONS

Becoming Centered—and a Better Advocate—Through Humility Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference University of Denver Law School Denver, Colorado March 2018

Joint Venture: The Negotiation and Drafting Workshop at Vermont Law School (with Brian Porto) New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Conference Boston University Law School Boston, Massachusetts October 2016

The Limits of Advocacy: Our Responsibilities When Incorporating Social Justice into Legal Writing Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference Portland, Oregon July 2016

*Toward a Gender-Inclusive Campus* Presentation to the Diversity Committee Vermont Law School November 2015

Where Do You Go After Reaching the Summit?: LGBT Advocacy After Obergefell Alliance Conference Vermont Law School October 2015

The Death of Class Actions: Campbell-Ewald Co. v. Gomez and Other Important Class-Action Cases in This Year's Term Constitution Day Vermont Law School September 2015

Legends of Legal Writing (Moderator) (Panel Discussion with Marjorie Rombauer, Ralph Brill, and Mary Lawrence) Northwest Legal Writing Conference University of Oregon Law School Eugene, Oregon April 2015 *Effective Brief Writing* (With Brian Porto) American Bar Association Section on Family Law 2014 Fall Conference Stowe, Vermont October 2014

May It Please The Classroom: Using Pending Supreme Court Cases to Teach Persuasive Writing and Appellate Advocacy Western Regional Legal Writing Conference Stanford Law School Palo Alto, CA September 2014

Subject-Matter Specialties in Legal Writing: A Three-Dimensional Approach To Legal Writing Pedagogy (With Professor Susan Thrower, DePaul University School of Law and Professor Lance Long, Stetson University College of Law) Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference Philadelphia, Pennsylvania June 2014

"Circling Back": Integrating Essential Analytical and Communication Skills Through a Spiral Legal Writing Curriculum (With Professor Susan Provenzano, Northwestern University School of Law) Southeastern Legal Writing Conference Stetson Law School Gulfport, Florida April 2014

First for a Reason: The Continued Vitality of the First Amendment in Supreme Court Jurisprudence Godnick Adult Center Lecture Series Rutland, Vermont February 2014

*Victory! The Future of Marriage Equality after Windsor v. United States* Summer Pride Festival at Chandler Hall Randolph, Vermont July 2013 Panelist and Workshop Leader AALS Workshop for New Legal Writing Teachers Washington, D.C. June 2013

Same-Sex Marriage Reaches the Supreme Court: A Community Forum Vermont Law School March 2013

Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Award to Mary Lawrence AALS Annual Meeting Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Washington, D.C. January 2013

*Credibility in Advocacy: Humility as the First Step* Berkeley Law School, Boalt Hall Berkeley, California December 2012

Unfinished Business: The Military's Treatment of Transgender Service Members Vermont Law School November 2012

Diversity at Vermont Law School: An LGBTQI Perspective Vermont Law School October 2012

Participant in the International Community, or Police Officer to the World?: Prosecuting Human Rights Violations under the Alien Tort Statute Vermont Law School September 2012

Finding Nemo (and his Anemone): The Symbiosis of Teaching and Scholarship Western Regional Legal Writing Conference University of Oregon School of Law Eugene, Oregon August 2012

There is No Finish Line: Getting Students to Embrace the Legal Process as a Never Ending Journey Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law Tempe, Arizona March 2012 Career Paths in LGBT Civil Rights Law Dartmouth Law Journal Panel on Public Law Hanover, New Hampshire February 2012

Don't Ask/Don't Tell Is No More! Panel/Celebration Vermont Law School September 2011

The Feedback Loop: How Teaching Informs Scholarship and Scholarship Informs Teaching Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference Pacific McGeorge Law School Sacramento, California June 2011

Panelist, *Symposium on Feminist Legal Theory* Southeast Legal Writing Conference Mercer Law School Macon, Georgia April 2011

Bringing the United States Supreme Court Bar to a New England Village: Vermont Law School's Annual Appellate Advocacy Panel Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference University of Nevada-Las Vegas Law School Las Vegas, Nevada March 2011

The Letter or the Spirit of the Law? Differing Approaches to Second-Parent Adoption Among Courts in the United States Cross-Border Conference on LGBT Civil Rights McGill University Montreal, Quebec November 2010

Lost In Translation: The Limits of Metaphor in Legal Writing Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference University of Arizona Law School Tucson, Arizona March 2010

In Defense of Vermont Law School's Position on Military Recruiting Solomon Amendment Panel Discussion Vermont Law School 2010 Finding a New and Dynamic Framework for Legal Writing Assignments in the Apprenticeship Tradition Southeast Legal Writing Conference Stetson University Law School Gulfport, Florida September 2009

Recycling a Master: Lessons from Mary Lawrence's Groundbreaking Legal Writing Pedagogy Northwest Legal Writing Conference Lewis and Clark Law School Portland, Oregon August 2009

Credibility in Persuasive Writing: Humility as the First Step Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School Kansas City, Missouri July 2009

We've Heard This Before: The Legacy of Internacial Marriage Bans and the Implications for Today's Marriage Equality Debates Dartmouth College Law Day Symposium Hanover, New Hampshire April 2009

*Testimony on Marriage Equality Bill* Vermont Senate Judiciary Committee Vermont House Judiciary Committee Montpelier, Vermont February/March 2009

*Centering Sexual Orientation in the Legal Writing Curriculum* AALS Annual Meeting Section on Legal Research, Legal Writing, and Moot Court San Diego, California January 2009

Interstate Recognition of Civil Union and Same-Sex Marriage National Conference of State Legislatures Annual Convention New Orleans, Louisiana July 2008 Meet the New Boss: Reflections On The Growing Trend Towards Directorless Legal Writing Programs New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Annual Conference Vermont Law School December 2007

*The Legal And Social Differences Between Marriage and Civil Union* Testimony before the Vermont Commission on Family Recognition Vermont Law School 2007

May It Please The Classroom: Using Pending Supreme Court Cases to Teach Persuasive Writing and Appellate Advocacy Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference University of Denver, Sturm College of Law Denver, Colorado June 2007

*Civil Union: A Reappraisal* Forum for International Scholars Woodstock, Vermont September 2006

*The Future of Gay Rights* Harvard University Institute of Politics Cambridge, Massachusetts December 2005

When Rights Collide: God and Gays in the Workplace Sermon, Unitarian Church Woodstock, Vermont November 2005

*Be Careful the Bedfellows You Keep: Gay Marriage and the Gay Right* Vermont Law School September 2005

Appellate Advocacy at Vermont Law School New England Legal Writing Consortium Conference Suffolk University School of Law Boston, Massachusetts December 2003 *Civil Unions and "Stigma"* Conference on Same-Sex Marriage and Civil Union Capital University Law School Columbus, Ohio March 2001

*Testimony on Civil Union Bill* Vermont House Judiciary Committee Vermont Senate Judiciary Committee Montpelier, Vermont January/March 2000

*Hot Topics in Sexual Orientation and the Law* University of Massachusetts Amherst, Massachusetts April 1999

Brause v. State: Alaska's Same-Sex Marriage Case Freedom to Marry Conference Harvard Law School Cambridge, Massachusetts February 1999

## REFERENCES

Professor Stephanie Willbanks Vermont Law School P.O. Box 96 South Royalton, VT 05068 (802) 831-1255 mlatham@vermontlaw.edu

Professor Philip Meyer (Former Director of the Legal Writing Program) Vermont Law School P.O. Box 96 South Royalton, VT 05068 (802) 831-1027 pmeyer@vermontlaw.edu

Professor Beth McCormack Vice Dean for Students Vermont Law School P.O. Box 96 South Royalton, VT 05068 (802) 831-1004 bmccormack@vermontlaw.edu

I can provide names/numbers of legal-writing professors at other schools if you would like feedback on my reputation in the national legal-writing academy.