

MARY M. KSOBIECH

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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW

Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research, 2020-Present

Courses Taught: LAWR I & II, Appellate Advocacy I

Faculty Coach, National Moot Court Teams; Moot Court Board Advisor

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW

Professor of Legal Writing, 2006-2020

Courses Taught: Legal Writing I & II, Litigation Drafting, Judicial Opinion Drafting,
Introduction to the Study of Law, Academic Support Legal Methods

Faculty Coach, 2L Moot Court Fellows Program, 2011-2020

69th Annual National Moot Court Competition, 2019 National Champions

Assistant Dean for Students, 2012-2020

Duties: Academic Support, Honor Council, Orientation, Student Financial Aid and
Emergency Loans, and Assessment

Professor, Alabama's Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars Program, 2018-2020

Presentations:

Recycling Responsibly: Why You Should Consider Reworking and Reusing Old Problems,
Legal Writing Institute Virtual Biennial Conference, July 2020

Building a Bridge Between Brief-Writing and Oral Argument,
Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, December 2019

*Your Flight is Now Boarding: A First Day - Exercise to Build Trust and Promote Diverse
Viewpoints in the Classroom,*

Association of Academic Support Educators Biennial Diversity Conference,
October 2019

*Linking Through Logic: Teaching First-Year Students to Orient their Writing and Oral
Advocacy Around the Deep Issue,*

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, July 2018

Using Two-Sentence Summaries to Introduce and Reinforce Core Concepts in the First Year

Association of Academic Support Educators Annual Conference, May 2018

*More Mileage from the Midterm: Expanding the Midterm Exam to Better Assess
and Improve Both Comprehension and Skill in First-Semester Students,*

Association of Academic Support Educators, Annual Conference, May 2015

*It's How You Finish: Drafting Comprehensive Legal Writing Exams to Evaluate the Entire
First-Year Experience,*

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, June 2014

*Answering the Tough Questions: Collaborative Learning in Teaching First-Year Oral Argument Skills,
Innovative Teaching Techniques Workshop,*

ALWD Biennial Conference, June 2013

Drafting and Preparing to Teach Purely Legal Issues in the Appellate

Brief: Why and How to Add this Assignment to Your 1L Course

Legal Writing Institute, Biennial Conference, May 2012

Refreshing Their Readiness: Conducting a Summer Professional Readiness Program,
Central States Legal Writing Conference, September 2011
*Triaging the Missing Semester: Transitioning Students from Predictive to Persuasive
Writing on a Tight Class Schedule,*
Southeastern Legal Writing Conference, April 2011
Samples: Teaching Students (and Ourselves) to Use Them Effectively,
Legal Writing Institute, Biennial Conference, June 2010
Remixing a Classic: Using a Sample Memorandum to Teach Skills throughout the Semester,
Southeastern Legal Writing Conference, September 2009
Exercises in Audience Awareness, Innovative Teaching Techniques Workshop,
ALWD Biennial Conference, July 2009
Building a Summer Professional Readiness Program,
Southeastern Legal Writing Conference, September 2007
The Memo and Beyond: Summer Readiness –Legal Writing
Annual Presentation to Alabama Law Students 2007-2018

Web Publication:

Opening Statements: Beginning a Presentation to an Unknown Audience,
Professional Development Committee, located at
wiki.lwionline.org/index.php/ProfessionalDevelopmentCommittee

Service:

Delegate, ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL WRITING DIRECTORS
Member, LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE
Member, ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT EDUCATORS
Member, Faculty Clerkship Committee, 2020-Present
Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2020-Present
Chair, Faculty Honor Council, 2012-2020
Chair, Faculty Academic Support Committee, 2012-2020
Professor, Diversity and Inclusion PLUS Program, 2018-2020
Member, Faculty Admissions Committee, 2012-2020
Member, Faculty Curriculum Committee, 2012-2020
Member, Alabama Law Review Best Note Selection Committee, 2015-2020
Member, Harper Lee Prize Winnowing Committee, 2012-2020
Member, Faculty Self-Study Committee, 2012
Member, Faculty Committee on Judicial Clerkships, 2006-2012
Member, Legal Writing Search Committee, 2009-2012
Member, Faculty Library Committee, 2006-2012
Member, Faculty Career Services Committee, 2006-2008

Honors:

Student Bar Association's Outstanding Faculty Member, 2019
Dean Thomas W. Christopher Award for Service to the Law School Community, 2016

CLERKSHIPS

THE HONORABLE DEAN WHIPPLE, Chief Judge
Western District of Missouri, 2002-2005

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT
Staff Attorney Judicial Clerkship, 2000-2002

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW, Iowa City, IA
J.D., Awarded with High Distinction, May 2000

Iowa Law Review

Note and Comment Editor 1999-2000

Member 1998-1999

Publication: *Another Alternative for Older, Non-Violent Juveniles: Statutory Retention of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction Past the Age of Majority*,
85 IOWA L. REV. 997 (2000).

National Trial Advocacy Team

Winner of Regional Competition, February 2000

Judge Roy L. Stephenson Trial Advocacy Competition

Awarded Best Advocate, October 1999

Trial Advocacy Board

Assistant Director, 1999-2000

Admitted to Practice: Iowa (2000); Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals (2000);
and Missouri (2001).

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY, Kirksville, MO

B.A. English, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 1997

Minors: Criminal Justice, Philosophy and Religion

Scholarship Recipient 1993-1997

Dean's List 1993-1997

Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Fraternity

Sigma Tau Delta, National English Honor Society

Research Assistant, Dr. Elizabeth Delmonico

Student Ambassador