**MARY M. KSOBIECH**

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**ACADEMIC** THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW

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

Courses Taught: LAWR I & II, Appellate Advocacy I, Judicial Opinion Drafting

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:

*Using Self-Assessment Worksheets: Check Your Students’ Comprehension,*

*Improve Your Conferences,*

Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, December 2020

*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