

Curriculum Vitae

Academic Success & Legal Writing Professional with extensive experience in legal education, academic support, bar preparation, legal research, and primarily objective, with additional experience in persuasive, legal writing. Accomplished law faculty leader with expertise in curriculum development, legal analysis, student advising, academic coaching, examination preparation, and learning outcomes. Skilled in teaching objective and persuasive legal writing, developing academic success initiatives, analyzing bar examination data, and providing individualized support to law students and bar examinees. Experienced attorney with a strong foundation in civil litigation, legal research, case strategy, advocacy, and complex legal drafting. Advanced training in Legal Writing, Research & Drafting, complemented by faculty leadership, scholarly publication, academic program development, and professional service.

Selected Achievements

- Elevated academic success and bar preparation programs across multiple law schools by designing and implementing comprehensive curricula, targeted interventions, individualized coaching, and data-informed strategies that strengthened student readiness and academic outcomes.
- Advanced legal writing and advocacy instruction through teaching objective and persuasive legal writing, legal analysis, research, examination strategies, and oral advocacy while developing learning activities, assessments, and individualized feedback to build students' professional skills.
- Strengthened institutional and student support initiatives through faculty collaboration, early-intervention programs, bar performance analysis, alumni engagement, and innovative well-being initiatives, including therapy-dog programming designed to reduce stress and foster community.

Education & Credentials

Juris Doctor (J.D.)

Mercer University, Macon, GA

Certificate in Advanced Legal Writing, Research & Drafting

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Boise State University, Boise, ID

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (BA)

Washington State University, Pullman, WA

Academic Distinction: First-Generation College, Graduate, & Law Student

Professional Experience

University of Tennessee, Winston College of Law, Knoxville, TN

2024 – Present

Teaching Assistant Professor and Associate Director of Academic Success

Develop, implement, and assess bar preparation initiatives to strengthen student readiness and improve bar outcomes, with a focus on the UBE-to-NextGen transition. Teach the law school's bar preparation course and provide individualized tutoring, mentoring, and academic advising to students and graduates throughout the exam and licensing cycle. Monitor student progress in commercial bar programs and provide targeted guidance to support consistent preparation. Teach Legal Process I (Objective) and Legal Process II (Persuasive) in the LRW program, designing skills-based instruction in legal analysis, research, writing, and oral advocacy and providing detailed feedback on written work. Collaborate with LRW faculty to ensure curricular consistency and strong learning outcomes. Deliver exam-preparation seminars to enhance student performance.

- Presented to faculty on the NextGen Bar Examination and contributed to curricular planning through service on the Academic Standards and Curriculum Committee, advising on curriculum changes related to evolving bar examination requirements.
- Leading development of a strategic partnership with AccessLex (Helix) to support the law school's transition from the UBE to the NextGen bar exam.

Directed bar preparation programming, including instruction in a three-credit bar studies course, a first-year skills course, and targeted workshops for 1L and 3L students. Provided individualized academic advising and bar-readiness coaching to students and bar takers, including guidance on character and fitness, bar applications, and licensing strategy. Built alumni engagement and accountability-mentor initiatives and delivered structured post-graduate bar support. Maintained an active working relationship with the Georgia Board of Bar Examiners to support bar-related programming and communication.

- Compiled, tracked, and analyzed bar examination performance data to identify trends, evaluate outcomes, and prepare reports for faculty, law school leadership, and other stakeholders.
- Prepared and reported bar passage information in accordance with requirements established by the American Bar Association (ABA) and other accrediting bodies.
- Designed and implemented an innovative initiative bringing therapy dogs to the bar examination environment to promote student well-being and reduce examination-related stress.
- Taught Georgia Civil Procedure.

UNT Dallas, College of Law, Dallas, TX

2020 – 2022

Professor of Practice (Academic Success & Bar Readiness) | Assistant Professor Equivalent

Provided individualized and small-group academic coaching to students, graduates, and repeat bar examinees. Designed and delivered bar-prep workshops and intensive programming integrating substantive review and exam skills. Taught graded, three-credit bar preparation courses each semester and created mandatory 1L skills coursework emphasizing legal analysis, exam strategy, and effective legal writing. Recruited, trained, and supervised Academic Success teaching assistants to expand student support and engagement.

- Revitalized and modernized the Academic Success Program teaching assistant program, establishing a structured framework for student support and instructional assistance.
- Implemented a HyFlex teaching model during the COVID-19 pandemic, maintaining instructional continuity and student access across in-person and remote learning environments.

University of Idaho, College of Law, Boise, ID
Director of Academic Success Program

2017 – 2020

Built and directed a comprehensive Academic Support Program for the College of Law's new Boise campus. Provided individualized, confidential academic counseling and coaching to students, including targeted interventions for at-risk and probationary populations. Organized and taught the orientation program and required 1L skills courses across the first year. Collaborated with faculty, staff, and practicing attorneys to deliver specialized advising sessions and integrated academic support and bar-readiness programming.

- Designed and implemented Academic Support Program for Boise location's inaugural 1L class, establishing foundational academic services for the new cohort.
- Championed the transition of ASP positions into clinical faculty roles, strengthening the program's academic and institutional standing. Developed learning outcomes, instructional exercises, and assessment tools that strengthened students' legal learning strategies, academic performance, and self-regulated learning capabilities.
- Established a 1L professor panel to identify students experiencing academic challenges and develop early-intervention strategies to improve student outcomes.
- Led the faculty-approval process and launch of the law school's first for-credit academic skills courses; designed learning outcomes, exercises, and assessment tools.

Charlotte School of Law, Charlotte, NC

2016 – 2017

Academic Success Lecturer (Faculty) | Assistant Professor Equivalent

Designed and delivered academic workshops on study strategies, legal writing, exam preparation, and general academic performance. Provided individualized academic advising on achievement strategies, performance challenges, and probation status. Taught a for-credit bar review course integrating structured bar preparation into the curriculum. Instructed skills-focused courses emphasizing legal analysis, critical reasoning, writing, and exam performance. Administered and evaluated periodic practice examinations to measure progress, reinforce test-taking strategies, and improve assessment readiness.

- Coached bar examinees through individualized sessions and small-group study programs, providing targeted guidance on bar preparation strategies and performance improvement.

Managed civil litigation matters from intake through resolution, including client interviewing, legal research, case strategy, and settlement/trial preparation. Drafted pleadings, motions, briefs, and related filings and presented written and oral advocacy in state, federal, and administrative forums. Counseled and represented clients in Social Security, bankruptcy, and veterans' benefits matters, evaluating legal options, likely outcomes, and litigation strategies and developing case theories based on complex factual and legal analysis.

- Led a fact-intensive, highly complex matter involving multiple parties and competing scenarios, evaluating legal risks and potential outcomes to develop an effective resolution strategy resulting in a settlement exceeding \$300,000.

Publications, Presentations & Media Appearances

"The Power of Dogs: Leveraging Therapy Dogs to Reduce Stress and Build Community with Your Law Students"

The Learning Curve | Winter/Spring 2026 (Essay)

"The Benefits of Journaling for Law Students: Building Engagement and Enhancing Skills"

LWI One-Day Workshop | December 2024 (Presentation)

"The Power of Dogs: Leveraging Therapy Dogs to Reduce Stress and Build Community"

Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE) Annual Conference | May 2024 (Presentation)

"Therapy Dog Provides Stress Relief, Joy to Mercer Law Students and Beyond"

Mercer Lawyer Magazine | Fall 2023 (Media)

"Supreme Court of Georgia Eases Requirements for Military Spouses to Practice Law in the State"

41NBC/WMGTV | December 2023 (Media)

Professional Service & Committees

Academic Standards and Curriculum Committee

- University of Tennessee, Winston College of Law | 2026

Readmission Committee

- University of Tennessee, Winston College of Law | 2026
- University of Idaho College of Law | 2017–2020

Admissions Committee

- UNT Dallas College of Law | 2020–2022
- University of Idaho College of Law | 2017–2020

Scholarship Committee

- UNT Dallas College of Law | 2020–2022

Adjunct and Visiting Faculty Committee

- University of Tennessee, Winston College of Law | 2025

Non-Tenure Track Faculty Hiring Committee

- University of Idaho College of Law | 2017–2020

Graduate Council / Academic Policy

- University of Tennessee, Winston College of Law | 2025–2026

Assessment Steering Committee / SCORE

- University of Tennessee, Winston College of Law | 2025–2026

Professional Memberships & Volunteer Service

Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE)

Scholarship Committee Member | 2023–2024

American Inns of Court

Vice President | 2019–2020

Secretary/Treasurer | 2018–2019

Alliance of Therapy Dogs & H.A.B.I.T

Certified Therapy Dog Team

- with Univ of Tenn’s agency “H.A.B.I.T” since 2024
- Alliance of Therapy Dogs – since 2022

Complete weekly visits to the heart patients at the UT Medical Center. Completed 400+ volunteer visits supporting students, residents, patients, and incarcerated individuals across schools, assisted living facilities, hospice centers, hospitals, and correctional facilities.

State Bar of Georgia

Active Member in Good Standing | 2014–Present

State Bar of Tennessee

Comity Application Pending as of October 2025

Military Experience

Nuclear Reactor Operator / Electronics Technician

U.S. Navy | Honorably Discharged