

# JEAN SBARGE

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## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Widener University Delaware Law School, Wilmington, DE**

*Associate Professor, Fall 2004 - present; Adjunct Professor, Spring 2004*

#### Courses:

**Teach:** First-year legal writing and research courses, concentrating on practice-ready skills, professionalism, legal reasoning and analysis, writing, research, oral communications and argument, and advocacy; create writing assignments, lesson plans, and materials; evaluate and grade students' papers; run simulated partner conferences and oral arguments; conference with and mentor students.

**Taught:** Upper-level **Advanced Appellate Advocacy**; required upper-level **legal writing** course; upper-level elective **Essential Legal Concepts; Wills and Trusts; Trial Admissions Program, Legal Writing; Orientation** classes

#### Committees (current and past)

*Chair (2 times)*, Faculty Executive Committee (an elected committee); *Chair*, Retention and Review Subcommittee; *Chair*, Professional Development Committee; Budget Committee (an elected committee); Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee; Readmissions Committee; Task Force for the Formation of the Legal Professional (volunteer member); Diversity and Accommodations Committee; Internal Selection Committee for Philadelphia Diversity Law Group (volunteer member); Ad hoc judicial clerkship committee (volunteer member); Task Force for LLM's; Financial Scholarship Committee

### **Ballard Spahr LLP, Philadelphia, PA**

*Legal Writing Consultant to Summer Associates Program, Summers 2005, 2006, and 2007*

Evaluated, edited and graded summer associates' real and mock writing assignments, with an emphasis on associates meeting employer expectations.

### **Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, Philadelphia, PA**

*Associate, October 2003 - August 2004; August 2000 - August 2001*

Practiced white-collar criminal law and complex commercial litigation; helped conduct client interviews and proffers; wrote pleadings, motions, briefs, and discovery requests and responses.

### **The Honorable John R. Padova, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**

*Judicial Law Clerk, September 2001 - August 2003*

Drafted opinions, orders, memoranda, and jury instructions; researched for opinions, proceedings, and trials; assisted in judicial proceedings, including trials, hearings, and negotiations in settlement conferences.

### **Clifford Chance, New York, NY**

*Associate, September 1999 - August 2000; Summer Associate, Summer 1998*

Practiced First Amendment, media, trademark, copyright and Internet law, and commercial litigation; researched and wrote motions, memoranda, settlement agreements, and discovery materials; researched for and helped prepare curriculum for Practising Law Institute conferences on communications and media law; edited and updated the Second Circuit portion of the *Libel Defense Resource Center 50-State Survey on Libel Law*.

**University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA**

*Legal Writing and Research Instructor, August 1998 - May 1999*

Taught class of first-year law students legal writing, including researching and analyzing cases, drafting opinion letters, memoranda, motion and appellate briefs, and presenting oral argument; edited and evaluated students' papers; mentored students; taught extra sessions on final-examination preparation and the law journals' writing competitions.

**Professors Lani Guinier and Susan Sturm, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA**

*Research Assistant, Summer 1997*

Edited Professor Guinier's book *Lift Every Voice: Turning a Civil Rights Setback into a New Vision of Social Justice*; researched for and wrote pieces about affirmative action, media, race relations, and community policing.

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**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Professional Career Development Institute, Atlanta, GA**

*Director of Curriculum, 1995 - 1996*

Helped design and manage educational operations of a national correspondence high school; edited and oversaw curriculum; wrote and managed communications with students; trained and coordinated personnel.

**Public School Districts in Dutchess County, NY, and Atlanta, GA (Roy C. Ketcham H.S. and Orville A. Todd M.S., NY; Henderson H.S., GA)**

*High School and Middle School English and Science Teacher, 1992 - 1995*

Taught English and science classes; directed after-school English tutoring program; taught SAT preparatory program; edited and directed nationally recognized and award-winning student literary magazine; wrote and published school's community newsletter; edited and directed student newspaper; volunteered on school/business partnership committee, and on site-based management team.

**Hudson Valley Philharmonic, Poughkeepsie, NY**

*Public Relations Assistant, Winter 1988 - 1989*

Wrote press releases; edited concert programs and advertisements; helped plan special events.

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**PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

**Legal Writing Institute Biennial National Conference, Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., 2022**, presented "Black Ice and White Lies: Minding Our Words"

**Legal Writing Institute One-Day Conference cohosted by Northeastern University School of Law and AALS LWRR Diversity Committee, 2020**, virtual, presented “Black Ice and White Lies: Minding Our Words”

**Legal Writing Institute Biennial National Conference, Philadelphia, 2014**, presented “The Read Shoes: Stepping into the Reader’s Shoes through Video, Case Illustration, Drawing, and a Model”

**AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2012**, Section on Teaching Methods, presented “Teaching Professional Values Across the Curriculum: Engaging Student Learners in the Process of Becoming Lawyers”

**Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, The George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C., February 2011**, presented “Teaching Professionalism in the Legal Writing Classroom and Beyond”

**Legal Writing Institute Biennial National Conference, Naples, Florida, June 2010**, presented “No Swedish Bikini Team Screensavers: Teaching Professionalism in the Legal Writing Classroom and Beyond”

**Association of Legal Writing Directors Scholars’ Forum, Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York, May 2010**, presented article proposal about teaching professionalism in the legal writing classroom

**First Empire State Legal Writing Conference, Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York, May 2010**, presented “Taking the Lede from Journalism: Two Exercises to Hook Students’ Interest and Introduce Concepts”

**Tenth Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, March 2010**, presented “Taking the Lede from Journalism: Two Exercises to Hook Students’ Interest and Introduce Concepts”

**Widener University School of Law, Professionalism Workshop for the Law School**, “How to Succeed in the Workplace for Summer Interns and New Associates: Handling Work Assignments and Communicating Effectively on the Job”

**Revised and updated** “The Reporter’s Privilege: Vanishing as a Federal Protection, Gaining as a State One,” PRACTISING LAW INSTITUTE, NEWSGATHERING & LIBEL LITIGATION 2000

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (current and past)**

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Legal Writing Institute:

- Served on Site Committee for 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, 2014
- Served on Professional Development Committee, 2010-2012
- Assistant Editor for 14 LEGAL WRITING 2008

AALS Section on Legal Writing and Reasoning  
Association of Legal Writing Directors

American Bar Association:

- Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
- Center for Professional Responsibility

## EDUCATION

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### **University of Pennsylvania Law School, J.D., May 1999**

Activities: Editor-in-Chief position, *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law*, Feb. - Oct. 1998; Executive Board Member, Entertainment and Sports Law Society; Morris Fellow; Orientation Leader; Keynotes *a cappella* singing group member.

Pro bono: ACLU of Philadelphia; Media Access Project

### **State University of New York at New Paltz, Secondary Education Teacher Certification, 1992** (Gained teaching certification in English, biology, chemistry, and general science)

### **S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University, B.S. Magazine Journalism, May 1988**

Honors: *magna cum laude*; *Phi Kappa Phi* Honor Society