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EXPERIENCE

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY CHARLES WIDGER SCHOOL OF LAW, Villanova PA

Professor of Law, 2007 – present

- Teach legal writing, analysis, and oral communication to first-year law students
- Serve as a faculty advisor and externship supervisor
- Serve on various faculty committees including as chair of the Academic Success Committee
- Participate in communicating across difference as a legal professional for the Professional Development Program
- Co-chair of the Legal Writing Institute Pro Bono and Bar Outreach Committee 2016-present; member of the Legal Writing Institute Bar Outreach committee 2014-2016
- Served as co-editor in chief (2014-2016) and on the editorial board (2012-2014) of *The Second Draft*, a publication of the Legal Writing Institute
- Recipient of the 2014 Legal Writing Institute/Association of Legal Writing Directors/LexisNexis Legal Writing Scholarship Grant

BLANK ROME LLP, Philadelphia, PA

Associate, Financial Services Department, 2000 – 2007

- Area of practice: Consumer financial services
- Provided counseling and guidance to state and federal financial institutions and non-bank lenders on all aspects of consumer regulatory compliance including: residential mortgage lending and licensing, predatory lending, consumer protection laws, data security and breach notification laws, credit card lending, motor vehicle sales financing, installment loans, and student loans
- Regularly handled federal preemption issues under the National Bank Act, the Homeowners' Loan Act, and the Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act
- Provided guidance on compliance with federal consumer lending and privacy laws including, the Truth-in-Lending Act, Gramm-Leach Bliley Act, and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act
- Draft quality control manuals, review and draft state and federal disclosures, contracts and marketing agreements
- Engaged in loan portfolio review and due diligence for mergers and acquisitions
- Drafted briefs and motions on consumer finance litigation matters

FOX, ROTHSCHILD, O'BRIEN & FRANKEL, LLP, Philadelphia, PA

Associate, Litigation Department, 1999 – 2000

- Area of practice: Commercial litigation.

- Involved in all aspects of litigation including drafting briefs, motions, motion arguments, responses to interrogatories, participation in depositions and all other aspects of discovery

EDUCATION

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Camden, NJ

Juris Doctorate, 1999

- Corpus Juris Secundum Award for excellence in torts
- Elected to Hunter Moot Court Board
- Teaching Assistant for legal research and writing 1997-1999
- Bankruptcy pro bono project.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Arts in History, 1995

- Study abroad in Florence, Italy

PRESENTATIONS

- “Identifying the Type of Question on Appeal,” Delaware Valley Legal Writing Consortium, Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA, April 28, 2010
- “I Need an Answer in Two Days”: Using a Quick Turn-Around Email Assignment to Simulate Common Real World Experiences Beyond the Memo,” co-presenter, Second Annual Empire State Legal Writing Conference, St. John’s University, New York, NY, May 13, 2011
- “Infusing Professionalism into the Law School Curriculum,” panel presentation, AALS Program on Teaching Methods, Washington, D.C., January 6, 2012
- “Enhancing Your Legal Writing Program by Using Writing Specialists,” panel presentation, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Palm Desert, CA, May 31, 2012
- “What is a Practice-Ready Attorney & How Can Law Schools Best Prepare Students for Practice?,” moderator of panel discussion with practicing members of the bar and judiciary, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Villanova University School of Law School, Villanova, PA, December 4, 2012
- “Developing Character Skills in the First-Year Legal Writing Curriculum to Promote Success in Law School and Beyond,” Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, UNLV School of Law, Las Vegas, NV, March 29, 2014
- Poster Presentation, “The Second Draft: The Official Magazine of the Legal Writing Institute,” LWI Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA, June 2014
- “Leading With Character in the Legal Writing Classroom and Law School,” Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN, April 18, 2015
- “Cultural Competencies & Lawyering in the U.S.,” SALT conference, Villanova University School of Law, November 13, 2015

- “Bridging the Gap Between the Required 1L and 2L Legal Writing Courses: The Evolving Roles of Students and Professors,” co-presenter, Sixth Annual Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD, March 12, 2016

PUBLICATIONS

- *Inward Bound: An Exploration of Character Development in Law School*, 39 U. ARK. AT LITTLE ROCK L. REV. 25 (2016)
- Paul H. Schieber and Heather D. Disque, *Latest Developments in the New Jersey Home Ownership Security Act*, Mortgage Banking, May 2004
- Paul H. Schieber and Heather D. Disque, *The New Jersey Predatory Lending Act*, Mortgage Banking, November 2003
- Paul H. Schieber and Heather D. Disque, *Prey Tell . . . Predatory Lending Update*, The Risk Management Association Journal, April 2002
- Blank Rome LLP Consumer Lending/Retail Banking Update - regular author for quarterly report

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1999
- State of New Jersey, 1999
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2000
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1999
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, 2000