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LAW SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS

University of Memphis School of Law:

- *Cecil C. Humphreys Professor of Law* 2024 – present
- *Professor of Law* 2022 – 2024
- *Olin Atkins Distinguished Professor of Law* 2019 – 2022
- *Associate Professor of Law* 2015 – 2022
- *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs* 2009 – 2015
- *Director, Legal Methods Program*
& *Associate Professor of Law* 2006 – 2009
- *Director, Legal Methods Program* (awarded tenure in 2006)
& *Assistant Professor of Law* 2001 – 2006
- *Director, Legal Methods Program* 1998 - 2001

Courses Taught:

- Legislation | Statutory Construction
- Administrative Law
- Criminal Procedure I
- Criminal Law
- TIP—Criminal Law
- Housing Adjudication Clinic
- Legal Methods I
- Legal Methods II
- Legal Argument & Appellate Practice

Suffolk University Law School (Boston, MA):

- *Legal Practice Skills Professor* 1996 – 1998

Courses Taught:

- Legal Practice Skills I
- Legal Practice Skills II

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP—Selected Publications

Awards:

- Cecil C. Humphreys Professor (awarded 2024)
- Olin Atkins University Professor (awarded 2019)
- Faculty Research Roundtable (2020)

Books:

- *Legislation: Cases & Materials* (Carolina Academic Press, forthcoming)
- *Legal Analysis: The Fundamental Skill* (with K. Vinson) (4th ed. Carolina Academic Press, 2025)

Adopted by over 70 law colleges and universities, including:

- UC-Davis
- University of Michigan
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- Georgetown University
- University of Illinois
- University of Iowa
- Indiana University
- Penn State University
- University of Oregon
- University of Kansas
- Northwestern University
- New York University
- University of Kentucky
- Florida State University
- University of Oregon
- University of California, Berkeley
- DePaul University
- George Washington University
- Harvard Business School
- Arizona State University
- University of Arkansas (Fayetteville)
- Tulane University
- Wake Forrester University
- William & Mary University

Law Review Articles:

- *Legislative Adjudication: Due Process & Private Lawmaking* (in progress)
- *Good Intentions: Why Cue-Taking in Congress Requires Judicial Review of Legislative History* (forthcoming)
- *In Defense of Legislative History*, 90 Miss. L.J. 683 (2021)
- *Reconstructing the Rule of Lenity*, 40 CARDOZO L. REV. 523 (2019)
- *You Have the Right to Remain Silent—A Case for the Use of Silence as Substantive Evidence of a Criminal Defendant’s Guilt*, 38 IND. L. REV. 1 (2005) (lead article)
- *Truth about Cats & Dogs: Legal Writing Programs and the Law School Curriculum*, 52 KAN. L. REV. 105 (2003)

Other Publications:

- *Asked and Answered!*, 18 Law Teacher 1 (2012) (lead essay)
- *The Embedded Rule*, 24 Second Draft No. 1 (2009) (featured article)
- *A Review of the Second Edition of Scholarly Writing for Law Students: Seminar Papers, Law Review Notes, and Law Review Competition Papers by Elizabeth Fajans & Mary Falk*, 30 Stetson L. Rev. 6111 (2000)
- Note, *Civil Forfeiture and the Constitution—A Legislative Abrogation of Rights and the Judicial Response: The Guilt of the Res*, 28 SUFFOLK U. L. REV. 387 (1994)

Other Media:

- Carolina Academic Press Law School Lounge Podcast, *25th Anniversary of CREAC*, November 17, 2023
- Memphis Business Journal, *Romantz provides advice for aspiring young lawyers*, Friday, June 13, 2015

- Memphis Daily News, *U of M Law Adds Flexibility Into Curriculum*, Thursday, November 17, 2014
- Tennessee Bar Journal, *Briefs: Law curriculum shifts toward 'modern practice.'* January 2012
- Memphis Daily News, *Pro Bono Requirement Added For Law Students*, Thursday, August 30, 2012
- Memphis Business Journal, *Downtown U of M law school quickly becoming hub of legal activity*, Friday, June 25, 2010
- Memphis Daily News, *U of M Law Names Romantz Associate Dean of Academic Affairs*, Thursday, July 09, 2009

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

• MBA CLE: <i>Overton Park v. Volpe</i>	Memphis, TN	2021
• LWI Annual Conference	Portland, OR	2016
• SEALS Annual Conference	Palm Beach, FL	2013
• AWLD Annual Conference	Sacramento, CA	2011
• AALS/ALWD New Director's Forum	San Diego, CA	2009
• LWI Biannual Conference	Indianapolis, IN	2008
• Rocky Mountain LRW Conference	Las Vegas, NV	2007
• AALS—ALWD New Directors Program	San Francisco, CA	2005
• National BLSA Academic Retreat	Memphis, TN	2005
• Rocky Mountain LRW Conference	Tucson, AZ	2004
• Central Region LRW Conference	St. Louis, MO	2003
• HMS CLE	Memphis, TN	2003
• N.E. Legal Writing Consortium	Boston, MA	2002
• MBA CLE Program	Memphis, TN	2002
• Rocky Mountain LRW Conference	Phoenix, AR	2002
• Legal Education—U.S. & China	Memphis, TN	2001
• Legal Writing Institute	Seattle, WA	2000
• Conference on Legal Education	Wuhan, China	1999

SIGNIFICANT SERVICE

Law School Administrative Service:

- *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs* 2009 – 2015
- *Director of the Legal Methods Program* 1998 – 2009

Significant Law School Committee Service:

- Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee (2008-2009; 2010-2011; 2015-2017; 2023-2024)
- Chair, Promotion & Tenure Committee (2023-2024)
 - Faculty Mentor (2016-2017; 2018-2019; 2025-2025)
- Chair, Curriculum Committee (2011-15; 2018-19; 2023-2022)
- Chair, Finance & Budget Committee (2018-2019)
- Chair, Academic Affairs Committee (2017-2018)
- Chair, Admissions Committee (2006-2009)
- Dean's Advisory Committee (elected) (2006-2008; 2009-2011; 2012-2018; 2020-2022; 2024-2025)
- Outcome & Assessments Committee (2020-2022)

- Herff Chair of Excellence Search Committee (2009; 2021)
- Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2019-2020)
- Self-Study Committee (2007-2009; 2014-2016)
- Ad hoc Committee on Grade Normalization (2013-2014)
- Bar Pass Task Force (2014-2015)
- Strategic Planning Committee (2009-2010)
- Ad hoc Committee on Alternative Admissions (2008-2009)

Faculty Advisor to Student Organizations:

- Memphis Law Honor Council (2009-present)
- Hispanic Law Students Association (2006-present)
- Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (2019-present)
- Student Bar Association (2009-2019)
- Jewish Law Students Associations (2000-2009)
- Faculty Co-Advisor, Moot Court Board (2006-2009)

Other Law School Service:

- Faculty Recruitment Workshop (2023)
- Course Redesign Fellowship (2021)
- Note Advisor, Memphis Law Review (2002-present)
- Law Review Editorial Workshop (2006-2014; 2020-2022)
- 1L Orientation Program (2006-2023)
- Admitted Students Open House (2010-2023)
- Law School Diversity & Pre-Law Day (2019)
- Panel Moderator, Law Review Symposium (2019)

Significant University Service:

- Faculty Senator (2021-2022)
- Law School Dean Search Committee (2019)
- Hearing Officer, TUAPA, University of Memphis (2005; 2007; 2009; 2018-present)
- Hearing Officer, Office of Institutional Equity | Student Accountability (2019-present)
- Mentor, Office of Institutional Equity | Student Accountability (2022-2024)
- Public Safety Institute, Advisory Committee (2016-2022)
- University Athletics Committee (2006-2019)
 - Chair, Sexual Assault Awareness Committee (2017-2018)
 - Chair, NCAA Compliance Committee (2015-2016)
- JD/MPA Joint Degree (2014-2015)
- JD/MBA (revised) & JD/MPH Joint Degree (2013)
- FERPA Compliance Review Project (2014-2015)
- University Summer Utilization Task Force (2015)
- Utilization Task Force (2012)
- Faculty Research Grant Review Committee (2000-2010)
- University Tenure & Promotions Appeals Committee (2005-2008)

Significant Service to the Legal Profession:

- ABA Section on Legal Education Accreditation Site Team
 - George Mason University Scalia School of Law (chair, 2022)

- University of San Diego College of Law (2021)
- Northern Texas University Law School—Dallas (2019)
- University of Maryland College of Law (2018)
- Savannah Law School (2017) (special fact-finding mission)
- Case Western Reserve Law School (2015)
- Memphis Bar Association CLE: *Overton Park v. Volpe* (2021)
- Unity in Diversity Award Selection Committee Chair (2021)
- Unity in Diversity Award Recipient (2020)
- Southeast Law Schools Association (SEALS) Steering Committee (2019-2020)
- Invited to review tenure scholarship dossiers
 - Indiana University (IUPUI), Indianapolis (2020)
 - Suffolk Law School (2017)
- Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Section on Legislation & Law of Political Process, Executive Committee (2011-2012)
- Prospective Law Teachers Committee, SEALS Conference Program (2015)
- Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) (1998 – 2009)
 - Board of Directors (2006—2009)
- Legal Writing Institute (LWI) (1998—2009)
 - Adjunct Program Committee Chair (2005)
 - Board of Directors, Community Legal Center (2000—2009)

EDUCATION

Suffolk University Law School Boston, MA J.D., *cum laude* 1995

- Notes Editor, Suffolk University Law Review
- Staff Member, Suffolk University Law Review
Note, *Civil Forfeiture and the Constitution—A Legislative Abrogation of Rights and the Judicial Response: The Guilt of the Res*, 28 SUFFOLK U. L. REV. 387 (1994)
- President, Jewish Law Students Association
- Pro Bono Service Award
- Judicial Clerk/Extern, The Honorable Wendy Gershengorn, Mass. Sup. Ct. (Chief Judge)

Fellow, Project Otmah Jerusalem, Israel 1988 – 1989

University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI B.A. 1987 (History)

- Dean’s List (1984, 1985, 1986, 1987)
- Research Assistant to Dr. David M. Buss
- Business Internship Program Honors Fellowship
- History Honors Colloquium

BAR MEMBERSHIP

- State of New York (admitted 1996)
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts (admitted 1995)
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (admitted 1995)