

MELISSA R. BRANDMAN

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, California June 2024 - Present
Associate Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing & Skills
Visiting Associate Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing & Skills
Courses: LAWS I: Legal Writing, LAWS II: Appellate Advocacy
Committees: Admissions (2024-25); Externship (2024-25)

INVITED COMMENTARY

Bridging the Gap: A Discussion of How We Can Best Integrate the Bench and Bar in Our Legal Writing Classrooms

- Invited Discussant, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference (July 2025)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

YOUNG-AGRIESTI & THOMAS Senior Employment Counsel	2021 – 2024
PERONA, LANGER, BECK, AND HARRISON Employment Associate	2020 – 2021
LAW OFFICES OF MELISSA R. BRANDMAN Law Firm Owner	2004 – 2010
RUTAN & TUCKER Employment Associate	2002 - 2004
PILLSBURY WINTHROP SHAW PITTMAN Summer Associate & Associate Attorney	2000 - 2002

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AWARDS

ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS | Volunteer Mock Trial Attorney Coach 2019 – 2025
2024: *Constitutional Rights Foundation Attorney Coach of the Year*
2023: *Orange County School of the Arts Outstanding School Volunteer Award*

EDUCATION

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctor, May 2001

- Moot Court Honors Program, Distinguished Advocate and Finalist
- Co Editor-in-Chief, UCLA Women's Law Journal (2000-2001)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES

B.A., English Literature, *cum laude*, June 1998

- Awarded English Departmental Highest Honors