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Academic Experience

Assistant Dean of Bar Preparation, Southwestern Law School (2017- present)

Assistant Dean of Bar Preparation and Academic Support, (2016 - 2017), Interim Director of Academic Support and Bar Support (2009-2010), Associate Director of Academic Support and Bar Support, (2007-2009) Whittier Law School; Assistant Professor (2004-2005), Adjunct Professor (2003-2004), Western State University College of Law

Current and Recent Courses: Cal Bar Writing, MBE Skills and Strategies, Remedies and Community Property: Cal Bar Writing.

Previously Taught Courses: First year Academic Support, Academic Support Integrated with Civil Procedure, Second Year Academic Support, Second Year Skills for Academic Probation, Legal Research and Writing, Legal Advocacy

Current Administrative Responsibilities: Responsible for the creation, development and implementation of all bar preparation programming, including developing curriculum and course materials for current students and alumni, training and supervising bar preparation team, and evaluating data to maintain ABA compliance and assess program effectiveness.

Current and Recent Service: Bar Task Force Committee, Faculty Mentor, Integrating Distance Education Methods Committee

Legal Education Consultant: Bar Preparation Program Specialist, (2016) Whittier Law School, (2012) La Verne Law School.

Responsibilities: Develop and implement an effective comprehensive bar preparation program.

Education

J.D., 1996, *summa cum laude*, Western State College of Law.

American Jurisprudence award winner in civil procedure, constitutional law, contracts, criminal law, evidence, real property, and torts

Moot court winner for best appellate brief and best oral advocacy team
Law Review Editor
Academic Support peer tutor

B.S., 1987, with Great Distinction (highest honors), California State University Long Beach.

Business Administration
Phi Beta Kappa

Publications

ESSAY EXAM WRITING FOR THE CALIFORNIA BAR EXAM (Updated 2nd ed., Wolters Kluwer, 2019) (co-authored with Tina Schindler)

CALIFORNIA PERFORMANCE TEST WORKBOOK, PREPARATION FOR THE BAR EXAM (2nd ed., Wolters Kluwer, 2019) (co-authored with Tina Schindler)

EMANUEL LAW IN A FLASH MULTISTATE BAR EXAM (2nd ed., Wolters Kluwer, 2016, 3rd ed. expected 2019)

YOUR GUIDE TO TAKING THE BAR (AGAIN) (Wolters Kluwer, 2012) (co-authored with K. Elkin, S. Emanuel, R. La Puma, and T. Schindler)

CALIFORNIA BAR IN A BOX (Wolters Kluwer, Available on iPad 2012) (expert feed commentator for interactive application version)

CALIFORNIA BAR EDGE (Inkling, 2012) (expert feed commentator for interactive bar preparation application)

CALIFORNIA BAR IN A BOX (Wolters Kluwer, 2011) (author and lecturer in remedies, contracts and crossover questions)

Select Presentations

Presenter, *Maximizing Bar Success*, Whittier Law School (2018)

Presenter, *Teaching for the California Bar Exam*, Whittier Law School (2016)

Presenter, *Improving Bar Passage Rates*, Whittier Law School (2010)

Presenter, *Interpreting Bar Passage Data*, Whittier Law School (2010)

Presenter, *Strategies for Improving Performance on the MBE Exam*, LSAC Bar Support, Collaboration and Programs Conference, Southwestern Law School (2008)

Other Professional Experience

California State Bar Exam Calibration: Attendance at sessions for the February 2009, July 2009, February 2017, and July 2017 bar exams.

Attorney, Law Office of Sharon Tate (2013-2016) Family law litigator

Legal Education Consultant (2010-present)

Private Bar Tutor (2007-present)

Tutor and Lecturer Emanuel Bar Review (2008-2010)

Attorney, Law Offices of Elder & Manning (1997-1999) Fair Housing litigator

Honorable Warren J. Ferguson, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Santa Ana, CA (1996) Extern.

Memberships

Member AALS, Academic Support, Empirical Study of Legal Education and the Legal Profession, Teaching Method, and the Technology, Law and Legal Education sections
Member, AASE

Member, CalStateTEACH Advisory Board (2010-2011)

Member, AALS Academic Support Section, Subcommittee on ABA Standards (2010-2011)

Admissions

California State Bar

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Central District of California