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EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1996

- Member, *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*
- Legal Research and Writing Law Fellow
- Assistant Student Admissions Officer

Stanford University, B.A., International Relations, 1992

- Stanford-in-Washington: Research Intern, Organization of American States
 - Semester Study Abroad, Pontifícia Universidade Católica, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 - Delta Sigma Theta Public Service Sorority, Inc.
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PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Visiting Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing & Skills (LAWS)

June 2025 - June 2026

Teaching Legal Analysis, Writing & Skills to first-year law students in the nation's first online J.D. program featuring asynchronous learning.

August 2019 - February 2020

Independent Contractor Position

Authored the Spring 2020 LAWS problem, which was used by all first-year students in the LAWS course and in Southwestern's Intramural Moot Court, Trial Advocacy, and Negotiation competitions.

Adjunct Professor

August 2020 - December 2020

Supported full-time professor with grading responsibilities in Legal Analysis, Writing & Skills course. Attended lectures, conferenced with students, and coordinated evaluation methods with professor.

Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing & Skills (LAWS)

July 2002 - June 2016

- Courses Taught: LAWS (Appellate Advocacy and Negotiation Tracks); Defenses In The Law, and Bar Advantage
- Developed course materials and research problems for first-year legal research and writing courses. Lectured and led classroom exercises designed to teach fundamental legal research, analysis, and writing skills to multiple sections of 20+ students each. Provided substantive feedback on student assignments through written comments and one-on-one conferences. Taught appellate advocacy and negotiation skills, as well as other lawyering and professionalism concepts.
- Taught both doctrinal course (Defenses in the Law) and academic support course (Bar Advantage). Designed lectures, skill exercises, exams, and diagnostic tools.
- Active member of Admissions Committee, LAWS Faculty Appointment Committee, SCALE Committee, Self-Study Committee, and Student Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee
- Served as faculty advisor and Moot Court coach for the Black Law Students Association.

PRESENTATIONS

Co-Presenter, "Legal Writing Refresher Workshop," McKenna Long & Aldridge, June 2009.

Presenter, "The Second Year Of Law School Is The Beginning Of Your Legal Career – Get Involved!," National Black Law Students Association Western Region Academic Retreat, October 2004.

Program Instructor, "Introduction to Legal Reasoning," John M. Langston Bar Association, Summers 1999 - 2000.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Carroll, Burdick & McDonough, Los Angeles, CA **March 1999 - June 2002**

Associate, Insurance Practice Group/Commercial Litigation (lateral move from Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon LLP with insurance coverage practice group)

Handled all aspects of complex insurance coverage and commercial litigation cases including preparing complaints, taking and defending depositions, drafting trial briefs, representing clients in mediations and settlement negotiations, and serving as second-chair trial counsel. Researched, drafted, and argued dispositive motions and appellate briefs in state and federal court.

Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon LLP, Los Angeles, CA **October 1996 - February 1999**
Associate

Litigated lawsuits involving complex environmental insurance coverage disputes, products liability, and trade secrets. Deposed witnesses, conducted written discovery, prepared discovery motions, drafted and argued summary judgment motions, researched and drafted legal memoranda.

SELECTED COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

Friends of GALA

Grants Committee Lead, 2021 - 2025

Board Member (Director of Grants), 2021 - 2024

Fundraiser Volunteer of the Year Award, 2021 - 2022

Friends of West Hollywood Elementary

Board Member (Treasurer), 2019 - 2021

Election Protection

Social Media Monitoring Volunteer, 2020

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Election Protection Hotline Volunteer, 2020

Election Protection Volunteer, Poll Monitor, 2004

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of California