

KARIN J. GRAVER

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D., May 1998

Teaching Assistant, Lawyering Skills Program

Women's Law Journal, Chief Essays Editor

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

B.A. Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude*, June 1994

College of Letters and Science Honors

Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, California

2024-Present

Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills

- Teach Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills (LAWS) class to first-year law students. Course topics include legal analysis and reasoning, predictive and persuasive writing, negotiation skills, research strategies, hierarchy of authority, and case briefing. Provide feedback to students via student-teacher conferences, classroom debriefs, and written comments.

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, California

2004-2020

Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills (2023-Present)

Adjunct Professor of Law (2017-2020)

Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills (2007-2016)

Associate Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills (2006-2007)

Instructor of Legal Writing (2004-2006)

- Taught Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills (LAWS) class to first-year law students for twelve years. Course topics included legal analysis and reasoning, predictive and persuasive writing, oral advocacy, trial advocacy, negotiation, client interviewing, client counseling, research strategies, and case briefing. Experienced in all three tracks of the LAWS Course – appellate advocacy, trial advocacy and negotiation. Member of the Southwestern legal writing faculty that expanded the three-unit legal research and writing course to six units and developed the LAWS course curriculum.
- Taught Practical Lawyering Skills to second- and third-year law students. Practical Lawyering Skills was an academic support class that reinforced legal analysis, writing and advocacy skills using past California Bar Exam and Multistate Bar Exam performance exam problems.
- Taught Remedies with an exam writing component to second- and third-year law students.
- Taught in the summer Bar Advantage Program, preparing students for the California Bar Exam.
- Taught Introduction to Legal Writing to incoming first-year students.
- Responsible for grading and critiquing student work.
- Provided feedback via student-teacher conferences, classroom debriefs, and written comments.
- Developed objective and persuasive writing assignments, and mid-term and final examinations.
- Member of the Admissions Committee, Academic Standards Committee, Public Interest Law Committee, Externship Committee, and the Bar Task Force.

ALSCHULER GROSSMAN STEIN & KAHAN LLP, Los Angeles, California
Associate, Litigation Department

2002-2004

- Responsible for daily management and oversight of actions involving commercial real estate, corporate governance, professional liability, and employment law. Primary responsibilities included: drafting legal briefs, taking and defending depositions, making court appearances, conducting discovery, performing legal research, advising clients regarding litigation strategy, assisting in pretrial preparation, and interviewing witnesses.
- Litigation team member for several securities/accounting class action lawsuits and a multimillion-dollar entertainment litigation matter.

ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP, Los Angeles, California
Associate, Litigation Department

1998-2002

- Conducted day-to-day management of multiple cases in areas of commercial litigation, intellectual property, and employment law. Responsibilities included drafting briefs and pleadings, conducting discovery, counseling clients, negotiating settlements, and performing legal research.
- Prepared and coordinated witnesses, performed direct examination, drafted arbitration briefs, and developed themes in NASD and AAA arbitrations.
- Briefed and argued matters related to provisional remedies, discovery, and case scheduling.
- Interviewed witnesses, identified evidence, and developed case strategy.
- Assisted in the successful mediation of clients' claims.
- Chair of Professional Development Associates Committee, Los Angeles office.

PRESENTATIONS

- Graver, K., Walters, T., *Legal Writing Refresher Workshop*. One-hour presentation to attorneys at McKenna, Long & Aldridge, Los Angeles, California. (Summer 2009).

VOLUNTEER BOARDS

- First District PTA, Los Angeles, California, *Parliamentarian* (2023-2024).
- Glendale Council PTA, Glendale, California, *Third Vice President of Legislation and Advocacy, Parliamentarian* (2020-2024).
- Crescenta Valley High School PTA, La Crescenta, California, *Secretary, Parliamentarian* (2022-2025).
- Rosemont Middle School PTA, La Crescenta, California, *President, Secretary* (2020-2023).
- Monte Vista Elementary School PTA, La Crescenta, California, *President, Secretary, Parliamentarian* (2015-2021).

BAR ADMISSIONS

Admitted to the State Bar of California, 1998 (currently inactive status).