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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Southwestern Law School

<i>Associate Dean for SCALE</i>	June 2025 - Present
<i>Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, & Skills</i>	July 2011 – Present
<i>Director, Legal Analysis, Writing, & Skills Program</i>	January 2023 – June 2025
<i>Co-Director, Negotiation Honors Program</i>	August 2009 – Present
<i>Director, Southwestern National Negotiation Tournament</i>	December 2021- Present
<i>Associate Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing, & Skills</i>	July 2008 – July 2011

- *Courses:* Legal Writing Analysis & Skills, Negotiation, Mediation, Contracts, Bar Preparation
- *Current Committees:* Admissions, Academic Standards, SCALE, and IDEA Committee
- *Previous Committees:* Externship, Public Interest Law, LLM Advisory, Clinical Appointments (Chair), Strategic Initiatives, Academic Standards, Curriculum, and Hybrid Online Committee
- *Other Service:* Presented for Parris Leadership Academy; Presenter for Admitted Student Events; Negotiation Coach, coached teams to First Place, ABA National Negotiation Competition (2020), First and Third Place, ABA Regional Negotiation Competition (2019), First, Second, and Third Place, ABA Regional Negotiation Competition (2018) First, Second, and Third Place, ABA Regional Negotiation Competition (2017), First Place, ABA National Mediation Competition (2017), First Place, ABA Regional Mediation competition (2017)

University of La Verne College of Law

<i>Assistant Professor</i>	July 2007 – June 2008
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- *Courses:* Property, Legal Research, Legal Writing
- *Committees:* Curriculum and Library Services Committee

Texas Tech University School of Law

<i>Assistant Legal Practice Professor</i>	August 2004 – June 2007
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- *Courses:* Legal Writing, Legal Research, Community Property
- *Committees:* Honor Council and Student Services Committee
- *Other Service:* Negotiation Coach, coached teams to First and Second Place, ABA Regional Negotiation Competition (2006)

AWARDS

SBA Professor of the Year for LAWS Award (2023-2024)

Professor Anahid Gharakhanian Excellence in Teaching Award (2019 – 2020)

Hemphill-Wells New Professor Excellence in Teaching Award Nominee (2006 - 2007)

EDUCATION

University of Texas School of Law – Austin, Texas

- Juris Doctorate, May 2001, with honors
- Texas Law Review
- Tom Martin Davis Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Law
- Research Assistant, Professor Patrick Woolley
- Research Assistant, Professor Jay Koehler

University of California at Irvine - Irvine, California

- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, May 1997, cum laude
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Campus Wide Honors Program
- Member, Student Council

PUBLICATIONS

Win or Go Home, Carolina Academic Press (with Nyree Gray) (2018).

Hard Nosed Advice from a Cranky Law Professor, Carolina Academic Press (with Austen Parrish and Lisa Dennis) (Second Edition 2021).

A “Recipe” for Understanding Statutes- published in the fall 2008 issue of *The Second Draft*.

Knolton’s Legal Research and Writing Tips – sold at Varsity Book Store, Lubbock, Texas.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Western Regional Legal Writing Conference: *Integrating Generative AI into the Legal Writing Classroom*

Training Advocates Conference: *Building a Stronger Team*

Continuing Legal Education for Buchalter Nemer, a Professional Corporation: *The Deal*

San Bernardino Public Defender’s Office: *Negotiation Techniques for Criminal Lawyers*

Attorneys for Criminal Justice Annual Conference CLE: *Negotiation Techniques for Criminal Attorneys*

UCLA Political Science Organization: *Tips for succeeding in law school*

13th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute- *Incorporating Performance Exams into a Legal Writing Course*

Alternative Dispute Resolution Center – *A Lawyer’s Role as an Advocate in the Legal System*

Hispanic Law Students Association – *How to Succeed in Law School*

Law Review Seminar – *How to Cite-Check a Law Review Article*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Akin, Gump, Strauss, Haeur & Feld, LLP San Antonio, Texas Sept. 2001 – Jun. 2004

Real Estate Associate: Represented commercial real estate clients involved in all aspects of the acquisition, sale, ownership, and leasing of income producing properties; negotiated and drafted leases, purchase agreements, and construction contracts.

Lubbock County Alternative Dispute Resolution Center Lubbock, Texas Fall 2005

Volunteer mediator; completed 40-hour training course in mediation; assisted in mediating disputes.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

School on Wheels: tutor for non-profit organization providing education to homeless children

Laugh & Learn Tutoring: non-profit family company providing free tutoring to children with limited resources and disabilities.