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ADMITTED: California Bar 1990

EMPLOYMENT: SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL

Professor of Law

August 2005 to present

Courses: *Civil Procedure I and II* (2001-present);
Remedies (2006-2018); (2025-present)
Selected Topics in American Law (2008-2017);
Multi-State Bar Exam: Skills and Strategies (Constitutional Law segment:
various)
Legal Research & Writing I and II (1992-2002).

Associate Professor of Law

May 2001 to August 2005

Courses: *Civil Procedure I and II* (2001-present);
Legal Research & Writing I and II (1992-2002).

Director of the Legal Analysis, Writing, and Skills Program

1995 to 2007

Perform administrative duties pertaining to the Legal Analysis, Writing and Skills Program. Participate in the hiring, training, oversight, and review of Legal Writing Faculty. Research and draft Appellate Advocacy Problems and Judges' Guides (bench briefs).

Instructor of Legal Writing

1992 to 2001

Courses taught: *Legal Research and Writing I and II*.

Instructor, *Introduction to Legal Writing: A Seminar for Pre-Law Students*
(various)

HONORS

Excellence in Teaching Awards (academic years: 2021-2022; 2020-2021; 2017-2018; 2014-2015; 2012-2013; 1999-2000) (Nominated: 2024-2025)
Paul E. Treusch Professor of Law (2007-2008)
Lifetime Achievement Award (inaugural) Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (2007; 2024)
Moot Court Honors Program Dedication Award (academic years: 2006-2007, 1996-1997)

FACULTY ADVISOR, *Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)* Work with APALSA Board and APALSA members on a variety of projects relating to networking, academic programs, and Southwestern and community service. 1992-present

FACULTY ADVISOR, *Moot Court Honors Program*. 2011-2012.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS & PANELS

Instructor, Pro Bono Bar Review. Civil Procedure segment: cover Civil Procedure topics, multiple-choice questions, and past bar exam essay questions. The Pro Bono Bar Review was founded by the late federal judge Robert M. Takasugi and is a free course designed for people who have taken the bar exam at least twice and who have participated in pro bono activities. Instructors volunteer their time and effort. 2007-present.

Instructor/Moderator. APALSA Outlining and Exam Workshop. 1992-2010.

Instructor. Moot Court Honors Program Boot Camp. 1992-2009.

Speaker, *Student Success Program*. Southwestern Law School. Discuss strategies for taking Multiple-Choice Questions. Prepare sample multiple-choice questions. 2002.

Speaker, *Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bar Examination*. Southwestern Law School. (1999, 2000, 2003, 2004).

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER Los Angeles, CA
Associate: *Commercial Litigation & Environmental Law Practice Group*.

PACIFIC ENTERPRISES Los Angeles, CA
Law Department (Southern California Gas Company)
Summer Law Clerk.

THE HONORABLE FERDINAND F. FERNANDEZ Los Angeles, CA
United States District Court (C.D. Cal.)
Judicial Extern.

HILLVIEW MENTAL HEALTH CENTER Lake View Terrace, CA
Transitional Program - Community Mental Health Care Worker.

PUBLICATIONS:

- BOOKS:** EFFECTIVE LAWYERING: A CHECKLIST APPROACH TO LEGAL WRITING AND ORAL ARGUMENT (co-authored with Austen Parrish) (Carolina Academic Press 2d edition 2012)
- EFFECTIVE LAWYERING: A CHECKLIST APPROACH TO LEGAL WRITING AND ORAL ARGUMENT (co-authored with Austen Parrish) (Carolina Academic Press 2007)
- ARTICLES:** “You Can’t Always Use the Zippo Code: The Fallacy of a Uniform Theory of Personal Jurisdiction,” 54 DePaul Law Review 1147 (2005)
- “The Law of Causation in Actions Involving Third-Party Assaults When the Landowner Negligently Fails to Hire Security Guards: A Critical Examination of *Saelzler v. Advanced Group 400*,” 40 California Western Law Review 80 (2003)
- “Copyright Law: Who Owns that Song?” 12 Texas Entertainment and Sports L.J. 4 (Fall 2003) (with Alan I. Cyrlin)
- “Danger Zones,” Los Angeles Lawyer 45 (January 2002) (Feature Article, Real Estate Law Issue)

SOUTHWESTERN APPELLATE ADVOCACY PROBLEMS AND JUDGES GUIDE/BENCH BRIEFS:

- 2006 Appellate Advocacy Problem and Judges Guide: (1) Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress; (2) Emotional Distress Damages
- 2005 Appellate Advocacy Problem and Judges Guide: (1) Loss of Filial Consortium; (2) Wrongful Death
- 2004 Appellate Advocacy Problem and Judges Guide: (1) Criminal Procedure (Miranda); (2) Criminal Law
- 2003 Appellate Advocacy Problem and Judges Guide: Criminal Procedure (Right to Counsel); Criminal Law
- 2002 Appellate Advocacy Problem and Judges Guide: (1) Preemption of Breach of Contract Claim under Copyright Law; (2) Contract Consideration
- 2001 Appellate Advocacy Problem and Judges Guide: (1) Contract Future Technology Clauses; (2) Inevitable Disclosure Doctrine
- 2000 Appellate Advocacy Problem and Judges Guide: (1) Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress; (2) Products Liability Damages
- 1999 Appellate Advocacy Problem and Judges Guide: (1) Negligence Per Se; (2) Loss of Filial Consortium
- 1998 Appellate Advocacy Problem and Judges Guide: (1) Parental Immunity Doctrine; (2) Wrongful Death
- 1997 Appellate Advocacy Problem and Judges Guide: (1) Defamation - the Involuntary Public Figure; (2) Neutral Reportage Defense
- 1996 Appellate Advocacy Problem and Judges Guide: (1) Criminal Procedure (Search & Seizure); (2) Criminal Law (attempted murder)

**PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS
& ACTIVITIES:**

Founding Member, **Association of Legal Writing Directors** (1995-2008);
Member, Outreach Committee.

Assistant Editor of the **Journal of the Legal Writing Institute** (1998 - 2003).

Member, **Legal Writing Institute**.

California Moot Court Competition (1998): Assisted in the creation and coordination of this statewide Competition. Authored the problem and judges' guide that was used in the Competition. Judged appellate brief portion of Competition.

Workshop on Exam Writing and Outlining, UCLA School of Law.

Presenter (with UCLA Law Prof. Jerry Kang). Conducted study skills and essay exam workshop for first-year students from Southern California law schools (sponsored by local Asian Pacific American Bar Associations). (1997 - 2000)

AALS Minority Mentor Program: Mentor (1996, 1998)

Japanese American Bar Association (JABA)

Board of Governors (2001-present)

(served as President in 2008 and other officer and governor positions)

JABA Educational Foundation

Board of Governors (2008-present)

EDUCATION:

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, Los Angeles, California

J.D. 1990 - Order of the Coif

Honors:

Cum Laude

Entertainment Law Journal:

Articles Editor, Staff Writer

Constitutional Law Teaching Assistant

(Prof. Lawrence Solum)

American Jurisprudence Award - Evidence

St. Thomas More Law Honor Society

Phi Delta Phi International Legal Society

Administrative Peer Counselor

Alumni Association Award – Commencement 1990

(service to law school community & academic excellence)

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
M.S. Clinical Psychology (Family Therapy)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
B.A. Psychology. National Debate Squad

THE HARVARD SCHOOL (now Harvard-Westlake)
Studio City, California
Speech and Debate Squad: Special Distinction (highest achievement in National
Interscholastic Forensics)
UCLA early admission/enrollment

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