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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE:

To utilize my extensive education, litigation, government, private and corporate legal experiences in a higher education setting, instructing future paralegals and legal professionals the theory and practicalities of the legal profession.

APPOINTMENTS

Kent State University ~ August 2016 – Present

Assistant Professor (Non-Tenure Track)

College of Arts & Sciences, Paralegal Studies Department

KENT STATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Traditional Classroom Instruction:

- ***Bankruptcy Law I*** ~ Fall 2016
- ***Family Law*** ~ Fall 2016, 2018
- ***Labor & Employment Law*** ~ Spring 2017
- ***Legal Research & Writing*** ~ Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 Spring, 2017
- ***Principles & Practice of Litigation*** ~ Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, Spring 2017, 2018, 2019
- ***Real Estate Law*** ~ Fall 2017, 2019
- ***Tort Law*** ~ Spring 2017

On-line Instruction:

- ***Copyright Law I*** ~ Summer 2017, 2018
- ***Corporations*** ~ Fall 2019
- ***Family Law*** ~ Fall 2017, 2019
- ***Internships*** ~ Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 ~ Spring 2017, 2018
- ***Labor & Employment Law*** ~ Spring 2018, 2019
- ***Real Estate Law*** ~ Fall 2018
- ***Tort Law*** ~ Spring 2018, 2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Woodridge Local Schools ~ 2010-2016

Library Tutor ~ 2014-2016

- Responsible for complete operation of the Woodridge High School Library.
- Instituted co-curricular activities with special needs students, Drama and Speech students.
- Initiated program for special needs students to serve as daily Library Aids.
- Coordinated *GradPoint*, *Connections Learning* and *APEX* classes for on-line learners.
- Organized *Picasso*, *MC Escher* and *Rainforest* traveling exhibits for weeklong display/educational experiences in WHS Library.
- Wrote and received 2016 GAR Foundation Grant for *Harlem Renaissance – Discovered!*

Substitute Teacher ~ 2010-2014

- Completed nine, consecutive, long-term Substitute Teaching assignments in 7th Grade Special Education Math and Language Arts, 8th Grade Social Studies, 7th Grade Language Arts, Middle School Library Tutor and Grades 9-12 English Special Education.
- Created Student Learning Objective Assessments in Social Studies for 2013-2014 academic year.
- Chaperoned 2013 8th Grade Washington, D.C. and 6th Grade 2014 CVNP Trips.
- Obtained numerous, specifically requested, Grades 4-12 daily substitute teaching assignments in regular and Special Education classrooms.

The Cincinnati Insurance Co. ~ 1991-2010

Associate Counsel/Managing Attorney

- Represented Cincinnati Insurance Company and its insureds in a variety of litigation and jurisdictions including Federal, Municipal, Common Pleas and Appellate Courts.
- Successfully argued *Cincinnati Insurance Co. v. Anders* (2003), 99 Ohio St. 3d 156 to the Ohio Supreme Court.
- Drafted coverage opinions, interpreting policy language for specific losses.
- Coordinated evidence views for large losses, assisting area adjusters with claim processing and hiring expert witnesses.
- Oversight of daily office operations, supervising five Attorneys and six Legal Assistants.
- Recruited, hired and mentored law clerks, professional and para-professional staff.
- Member of the 1996 Franklin County Bar Association Judicial Committee.
- Volunteer Mediator for Franklin County Common Pleas Court Settlement Week.
- Chair of the Law Office Technology Committee.
- Areas of emphasis included insurance defense litigation, bodily injury, dental malpractice, large loss subrogation.

State of Ohio ~ Ohio Attorney General's Office ~ 1988-1991

Assistant Attorney General - Court of Claims Defense Section

- Litigation Attorney defending the State of Ohio in the Court of Claims.
- Conducted trials in the Court of Claims.
- Clients included: University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Ohio University, The Ohio State University, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.
- Areas of emphasis included personal injury, medical malpractice, products liability, construction and employment contracts.

Freund, Freeze & Arnold, LPA ~ 1987-1988

Associate Attorney

- Insurance defense litigator.
- Areas of emphasis included personal injury law, medical malpractice, employment discrimination, products liability and insurance law.

EDUCATION

Kent State University ~ 2010-2011

Integrated Social Studies Licensure, Grades 7-12

- Dean's List Fall 2010, President's List Spring 2011.

The University of Toledo College of Law ~ 1985-1987

Juris Doctorate - May 1987

- 1986-1987 Moot Court Vice Chairman, 1986 International Law Moot Court team.

Ohio Northern University ~ 1984-1985

- 1984 Daniel S. Guy Moot Court Competition Winner.

Bowling Green State University ~ 1979-1983

Bachelor of Science - History/English Education ~ May 1983

- Dean's List, 1980-1981 Frieda Falcon (BGSU mascot), 1981-1983 Resident Advisor, 1982-1983 Campus Tour Guide, President of Zeta Beta Tau Little Sisters 1982-1983.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

2019

- *Skill-Based Lawyering: Understanding Ohio's New Gaming Regulations* ~ January 2019 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Legal Issues Related to the Development of Automated, Autonomous, and Connected Cars* ~ May 2019 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Afterlife on the Cloud: Probate Planning & Digital Assets* ~ June 2019 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Civil and Criminal Investigations and Electronic Devices: Access Restrictions and Hacking* ~ July 16, 2019 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.

2018

- *Social Media Investigations* ~ February 28, 2018 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Assisted Reproductive Technology* ~ August 22, 2018 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Attachment Disorders in Children* ~ August 24, 2018 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Professional Responsibility: Recent Ethical Violations in Family Law* ~ August 23, 2018 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Domestic Relations: Criminal Law Essentials* ~ August 23, 2018 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Effective Oral Argument* ~ August 24, 2018 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *The Honest Broker: Practical Guidance for Preparing Witnesses, Answering Written Discovery* ~ September 10, 2018 (1 hour) Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Contempt in Domestic Relations Court* ~ October 22, 2018 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Do "Huge" Changes in the Law Make Estate Planning Great Again?* ~ October 16, 2017 (5 hours) ~ Salvation Army

2017

- *Mastering Copyright, Trademark & Patent Law* ~ February 22, 2017 (1.5 Hours) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Custody and Residency* ~ August 28, 2017 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Renewing your Estate Planning Vows* ~ September 27, 2017 (5 Hours) ~ Salvation Army
- *Rock N Roll Law: Essentials of Music Copyright Through the Eagles' Career* ~ October 31, 2017 (6 hours) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *What Employers Need To Know About Handbooks* ~ November 2, 2017 (1 hour) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.

2016

- *2016 Summer Supreme Courts Update* ~ July 13, 2016 (3 hours) ~ Ohio State Bar Assoc.
- *Annual Estate Planning Checkup* ~ September 21, 2016 (5 hours) ~ Salvation Army

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

2017

- *BlackBoard Assessments* ~ February 16, 2017 (1 hour) ~ Kent State University
- *BlackBoard Assessments* ~ April 5, 2017 (1 hour) ~ Kent State University
- *Kaltura Introduction* ~ October 17, 2017 (1 hour) ~ Kent State University

2016

- *BlackBoard Basics* ~ August 30, 2016 (1 hour) ~ Kent State University
- *BlackBoard Training with Ruth Ruggles* ~ October 14, 2016 (1 hour) ~ Kent State University
- *On Line Learning Seminar* ~ November 10, 2016 (6 hours) ~ Kent State University

BEYOND COMPLIANCE TRAINING

2018

- *FERPA Basics* ~ September 5, 2018 (1 hour) ~ Kent State University
- *Autism at Kent State* ~ September 18, 2018 (1 hour) ~ Kent State University

2017

- *Protecting your Copyright* ~ April 5, 2017 (1 hour) ~ Kent State University
- *Bridges: Building a Supportive Community* ~ July 18, 2017 (1 hour) ~ Kent State University

PUBLICATIONS

On Line Social Networking Sites – A New Tool For Litigators? Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys Quarterly Review, Volume 2, Issue No. 2, Summer 2009.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

2018

- Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education's Expy Nominee ~ Best Supervisor/Mentor

2019

- Kent State University College of Arts and Sciences Nominee for 50th Annual Distinguished Teacher Award

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Ohio State Bar Association ~ 1987-Present

ADMITTED TO OHIO & FEDERAL BARS: NOVEMBER 1987