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Professor Vinson has taught numerous courses at Suffolk: Legal Practice Skills, Advanced Legal Writing, Lawyers as Inclusive Leaders, Problem Solving, Preparing to Practice, and Persuasive Advocacy in a Global Context. She is a leader in the legal writing field on a national, regional, and local level. Under her directorship, Suffolk's LPS program has been ranked in the Top 10 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report since 2013. In 2018, Professor Vinson received the Mary S. Lawrence Award from the Legal Writing Institute (LWI) for pioneering scholarship and innovative curriculum or program design. She was also the recipient of several Suffolk University Teaching and Learning Innovation Grants. Professor Vinson served as Chair and Secretary of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research. She was also the President of the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) and served on its Executive Committee. In addition, Professor Vinson served on the Board of LWI. She was an editor of the LWI Journal, the LWI Monograph Series, and LWI's *The Second Draft*. In addition, she co-founded the New England Legal Writing Regional Consortium. Professor Vinson serves on the Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Balance and Well-being in Legal Education. She also serves on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Advisory Committee for Professionalism in Practice. Professor Vinson has served as a consultant and coach on legal writing at law firms and government agencies. Professor Vinson co-authored the book, *LEGAL ANALYSIS: THE FUNDAMENTAL SKILL* and the book *MINDFUL LAWYERING: THE KEY TO CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING*. She has also published numerous law review articles. In addition, she created the Legal Writing Matters blog and recently created the podcast *Law FaculTEAS*. She has given numerous presentations across the country and internationally on her scholarship, teaching, and leadership. She has mentored numerous faculty and students. In addition to teaching at Suffolk, Professor Vinson has taught legal writing at Boston College Law School as a visitor. She also served as the Acting Director of the Academic Support Program at Suffolk. Before joining the faculty at Suffolk Law School, Professor Vinson clerked for Justice Howard Dana of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.