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TEACHING

Suffolk University Law School

Professor of Legal Writing (with tenure)

July 2023-present

Director, Legal Innovation & Technology Center

July 2024-present

Director, Legal Innovation & Technology Institute

July 2023–June 2024

Director, Legal Innovation & Technology Concentration

July 2020–present

Courses: Generative AI & Delivery of Legal Services, Legal Practice Skills; Legal Analysis & Methods; Advanced Legal Writing; IP Litigation; Modern Legal Practice Skills: Innovation & Technology

Service: Curriculum Committee (2024-25); Ad Hoc Committee on Preparing for Practice (2024-25); Diversity Committee (2014-2017); Ad Hoc Online Education Committee (Co-chair, 2017-2020); Learning Outcomes Committee (2016-2017); Teaching Committee (2013-2015); Administrative Committee (Co-chair, 2014-2017); Progress to Success Diversity Peer Mentoring Program (Director, 2014-2018); Academic Standing Committee (2018-2023); Legal Practice Skills Committee (2020-2023); Faculty Handbook Committee (2021-2022).

Awards: Creating the Dream Award (Office of Diversity Services)

2017

Suffolk University Law School

Associate Professor of Legal Writing

July 2017 – June 2023

Assistant Professor of Legal Writing

July 2016 – June 2017

Assistant Professor of Academic Support

July 2013-June 2016

New England Law | Boston

Aug. 2007 - May 2008; Aug. 2009 - Dec. 2012

Adjunct Instructor, Legal Research & Writing Program

Northeastern University School of Law

Aug. 2010 - Dec. 2012

Adjunct Professor, Legal Skills in Social Context Program

EDUCATION

Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA

J.D., *summa cum laude*, May 2005

- GPA 3.84 Class Rank 1/343
- Dean's List 2002-2005; Award for highest class grade in Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Professional Responsibility, Evidence, and Fiduciary Relations; Legal Practice Skills Best Brief and Distinguished Oral Advocate
- Law Review (Associate Production Editor); Public Interest Law Group; Battered Women Advocacy Clinic; Thomas Clark Moot Court Competition

Villanova University, Villanova, PA

B.A., Communications, *summa cum laude*, May 2002

- GPA 3.97 Class Rank 4/607
- *Phi Beta Kappa*; Dean's List 1998-2002; Verizon 2nd Team Academic All-American; Big East Conference Academic All-Star (Soccer)

PUBLICATIONS

Legal Writing, Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Artificial Intelligence & the Law (forthcoming Nov. 2025) (chapter contribution) available at <https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/usd/elgar-concise-encyclopedia-of-artificial-intelligence-and-the-law-9781035336890.html>.

Disconnected Connection, forthcoming -- ARK. L. REV. (2026) available at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=5119217 (Feb. 1, 2025 draft).

GenAI is Not a Legal Tool. Or is it?, 68 BOSTON BAR JOURNAL 2 (2024) (available at <https://bostonbar.org/journal/genai-is-not-a-legal-tool-or-is-it/>).

Charting a (New) Course: Generative AI for Lawyers, LEGAL WRITING MATTERS BLOG (Feb. 5, 2024) (with Colin Black) available at <https://sites.suffolk.edu/legalwritingmatters/2024/02/05/charting-the-new-course-generative-ai-for-lawyers/>

Life Beyond Zoom: The Promise of Emerging Virtual Court Alternatives, 62 WASHBURN L. J. 587 (2023) available at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=5006254

LEGAL INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY: A PRACTICAL SKILLS GUIDE FOR THE MODERN LAWYER, West Academic Publishing (2022).

Securing Your Skills, LEGAL WRITING MATTERS BLOG (Sept. 14, 2022).

Life Admin When Life Turns Upside Down: A Book Review (of sorts), COVID Care Crisis Symposium (2021) (with Professor Sarah Schendel) available at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3762654.

"Smart" Lawyering: Integrating the Duty of Technology Competence into the Legal Practice Curriculum, 19 U.N.H. L. REV. 197 (2021) available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3671632>

(Tech) Actions Speak Louder: Developing Tomorrow's Legal Thinkers, Problem-Solvers, & Builders, THE FUTURE LAWYER (2019) (with Gabriel Teninbaum), available at https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/b30d31_eaed1ab0927418a969fe50bd45d341a.pdf

Submitted By: Legal Writing Robot, BBO# 55555, LEGAL WRITING MATTERS BLOG (Oct. 3, 2019).

Teaching a Hybrid Legal Writing Course? Lessons From Two First-Timers, LEGAL WRITING MATTERS BLOG (Sept. 19, 2019) (with Rosa Kim).

License to Hack, 94 N.Y.U. L. REV. ONLINE 234 (2019), available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=3328874>

1Tech Year, LEGAL WRITING MATTERS BLOG (Sept. 5, 2018).

A-I is a G-O, 26:1 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING (2017).

Picture This: Tackling the Latest Trend in Digital Note Taking, 24:1 THE LAW TEACHER (Fall 2017).

Hurry Up & Write, LEGAL WRITING MATTERS BLOG (May 24, 2017).

Flipped Out, Plugged in, and Wired Up: Fostering Success for Students with ADHD in the New Digital Law School, 45 CAP. U. L. REV. 289 (2017), available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2820738>.

Legal “Street” Writing, 29:2 THE SECOND DRAFT (2016).

Legal Texting, LEGAL WRITING MATTERS BLOG (August 12, 2016).

Let Me Do It Myself: The Value of Self-Critique Training in Academic Support, THE LEARNING CURVE (AALS Section on Academic Support) (Summer 2014).

Advance Conflict Waivers: Will They Work For You?, 54 BOSTON BAR JOURNAL 12 (Summer 2010) (with Mary B. Strother).

Dyane L. Noonan, “Receiving a Legal Work Assignment,” as part of the Transitioning from One-L to Summer Legal Work Podcast Series (2008); available online at: www.law.suffolk.edu/itunes (download iTunes; click “Open SULS on iTunes U”; then follow hyperlink).

Dyane L. Noonan, *Where do we go from here? A Modern Jurisdictional Analysis of Behavioral Expert Testimony in Child Sexual Abuse Prosecutions*, 38 SUFFOLK U. L. REV. 493 (2005).

SPEAKING & PRESENTATIONS

Law Firm of the Future: What Changes, What Doesn't, What Matters, Morse Law Member Retreat, Waltham, MA (Feb. 27, 2026) (invited keynote speaker).

The Flip: AI to Teach Human Skills; Human Skills to Teach AI, Women & AI Summit 2.0, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN (Feb. 7, 2026) (speaker).

AI in Government Practice: Opportunities, Risks, and Real-World Use, Boston Bar Association (Feb. 11, 2026) (online webinar discussant).

Modernizing Unauthorized Practice of Law Regulations to Embrace AI-Driven Solutions and Improve Access to Justice, Thomson Reuters Institute & National Center for State Courts AI Policy Consortium for Law & Courts (Dec. 17, 2025) (online webinar discussant).

How Top Firms Are Rebuilding Associate Development in the Age of AI, Keep Company (Dec. 9, 2025) (online webinar discussant).

Bench and Bot: A Judicial Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Flaschner Judicial Institute, Boston, MA (Nov. 19, 2025) (presenter and panelist).

Envisioning Transformation and Leading the Way Forward, MA Access to Justice Commission 20th Anniversary Symposium, Boston, MA (Nov. 17, 2025) (panel moderator).

There But for the Grace of Go (A)I: The Use (and Misuse) of Generative Artificial Intelligence Systems in Practice, New England School of Law, Boston, MA (Oct. 21, 2025) (presenter).

Steering the (Tech) Skills Shift, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Phoenix, AZ (July 17, 2025) (presenter).

Navigating AI's Challenges: Equity, Ethics & Impact, ABA Equity Summit: Navigating the Future (June 5, 2025) (panelist).

Digital Media & Attention, Mass. SJC Standing Committee on Lawyer Well-Being Keynote Event with author Dr. Gloria Mark (May 1, 2025) (panelist).

Technology Competence for Attorneys & Paraprofessionals, Minnesota Attorney General's Office Technology Bootcamp, National Association of Attorneys General (April 10, 2025) (presenter).

Legal Education Innovation Showcase, LITCON 2025, Boston, MA (April 7, 2025) (panel moderator).

AI & Lawyering, Virginia Tech University Generative AI Applications in Social Science, Guest Lecture Series (March 31, 2025) (invited speaker).

GenAIRate Productivity, Generative AI: Practical Applications for Law School Pedagogy, Institute for Law Teaching & Learning Spring Conference, Philadelphia, PA (March 28, 2025) (presenter).

Teaching & Learning Exchange: AI-Driven Classroom Strategies, Suffolk University Center for Teaching & Scholarly Excellence (March 21, 2025) (presenter).

Artificial Intelligence in Law Schools: What Future Lawyers are Learning About AI, First Circuit Artificial Intelligence Working Group (March 13, 2025) (panelist).

AI Issues, Adjunct Teachers in Animal Law (March 12, 2025) (panelist).

GenAI & ADR, JAMS Boston Panel & Associate Meeting (March 11, 2025) (invited speaker).

Embracing Innovation in Law – Practical Insights & Technological Advancements, All Rise: Uniting to Advance Women & the Future of Law, Boston, MA (Sept. 19, 2024) (TED-Talk invited speaker).

Remote Lawyering & the Need for Mindful Tech, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Indianapolis, IN (July 19, 2024) (with Shailini George).

Generative AI: The Possibilities for Imagining a New Paradigm for Legal Writing, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Indianapolis, IN (July 18, 2024) (panelist).

It's all the rage: AI, Gen AI & the Law, New England Consortium of Corporate Counsel (June 12, 2024) (invited seminar speaker).

Is ChatGPT a Better Lawyer Than Me? Demystifying the AI Legal Landscape, Mass. Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Symposium (Apr. 9, 2024) (panelist).

Artificial Intelligence and Access to Justice, Villanova Law Review Norman J. Shachoy Symposium, Villanova, PA (Mar. 15, 2024) (panelist).

Ethical Tech: Beyond the Duty of Competency, ABA Techshow 2024, Chicago, IL (Feb. 15, 2024) (with Sarah Schendel).

Collaborating to Bridge the Justice Gap with Legal Technology, ABA Techshow 2024, Chicago, IL (Feb. 15, 2024) (organizer and panelist).

Tech Circle: Impact of Legal Technology on the Practice of Law, New England Legal Writing Conference, Boston, MA (Nov. 2, 2023) (panel moderator).

Potential & Pitfalls of Generative AI in Appellate Practice, MCLE Appellate Practice Conference, Boston, MA (Oct. 31, 2023) (panelist).

Ethics, Competence, and Professionalism in the Information Age, American Bar Association Business Law Fall Meeting, Chicago, IL (Sept. 7, 2023) (panelist).

ESG in 2023, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Irvine, CA (July 13, 2023) (presentation).

Keeping Pace: Creating a (More) Modern Mindset, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, Adaptable Lawyer Track (June 21, 2023) (keynote speaker).

Exploring the AI Landscape: Unveiling the Power of Generative AI and Lexis+ AI for Legal Education and Practice, LexisNexis (June 27, 2023) (invited panelist).

ChatGPT_Chat, Suffolk University Law School Event (March 30, 2023) (invited panelist).

How ChatGPT & Generative AI Impact Legal Writing & Research Courses, Association of Legal Writing Directors Virtual Front Porch (Feb. 22, 2023) (invited panelist).

Securing Your Skills: Creating Tech Competence from Tech Comfort, Preparing Students for the Modern Practice of Law, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Conference (online) (Dec. 9, 2022).

Security, Confidentiality & Privacy in Emerging Virtual Court Processes, Beyond Zoom: Future of Virtual Lawyering Symposium, Washburn University School of Law (online) (Nov. 3, 2022).

Assemble, Automate, & Scale: Is Bespoke Legal Writing a Thing of the Past?, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Washington, DC (July 21, 2022) (with Adam Eckart).

Who me? The Stereotype Threat Hurdle for Women in Legal Tech, American Bar Association Women of Legal Tech Summit (online) (May 25, 2022).

Plug & Play Lessons: Expect the Unexpected, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference (online) (June 16, 2021) (with Professor Sarah Schendel).

What is a Legal Hackathon?, Innovation Law Studies Alliance (online webinar) (March 10, 2021).

Preparing Today's Remote Lawyer for Tomorrow's Confidentiality Crisis, Transnational Conference on the Future of Legal Education, the Practice of Law, and the Judiciary (online) (Feb. 18, 2021).

Life Admin When Life Turns Upside Down: A Book Review (of sorts), COVID Care Crisis Symposium (online) (Jan. 15, 2021) (with Professor Sarah Schendel).

The Future Has Arrived: The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Legal Writing & Research, American Association of Law Schools 2021 Annual Meeting (online) (Jan. 6, 2021) (with Professors Drew Simshaw and Joseph Regalia).

Time Hacks for Teaching Legal Writing: Ways to be More Efficient in the Classroom and Beyond, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Virtual Conference (Aug. 2020) (panel presenter).

What Are Infographics & Why do I Care?, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Virtual Conference

(July 2020) (recorded presentation).

Which Parts Go Where? Online Skills v. Online Doctrine, Online & Hybrid Learning Pedagogy: Toward Defining Best Practices in Legal Education, Denver, CO (Sept. 2019) (with Leah Chan Grinvald).

Legal Technology in Research & Writing, Harvard Law School Legal Technology Symposium, Cambridge, MA (panel participant) (Sept. 2019).

Future of Lawyering: Determining & Finding Truth, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Boca Raton, FL (panel presenter) (August 2019)

Going the Distance: Incorporating Legal Tech Skills in a Hybrid Writing Course, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Boston, MA (May 2019)

License to Hack, Conference on Governance of Emerging Technologies & Science, Phoenix, AZ (May 2019)

The Robots Aren't Coming, But the Writing Bots Are, New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Annual Conference, Portland, ME (May 2019)

Learning Here, There, and Everywhere: Distance Learning Technology & New Tech Tools, American Association of Law Schools 2019 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (Jan. 2019) (panel and workshop participant)

Artificial Intelligence Meets Legal Research, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Milwaukee, WI (July 2018)

Legal Texting, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Milwaukee, WI (July 2018) (poster presentation)

Time Warp: Time-Pressured Writing in the Classroom, New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Regional Conference, UCONN Law School, Hartford, CT (with Sabrina DeFabritiis, Samantha Moppett, & Kathleen Elliott Vinson) (October 2017)

Rubrics and Checklists and Frameworks – Oh My, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Boca Raton, FL (panel presenter) (August 2017)

Sowing the Seeds: Using Collaborative Student Career Programs to Encourage Diversity in the Legal Writing Field, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, MN (with Rosa Kim) (July 2017)

“Jing” Me, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, MN (July 2017) (media presentation)

Law Students With Learning Disabilities in the Modern Era: Meeting the Challenges of an Evolving Community, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Boca Raton, FL (with Laura Rothstein) (August 2015)

Sunrise to Sunset – Breaking Tradition by Using Online Resources in Academic and Bar Support, Association of Academic Support Educators National Conference, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL (with Antonette Barilla & Elizabeth Stillman) (May 2015)

Flipped Out & Blended In: Calling Attention to Students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in the Virtual Classroom, New England Consortium of Academic Support

Professionals Annual Conference, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA (December 2014)

Tools to Improve Peer Editing, Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA (December 2011)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

WilmerHale, Boston, MA Sept. 2005 - June 2008
Senior Associate, Litigation/Controversy Department Oct. 2009 – Sept. 2011

- Represented corporations in intellectual property disputes, commercial business litigation and government investigations
- Performed all aspects of case management and managed complex electronic discovery procedures; analyzed legal issues and drafted motions, pleadings and related filings in state and federal court; took and defended depositions

United States District Court, Providence, RI Aug. 2008 - Sept. 2009
Law Clerk to Hon. William E. Smith

- Drafted opinions, orders and bench memoranda
- Prepared and advised Judge Smith for criminal and civil proceedings
- Served as Teaching Assistant, Federal Practice and Advanced Evidence, Roger Williams University School of Law

Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Norristown, PA Summer 2003
Legal Intern, Sex Crimes Unit

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Thomson Reuters Institute & National Center for State Courts TRI/NCSC AI Policy Consortium for Law & Courts (Access to Justice Working Group) (2024-25)
American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Section on Legal Writing, member (Awards Committee co-chair 2021; LWRR Outreach Committee (2017, 2018); Program Committee (2018-2019)).

AALS Technology Advisory Committee (2024).

AALS Section on Technology, Law, & Legal Education (Collaboration Committee 2018; Program Committee 2019; Awards Committee 2021; Chair-Elect 2022; Chair 2023)

LTC4 Legal Technology Competency Working Group member, 2020-21

Legal Writing Institute, member

Legal Writing Institute, Awards Committee (2020-21)

Legal Writing Institute ALWD/LWI Survey Committee (2017-2019)

Legal Writing Institute, AI Committee (2023)

Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute (Assistant Editor 2017; Managing Editor 2020; Editorial Board 2018-2022; AI Symposium Committee 2020)

Legal Writing: LWI Lives Committee (2018-2020)

Association of Legal Writing Directors (2019 Conference Site Committee, Host Liaison; 2021 Conference Site Committee, Chair; 2021 Outstanding Service Award; Board of Directors member, 2022-present).

Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE), member

American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Section on Academic Support, member

New England Consortium of Academic Support Professionals (NECASP) Vice-President (2015-2016)

American Bar Association, member

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS

American Bar Association Women of Legal Technology honoree (May 2022)
Fastcase 50 honoree (July 2021)
College of Law Practice Management, Fellow (2021-present)

**COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES**

iRise Above Foundation (Board member, 2019-present)
Harvard Law School, Trial Adviser, Student Trial Advocacy Workshop (2008, 2010)
Harvard Law School, Volunteer Managing Attorney, Problem Solving Workshop (2010, 2011)
Womens Bar Foundation Family Law Project, pro bono attorney (2006 - 2008)
Greater Boston Legal Services Immigration Unit, pro bono attorney (2006-2010)
Citizens Schools Discovering Justice, volunteer teacher (2005-2008, 2010)
Roger Williams University School of Law, Judge, Moot Court Competition (2008 - 2011)

**BAR
ADMITTANCE**

Massachusetts, 2005
U.S. District Court (D. Mass.), 2006