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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law
Professor of Lawyering Skills, Director of Bar Support

Sacramento, CA
2008–present

Courses taught include Animal Law; Appellate and International Advocacy; Criminal Law; Persuasive Analysis, Strategies, & Skills I and II; Practical & Persuasive Legal Writing; Principles of Agency; Principles of Criminal Law; and Principles of Legal Analysis I and II. Led students in animal law lobbying trips to the State Capitol. Mentored students preparing law review comments focused on animal law issues and provided references for students applying for jobs in animal law. Created programs and courses to assist and engage struggling students throughout the first, second, and final years of law school, as well as those designed to supplement successful bar preparation. Taught and oversaw adjunct teaching of bar exam preparation classes for students in the third or fourth year. Orchestrated and led weekend and post-graduation bar preparation programs. Interviewed, selected, trained, and mentored over twenty adjunct professors and graders for academic and bar support courses, and served as a resource for full-time faculty colleagues. Counseled students individually regarding law school and bar success. Created online support for students and graduates, using social media to facilitate more efficient communication and reach. Taught Criminal Law in the first-year curriculum with an added unit focusing on writing and study skills. Designed, taught, and drafted materials for courses for academically at-risk students. Managed first-year fall teaching workshops and a practice exam simulation program involving multiple faculty members and staff. Selected and supervised teams of upper-division students available to assist first-year students. Established and moderated the only California-specific academic support listserv. Consulted with other law schools to help bolster their academic and bar support programs.

Office of the Attorney General, California Department of Justice
Legal Intern, Civil Division (Health, Education, and Welfare)

Sacramento, CA
2007

Drafted motions and memoranda covering a wide variety of legal areas, including education law, healthcare, wills, tort law, California and federal civil procedure, and California and federal evidence. Analyzed contract law to determine the implications of a legislative proposition on quality assurance fees and taxes. Attended and evaluated appellate arguments and mediation proceedings between administrative governing boards.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Legal Intern, Healthcare Legal Team

Sacramento, CA
2006

Wrote numerous *Keyhea* petitions and attended hearings soliciting the continuation of involuntary medication to mentally disabled inmates that otherwise would have posed a significant danger to themselves and others. Toured prisons to ensure compliance with court-mandated healthcare reforms. Researched extended commitment of juvenile wards that reach the age of majority yet still pose a threat to society.

Professor Omar M. Dajani, McGeorge School of Law
Research Assistant

Sacramento, CA
2006

Researched the post-genocide lawsuit between Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo and resulting political developments. Compiled information concerning the death of Yasser Arafat for use in a commissioned biography.

Buckeye Pharmacy, Wittenauer Pharmacy, and Bahmer's Pharmacy
Co-Owner and Manager

Youngstown, OH
1999–2005

Reconfigured each independent pharmacy's accounting practice to a single, more efficient operating system. Handled all accounts receivable and payable. Supervised a prescription delivery program to serve house-bound customers. Managed employee hiring, training, scheduling, and personal issues. Increased store revenue and selection by researching alternative suppliers offering more inventory at lower prices.

SCHOLARSHIP AND PUBLICATIONS

Chemical Testing and Nonhuman Animals, in THE LAW OF CHEMICAL RISK MANAGEMENT __ (Adam Abelkop, Lucas Bergkamp, Lynn Bergeson & Bethami Auerbach eds., forthcoming 2021).

Industrial Animal Agriculture in the Pandemic Spotlight, ANIMAL L. COMMITTEE NEWSL. (Am. Bar Ass'n, Tort Trial & Ins. Prac. Sec., Chicago, Ill.), forthcoming Spring 2021.

Associate Editor, ANIMAL L. COMMITTEE NEWSL (A.B.A. Tort Trial & Ins. Prac. Sec. Animal L. Committee), 2020.

Invited to write a book review blurb for *WHAT CAN ANIMAL LAW LEARN FROM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW?* (Randall S. Abate ed., 2d ed. 2020).

The PACT Act: A Step in the Right Direction on the Path to Animal Welfare, JURIST (Dec. 1, 2019), available at <https://www.jurist.org/commentary/2019/12/courtney-lee-pact-act/> (invited commentary).

From Footnote to Forethought: Considering the Consequences of Large-Scale, Industrialized Animal Agriculture in Developing Nations, 25.2 U.C. DAVIS J. INT'L L. & POL'Y 101 (Spring 2019).

More than Just Collateral Damage: Police Shootings of Pets, 17 U.N.H. L. REV. 171 (2018).

Never Enough: Animal Hoarding Law, 47 U. BALT. L. REV. 23 (Fall 2017).

The Animal Welfare Act at Fifty: Problems and Possibilities in Animal Testing Regulation, 95 NEB. L. REV. 194 (2016). Selected for the 2017 John G. Sprankling Faculty Scholarship Award.

The Animal Welfare Act and Alternatives to Animal Testing, ANIMAL L. COMMITTEE NEWSL. (Am. Bar Ass'n, Tort Trial & Ins. Prac. Sec., Chicago, Ill.), Summer 2016, at 14.

Changing Gears to Meet the New Normal in Legal Education, 53 DUQ. L. REV. 39 (Winter 2015). Selected as the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning's Article of the Month, August 2015 (<http://lawteaching.org/articles/>).

Finding Your Voice: Professional Development Tips for New ASPers, THE LEARNING CURVE, Summer 2016, at 5.

The Mindful Path to Success, CLINICAL LEGAL EDUC. ASS'N NEWSL., Winter 2015–16, at 9.

Editor, THE LEARNING CURVE, Official Publication of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Academic Support, 2013–2015 (Assistant Editor 2013–14; Executive Editor 2014–15).

Engaging and Assessing Students with Google Docs, THE LEARNING CURVE, Winter 2013, at 11.

Find Them on Facebook: Using Facebook to Reach Students Where They Already Go, THE LEARNING CURVE, Fall 2009, at 21.

Editor, PRACTICAL & PERSUASIVE LEGAL WRITING CASE MATERIALS, 2009–2014 EDITIONS (by Neil Gielegem) (McGeorge School of Law).

CASES AND MATERIALS ON PRINCIPLES OF AGENCY, 2010–2012 EDITIONS (with Timothy Naccarato) (McGeorge School of Law).

Tant que je respire, j'attaque!, Law School Academic Support Blog guest post, January 30, 2012 (http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/academic_support/2012/01/guest-post-on-bar-prep-by-courtney-lee.html).

Introduction to Taking Law School Exams, Law School Academic Success Project Lesson in a Box Series, 2011 (<http://lawschoolasp.org/>).

Administrator and Author, “McGeorge Bar Prep Blog,” <http://mcgeorgebarprep.wordpress.com>, 2008–present.

Administrator and Author, “McGeorge Bar Prep” Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter Pages, 2008–present.

Academic Ladder Academic Writing Program, Participant, Spring 2014.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

International Society for Animal Rights SEEDS Award for contributions to the important and burgeoning field of animal law, 2020.

John G. Sprankling Faculty Scholarship Award for significant contributions to legal scholarship during the academic year, 2017.

Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Article of the Month, August 2015.

University of the Pacific Podesto Award for outstanding educators who directly touch and enrich the lives of Pacific students, 2012.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Animal Law Committee Lunch and Learn Presenter (“Nonhuman Animal Testing Regulations”), remote, forthcoming April 2021.

McGeorge School of Law Annual MCLE Program, Invited Presenter (“Animal Law in a Time of Crisis”), remote, January 2021.

Association of American Law Schools Section on Animal Law Annual Meeting Program, Panelist (“COVID-19 and Animal Agriculture: Lessons to Learn and Opportunities to Seize”), remote, January 2021.

University of Nevada Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law Continuing Legal Education Meeting, Invited Keynote Speaker (“The Mindful Path to Success”), remote, forthcoming December 2020.

Association of American Law Schools Section on Academic Support Webinar, “Supporting Ourselves & Each Other,” Invited Panelist, remote, June 2020.

Interviewed for Ward, Stephanie Francis, *As some law grads prepare for an online bar exam, academic support experts offer guidance*, ABA J. (June 16, 2020), available at <https://www.abajournal.com/web/article/as-some-law-grads-prepare-for-an-online-bar-academic-support-experts-offer-advice/>.

Yolo County Bar Association Luncheon, Invited Keynote Speaker (“The Mindful Path to Success”), remote, May 2020.

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Section on Animal Law Program, Moderator and Organizer (“Crossing Borders: Comparative International Animal Law”), Washington, D.C., January 2020.

Inaugural Animal Law Academic Summit, Invited Panelist (discussing strategies for supporting and expanding animal law as a discipline), Lewis & Clark Law School, August 2019.

Animals Today Radio Program, Invited Guest Presenter (animal hoarding), January 26, 2019; see <https://www.animalstodayradio.com/2019/01/29/animals-today-january-26-2019-animal-news-dental-issues-in-dogs-animal-hoarding/>.

Latina & Latino Critical Legal Theory, Inc. South-North Exchange Conference, Presenter (“From Footnote to Forethought: Animal Law in Guatemala”), Antigua, Guatemala, May 2018.

McGeorge School of Law Bay Area MCLE Program, Presenter (“Losing It: Ethical and Practical Issues in Temporary and Permanent Loss of Competency”), Oakland, California, January 2018.

Association of Academic Support Educators Fifth Annual Conference, Plenary Presenter with Professor Russell McClain, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, and Professor Paula Manning, Western State College of Law (“Bridging the Gap: Practical Ways to Help Improve Academic Achievement for Minority Law Students”), Texas A&M School of Law, May 2017.

West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals Annual Conference, Organizer, McGeorge School of Law, November 2016.

Sixth Annual Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, Presenter (“Creating a Mindful Identity”), McGeorge School of Law, August 2016.

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Presenter (“Mindful Academic and Bar Support”), Amelia Island, Florida, August 2016.

Association of Academic Support Educators Fourth Annual Conference, Presenter (“The Mindful Path to Success”), City University of New York School of Law, May 2016.

Association of Academic Support Educators Pre-Conference Workshop for New Academic Support Professionals, Presenter (“Finding Your Voice in the Legal Academy”), City University of New York School of Law, May 2016.

West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals Annual Conference, Co-organizer and Presenter (“A Practice-Ready Law Student is a Mindful Law Student”), California Western School of Law, November 2015.

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Section on Animal Law Pedagogy Program, Panel Presenter (“Keeping it Current: Animal Law Examples Across the Curriculum”), Washington D.C., January 2015.

Fourth Colonial Frontier Legal Writing Conference, Presenter (“Changing Gears to Meet the New Normal in Legal Education”), Duquesne University School of Law, December 2014.

Association of Academic Support Educators Second Annual Conference, Presenter (“When First Spring Isn't Enough: Supporting Struggling Students with a Second-Year Academic Support Course”), Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, May 2014.

West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals Annual Conference, Co-organizer and Presenter (Work in Progress: “Changing Gears to Meet the New Normal in Legal Education”), University of San Diego School of Law, November 2013.

Association of Academic Support Educators Inaugural Conference, Presenter with Professor Lisa Young, Seattle University School of Law (“Best Practices in Drafting Successful Conference Proposals and Making Scholarly Presentations”), University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Law, May 2013.

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Section on Academic Support Program, Presenter (“Assess Me Once, Shame on You: Creating and Assessing a Continuum of Support for At-Risk Law Students”), New Orleans, January 2013.

West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals Inaugural Conference, Co-organizer and Presenter (“Drafting Successful Conference Proposals”), McGeorge School of Law, November 2012.

Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Summer Conference, Presenter with Professor Heather Harshman, Thomas Jefferson School of Law (“Transitioning from Mission Impossible to Mission Accomplished: Tools to Increase Variety and Efficiency in Assessment and Teaching”), Gonzaga University, June 2012.

Law School Admission Council Academic Assistance Training Workshop, Presenter with Jeffrey Minneti, Stetson University College of Law (“Integrating Academic Assistance with the Casebook Classroom”), University of Denver Sturm College of Law, June 2012.

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Poster Presenter with Professor Heather Harshman, Thomas Jefferson School of Law (“The Marriage of Academic Support and Legal Research and Writing: Creating a Productive and Efficient Relationship”), Palm Springs, CA, May 2012.

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Faculty Development Guest Speaker (“Using Social Media in the Classroom”), October 2011.

Law School Admission Council Regional Conference, Presenter (“Between the Bookends: Creating ASP Courses to Fill the Gap Between the First Semester and Final Year”), Western State University College of Law, August 2011.

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Poster Presenter (“Bringing Academic Support to Life with Technology”), San Francisco, January 2011.

Law School Admission Council Regional Conference, Organizer and Presenter (“Building a Continuum of Academic Support”), McGeorge School of Law, September 2010.

Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Summer Conference, Presenter (“Find Them on Facebook: Reaching Students Where They Already Go”), Washburn University School of Law, June 2010.

Law School Admission Council Regional Conference, Presenter (“Find Them on Facebook: Reaching Students Where They Already Go”), Florida Coastal School of Law, May 2010.

Office of the Attorney General, California Department of Justice Presentation on Passing the Bar Exam, Panel Speaker, Sacramento, 2011–2012.

EDUCATION

J.D.	University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law Dean’s Honor List Roger J. Traynor Honor Society Honors Legal Writing Academic Achievement Award Scholarship Barristers Scholarship Anthony M. Kennedy Inn of Court	2008
B.S.	Grove City College (Business Communications with English minor) Dean’s List with Distinction National Dean’s List Editor, <i>The Bullet</i> , Business Program Publication Operation Top Management, Business Honorary Society Tau Alpha Pi, Theatre Honorary Society	1999

MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

National Organizations

Association of American Law Schools Section on Animal Law, 2014–present: Section Chair, 2019; Section Chair Elect, 2018; Executive Committee, 2015–2019; Nominations Committee, 2016–2017.

American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Animal Law Committee, 2015–present.

Association of American Law Schools Section on Agricultural and Food Law, 2021–present.

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Legal Voices for Animals Day, Participant, 2014–2016.

Animal Legal Defense Fund, 2013–present.

AccessLex Helix Bar Review: Created content and recorded substantive criminal law lecture videos for new commercial bar review program, forthcoming 2021.

Adaptibar: Invited to write expanded answer explanations for popular commercial bar review company's Multistate Bar Exam criminal law multiple choice questions, 2019.

Association of American Law Schools Section on Academic Support, 2010–present: Section Chair Elect, 2018; Section Secretary, 2017; Executive Committee, 2012–2019; Nominations Committee Chair, 2017; Bar Advocacy Committee, 2013–2017; Awards Committee, 2012–2014.

Association of American Law Schools Section on Balance in Legal Education, 2012–present: Section Chair, 2015; Section Chair Elect, 2014; Other Programming Committee, Chair, 2013–2014; Executive Committee, 2013–present.

Association of Academic Support Educators, 2013–present: Scholarship Committee Chair, 2013–2014, 2016–2018.

Law School Admission Council Academic Success Project Bar Support Committee, 2009–2013.

American Bar Association, 2005–present.

Regional Organizations

Anthony M. Kennedy Inn of Court, 2010–present: Executive Committee, 2018–2023; Emerita Master Member, 2018–2019; Barrister Member, 2012–2018; Attorney Associate Member, 2010–2012.

West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals, 2012–present: Co-Founder; Executive Board Member, 2012–2018.

California Academic Support Programs Listserv, Creator and Moderator, 2016–present.

Operation Protect and Defend, Discussion Leader, February 2011.

University of California Davis School of Medicine Doctoring Program, Law School Faculty Participant, 2011.

Student Advocacy Competitions

Gordon D. Schaber Moot Court and Mock Trial Competition, Judge, 2006–2014, 2016–2018, 2021.

National Ethics Trial Competition, Judge, March 2012.

McGeorge Annual Negotiation Competition, Judge, 2016.

McGeorge Appellate and International Advocacy/Global Lawyering Skills II Final Oral Arguments, Judge, 2008–2013.

McGeorge Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition Team, Practice Judge, 2011.

McGeorge National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition Team, Practice Judge, 2008.

Institutional and Other Service

McGeorge Law Review Student Advisor (student comments on animal law), 2016–2020.

McGeorge Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Faculty Advisor, 2014–present.

McGeorge Diversity Affairs Committee, 2019–2021.

McGeorge Disability Alliance Law Student Association, Faculty Advisor, 2020–present.

McGeorge Scholarship Committee, 2019–2021.

McGeorge John G. Sprankling Faculty Scholarship Award Selection Committee, 2018.

McGeorge Expanded Employment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, 2017–present.

McGeorge Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Hiring Committee, 2020–2021.

McGeorge Professors' Individual Promotion Review Subcommittees, 2017–2019.

McGeorge Hether Clash Macfarlane Faculty Teaching Innovation Award Selection Committee, Chair, 2018–2019.

McGeorge Faculty Development Committee: Teaching Methods and Bar Exam, 2010–2019; Chair, 2016–2019, 2012–2013; Co-Chair, 2011–2012.

McGeorge Assessments and Outcomes Committee, 2017–2019.

McGeorge Code of Student Responsibility Disciplinary Hearing Panel, 2019–2021.

McGeorge Yoga Club, Faculty Advisor, 2019–present.

McGeorge Commencement Announcer, 2016–2017, 2020.

University of the Pacific University College Commencement Diploma and Hooding Ceremony Vocalist, 2018.

McGeorge Student Honors and Awards Committee, 2015–2017.

McGeorge ABA Self-Study Committee, 2011–2012.

McGeorge Health Law Association, Faculty Advisor, 2010–2012.

McGeorge Struggling Students Committee, 2009–2014.

McGeorge Orientation Committee, 2006–2014.

McGeorge Minority Affairs Committee, 2008–2009.

El Camino High School Senior Honors Breakfast Featured Speaker, Sacramento, 2012.

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Admitted to the State of California and United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, December 2008.

INTERESTS

Enjoy singing (formerly professionally), kayaking, and riding motorcycles. Previously taught horseback riding lessons, raced cars with the Sports Car Club of America, and completed the Honolulu Marathon.