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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR COLLEGE OF LAW, Tempe, Arizona
Associate Clinical Professor of Law, August 2008 – Present

- **Courses Taught:**
Legal Method & Writing
Legal Advocacy
Contract Drafting and Negotiating
Intensive Research & Writing

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Legal Methods Professor, July 2004 – June 2008

- **Courses Taught:**
Legal Methods I and II
Legal Methods III – Drafting Contracts
Contracts I and II
Intensive Legal Analysis (Academic Support Program)
Advanced Bar Studies: Succeeding on the Multi-state Performance Exam
- **Faculty Advisor**, Moot Court Honor Society

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL, New York, New York
Adjunct Professor, August 2002 – May 2004

- **Courses Taught:**
Legal Research, Reasoning and Writing
Written and Oral Advocacy
Drafting Contracts
Principles of Legal Analysis (Academic Support Program)

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

- *Beyond the Boilerplate: Learning Effective Drafting Techniques for Contracts and Wills*, to be presented at the Fourteenth Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Marco Island, Florida, June 2010.

- *New Ways to Teach Drafting and Drafting Ethics*, to be presented at the Transactional Education: What's Next? Conference, hosted by Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2010.
- Chair and Panelist, *How to Revise, Edit, and Use Form Agreements*, CLE Program sponsored by the Editorial Board of Business Law Today, 2010 Annual Meeting of the ABA Section of Business Law, Denver, Colorado, April 2010.
- *Practical Writing Seminar (co-presenter with Judge Patricia Norris, Arizona Court of Appeals, and Paula Bickett, Esq., Attorney General's Office)*, CLE presented at the Arizona Attorney General's Office, May 2009.
- *How to Effectively Draft Settlement Agreements*, presented to the Civil Justice Clinic, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Tempe, Arizona, April 2009, October 2009, and March 2010.
- *Monkey See, Monkey Do: Using Guided Editing Exercises to Maximize Student Learning*, presented at the Ninth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, hosted by Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Tempe, Arizona, March 2009.
- *Practical Writing Seminar (co-presenter with Judge Patricia Norris, Arizona Court of Appeals, and Paula Bickett, Esq., Attorney General's Office)*, CLE presented at the 2009 Minority Bar Convention, State Bar of Arizona, March 2009.
- *Guidelines for Effective Contract Drafting*, presented to the Technology Ventures Services Group Clinic, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Tempe, Arizona, February 2009.
- *Engaging, Entertaining, and Effective: Using Handheld Response Pads in the Legal Methods Classroom*, presented at the Thirteenth Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 2008.
- *Why and How to Incorporate Skills Beyond Drafting into a Transactional Drafting Course*, presented at the Conference on Teaching Drafting and Transactional Skills: The Basics and Beyond, hosted by Emory Law School, Atlanta, Georgia, May 2008.
- *Using Small Group Progress Conferences to Incorporate Collaborative Learning into the Legal Writing Classroom*, presented at the Seventh Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, hosted by William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2007.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Advocating for Teaching Students About the Role of Lawyer as Counselor - Winning Isn't Always Everything*, *The Law Teacher*, Fall 2009, at 6.
- *Effective Contract Drafting: How to Revise, Edit, and Use Form Agreements*, *Business Law Today*, November/December 2009, at 35.
- *Effective Contract Drafting: How to Revise, Edit, and Use Form Agreements*, abridged version, GPSOLO, "The Best Articles Published by the ABA", March 2010, at 10.

- Susan M. Chesler, et al., *Teaching Multiple Skills in Drafting & Simulation Courses*, Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law, 2009 Special Report, at 221.
- *The Small Group Progress Conference*, 20(1) The Second Draft, August 2005, at 11.

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Professional Development Committee, Legal Writing Institute
- Member, Poster Committee, Legal Writing Section of AALS
- Chair, Planning Committee, CLE Program sponsored by the Editorial Board of Business Law Today, for the 2010 Annual Meeting of the ABA Section of Business Law, Denver, Colorado, April 2010.
- Chair, Planning Committee, Ninth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, hosted by Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, March 13 – 14, 2009.
- Legal Writing Institute, Member since 2004.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BROOKWOOD CHILD CARE, Brooklyn, New York
Director of Human Resources and Employee Relations, January 2001 – December 2003

Managed Human Resources department of non-profit child welfare agency with staff of 125 employees. Provided legal counsel on all employment related issues, including union negotiations, employee grievances, arbitrations, regulatory compliance, and insurance matters. Conducted training and presentations to Board of Directors and staff.

MELITO & ADOLFSSEN P.C. f/k/a SIFF ROSEN P.C., New York, New York
Associate, September 1990 – October 2000

Litigated complex commercial actions, including insurance coverage, environmental, reinsurance, and breach of contract cases, from initial pleadings through appeals throughout the United States. Participated in extensive motion practice, including researching, drafting, and making court appearances relating to discovery disputes, case management, and dispositive motions. Drafted pleadings, discovery demands and responses, and conducted and defended depositions. Negotiated and drafted settlement agreements in multi-million dollar lawsuits. Supervised and directed junior associates on issues involving case administration, legal analysis, and strategy.

EDUCATION

BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL
Juris Doctor, 1990

- **Rank:** Top 13%
- **Honors:** Richardson Scholar
Chairperson of Moot Court Honor Society
American Jurisprudence Award in Legal Writing

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Business, 1987

- **Honors:** Dean's List

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York State
- United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts