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ADMINISTRATIVE AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Director, Acting Director and Coordinator, Academic Success Program (July 2004 – present)

Primary Duties Include: Direct the law school's Academic Success Program, which helps students to transition to law school, reach their full academic potential, and prepare to pass the Bar Examination; supervise 3 adjunct/ affiliated faculty members in providing small group and individualized programs designed to improve student learning, academic performance and Bar Exam passage; recruit, train and supervise upper level students to serve as Academic Mentors and Structured Study Group leaders for core curricular courses.

Accomplishments include:

- Spearheaded ASP's transition from a limited 1L retention-based program, to a three-year excellence-based program
- Initiated and implemented new programs and services in response to student needs, including 1L Skills Workshops, Structured Study Groups, Comprehensive Exam Reviews, and Bar Preview Series. Approximately 60% of law students participate in an ASP program.
- Created, developed and now teach Secured Transactions course to address the needs of under-performing students. Course includes full doctrinal coverage and incorporates adult learning theory and self-regulated learning techniques to provide context, transparency in pedagogy, and formative feedback that enhance students' analytical ability, meta-cognitive skills, and academic learning process.
- Implemented formal outreach and assistance program for alumni Bar Exam "Re-takers."

Professor and Associate Professor of Legal Analysis, Writing and Research, July 2001 – present)

Courses Taught: Secured Transactions; Legal Analysis, Writing and Research; Appellate Advocacy; Family Law

Awards and Honors: 2013 Joseph Branch Award for Excellence in Law Teaching, 2011 Teaching Renewal Retreat, 2010 Boot Camp for Professors, 2008 Writers Write Grant Recipient, 2005 Graham Award for Legal Research and Writing Excellence in Teaching, 2005 Faculty Honoree, Black Students Law Association

EDUCATION:

Duke University School of Law, J.D. 1996.
Associate Editor, *Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy*,
H. Claude Horack Scholar

Stanford University, AB, Economics, 1988
Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

“Workshop on Article 9: Why a Secured Transactions Course Is an Excellent Model for Enhancing Student Learning,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, July 2012

“Bioethics and the Law: Using Moot Court as a Tool to Teach Effective Argumentation Skills,” University of North Carolina Press Studies in Social Medicine (2012) (co-authored chapter with Christine Nero Coughlin and Barbara Lentz).

“Integrating Academic Support Across the Curriculum,” American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, November 2006.

“Ethics in Appellate Practice,” North Carolina Bar Association. February 2005.

“Reaching the Other Half: Incorporating Transactional Elements into First Year Legal Writing Curriculum,” 11th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute. July 2004.

North Carolina Bankers Guide to Powers of Attorney, co-authored with Ed Winslow and Melissa Weaver. October 1997.

Current Projects:

"Enhancing Student Learning through a Statute-based Doctrinal Course"

Series for New Law School Professors: "Excellence in Teaching: Incorporating Student Learning Research to Enhance Student and Teacher Performance" (with Catherine Ross, Teach and Learning Center)

"The Role of the Multistate Performance Test in Transforming Legal Education"

LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:

Jefferson Pilot Financial, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Associate Counsel, 1998 - 2001.

- Practice in commercial lending, investment real estate, and oversight of loan-related litigation.

Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard, LLP, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Associate, 1996 -1998.

- Practice in general corporate matters and banking industry regulation.

Bar Admissions:

North Carolina

United States District Court, Middle District of North Carolina

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Wake Forest University

Sexual Misconduct Hearing Board

Executive Board, Wake Forest Women's Forum

Diversity and Culture Committee, Wake Forest Women's Forum

LGBTQ Center Safe Zone Certification

Wake Forest University School of Law

Admissions and Scholarship Committee

Master of Legal Studies Advisory Committee

Curriculum Committee

Building Committee

Professional Memberships

Association of Academic Support Educators

AALS Section on Academic Support

Scholarship Committee, Law School Academic Success Project

ABA Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar

ABA Business Law Section