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PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University at Buffalo School of Law, Buffalo, New York

July 2022 – Present

Lecturer in Law

Teach first-year law students Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research I and II and an upper-level Post Conviction Remedies course. Develop curricula and formulate lesson plans focused on best practices in objective and persuasive writing, adapting pace and content to student needs and progression. Supervise two writing fellows, responsible for drafting assignments and holding office hours. Draft scholarship for publication, utilizing research assistants by assigning research tasks, communicating goals of research, and reviewing assigned research.

Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc., Buffalo, New York

Jan. 2019 – June 2022

Staff Attorney

Practiced criminal defense in Buffalo City Court, representing indigent clients charged with misdemeanors and B, C, D, and E felonies from arraignment through trial. Drafted and filed pre- and post-conviction submissions, including motions challenging facial insufficiency, motions to suppress evidence, and appellate briefs. Managed an extensive caseload, handling over 300 cases per year. Communicated with clients, courtroom clerks, judges, and prosecutors to obtain resolutions for clients, including pleas and dismissals.

State University of New York Brockport, Brockport, New York

Nov. 2017 – Dec. 2018

Adjunct Professor

Taught twelve students in Criminal Law, creating, and presenting lectures and administering and grading term papers, presentations, and final exams. Taught twenty students in Adjudication Process, including the process of a criminal case from arrest through appeal. Created syllabi and all graded materials.

Vahey Getz LLP, Rochester, New York

Oct. 2017 – Dec. 2018

Associate Attorney

Practiced criminal defense at a boutique litigation firm. Drafted motions for submission in state and federal court. Second-chaired a federal civil damages trial involving due process violations stemming from the administrative imposition of post-release supervision.

Innocence and Justice Project, Buffalo, New York

Jan. 2016 – May 2017

Student Attorney

Identified cases with evidence of a miscarriage of justice and prepared post-conviction remedies based on Brady violations, false confessions, and newly discovered evidence. Prepared client records to file motions to vacate felony convictions of clients.

PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

Harrington & Mahoney, Buffalo, New York
Law Clerk

May 2016 – Sept. 2016

Assisted in extensive and complex criminal defense of a client charged with wire fraud, money laundering, and conspiracy, including writing proposed jury instructions, drafting motions, preparing witnesses, and organizing evidence and exhibits. Drafted objections to a report and recommendations in a federal drug trafficking case.

Prisoners' Legal Services, Buffalo, New York
Law Clerk

May 2015 – Aug. 2015

Drafted appeals alleging Eighth Amendment violations in Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) disciplinary hearings and rulings.

EDUCATION

University at Buffalo School of Law, Buffalo, New York
Juris Doctor, Criminal Law Concentration

2017

- *Articles Editor*, *Buffalo Law Review*
- *Submissions Editor*, *The Buffalo Journal of Gender & Law*
- *President*, Buffalo Moot Court Board
- *Vice President*, Buffalo Public Interest Law Program
- *Writing Fellow*, Professor Patrick J. Long (Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research)
- *Teaching Assistant*, Professor Luis E. Chiesa (Criminal Law)
- *Research Assistant*, Professor Charles P. Ewing (Criminal Law)

University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Honors Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Specialization

2014

PUBLICATIONS

[NEW YORK BAIL GUIDE](#) (Carolina Academic Press forthcoming Sept. 2025) (co-authored with Sean Rheinheimer).

[Standardizing Exoneration Compensation Statutes](#), 17 DREXEL L. REV. 343 (Feb. 2025).

[A Silent Struggle: Constitutional Violations Against the Hearing Impaired in New York State Prisons](#), 20 CUNY L. REV. 559 (2017).

PRESENTATIONS

Utilizing Your Summer as a New Legal Writing Professor July 2024
Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

A guideline for new legal writing professors to best spend their summers preparing for classes and pursuing scholarship.

Scholarly Identity Discussion Panel Discussion July 2024
Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

A discussion group on scholarship as a legal writing professor.

A former public defender's lessons for law students July 2024
UBNow, Buffalo, New York

Interview on the experience of a former public defender and how to translate those lessons into the classroom.

Trial Skills for Newly Admitted Attorneys Dec. 2023
Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc., Buffalo, New York

Lecture- and practice-based classes on oral advocacy skills, from arraignment through trial, for newly admitted attorneys through an intensive bespoke course.

Writing for Externships Sept. 2023
University at Buffalo School of Law, Buffalo, New York

Writing for your audience: communication, writing mechanics, and receiving feedback.

Search and Seizure and the Automobile Exception July 2023
Should Never Use Guns (SNUG), Buffalo, New York

Fourth Amendment rights as interpreted by New York case law on the automobile presumption as applied to gun violence prevention organization.

The Youth Justice System Sept. 2022
Holistic Representation Project, Buffalo, New York

Ethical considerations in representation of youth in the criminal justice system and attorney-client confidentiality.

Post-Conviction Advocacy Apr. 2021
Bar Association of Erie County Assigned Counsel Program, Buffalo, New York

Trial, post-conviction advocacy, and voting rights of parolees.

PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)

A Day in the Life of a New Public Defender Oct. 2020
University at Buffalo School of Law, Buffalo, New York

Panel Discussion presented at the Third Annual New York State Public Defenders Career Fair.

Discovery Reform in New York State Dec. 2019
Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc., Buffalo, New York

New discovery requirements for prosecutors, and reciprocal discovery obligations for defense attorneys.

Bail Reform in New York State Dec. 2019
Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc., Buffalo, New York

Changes in bail legislation, qualifying offenses for bail, and best practices in navigating legislative changes.

Helping Inmates Who May Have Suffered a Miscarriage of Justice Mar. 2017
Connections with Evan Dawson WXXI NPR News, Rochester, New York

Radio broadcast participant in a discussion of the University at Buffalo School of Law Innocence and Justice Project's goals of helping wrongfully convicted inmates.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Admissions Committee	July 2023 – Present
Adjunct Development Committee	June 2024 – Present
Trial Team Coach	Aug. 2017 – Present
Communication Strategy Committee	July 2022 – July 2023
Academic Standards and Standing Committee	July 2022 – July 2023

HONORS AND AWARDS

Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy Aug. 2017
Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI)

Given to students with the highest grade in the class.

HONORS AND AWARDS (CONT.)

Dale S. Margulis Award May 2017
University at Buffalo School of Law

Awarded annually to the member of the graduating class who has contributed the most to the School of Law and the community. Candidates for the award are nominated by members of the graduating class, and the recipient is selected by the deans.

Law Alumni Association GOLD Group Award May 2017
University at Buffalo School of Law

Presented annually to a member of the graduating class who has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills in advancing the mission of the School of Law and enhancing its reputation for excellence in legal education.

Order of Barristers May 2017
University at Buffalo School of Law

Awarded to select students who have excelled in the art of oral advocacy.

Robert F. Bensing Award Oct. 2015
New York State Senate

Awarded to a law student who demonstrates a passion for service and pro bono work while interning at Prisoners Legal Services of New York.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Board Member, Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. 2024

Member, Legal Writing Institute (LWI) 2022

Member, The Association of American Law Schools 2022

Member, Bar Association of Erie County 2018

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

New York State 2018

United States District Court for the Western District of New York 2018

United States District Court for the Northern District of New York 2018