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Education

Juris Doctorate (J.D.): Texas Wesleyan University School of Law: May 2006.

Bachelor of Science (B.S.): Texas A&M University - Commerce: May 2000. Academic Distinction. Majors: Political Science and Economics.

Licenses Held

Licensed to practice law in the State of Texas (2006 – Present).

Current Position

Director of Paralegal Studies and Assistant Professional Track Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas (August 2010 – Present)

Previous Positions Held

Ad Interim Director of Paralegal Studies and Ad Interim Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas (August 2008 – August 2010)

Assistant County Attorney, Rains County Attorney's Office, Emory, Texas (December 2006 – February 2008)

Experience working with paralegals.

Legal Intern, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, Ft. Worth, Texas (January 2006 – September 2006)

Courses Taught

Texas A&M University – Commerce

Undergraduate Courses:

- Introduction to Law
- Legal Research and Writing
- Civil Procedure
- Paralegal Internship
- Torts and Personal Injury Law
- Constitutional Law for Paralegals

Constitutional Law
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
Bioethics and the Law
Interviewing and Investigation

Graduate Courses:
Constitutional Law
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

Directed Student Learning:
Paralegal Internship, Department of Political Science, (January 2009 – Present).

Development Activities Attended

Designing US I (Fall 2023)

Continuing Education, "Continuing Legal Education Courses," State Bar of Texas, (2006 – Present).

American Association for Paralegal Education (AAfPE) Annual National Conference, (2008-2024)

2012 South Central Regional Conference, American Association for Paralegal Education,
New Orleans, Louisiana, (March 2-23, 2012).

POLISHING THE APPLE!, (October 12, 2009).

Prosecutor's Conference
Austin, Texas, (July 16-20, 2007).

Other Scholarly and Service Activities

Department

Member of the CHSSA Institutional Effectiveness Committee, (2019-2020).

Member of the Political Science Curriculum Committee, (2012 – Present).

Chair of the Political Science Alumni Ambassador Forum Committee, (2012 - Present).

Paralegal Studies Academic Advisor, Texas A&M University – Commerce, (August 2008 – Present).

Pre-law Advisor, Texas A&M University – Commerce, (August 2008 – October 2024).

Pre-law Advisor in Department of Political Science, East Texas A&M University, (October 2024 – Present)

Speaker/Advisor at Orientations, Paralegal Studies Program, Paralegal Program Director, (July 2011 - Present).

Student Recruiter, Mane Event, (Spring 2012 - present).

Committee Member, Honor's Thesis for Elsa Castro, (Fall 2017 – Spring 2019)

Member, Search Committee for International Law position in the Political Science Department, (Spring 2017).

Member, Search Committee for International Relations position in the Political Science Department, (Fall 2016).

Member, Search Committee for Americanist position in the Political Science Department, (Spring 2016).

Master Thesis review for one graduate students, (Fall 2015).

Developed and refined Pre-law track curriculum, (Fall 2012; Spring 2015).

Host, 2014 Alumni Ambassador Forum, Political Science Department, (February, 2014)

Student Recruiter, Majors Fair, (November 19, 2013)

Member, Master Thesis Committee for one graduate student, (Fall 2013)

Host, 2013 Alumni Ambassador Forum, Political Science Department, (February, 28, 2013)

Member, Master Thesis Committee for two graduate students, (Fall 2012).

Student Recruiter, Majors Fair, (October 31, 2012).

Member, Search Committee for Americanist position in the Political Science Department, (Spring 2012).

Host, 2012 Alumni Ambassador Forum, Political Science Department, (March, 2012).

Student Recruiter, Paralegal Studies Program, Program Director, (October 15, 2011).

Student Recruiter, Paralegal Studies Program, Program Director, (March 5, 2011).

Student Recruiter, Paralegal Studies Program, Program Director, (February 26, 2011).

Comparative Politics Search Committee, Political Science Department, (December 2009 – April 2010).

Student Organization

Student Org Advisor (Non-Professional Org), Phi Alpha Delta. (2008 - Present).

College

Presenter, “Assessing Internships”, Quality Day for CHSSA Institutional Effectiveness, (November 2020).

Member, Search Committee for Associate Dean of Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts, (Summer 2012).

Strategic Planning Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, (September 2009 – December 2009).

Speaker, New Faculty Forum, Texas A&M – Commerce, College of Arts and Sciences, (August 25, 2009).

Speaker, Constitution Day, Texas A&M – Commerce, College of Arts and Sciences, (September 17, 2008).

Other Service

Assistant, Comparative Criminal Justice Study Abroad Course, Belize (2018; 2019)

Advisor for the CJ 430 mock trials, (Fall 2013 – Spring 2024)

Acting judge for the CJ 430 mock trials, (Fall 2012; Spring 2024).

Assist colleagues in various departments with development of assessment tools.

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Bar Association
November 2006 – 2019

Licensed by the State Bar of Texas
November 2006 – present