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Education

J.D., 1972, Boston University School of Law
Boston, MA

- Law Review

A.B., 1969, Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, NY

Teaching Experience

2007 to 2008: Interim Director

2008: Director, Northeastern University School of Law, Legal Research and Writing Program

- Duties involve teaching one section of the class, hiring and supervising fifteen adjunct professors to teach fifteen additional sections, selecting texts and creating a curriculum to teach legal research and writing to first year law students, creating problems and exercises to foster the necessary skills in each class .

2006 to 2007: Adjunct Professor, Northeastern University School of Law, Legal Research and Writing Program

- Duties involved teaching legal analysis, research and writing to first year law students.

2003 to 2006: Lecturer, Boston University School of Law, First Year Legal Research and Writing Program

- Duties involved teaching legal analysis, research and writing to first year law students, including creating original research and writing problems.

2002 to Present: Coach, Boston University Mock Mediation Team

- 2008 – The only school to place both a mediator and a client/advocate team in the Championship Round.
- 2005 National Mock Mediation Champions, successfully defending its title. All six members of the teams won individual awards for excellence.
- 2004 National Mock Mediation Champions, successfully defending its title. Five members of the teams won individual awards for excellence.
- 2003 National Mock Mediation Champions, successfully defending its title. All six members of our two teams won individual awards for excellence

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- 2002 National Mock Mediation Champions, in the team's first year of competition. Four of our six competitors won individual awards for excellence.

Students are taught the basics of effective mediation both as a mediator and as an attorney representing a client in mediation. Using a syllabus prepared by the American Academy of ADR Attorneys, they learn the importance of confidentiality, how to make an initial mediator's presentation, how to listen effectively, how to remain neutral, how to use various mediator's tools to promote settlement, and other aspects of the mediation process.

1994 to Present: Coach, Boston University Mock Trial Team

- BU has qualified one or more teams for the Mock Trial National Championship Tournament in eleven of the past thirteen years. The team placed tenth in the nation at the 2008 National Championships in Minneapolis in April.
- BU Teams consistently win or place in the Northeast Regional Tournaments. A Boston University Team won the 2008 Northeast Regional Tournament in Boston in February.

Students are taught to:

- Analyze the facts of a case and apply legal principles
- Decide upon a case theory
- Select the witnesses who can best present their client's version of events
- Elicit the facts in direct and cross-examination of witnesses
- Introduce evidence
- Make and respond to objections
- Write and deliver effective openings and closings

1995-1996: Instructor, MET College, Boston University

- Created syllabus for and taught Introduction to Law for Paralegals

Other Legal Experience

1979 to Present: Private law practice

- Specializing in divorce and custody matters, including negotiating separation agreements, litigating divorce cases and divorce mediation
- Practice includes incorporating and representing several small businesses in business negotiations, drafting contracts, general litigation and other matters

1976-1978: Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Chief, Division of Public Charities

- Re-organized the Division and instituted new systems and procedures to enhance

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- its effectiveness. Hired and supervised a staff of three attorneys, one accountant and four secretaries
- Acted as counsel for the Commonwealth in court hearings involving charitable organizations, including researching and writing (as well as supervising the research and writing of) briefs on behalf of the Commonwealth
- Drafted legislation
- Drafted, held public hearings on and promulgated new regulations governing charitable organizations

1975-1976: Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Consumer Protection Division

- Supervised investigations of and participated in litigation of cases involving automobile dealers alleged to be in violation of consumer protection laws
- Drafted, held hearings on and promulgated new regulations concerning the sale of automobiles to consumers
- Gave speeches and presentations to various organizations concerning consumer protection laws

1972-1975: Associate, Choate, Hall & Stewart, Boston, MA

Concentrating in general litigation and pensions. Drafted interrogatories, attended depositions, argued motions, researched and wrote briefs for pending litigation. Became extremely familiar with ERISA and drafted pension plans for various firm clients. Helped found ERISA discussion group for attorneys to share information about the new Act.

Mediation and Collaborative Law Experience and Training

At present: My practice has shifted away from litigation and towards mediation and collaborative law. I have been mediating divorce, landlord/tenant, small business and other cases since 1991. I am a member of the Mediation Panel for Community Dispute Settlement Center in Cambridge, MA.

September, 2006: Two day training with Massachusetts Collaborative Law Council

March/April, 2006: 23 hour Divorce Mediation Training with Community Dispute Settlement Center, Cambridge, MA

August 2001: 40 hour Mediation/Arbitration Training with the American Academy of ADR Attorneys, Des Moines, Iowa

August, 1991: 36 Hour Family Mediation Training with Coast to Coast Mediation

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Organizations

Association for Conflict Resolution
International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
Massachusetts Council on Family Mediation
Massachusetts Collaborative Law Council
New England Chapter of the Association for Conflict Resolution
Massachusetts Bar Association
Massachusetts Women's Bar Association

Other Experience

Past President, Mount Auburn Toastmasters Club
Former member of the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Union of
Massachusetts
Sheltered battered women on the South Shore in my home for 6 years