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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Washington School of Law, Seattle WA **1997-present**
1994-1995
Principal Lecturer 2017 – present
Senior Lecturer 2001 – 2017
Lecturer 1997 – 2001 & 1994 – 1995
Director of Legal Writing Program: 2006 – 2007; 2012 – 2013; 2019 – present (co-director)

Courses

Legal Analysis, Research & Writing
Intensive Legal Writing Workshop
Civil Procedure I
Civil Procedure II
Introduction to Law (undergraduate course)

Service

- Promotion and Tenure Council: 2019-present
- Academic Standards and Assessment Committee: 2019-present
- School of Law Admissions Committee: 2009-19 (former chair)
- Faculty Appeal Board Member (handling student disciplinary appeals and administrative reviews for UW Seattle, Tacoma & Seattle): 2013-16
- Faculty Appeal Board Hearing Examiner for student disciplinary appeal hearings involving allegations of sexual assault or violence: 2015-16
- Member of working group convened by President's office to assess and restructure student disciplinary investigation and adjudication processes: 2015-16
- Law School delegate to UW Faculty Senate: 2012-14
- Washington Law Review Faculty Advisory Board: 2007-present
- Washington Journal of Law, Technology & Arts Faculty Advisor: 2018-present
- Loan Repayment Assistance Program Selection Committee: 2012-14
- Previous committees: Curriculum; Law, Commerce & Technology; Part-time Appointments

Teaching & Research Interests

Civil procedure, First Amendment law, rhetoric and writing, legal method

EDUCATION

Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley **1981-1984**
J.D. awarded May 1984; Order of the Coif
California Law Review

Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington **1975-1979**
BA Political Science, *summa cum laude*, August 1979
Political Science Department Outstanding Graduate Award
Merit scholarships from Cheney Foundation, Aerojet Corp., General Mills

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

- Legal Writing Lecturer and Consultant, Seattle WA** 1995 – 2003
Designed and presented legal writing seminars for attorneys and student law clerks at local law firms, and tutored individual lawyers and law clerks in legal analysis and writing.
- Lane Powell Spears Lubersky, Seattle WA** Summers
Summer Clerk Coordinator 1995 & 1997
Coordinated preparation and assignment of projects for the firm's student law clerks; helped students with legal research, analysis and writing; and evaluated their performance.
- Preston Gates & Ellis, Seattle WA** (now K&L Gates; formerly Preston, Thorgrimson, Ellis & Holman)
Associate Attorney 1984 - 1994
Handled constitutional law and commercial litigation matters for individuals, businesses and municipal governments; advised clients regarding compliance with antitrust and consumer protection laws; represented clients in motions, trials and appeals in state and federal courts; handled arbitrations, mediations and variance hearings.
- District Attorney's Office and Office of the Alaska Chief Prosecutor, Juneau AK**
Legal Extern (Rule 9 certified) Summer 1983
For the Juneau District Attorney, handled all aspects of criminal misdemeanor cases, from arraignment to trial, and pretrial proceedings in felony cases. For the Alaska Chief Prosecutor, helped investigate and prepare criminal cases against state legislators, and defend against a class action lawsuit concerning state corrections system.
- The Honorable Robert Boochever, U. S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, Juneau AK**
Legal Extern Spring 1983
Wrote memoranda analyzing cases and assisted in preparation of opinions.
- Alaska Attorney General's Office, Juneau AK**
Legal Extern Summer 1982
Wrote a drafting manual for authors of administrative regulations, edited administrative regulations, and helped defend Alaska's governor in litigation with the state legislature.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & TRAINING

Admitted to law practice in Washington - October 1984; Washington State Bar Association member
American Bar Association member
Completed National Institute of Trial Advocacy trial skills program
Completed University of Washington Mediation Skills Training Program

PUBLICATIONS

Kathleen McGinnis, *Revisiting Claim and Issue Preclusion in Washington*, 90 WASH. L. REV. 75 (2015)
Kathleen McGinnis, *Winning With Point-First Writing*, NW Lawyer, (October 2019)

PRESENTATIONS

- January 2017 – Selected to present at AALS annual meeting on curricular design considerations in legal writing programs
- September, 2005-2012; 2014 – Summer Institute in Transnational Law and Practice, presentations on Civil Procedure and the U.S. Legal System
- 2010-2015 – presentations on law school admissions and career development at The Claremont Colleges, Occidental College, Whitman College, University of Washington
- August 2003-2006 – University of Washington Summer Institute in English for Business and Law (SIEBL), Seattle WA: Presentations on the United States Legal System and Government Regulation of Business in the United States
- April 2004 – Faculty colloquium presentation on restructuring the first-year writing program to employ best practices and benefit from scholarship on adult learning theory
- March 30, 2004 – Presentation for the Washington Appellate Judges' Spring Program, Vancouver WA: Class Actions in Washington
- July 10, 2003 – Presentation for American Association of Law Librarians Annual Meeting, Seattle WA: Civil Procedure for the non-JD
- December 16, 2002 – Guest on the Mark Furhman Show, KXLY Radio (Spokane ABC affiliate) concerning first amendment protections and current Supreme Court developments
- May 2002 – Presentation for Washington Law Review editorial board: An Approach to Editing Student Law Review Comments
- June 2002 – Presentation for Seattle Area Law Firm Summer Consortium: Keys to Summer Associate Success
- April 2001 – Seminar at Preston, Gates & Ellis: Drafting & Revising Transaction Documents
- October 2000 – Series of presentations at Preston, Gates & Ellis: Drafting & Editing Legal Memoranda
- July 2000 – Seminar at Preston, Gates & Ellis: Keys to Summer Associate Success