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## Objective

Professor and seasoned trial lawyer seeking long-term legal writing and practice academic position.

## Teaching Experience

### **Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana**

*Visiting Professor of Law*

August 2021 – Present

- Teach Legal Communication and Analysis I and II and Alternative Dispute Resolution in-person, virtually, and in one-on-one conferences.
- Designed ADR course; create course materials and Canvas course sites.
- Provide detailed feedback on writing assignments.
- Begin scholarly research, writing, and speaking on legal analysis and communication pedagogy.
- 20th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference presenter: “Straight from the Firm: Comparing First-Year LWR Teaching and Curriculum to Present-Day Practice.”
- Active member of LWI and AALS, including participating in conferences, workshops, and mentoring.

### **Indiana Wesleyan University, Indianapolis, Indiana and Online**

*Adjunct Professor in the DeVoe School of Business*

August 2015 – October 2018

Taught Business Law/Ethics and Global Culture.

### **University of Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, Indiana**

*Adjunct Professor of Law and ITA Faculty*

2009 – 2011, 2021, 2022

Taught semester-long courses in trial advocacy and deposition skills, and trial advocacy intensive workshops.

## Legal Practice Experience

### **Actuate Law, Chicago, Illinois**

*Counsel*

February 2021 to March 2022

Remote practice with fellow Biglaw veterans, primarily in complex litigation and consumer finance law.

### **Wooden McLaughlin, LLC, Indianapolis, Indiana**

*Senior Counsel*

October 2018 – February 2021

- Perform all aspects of litigation in federal and state constitutional cases, shareholder derivative actions, and general business litigation.
- Represented a plaintiff in a civil rights action based on racial discrimination in car lending practices and false claims to the police.
- Provide general employment, contract, and legal malpractice advice.
- Draft and argue summary judgment motions, motions to dismiss, discovery motions, and pre-trial motions and pleadings.
- Represent clients in mediation and arbitration.
- Interview, retain, and work with expert witnesses.
- Draft and respond to written discovery, conduct ESI discovery, take and defend depositions.

**Self-Employed Practicing Attorney**, Indianapolis, Indiana August 2016 - October 2018

- Provide legal counsel in interstate commerce, products liability, and general business litigation.
- Provide pro bono legal service for foster parents and a church.

**Morrison & Foerster, Gray Cary Ware & Fredenrich**, San Diego, California

*Associate* 2001 - 2008

- Performed all aspects of litigation in business matters, representative class actions, and multidistrict litigation. Represented clients in products liability, aviation, antitrust, trade secret, employment, and unfair business practice litigation. Served as national coordinating counsel in asbestos cases.
- Second chaired defense of biotechnology company in whistleblower, wrongful discharge, and discrimination case before a jury that issued a unanimous defense verdict.
- Member of trial team in a *qui tam* action in which a complete defense verdict was awarded following a bench trial.
- Drafted and argued multidistrict litigation pleadings, summary judgment motions, motions to dismiss, discovery motions, and pre-trial motions and pleadings.
- Gave prospective client presentations and opened new matters. Conducted early case assessments and budget analysis.
- Member of the recruiting committee and chairperson of the summer program.
- Completed the National Institute for Trial Advocacy *Trial Skills* program
- Speaking engagements included “Class Action Fairness Act and Tort Reform,” Bridgeport Continuing Education Seminar on Class Action Litigation, San Diego, CA (June 24, 2005).
- Awarded the *Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services* by the State Bar of California.

**Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Rudi M. Brewster, United States District Court for the Southern District of California** September 2000 - September 2001

**Kirkland & Ellis**, Chicago, Illinois

*Associate* 1998-2000, *Summer Associate* 1997

- Represented corporations in product liability, securities, antitrust, trade secret, and employment litigation.
- Member of trial team that won a jury verdict in *rsc v. IPSOS*, a case featured as one of the “Defense Verdicts of the Year” in the *National Law Journal*.

### **Community Activities**

Indiana Blind Children’s Foundation, Board Member, 2018-2022

Neighborhood Christian Legal Services, intake volunteer

Safe Families, host family

### **Education**

**Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
J.D., *cum laude*, June 1998

*Harvard Women’s Law Journal*

*Harvard Law Record Columnist*

*Harvard Defenders and Criminal Justice*

*Institute*

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, Michigan

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science and Political Science, May 1995

Admitted to practice in Indiana, Illinois, and California