

**KAREN SPEISER SANNER, J.D., Esq.
RESUME & CURRICULUM VITAE**

WORK EXPERIENCE

**Professor of Legal Writing, Saint Louis University School of Law
August 2010 to Present**

Course responsibilities include Legal Research and Writing I and II, Electronic Discovery, Moot Court, Evidence and Advocacy, Insurance Law, Pre-Trial Drafting, and Trial Advocacy. Classroom responsibilities include teaching legal communication, legal research, legal analysis, legal theory, and professional legal skills to law students. Other job responsibilities include law school committee membership and service, directed research and journal advising, mentorship and career advising for students.

**Pre-Law Instructor and Mock Trial Coach/Director, Saint Louis University
August 2008 to May 2010**

Adjunct instructor teaching undergraduate candidates for certificate in legal studies. Courses included Introduction to Trial Advocacy, Mock Trial Practicum, The Anatomy of a Civil Case, and Introduction to Appellate Courts. Coordinator, coach, and advisor of the Saint Louis University undergraduate mock trial program and competition teams.

**Associate Attorney, Brinker & Doyen, L.L.P. in Clayton, Missouri
July 1997 to May 2008**

Associate in civil litigation law firm. Practice areas included insurance coverage analysis, personal injury litigation, property litigation, and workers' compensation administrative litigation. Litigation experience in civil, appellate, and administrative courts in the State of Missouri. Extensive experience in pre-trial discovery and trial preparation, legal research and drafting, client development, client counseling, negotiations, alternative dispute resolution, and appellate practice.

**Assistant Attorney General, Missouri Attorney General's Office
August 1994 to June 1997**

Attorney assigned to the Labor Division in Jefferson City and St. Louis. Practice areas included workers' compensation and civil rights enforcement. Clients included the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, Missouri Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, Central Accident Reporting Office for the State of Missouri,

and the Second Injury Fund. Experience practicing before administrative agencies including the Missouri Department of Labor and Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation in both administrative litigation and appeals. Experience also included drafting proposed legislation for state agency clients.

Professional Presentations and Conferences

Presentations

The Great Laptop Debate: Revisiting the Use of Digital Devices in the Law School Classroom, Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Biennial Conference, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., July 2022. Co-presenter with Marcia Goldsmith.

The Mystery Mobile Device: Evaluating Possession, Custody, or Control of Mobile Data in the Discovery Process, ABA National Institute on Ediscovery, sponsored by the American Bar Association, May 2022.

The Future of Law Practice: Preparing Tech-Competent Lawyers (Revised for 2021), Transnational Conference on the Future of Legal Education, the Practice of Law, and the Judiciary, Online Conference, Sponsored by Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, Bau University, and Mitchell-Hamline School of Law, February 2021.

The Future of Law Practice: Preparing Tech-Competent Lawyers, Central States Legal Writing Conference, University of Illinois-Chicago John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois, September 2019.

Digital Evidence in Missouri Courts: An Update, Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation, Annual Administrative Law Judge Conference, Camden, Missouri, May 2019.

Introducing Oral Advocacy Using "Hot Topics" Presentations, Eighteenth Biennial Conference, Legal Writing Institute (LWI), Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 2018.

Working in Reverse: Improving First-Year Legal Writing by Teaching Upper Level Drafting Courses, Central States Legal Writing Conference, Indiana University in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 2017. Joint presentation with Professor Marcia Goldsmith.

Teaching Response Brief Drafting in the First-Year Legal Writing Course, LWI One-Day Workshop, Washington University School of Law, December 2015.

Authentication of Digital Evidence, CLE presentation at Brinker & Doyen, L.L.P., January 2015.

Work Process to Work Product: Breaking the Student Cycle of Procrastination Drafting, LWI One-Day Workshop, Southern Illinois University School of Law, December 2014.

Teaching Appellate Advocacy by Integrating Oral Advocacy into the Development of Analytical Skills from Day One, LWI Moot Court Conference at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 2014. Joint presentation with Professors Chris Rollins and Paige Canfield.

Two Birds and One Stone: Introducing Research Process and Oral Communication Skills to the First-Semester Law Student, Fourth Annual Capital Area Legal Writing Conference at Howard University in Washington D.C. Joint presentation with Professor Marcia Goldsmith, March 2014.

Training “Officers of the Court:” Integrating Professionalism and Ethics into the First-Year Practical Skills Course, Third Annual Capital Area Legal Writing Conference at American University’s Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C. Joint presentation with Professors Marcia Goldsmith and Denise Z. Field, March 2013.

Student as Critic: Taking Persuasive Writing to the Next Level, Second Annual Capital Area Legal Writing Conference at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. Joint presentation with Professor Marcia Goldsmith, March 2012.

Conferences: Panel Membership and Invitation

Panel Member, Exploring the Effective Use of Discovery-Related Sanctions, Sedona Conference Working Group 1 2021 Annual Meeting, Electronic Document Retention & Production, Cleveland Ohio, October 2021

Panel Member, Teaching Through Technology, American Association of Law Schools’ Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, January 2018.

Panel Member, Student Assessment: Tips and Tricks from the Trenches, American Association of Law Schools’ Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, January 2017.

Panel Member, Writing to Learn and Learning to Write: Integrating Skills and Doctrine into the Classroom, Southeast Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, Florida, August 2015.

Panel Member, Insider's Guide to Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion, Seventeenth Annual Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Portland, Oregon, July 2016.

Invitee, LEC Workshop for Law Professors on Risk, Injury, Liability, and Insurance, Sponsor: George Mason University Law and Economics Center, January 2014.

Invitee, LEC Workshop for Law Professors on the Economics of Litigation and Civil Procedure, Sponsor: George Mason University Law and Economics Center, January 2015.

Co-Director, Central States Legal Writing Conference, Saint Louis University School of Law, September 26-27, 2015.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctor (1994)

Activities and Awards

Member: Journal of Dispute Resolution; Lead Articles Editor 1993-94

Article: *Labor Arbitration in Public Agencies: An Unconstitutional Delegation of Power or the Waking of a Sleeping Giant?* 1993 No. 2 J. Disp. Resol. 333 (1993)

John E. Burress Memorial Prize for Best Student Note 1993

Intern for the Honorable John C. Holstein – Supreme Court of Missouri 1992

Intern for Missouri Attorney General's Office 1993-94

Member: Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity

Member: Missouri Equal Justice Foundation

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – COLUMBIA

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Magna Cum Laude (1991)

Activities and Awards

Top Ten Marketing Student's Award

Roberts' Scholar (Pre-Law)

Member – Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Missouri Bar – Bar Number 42970 – Since 1994

Missouri Bar – OCDC Representative - Attorney Disciplinary Committee Region XI (City of St. Louis)

Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Current Member

American Association of Law Schools Section on Technology, Law, and Legal Education – Member; Chair of Scholarship Committee

The Sedona Conference – Working Group 1 Electronic Document Retention & Production

American Inns of Court – Barrister - Theodore McMillian Chapter - 2014 to 2018
Member - Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers - 1997 to 2008