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EXPERIENCE

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, St. Louis, Missouri

Director of the Law Library & Associate Library Professor of Law, July 2017 - present

Director of the Law Library & Assistant Professor of Law, November 2015 – June 2017

Interim Director of the Law Library & Assistant Professor of Legal Research, May 2015-October 2015

Associate Director of the Law Library & Assistant Professor of Legal Research, January 2015 – April 2015

Reference Librarian & Assistant Professor of Legal Research, July 2012 – December 2014

- Manage the daily operation of the library, including matters related to the budget, personnel, facilities, collections, and patron relations
- Contribute to library policy formation; coordinate policy implementation among departments within the library and between the library and other law school and university departments
- Provide reference assistance to patrons including students, faculty, attorneys, and the public
- Serve as liaison to faculty members for library and research needs
- Create instructional resources on legal research topics and services
- Teach Advanced Legal Research, Trademark & Unfair Competition Law, and International Intellectual Property Law; design and teach course on Intellectual Property Law Research
- Guest-lecture in other law courses and for workshops on specialized legal research topics

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES, St. Louis, Missouri

Copyright and Digital Access Librarian, February 2012 – June 2012

Digital Access Librarian, December 2010 – January 2012

Legal Documents Editor, April 2010 – November 2010

- Managed copyright compliance issues and license-related requests from staff, students, and faculty
- Acted as intermediary between the library and the Office of General Counsel
- Identified training needs and delivered instruction on copyright issues for the library
- Learned and applied digital library standards and technologies including XML and TEI
- Coordinated and supervised the encoding of project-related XML files by law students
- Developed a standard of encoding for digital legal documents as part of the IMLS-funded “St. Louis Freedom Suits Legal Encoding Project”

U.S. COURTS LIBRARY 8th CIRCUIT, St. Louis, Missouri

Practicum Student, August 2009 – December 2009

- Updated research guides, planned a book shift, and staffed the reference desk
- Developed a position description and announcement, and revised performance review forms
- Created serials records, checked in materials, and processed and repaired books
- Sorted, processed, and filed archival materials

BROWN & JAMES, P.C., St. Louis, Missouri

Attorney, June 2007 – May 2008

- Researched and analyzed legal issues in the areas of insurance defense and products liability
- Drafted memoranda, pleadings, motions, discovery documents, and settlement agreements
- Interviewed witnesses, negotiated settlements, communicated status and strategy to clients
- Regularly appeared in court for docket calls and hearings

HEPLER BROOM, LLC, Edwardsville, Illinois
Summer Associate, May-August 2006

- Researched and analyzed legal issues in the areas of toxic tort, medical malpractice, workers compensation, and insurance defense litigation
- Composed case reports for clients and drafted legal memoranda and motions
- Attended client meetings, hearings, mediations, depositions, and trials

JUDGE PADDY H. MCNAMARA, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois
Honors Extern, May-July 2005

- Researched legal issues in commercial law and analyzed pleadings and motions
- Drafted bench memoranda and assisted in composing written opinions
- Observed hearings, pre-trial conferences, bench trials, and jury trials

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, Columbia, Missouri
Master of Arts in Library Science, December 2009

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF LAW, Champaign, Illinois
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2007

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, Tennessee
Bachelor of Arts, French and Political Science, May 2004

LAW SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY, AND LIBRARY SERVICE

- Law School Technology Committee, 2018-2019
- Law School Curriculum Committee, 2017 - present
- Law Library Search Committee for Head of Access Service and Outreach, Chair, 2017
- Law School Dean Search Committee, 2016
- Law School Learning Outcomes Committee, 2013-present; Co-Chair, 2016-2018, Chair 2018-2019
- Faculty Senate Governance Committee, 2014-present
- St. Louis University Library Associates, Board of Directors, *ex officio*, 2015-present
- University Libraries Copyright Committee, 2013-present
- University Libraries Faculty Assembly Steering Committee, 2014-2015
- St. Louis Civil Courts Library, Board of Directors, 2015-present
- Law Library Strategic Planning Committee, 2014-present
- Law Library Collection Development Group, 2012- present
- Law Library Move Captain for Reference and Government Documents Departments, 2013

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND LICENSURE

- Missouri Bar, Admitted 2007, Inactive
- American Association of Law Libraries
 - Copyright Committee, Appointed Member, 2018-2021
 - Annual Meeting Presenter, 2014, 2015, and 2017
 - Annual Meeting Registration Grant Recipient, 2014
 - Management Institute Participant, March 2015
 - Leadership Academy Fellow, April 2014
- Mid-America Association of Law Libraries
 - Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee, Chair, 2018-2019
 - Annual Meeting Program Committee, 2018
 - Vice President/President-Elect Nominee, 2017
 - Secretary, 2014 - 2016

- Articles Editor, MAALL Markings Newsletter, 2014 - 2015
- Library School Liaison Committee, 2013- 2018, Chair, 2018
- Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee, 2012
- Annual Meeting Presenter, 2011, 2014, 2015, and 2016
- Mid-America Law Library Consortium
 - Vice President/President-Elect 2019-2020
 - Bylaws Committee, 2017-present
 - Grants Committee, 2016-present
 - Libguide Sharing Project Committee, 2016-present

TEACHING

- Advanced Legal Research: Spring and Fall 2013, Fall 2016
- Intellectual Property Law Research: Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring and Fall 2016, Fall 2018
- Trademark Law, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019
- International Intellectual Property Law: Summer 2015, 2019 (Madrid), Fall 2017 (Seminar)
- Directed Research: Spring 2016 (1 student), Summer 2017 (1 student)
- Guest Lectures in Law Courses on Research Topics
 - Transactional Drafting with Adjunct Professor Byram: Spring 2018
 - Legal Research and Writing with Professor Sanner: Fall 2017, Fall 2018
 - Trademark Clinic with Professor Lee: Fall 2016, Fall 2017
 - Transactional Drafting with Professor Malkus: Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2017
 - Seminar: Famous Trials with Professor Lewis: Spring 2015
 - Seminar: Psychology and the Law with Professor Wilson: Spring 2013
 - Legal Research and Writing with Professor Carfield: Fall 2012, Spring 2013

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- *Copyright Illuminated: Shedding Light on Common Myths*, Responsible Conduct of Research Workshop, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2018, October 2017, November 2016, November 2015, October 2014
- *Protecting Your Images*, Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts Presentation for Missouri Nature and Environmental Photographers, Kirkwood, Missouri, August 2018
- *RBG*, Moderator, The Cinema Club, St. Louis Chapter Film Discussion, St. Louis, Missouri, May 2018
- *Protecting Your Creative Goods & Services*, Saint Louis University School of Law E-Workshop Series, St. Louis, Missouri, March 2018
- *Copyright and Trademark Issues in Advertising*, Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts Presentation for Advertising Students at Webster University, Webster Groves, Missouri, February 2018
- *Intellectual Property Law and Design Work*, Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts Presentation for Graphic Design Students at Maryville University, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2017
- *Social Justice in Law Libraries: How Libraries Respond to Real Life Crises*, Invited Panelist, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference, Austin, Texas, July 2017
- *Other People's Footage: Copyright & Fair Use*, Invited Panelist, Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts Workshop for Artists Series, St. Louis, Missouri, March 2017
- *Libguides Best Practices*, Invited Panelist, Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 2016

- *Other People's Footage: Copyright & Fair Use*, Invited Panelist, Webster University Film Series, St. Louis, Missouri, September 2016
- *The Value of Law Libraries*, Panelist, The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis 26th Annual CLE Potpourri, St. Louis, Missouri, June 2016
- *Finding Free Legal Research Sites and Free Case Law and Locating Persons and Background Information*, NBI, Inc. Seminar *Find it Free and Fast on the Net*, St. Louis, Missouri, April 2016
- *Learning Outcomes and Assessment Under New ABA Standards 302, 314, and 315*, Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, October 2015
- *Get Schooled on Learning: Learning Outcomes and Assessment for Legal Research Instruction Under New ABA Standards 302, 314, and 315*, Organizer and Panelist, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 2015
- *Copyright and Fair Use: Exercising Rights, Managing Risk, and an Update from the Courts*, Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, October 2014
- *Researching the Seminar Paper*, St. Louis University School of Law Writing Workshop, St. Louis, Missouri, September 2014
- *Creating and Teaching a Specialized Legal Research Course*, Poster Session, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference, San Antonio, Texas, July 2014
- *Copyright, Responsible Conduct of Research Workshop*, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2013
- *How to Search Like a Pro and Locating Companies for Due Diligence and Background Information*, NBI, Inc. Seminar *Find it Free and Fast on the Net*, St. Louis, Missouri, April 2013
- *Copyright in the Library: Examples and Explanations*, Keynote Address at Greater St. Louis Chapter, Catholic Libraries Association Spring Conference, St. Charles, Missouri, March 2013
- *Digitized Documents and the Road to Freedom*, Missouri History Museum Library and Research Center, St. Louis, Missouri, June 2012
- *Fair Use Friday*, Washington University Library Workshop Series, St. Louis, Missouri, June 2012
- *St. Louis Freedom Suits Legal Encoding Project*, Mid-America Association of Law Libraries and Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Joint Annual Meeting, Lawrence, Kansas, November 2011
- *Library Digitization: The St. Louis Freedom Suits Legal Encoding Project*, CALI Conference for Law School Computing, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 2011
- *Assertiveness*, Washington University Libraries New Library Professionals Group, St. Louis, Missouri, June 2011
- *Encoding the Law: Extending the TEI to Describe Legal Functions*, Poster Session, Chicago Colloquium on Digital Humanities and Computer Science, Evanston, Illinois, November 2010

RESEARCH GUIDES

- Subject-Specific Research Guides
 - *Copyright Law* available at <http://libguides.slu.edu/copyright>
 - *Trademark Law* available at <http://libguides.slu.edu/trademark>
 - *Transactional Drafting* available at <http://libguides.slu.edu/transactional>

- *Researching Trials* available at <http://libguides.slu.edu/trials>
- *Law School Learning Outcomes and Assessment* available at <http://libguides.slu.edu/learningoutcomes>
- *Intellectual Property Law Research* available at <http://libguides.slu.edu/ip>
- Short Format Research Guides to Support Law School Events
 - *Indigence and the Criminal Justice System*, available at <http://libguides.slu.edu/childress2016>
 - *Dying Fast and Slow: Improving Quality of Dying and Preventing Untimely Deaths*, co-authored with Corie Dugas, available at <http://libguides.slu.edu/dyingfastandslow>
 - *Implicit Bias and the Law*, co-authored with Kathleen Casey, available at <http://libguides.slu.edu/implicitbias>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- *Early State Records Digitization Project*, MAALL Markings Newsletter, September 2016
- *Finding Free Legal Research Sites and Free Case Law and Locating Persons and Background Information*, written materials prepared for NBI, Inc. Seminar *Find it Free and Fast on the Net*, St. Louis, Missouri, April 2016
- *Creating and Teaching a Specialized Legal Research Course: The Benefits and Considerations*, 18 AALL Spectrum 26, 27 (2014)
- *Taking Slavery to Court: Black and White Struggles Over Freedom in Antebellum St. Louis*, Program Review, MAALL Markings Newsletter, December 2012