

**CHRISTOPHER W. BEHAN**  
Southern Illinois University School of Law  
Carbondale, Illinois

### **Academic & Administrative Experience**

**Southern Illinois University School of Law.** Carbondale, Illinois. July 2006 to present.

**Current Appointment: Professor of Law.** July 1, 2016 to present.

*Courses:* Evidence; Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure: Post Investigations; Legal Profession (beginning Summer 2023); Trial Advocacy; International Criminal Law; White Collar Crime; Sentencing; Senior Writing Seminars (Military Law; Criminal Procedure; Comparative Law); Legal Globalization and Comparative Law—South Africa and Botswana.

#### **Administrative Appointments:**

- **Acting Dean.** September 2017-July 2018.
- **Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.** July 2014-September 2017.

#### **Academic Appointments:**

- **Associate Professor of Law (with tenure).** July 2012-July 2016.
- **Assistant Professor of Law.** July 2006 to July 2012.

**The Judge Advocate General's School, United States Army.** Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Associate Professor,** Criminal Law Department. May 2003-May 2006.

*Courses:* Evidence, Advanced Evidence, Military Criminal Jurisdiction, Trial Advocacy.

### **Additional Legal Teaching Experience**

**National Institute for Trial Advocacy and Justice Defenders Naivasha Prison Training Program.** June 2023. Taught trial techniques to Kenyan prisoner paralegals at the Naivasha Maximum Security Prison.

**2022 Supreme Court of Illinois Judicial Education Conference.** April and June 2022. Co-taught criminal hearsay evidence seminar.

**National Institute for Trial Advocacy and Lawyers without Borders Trial Training Program for Lagos State Office of the Public Defender.** November 2022. Trial advocacy and restorative justice teaching faculty.

**Justice Advocacy Africa.** Trial Advocacy Teaching Faculty. Have taught live in Gaborone, Botswana and Mombasa, Kenya, and online in Kampala, Uganda. May 2014-present.

**Lawyers without Borders Tanzania Wildlife Trafficking Support Through Trial Advocacy Training.** Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. June 2018.

**Stetson University College of Law Online Master of Laws in Trial Advocacy Program.** Adjunct faculty member, teaching Advanced Evidence course online. January 2014-May 2017.

**Thomson Reuters Legal Insights and Analytics Depositions Training Course.** Faculty Member. December 2013 to 2019.

**SIU School of Law/UMKC School of Law Ireland Summer Abroad Program.** Faculty Member. Summer 2011 and Summer 2012.

**National Institute of Trial Advocacy.** Faculty Member. 2009-present.

**National Judicial College.** Faculty Member. 2008-2012.

### **Law Practice Experience**

**Judge Advocate,** United States Army. October 1995-July 2006.

#### *Assignments:*

The Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Virginia. May 2003-May 2006.

- Associate Professor, Criminal Law Department. May 2003-July 2006
- L.L.M. Candidate, August 2002-May 2003
- Promoted to rank of Major on December 1, 2002

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Riley, Kansas. July 1999-July 2002.

- Senior Trial Counsel (Military Prosecutor)
- Chief, International and Operational Law Division
- Chief, Administrative Law Division
- Part-time Military Magistrate

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Drum, New York. January 1996-July 1999.

- Military Prosecutor
- Military Criminal Defense Counsel
- Command Judge Advocate, Task Force 2-87, Multinational Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt
- Legal Assistance Attorney
- Promoted to rank of Captain on April 1, 1996



## **Education**

**Master of Laws (L.L.M.) (Commandant's List), in Military Law (Criminal Law Specialty).** The Judge Advocate General's School, United States Army, Charlottesville, Virginia. May 2003.

**Juris Doctor (J.D.) (magna cum laude).** J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. April 1995.

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (magna cum laude), English.** Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. August 1992.

**Brigham Young University Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies, Jerusalem, Israel.** Study Abroad Program, Summer 1990.

## **Professional Licenses**

- State Bar of Illinois, admitted to practice 2009.
- State Bar of Nebraska (inactive), admitted to practice 1995.

## **Recent Law School, University & External Service Assignments**

- Chair, Subcommittee on Administration, School of Law Self-Study Committee. 2022-2023 Academic Year.
- Chair, School of Law Admissions Committee. 2021-present.
- Co-Chair, School of Law Strategic Planning Committee. 2021-present.
- Chair, School of Law Curriculum Committee. 2018-2021.
- Member, American Bar Association Law School Site Visit Accreditation Teams. Fall 2022 and Spring 2018.
- Member, Southern Illinois University System Diversity Advisory Council. 2020 to 2022.
- Member, Southern Illinois University Judicial Review Board. 2020 to present.
- Member, Ad-Hoc Peer Review Committee, Law School Curriculum, University of Nairobi School of Law Mombasa Campus. Spring 2021.
- Member, Illinois First Judicial Circuit At-Large Circuit Judge Search Committee. Spring 2021.

## **Selected Honors and Awards**

- SIU School of Law Outstanding Teacher for 2022-2023 Academic Year.
- Fulbright Specialist, United States State Department, 2021-2025. Assigned to conduct trial advocacy educational consultation at the Law Development Centre in Kampala, Uganda, beginning in November 2021.
- Outstanding Judge, Drexel School of Law Battle of the Experts Mock Trial Competition. Fall 2019.
- SIU School of Law Outstanding Scholar for 2013-2014 Academic Year.
- Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Tel Aviv, Israel. Summer 2013.
- SIU School of Law Outstanding Teacher for 2011-2012 Academic Year.
- Class of 2012 Senior Class Award, Southern Illinois University School of Law.
- Defender of the Innocent Award (with SIU School of Law and Professor William Schroeder), Illinois Innocence Project. April 2012.
- Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal. Two awards: May 2002 and May 2006.
- Army Commendation Medal. Two awards: May 1999 and May 2000.

## **Scholarship**

### **Books:**

Christopher W. Behan & Antony M. Kolenc, *Evidence and the Advocate: A Contextual Approach to Learning Evidence* (Carolina Academic Press 2d ed., May 2018).

Christopher W. Behan & Antony M. Kolenc, *Teacher's Manual for Evidence and the Advocate: A Contextual Approach to Learning Evidence* (Carolina Academic Press 2d ed., July 2018).

Christopher W. Behan, *Evidence and the Advocate: A Contextual Approach to Learning Evidence* (New York: Lexis/Matthew Bender) (April 2012).

Christopher W. Behan, *Teacher's Manual for Evidence and the Advocate: A Contextual Approach to Learning Evidence* (New York: Lexis/Matthew Bender) (June 2013).

David Schlueter, Charles H. Rose III, Victor Hansen and Christopher W. Behan, *Military Crimes and Defenses* (New York: Lexis/Matthew Bender) (3d edition 2018; 2d ed. 2012; 1st ed. 2007); annual updates for each edition.

Christopher W. Behan, Case File: *People v. Vonda Fitzpeter* (Florida: Practice Ready Press 2014).

### **Articles in Professional Journals:**

*Teaching Courtroom Advocacy Principles and Skills Across Systems and Cultures*, 46 Southern Illinois University Law Journal 1-34 (2021).

*It's a Wonderful Rule: Reflections on the Life and Career of Professor William A. Schroeder through the Lens of Federal Rule of Evidence 404(a)*, 41 Southern Illinois University Law Journal 239-46 (2017).

*Military Commissions and the Classified Evidence Conundrum: A Semi-Panglossian Solution*, 37 Southern Illinois University Law Journal 643-693 (2013).

*Everybody Talks: Examining the Admissibility and Probative Value of Coercively Obtained Evidence in Trials by Military Commission*, 48 Washburn Law Journal 563-616 (2009) (lead article in 2d volume of Global War on Terror Symposium edition).

*From Voyeur to Lawyer: Vicarious Learning and the Transformational Advocacy Critique*. 38 Stetson Law Review 1-40 (2008) (lead article in Center for Excellence in Advocacy Symposium edition).

*When Turnabout is Fair Play: Character Evidence and Self-Defense in Homicide and Assault Cases*. 86 Oregon Law Review 733-795 (2008).

*'The Future Ain't What It Used to Be': New Developments in Evidence for the 2005 Term of Court*. Army Lawyer 56-79 (April 2006).

*New Developments in Evidence for the 2004 Term of Court*. Army Lawyer 4-27 (April 2005).

*The Thrill and Excitement of Impeachment by Contradiction*. Army Lawyer 10-16 (October 2004).

*New Developments in Evidence 2003*. Army Lawyer 11-36 (April 2004).

*Don't Tug on Superman's Cape: In Defense of Convening Authority Selection and Appointment of Court-Martial Panel Members*. 176 Military Law Review 190-308 (2003).

*The Integrated Active and Reserve Division: Background, Legal Foundation, and the Role of Judge Advocates*. Army Lawyer 1-9 (March 2003).

## **Book Reviews:**

*Review of* M.L. Gross, *Bioethics and Armed Conflict: Moral Dilemmas of Medicine and War* (2006). 28 *Journal of Legal Medicine* 163-69 (March 2007).

*Review of* F.L. Borch, *Judge Advocates in Combat: Army Lawyers in Military Operations from Vietnam to Haiti* (2001), 174 *Military Law Review* 180-188 (2002).

## **Other Scholarly Activity:**

The Advocacy Teaching Blog, <http://advocacyteaching.blogspot.com/> (co-administrator) (currently dormant).

Prepared Statement of Christopher W. Behan, Associate Professor of Law, Southern Illinois University School of Law to the Department of Defense Adult Sexual Assault Crimes Panel (Sep. 24, 2013), available at <http://responsesystemspanel.whs.mil/index.php/meetings?id=17>.

## **Selected Professional Presentations**

Presenter, Southernmost Illinois Conference on Criminal Justice, “Restoration, Reformation, and Re-entry,” June 24, 2023. Title: *Turning V into We: A Vision to Transform Criminal Law Through Restorative Justice*.

Moderator, Moderator, Southern Illinois University School of Law Journal Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the School of Law. April 14, 2022. Moderated three panels:

- Illinois Supreme Court Justices and Clerks.
- Deans’ Panel.
- Charter Class Panel

Panelist, Southern Illinois University School of Law, “Students for Fair Admisson v. President & Fellows of Harvard College & Students for Fair Admission v. University of North Carolina,” March 23, 2023.

Panelist (via Zoom), Belmont Criminal Law Journal Symposium, “Global Perspectives: Criminal Justice Reform in the United States and Around the World,” March 4, 2022. Topic: Potential Influence on American Criminal Procedure of Criminal Reconciliation Procedures in Uganda and Kenya.

Guest Speaker (via Zoom), Jackson County Bar Association October Meeting, October 21, 2021. Topic: The Pedagogical Benefits of Hybrid Competition Teams in Interschool Legal Skills Competitions.

Guest Lecturer, University of Nairobi School of Law International Criminal Law Course (via Zoom), October 27 and November 11, 2021. Topic: The Law of Armed Conflict and Use-of-Force Decisions.

Co-Presenter (with Sam Akhwale, Kenya School of Law), Advance Mentorship Program for Young Lawyers and Advocates, August 2021. Title: *Professional Ethics: Relationship to the Public*.

Co-Presenter (with Dean Camille Davidson), American Inn of Court Lincoln's Inn, April 2021. Title: *Systemic Racism and Implicit Bias in the Legal System*.

Presenter, SIU Law Journal Symposium, "Innovations in International Legal Education During the Pandemic: Breaking Down Physical Barriers and Borders with Technology And Cutting-Edge Teaching Pedagogies," April 2021. Title: *Teaching Universal Courtroom Advocacy Principles Across Systems and Cultures*.

Guest Lecturer, University of Nairobi School of Law-Mombasa Campus (via Zoom), November 2020. Title: *The Law of War in Light of Contemporary Issues in Ethiopia and ICC Investigations of Conduct in Afghanistan*.

Panelist, SIU System Veteran's Summit Symposium, Mount Vernon, Illinois, September 2019. Panel: *Veteran Treatment Courts*.

Co-Presenter, Educating Advocates Conference, Stetson University School of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida, May 2019. Title: *My Favorite Drill: Using Drills to Teach and Reinforce Advocacy Skills*

Moderator, SIU Law Journal Symposium "Exploring the Second Amendment 10 Years After DC v. Heller," *Gun Rights Outside the Second Amendment*, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, April 2018.

Moderator, SIU Law Journal Symposium "Prosecuting Terrorism and International Crimes," *Difficulties with Evidence Gathering in Terrorism and International Crime Cases*, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, Illinois, April 2017.

Panelist, Educating Advocates Conference, *Revamping Advocacy Programs: Best Practices, ABA Standards, Regional Practices*, Stetson University School of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida, May 2015.



Speaker, 2014 Southern Illinois University Carbondale Assessment Conference, SIUC, Carbondale, Illinois. October 2014. Title: *Integrating Multiple Assessment Methods to Teach Complex Performance Skills*.