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### **Education**

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1987  
B.A., Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, *summa cum laude*, 1983

### **Work Experience**

Teacher, Southern Illinois University School of Law, starting as an adjunct professor in 1992  
Classes taught include: Legal Writing; Family Law; Property; Torts; Advanced Real Estate Transactions; Children and the Law; Domestic Violence Clinic; Elder Law Clinic; State and Local Government; Governmental Ethics; Crime Victims and Witnesses; and Slavery, Race, History and Law in Southern Illinois

Lieutenant Governor, Illinois, 2011-2015

- Spearheaded legislation on strip club tax to support services for sexual assault survivors, improvement to state law on children of active military families
- Chaired committees on education leadership, school consolidation, rural affairs, military bases, and major rivers

Assistant State's Attorney, Jackson County Illinois, 1994-1998

Private practice of law, 1992-1994

Legal services staff attorney, Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance, 1987-1992

### **Experience Outside Work**

Current board service:

- 50 x 2026 Advisory Board (Advocating for civics education nationally)
- Change Illinois (Advocating for Illinois governmental reform)
- Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Marsy's Law Illinois (advocating for crime victim rights)
- Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs' Charitable Trust Advisory Board

Aspen Rodel Fellow. A two-year, national, bipartisan leadership development seminar.

Illinois Arts Council, member 2005-2010

Carbondale City Council, member 2003-2007

Former board member, Carbondale NAACP

Former chair and member of judicial screening committee for U.S. Senator Dick Durbin

The Women's Center, former board member and treasurer

## **Selected publications**

### Books:

- *Legal Writing* (with Richard Neumann, Jr. and Suzianne Painter-Thorne) (Aspen Publishers, Fifth Edition 2023).
- *Legal Writing* (with Richard Neumann, Jr. and Suzianne Painter-Thorne) (Aspen Publishers, Fourth Edition 2019).
- *Legal Writing* (with Richard Neumann, Jr. and J. Lyn Entrikin) (Aspen Publishers, Third Edition 2015).
- *Legal Writing* (with Richard Neumann, Jr.) (Aspen Publishers, Second Edition 2010, First Edition 2008).
- *Divorce: A Client's Guide* (Justice Publications, Quincy, Illinois 1993).

### Law Review Articles:

- *Johnson v. M'Intosh: 200 Years of Racism that Runs with the Land*, SIU Law Journal, 47 S.I.U L. J 311 (Winter 2023).
- *Blowing Up Missouri: Lessons for the Next Great Flood*, UMKC L. Rev, forthcoming
- *A Stacked Deck: The Ethics of Making Laws About Gambling*, 2021 U. Ill. L. Rev. 1795 (2021).
- *On Target? Assessing Gun Sanctuary Ordinances the Conflict with State Law*, 122 W. Va. L. Rev. 817 (Spring 2020).
- *Jazz and Family Law: Structures, Freedoms and Sound Changes*, 42 Ind. L. Rev. 657 (2009).
- *Greatest Hits: Domestic Violence in American Country Music*, Vol. 82, No. 4.Or. L. Rev. 1107 (Winter 2003).
- *Survey of Illinois Family Law – The Illinois Domestic Violence Act*, 27 S. Ill. L.J 719 (2003).
- *Eunice and Pablo* (original song lyrics and sheet music, a ballad about a real Jackson County, Illinois attempted murder case) *The Green Bag*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Series, Vol. 5, No. 2 (Winter 2002).

### Selected Articles on Teaching:

- Three entries in *Teaching the Law School Curriculum* (Steven Friedland and Gerald Hess, eds.) (Carolina Academic Press 2004).
- *Order What are your Words in? How Foreign Languages Can Help You Teach the Structure of Legal Writing*, *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing*, Vol. 10, No. 3, p. 124 (Spring 2002).

### Selected other publications:

- *Blowing Up Missouri*, *Belt Magazine*, <https://beltmag.com/blowing-up-missouri/> , December 15, 2023.

- Win or Lose, Campaigns Can Build Democracy, op-ed co-authored with Brad Cole, Executive Director of the Illinois Municipal League, The State Journal-Register, March 5
- *A Warm Bucket of What? Assessing the Role of Lieutenant Governor in Illinois*, Paper #43, The Simon Review, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute (August , 2015).
- *Lieutenant Governor's account of gun fire at Bud Billiken*, Chicago Tribune, August 11, 2014.
- *Game Changers: Innovative Practices in Illinois Higher Education* (written with staff) February, 2013.
- *Focus on the Finish: A Report on Illinois Community Colleges to Governor Pat Quinn and the Illinois General Assembly* (written with staff) January, 2012.
- *Loose Gravel*, compact disc, with Maria Johnson, Cindy Clark, Jayme McCarroll and Lynda Killoran (Five of the 15 tracks are my compositions) 2004.
- *In Sentence Of Death There Can Be No Doubt*, Chicago Sun-Times, Dec 9, 2000.
- *Lawyers, Hearing Impaired Clients and the Americans with Disabilities Act*, (with Roy Miller) 81 Illinois B.J. 153 (March 1993).

### **Presentations at National or International Conferences**

- Property Law: Stuff You'll Want to Steal: Ideas for Teaching Topics in Property Law, one of three presenters, AALS Conference, January 6, 2023.
- On Target? Assessing Gun Sanctuary Ordinances that Conflict with State Law, presented at West Virginia Law Review symposium on conflicts between state and local governments, 2020.
- Teaching Students with the Universal Language of Music, panelist/performer, Global Legal Skills Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, 2019.
- Bridging the Divide of Political Polarization, panelist, AALS President's panel, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2019.
- If You Vote For Me, I Promise I Will Do Something: Election Laws Across Borders, lunch plenary session with Judge Keith Etherington, Stoke-on-Kent, UK, and Paul-Mathieu Grondin, Montreal, Canada, ABA Young Lawyers Division Spring Conference, May 6, 2016.
- Divine Secrets of the Ha-Ha Sisterhood, with Mary Beth Beazley of the Ohio State University School of Law and Hollee Temple of West Virginia University College of Law, Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, plenary session, 2008.
- RESPECT: Find out what it means to me (and a few ways to get there), with Melissa Werish of Drake University School of Law and Mark Wojcik of John Marshall Law School, Biennial Conference of the legal Writing Institute, 2006.
- American Country Music Family Law Sing-Along, World Conference of the International Society of Family Law, plenary session, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2005.
- Three fun and funky ways to teach the structure of legal writing, Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, 2004.

### **University Service**

- University Teaching Excellence Award committee, 2021
- SIU system-wide working group on economic and community impact of the university system, 2020.
- President's committee on economic development and community engagement, 2020.
- Provost Search Committee member, 2019.
- Provost's Ad Hoc Committee on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues, member, 2005-2006
- SIU task force on free speech policy, member, 2004
- WSUI/WUIS Friends Board, member, 2002
- Morris Library Board of Visitors, member, 2002-2005

### **Bar Admissions**

United States Supreme Court, 1996

United States District Court, Southern District of Illinois, 1989

Illinois, 1987