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## Teaching Experience

**Lecturer**                      Georgia State University College of Law                      2018-Present

- Courses taught: Civil Procedure I, Civil Procedure II, Professional Responsibility, Advanced Strategies in Legal Argument, Animal Law
- Selected text and course materials and created syllabus for Civil Procedure I, which includes introduction to the American court systems, subject matter jurisdiction, personal jurisdiction, venue, and *Erie* doctrine
- Selected text and course materials and created syllabus for Civil Procedure II, which includes introduction to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and trial procedure from drafting complaints to handling post-trial motions and appeals
- Selected text and course materials and created syllabus for hybrid Professional Responsibility course
  - Awarded College of Law innovation grant to develop course
  - First College of Law online course certified by the University's Center for Teaching and Learning
- Faculty advisor for College of Law Moot Court program, consisting of 50 students who participate in approximately 18 regional and national competitions annually
- Member of Student Affairs committee (2019-Present)
- Member of Curriculum committee (2017-Present) tasked with revamping College of Law Curriculum
- College of Law liaison to political science department faculty search committee (2018-2019)

**Lecturer**                      Georgia State University College of Law                      2014-2018

- Taught required 6-hour Lawyering: Foundations courses which provide legal analysis and writing instruction and require students to draft legal memoranda, trial and appellate briefs, client letters, file memoranda, intra-office emails, correspondence to opposing counsel, and other documents frequently drafted by practicing lawyers
- Provided written feedback to each student on more than 15 homework assignments and 5 memoranda and briefs during Lawyering: Foundations courses
- Held multiple conferences with each student during Lawyering: Foundations courses to provide individualized feedback and give students opportunities to ask questions and seek clarification on homework and drafts of major written assignments
- Served as member of faculty development committee

**Adjunct Instructor**

Advanced Legal Writing Certificate,  
Walter F. George School of Law

2012-2014

- Designed courses, developed syllabi, selected texts, prepared course outlines, and gathered all course materials for advanced legal writing group courses
  - Motions for Summary Judgment
  - Civil and Criminal Litigation Drafting
  - Advanced Legal Writing
- Advised students on preparation of legal writing portfolio required to obtain Certificate in Advanced Legal Writing, Research, and Drafting and graded student portfolios for compliance with program-wide requirements

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**Speaking Engagements and Media****Presenter**

- National Labor Relations Board Senior Field Examiner and Compliance Officer Conference—Persuasive Legal Writing and Reasoning (Fall 2019)
- Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference—Incorporating Writing Assignments into Doctrinal Courses (Summer 2019)
- Defense Research Institute Appellate Advocacy Seminar—Advanced Tips for Effectively Editing Appellate Writing (Summer 2019)
- Georgia State Bar Young Lawyers Division Litigation: Soup to Nuts Continuing Legal Education—Legal Writing for New Lawyers: Turning Law School Basics into Effective Advocacy (Spring 2019)
- Defense Research Institute Product Liability Conference—Brief Writing for the iPad Reader (Winter 2019)
- Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference— Connecting with Technology: Students, the Bench, and the Bar (2018)
- Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference—Way Back to School: Intersections of Classical Rhetoric and Contemporary Law (2018)
- Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference—To Boldly Go: How We Created a Successful Online Legal Writing Course (2018)
- Continuing Legal Education—Emoji Law 101 (2017)
- American Association of Law Schools Conference—Building and Sustaining Academic Communities Through Blogging and Other Tools (2017)
- Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference—New Scholars, New Insights: The Road to Scholarship as Seen by Newer Professors (2016)
- Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference—What Do Today’s New Associates Actually Do? (And How Can We Prepare Students to Do It?) (2016)
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and National College for DUI Defense’s 18th Annual DUI Means Defend with Ingenuity Conference—Legal Writing for the Real World—Persuading the Trial Judge and Legal Writing Workshop (2014)
- Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference—How I Use John Roberts’s *Alaska v. EPA* Brief to Teach Advanced Legal Writing (2014)

## Media

- Featured in Marietta Daily Journal, *BoC Punts on Proposed Pet Sale Ban*, Aleks Gilbert (January 29, 2020)
- Quoted in Atlanta Journal-Constitution, *Why a Small Change in Law Could Create Danger for Students*, Ty Tagami (May 24, 2018)
- Quoted in Atlanta Journal-Constitution, *Dog Policies Divide Diners, Shoppers*, Leon Stafford (April 7, 2016)

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## Publications

### Books

- *Show, Don't Tell: Legal Writing for the Real World* (Carolina Academic Press, 2014) (co-authored with Adam Lamparello)

### Law Reviews and Journals

- Book Review, *Legal Writing Style*, 19 THE SCRIBES JOURNAL OF LEGAL WRITING 198 (2020)
- Editor and Mentor: Making Effective Use of the Revision Process, 62 FOR THE DEFENSE MAGAZINE 14 (February 2020)
- *Georgia Aquarium v. Pritzker*: The Beginning of the End for Belugas in Captivity in the United States, 25 ANIMAL L. 93 (2019)
- Book Review, Legal Writing Lessons from American Presidents, 15 LEGAL COMM. & RHETORIC: JALWD 287 (2018)
- On Point: A Review of Ross Guberman's *Point Taken: How to Write Like the World's Best Judges*, 13 LEGAL COMM. & RHETORIC: JALWD 231 (2016)
- Legal Writing in the Real World—Using Practitioners' Briefs to Teach Advanced Legal Writing Strategies, 23 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 74 (2014)
- Riding the Bench—A Look at Sports Metaphors in Judicial Opinions, 5 No. 2, HARV. J. SPORTS & ENT. L. 245 (2014).
- Vulnerable Victims: Increasing Animal Cruelty Sentences to Reflect Society's Understanding of the Value of Animal Lives, 45 CONN. L. REV. CONTEMPLATIONS 31 (2013) (with Adam Lamparello)
- Legal Writing for the "Real World": A Practical Guide to Success, 46 J. MARSHALL L. REV. 487 (2013) (with Adam Lamparello)
  - Selected for inclusion in course materials at 2014 Appellate Judges Education Institute, presented by Dedman School of Law and the ABA Judicial Appellate Judges Conference
  - Litigation Pick of the Week, TechnoLawyer Blog
- A Dog in the Fight: *U.S. v. Hargrove* and Why Americans Should Care About Sentencing Guidelines in Animal Cruelty Cases, 40 RUTGERS L. REC. 249 (2013) (with Adam Lamparello)

## Bar Journals

- Making Effective Use of the Revision Process, For the Defense (February 2020)
- Fact Statements Part II: More than “Just the Facts,” 23 No. 2 Georgia Bar Journal 60 (October 2017)
- Fact Statements Part I: More than “Just the Facts,” 23 No. 1 Georgia Bar Journal 76 (August 2017)
- Blogging for Lawyers, The Verdict (Fall 2015) (Georgia Trial Lawyers Association)
- More Writing for Judges, Sidebar (Spring 2014) (Federal Bar Association Litigation Section)
- Writing for Judges: Easy, Effective Ways to Improve Motions, Briefs, and Other Filings, Sidebar (Fall 2013)
- Using Legal Writing and Research Skills to Win at Summary Judgment, 18 No. 6 Georgia Bar Journal 60 (April 2013)

## Lady (Legal) Writer Blog (<http://www.ladylegalwriter.blogspot.com>)

- American Bar Association Journal Blawg 100 Honoree (2013, 2014, 2015)
- Prepared blog posts on various legal writing topics including recent judicial opinions, grammar, word usage, email etiquette, book reviews, and the intersection between popular culture and legal writing

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## Legal Employment

**Partner**                      Boyd Briefs    Atlanta, Georgia                      2015-Present

- Provided legal writing services for practicing attorneys in state and federal trial and appellate courts, drafting a variety of pleadings, including complaints, answers, motions to dismiss and responses, motions for summary judgment and responses, motions challenging expert testimony (*Daubert* motions) and responses, motions in limine, pre-trial orders, and appellate briefs
- Collaborated with practicing attorneys to develop litigation plans, including analyzing claims and defenses, considering timing and types of motions and pleadings, developing legal and factual arguments, and establishing other pre-trial and trial strategies and tactics
- Drafted briefs in Georgia trial courts, Court of Appeals of Georgia, Supreme Court of Georgia, United States district courts, and United States courts of appeals

**Law Clerk**                      Honorable Asha F. Jackson    2013-2015  
DeKalb County Superior Court

- Reviewed all written motions in criminal and civil proceedings, researched authority cited by parties, performed independent research on issues presented, and provided written summary of issues and recommendations to assist judge in issuing rulings

- Drafted written orders in criminal and civil cases outlining pertinent factual background, issues presented, applicable law, and judge's findings and holdings
- Assisted judge in making evidentiary and other rulings from the bench in jury trials and issuing judgments in bench trials
- Heard oral arguments on criminal motions, including motions to suppress, motions in limine, evidentiary motions, and motions for new trial, and heard oral arguments on civil motions, including motions to dismiss, motions to compel, motions for summary judgment, and motions in limine

**Attorney**

Carlock, Copeland & Stair, LLP

2010-2013

Bad Faith and Coverage Counsel

- Analyzed complex insurance coverage issues; prepared coverage opinions; drafted declaratory judgment actions, discovery documents, motions, and briefs; took and defended depositions; argued dispositive and other motions; prepared pre-trial and trial documents; and participated in all stages of trial including voir dire, opening and closing arguments, and direct and cross-examination of witnesses
- Represented clients before Georgia and federal appellate courts
- Defended insurers in first-party and third-party bad faith actions
- Advised insurers on best practices to minimize and avoid bad faith claims

Defense Counsel

- Defended clients involved in complex construction cases; prepared pleadings, discovery documents, motions, and briefs; took and defended depositions of factual and expert witnesses; argued motions; developed trial strategy and tactics; and represented clients in mediations and all aspects of trial
- Served as lead defense counsel for construction clients in arbitration proceedings before American Arbitration Association
- Defended clients in trucking and transportation matters, business litigation, class action lawsuits, professional malpractice actions, and other types of litigation

Leadership Roles

- Co-chairperson of Appellate Practice group

Representative Decisions

- *Ferrell v. Young*, 323 Ga. App. 338, 746 S.E.2d 167 (2013)
- *Carter v. Progressive Mtn. Ins. Co.*, 320 Ga. App. 271, 739 S.E.2d 750 (2013)
- *Roberson v. Leone*, 315 Ga. App. 459, 726 S.E.2d 565 (2012)
- *Estate of Serrano v. New Prime, Inc.*, No. 1:11-CV-1250, 2013 WL 2637023 (N.D. Ga. June 12, 2013)
- *Young v. Progressive Max Ins. Co.*, No. 5:12-CV-221, 2013 WL 2458426 (M.D. Ga. June 6, 2013)
- *Thomas v. Strange Eng'g, Inc.*, No. CV111-074, 2012 WL 993244 (S.D. Ga. Mar. 22, 2012)

**Attorney**

Mozley, Finlayson &amp; Loggins, LLP

2008-2010

- Served as junior counsel and assisted lead attorneys in all stages of litigation, including researching state and federal legal issues; preparing pleadings, discovery documents, motions, and briefs; taking and defending depositions; developing trial tactics; and representing clients at trial
- Analyzed coverage issues involving auto, jewelry, E&O, CGL, including coverage questions arising from fraud, employee theft, arson, and natural disasters
- Secured grant of summary judgment on basis of sophisticated user defense to machine shop-client in multi-million-dollar products liability action
- Secured grant of summary judgment against client's former employee for theft

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**Education****J.D., magna cum laude**

Walter F. George School of Law

2008

- Jesse Mercer Scholar
- Member, Mercer Law Review
  - Eleventh Circuit Survey Editor
- Student Editor, Journal of Southern Legal History
- CALI Awards
  - Advanced Strategies in Legal Argument
  - Poverty Law

**B.B.A., summa cum laude**

Mercer University

2005

- Member, Phi Kappa Phi
- Member, Beta Gamma Sigma
- Teaching Assistant, Women and Gender Studies
- Study Abroad, St. Peter's College, Oxford, England

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**Bar and Court Admissions****State Bar of Georgia**

- All superior, state, and magistrate courts
- Court of Appeals of Georgia
- Georgia Supreme Court

**United States District Courts**

- Northern District of Georgia
- Middle District of Georgia
- Southern District of Georgia

**United States Courts of Appeals**

- Eleventh Circuit