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### EDUCATION

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**Columbia College** ■ New York, NY

**B.A., 1979**

Urban Studies and History (double major)

Dean's List, William Curtis Prize (Public Speaking)

**Vanderbilt University School of Law** ■ Nashville, TN

**J.D., 1982**

Articles Editor, *Vanderbilt Law Review* (1981 -1982)

Symposium Editor, *Vanderbilt Law Review* (April issue, 1982)

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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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*At the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO:*

**Lawyering Process Professor** ■ 2003 – present ; **Director**, 2008 - present

Lawyering Process ■ I teach one section of first-year students the introduction to legal method and expression, which includes legal analysis, research and writing, and oral argument. I select the text and develop my own syllabus; I do all lectures and grading.

As the Director of the Lawyering Process Program, I coordinate a group of nine LP Professors to deliver this course to the entire first year class. Our group closely cooperates with each other, and we have a formal mentoring program for new hires. We are known for leadership in technology and outcomes assessment.

Discovery Practicum ■ I teach one section of upper-level students a 3-credit course focused on the discovery period in civil litigation. In the context of a pending litigation, students prepare 12 different written discovery documents, conduct a deposition, and ultimately settle the case. I developed the course and conduct all lectures and grading. I use a text that I authored for this course: [\*Skills & Values: Discovery Practice\*](#) (LexisNexis 2010).

Administrative Law ■ I occasionally teach this upper-level required course in the law of the administrative state. I selected the text and developed the syllabus. I incorporate advanced classroom technology in this class, including using a student response system (“clickers”) and group projects using Wiki software.

**Adjunct Professor** ■ 1991 - 1997

Lawyering Process ■ In addition to teaching this course as an Adjunct, I assisted the director, Prof. John Reese, in implementing changes to the program. In the last two years, I gave several of the lectures that brought all of the first year students together.

**Adjunct Professor** ■ 1992 - 1994

Litigation Practicum ■ This upper-level course addressed the discovery process in a practice-focused setting. I developed the syllabus and did all lectures and grading.

*At the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY:*

**Adjunct Professor** ■ 1984 – 1985

Legal Research and Writing ■ I taught 32 students the full year legal research and writing course, including all syllabus and lecture development, and all grading.

*At the Phillips Academy, Andover Summer Session, Andover, MA:*

**Instructor** ■ Summer, 1985

Jurisprudence ■ I taught an intensive 6-week course in legal history and philosophy. I developed the syllabus, selected the texts, and gave two-hour lectures six days per week and all grading.

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PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

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**Partner/Owner**, Judson Thomson, LLC, Denver, CO, 2000 – 2003

Litigation of numerous cases in State and Federal Court. Lead attorney on a large case for an Indian Tribe against the United States. Several employment discrimination cases; general corporate representation for several non-profit organizations. Management and mentoring of younger legal staff.

**General Counsel**, Colorado Legal Network, Inc., Denver, CO, 1993 – 2000

All legal and corporate matters for this Internet Service Provider and content Web site. Managed employees, acquisitions, P&Ls, investments and budgets. Litigation management and prevention.

**Senior Associate**, Rothgerber, Johnson & Lyons, Denver, CO, 1990 – 1993

Practice focused on Environmental and Construction litigation. Represented the second largest construction firm in the Rocky Mountains. Numerous cases involving negotiation and settlement in a complex regulatory environment.

**Managing Attorney**, Price Waterhouse, Washington, DC, 1988 – 1990

Managed staff on several large, multi-location assignments. Established methods of managing contracts on large consulting projects. Developed expert systems for legal document generation.

**Trial Attorney**, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC, 1985 – 1988

Environmental Enforcement Section, Land and Natural Resources Division. Handled rolling docket of 30 cases in 12 Federal Courts. Lead Trial counsel on largest Clean Air Act case – government verdict. Lead attorney on the largest Superfund site in the United States.

**Associate**, Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler, New York, NY, 1982 – 1985

Varied litigation experience, including product liability defense, trademark infringement, and ERISA.

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PUBLICATIONS

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**Books**

- David I. C. Thomson, *Skills & Values: Discovery Practice* (LexisNexis/Matthew Bender, 2010). <http://www.discoveryskills.com>
- David I. C. Thomson, *Law School 2.0: Legal Education for a Digital Age* (LexisNexis/Matthew Bender, 2009). <http://www.lawschool2.com>

**Articles**

- David I. C. Thomson, *New Ways to Teach Drafting and Drafting Ethics*, 12 *Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law* 187 (2011), with Susan Duncan (Louisville).
- David I. C. Thomson, *Outcomes & Assessment: A Golden Opportunity for LRW Professors*, 24 *Second Draft* 4 (2011).
- David I. C. Thomson, *How Legal Writing Faculty can Contribute to Their Law School's Assessment Plan*, Summer 2011 issue of the AALS Legal Writing's Section Newsletter.
- David I. C. Thomson, *The Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers Project at IAALS at DU*, CBA Legal Connection, August 31, 2011. <http://bit.ly/rb5lyd>
- David I. C. Thomson, *Update: Using CaseMap in Legal Research and Writing Classes and Clinics*, AALS Section on Teaching Methods Newsletter, December 2009. [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1551416](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1551416)
- David I. C. Thomson, *Using a Wiki to Increase Student Engagement in Administrative Law*, 15 *The Law Teacher* 5 (2008). *Reprinted in:* 35 *Administrative & Regulatory Law News* 18 (Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice, ABA, Spring 2010). *Reprinted in: Techniques for Teaching Law 2* (Carolina Academic Press, 2011).
- David I. C. Thomson, *Effective Methods of Teaching Legal Writing Online* (2008), available at: [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1159467](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1159467)
- David I. C. Thomson, *CaseMap as a Tool for the Research Log Function: Finally, a Technology that Can Help us Teach Better* (2007), available at: [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=996739](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=996739)
- David I. C. Thomson, *Review of Lifting the Fog of Legalese: Essays on Plain Language*, 36 *Colorado Lawyer* 87 (2007).
- David I. C. Thomson, *Teaching as Art Form – A Review of The Elements of Teaching*, 15 *Perspectives* 41 (2006).
- David I. C. Thomson, *Sometimes You Have to Be the Guide on the Side*, 20 *Second Draft* 23 (2005)

- David I. C. Thomson, *Problems of Proof in False Comparative Product Advertising: How Gullible is the Consumer?* 72 Trademark Rep. 385 (1982).
- Editor, Preparatory Materials, *A Forum on Legal Education and Preparedness for Practice*, Jointly sponsored by the Colorado Bar Ass'n, the University of Colorado School of Law, and the University of Denver College of Law, September 24, 1994.

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#### PRESENTATIONS

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- *Update on Outcomes Assessment in Law School*, Opening Keynote at the Center for Excellence in Law Teaching Conference, Albany, NY, March 29, 2012.  
<http://bit.ly/CELTCConf>
- *Finding Lost Stories in the Digital Morass and Emerging Modalities for Telling Them*, at the Third Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Denver, CO, July 9, 2011.  
Supporting website at: <http://bit.ly/Storytelling2011>
- *Teaching an Integrated Course with a Hybrid Text*, at the Summer Conference of the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, New York, NY, June 3, 2011.
- *Leveraging Technology for Better Teaching without Increasing Cost*, an invited talk at FutureEd3 Conference, co-sponsored by Harvard and NY Law School, New York, NY, April 15, 2011. Prezi available at: <http://bit.ly/fjw3E5>
- *Managing Laptops and Mobile Devices in the Classroom*, a CTL-sponsored presentation (with Professor Christoph Demont-Heinrich from the Media Studies Department), Denver, CO, January 21, 2011.
- *How LRW Faculty Can Contribute to their Law School's Assessment Program*, AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning and Research (LWRR), three hour program, with Sophie Sparrow (UNH) and Lori Shaw (Dayton), San Francisco, January 5, 2011. Supporting website at: <http://bit.ly/AALS2011>
- *Mile High Summit on Training: Are Things Coming to a Peak?* Presentation to the American Association of Law Libraries, Denver, Colorado, July 11, 2010 (panel discussion with Victoria Szymczak (Brooklyn), Tommy Preston (South Carolina), Linda-Jean Schneider (Drinker, Biddle LLP) and Molly Peckman (Dechert LLP)).
- *A New and Urgent Role for the LRW Professorate: The Impact of Technology on Law and Legal Education*, Presentation at the Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Marco Island, Florida, June 29, 2010 (with Ian Gallacher (Syracuse), Ellie Margolis (Temple), and Kristen Murray (Temple)).
- *New Ways to Teach Contract Drafting*, Presentation at the Transactional Law Teaching Conference, Emory University Law School, Atlanta, GA, June 5, 2010 (with Susan Duncan (Louisville), Lisa Penland (Drake), Sue Chesler (Arizona State), and Karen Sneddon (Mercer)).
- *The Potential for the iPad and Law School Textbooks*, Presentation to the Publications Advisory Board for LexisNexis, Colorado Springs, CO, May 6, 2010.

- *Law School 2.0*, Keynote Speaker, Conference of the New England Association of Law Librarians, Portsmouth, NH, April 23, 2010.
- Moderator, *CTL 2010 Winter Conference: Education and the New Media*, Denver, CO, January 29, 2010.
- *Technology in Law Teaching*, Invited presentation to the Faculty of Appalachian Law School, Grundy, VA, November 5, 2009.
- *Using Twitter to Support your Teaching and Scholarship*, Luncheon Keynote speaker, annual conference of the eLearning Consortium of Colorado, Denver, CO, October 30, 2009.
- *Law School 2.0*, CLE Presentation to the DU Law Adjunct Faculty, Denver, CO, October 21, 2009.
- *Using Scrivener, Twitter, and the Kindle to Support your Scholarship*, Presentation to the faculty of the Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, August 27, 2009. Supporting website at: <http://bit.ly/w1Jtq1>
- *The Potential for eReaders and Law School Textbooks*, Presentation to the Publications Advisory Board for LexisNexis, San Antonio, TX, July 20, 2009.
- *Law School 2.0: Legal Education for a Digital Age*, Presentation at the biennial meeting of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, Kansas City, MO, July 18, 2009. Supporting website at: <http://bit.ly/3O9JjD>
- *Using a Wiki to Increase Student Engagement in Administrative Law*, Presentation at the Summer Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, June 24, 2009, Spokane, WA. Supporting website at: <http://bit.ly/3OEc2L>
- *Using CaseMap in the Teaching of Legal Writing*, Invited Presentation to the Faculty of Loyola Law School (LA), Los Angeles, CA, June 12, 2009.
- *Future Trends in Legal Education*, Panel presentation at Doyle Inn of Court, Denver, CO, April 22, 2009 (with Arthur Best (Denver) and Dana Matthews (Colorado)).
- *Practical Legal Education in the United States*, Keynote speaker and two-day workshop leader for Deans and Professors of 12 Chinese law schools, Beijing, China, October 28 and 29, 2008.
- *Teaching Legal Writing Online*, Presentation at the biennial conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Indianapolis, IN, July 16, 2008. Supporting website at: <http://bit.ly/vmiAhy>
- Hybrid Textbooks for Law Teaching, Presentation to the LexisNexis Publications Advisory Board, Las Vegas, NV, April 26, 2008.
- *Don't Ban Them, Use Them*, as the opening presentation of a panel sponsored by the Teaching Methods Section of AALS entitled "Attractions and Distractions, Laptop use in the Law School Classroom," at the AALS 2008 Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 5, 2008. Supporting website at: <http://bit.ly/uP2ewi>

- *In Defense of Judicial Humor*, at the Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, co-sponsored by the Legal Writing Institute and the City University Inns of Court Law School, London, England, July 19, 2007.
- *The Use of Student Response Systems (“Clickers”) in Law School Pedagogy: A Workshop on Methods to Increase Interaction in Class*, Summer Conference of the Institute for Law School Teaching, Boston, MA, June 8, 2007.
- *Conference Poster session on Podcasting and Vodcasting at Technology & the Human Intellect: Computer Literacies and Development of the Creative Mind (CTL, April 27, 2007)*, Denver, CO.
- CLE on *Ethics, Privacy and the New Electronic Discovery Rules*, Privacy Foundation, Denver, CO, April 20, 2007.
- *The Use of Wimba Live Classroom in Online Pedagogy*, Denver, CO, April 4, 2007.
- *Technology for Teaching: New Tools, Better Learning*, Presentation to the Sturm College of Law Adjunct Faculty, March 13, 2007.
- *Preparing for the New Students: New Technologies in the Service of Teaching Legal Writing*, Biennial conference of the Legal Writing Institute, June 10, 2006 (with Tracy McGaugh (Touro) and Cliff Zimmerman (Northwestern)), Atlanta, GA.
- *Online Course Design*, for the Faculty of the School of Social Work at the University of Denver, July 19, 2006.
- *CaseMap Software in the Teaching of Legal Writing*, Annual CALI (Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) Conference, Chicago, IL. June 10, 2005.
- *Designing Law Courses in an Online Environment*. Presentation to the Faculty of the Masters of Science in Legal Administration Program (MSLA) at the Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO, June 3, 2005.
- *Using CaseMap for Scholarly Research*. Presentation to the Sturm College of Law Faculty, sponsored by the Faculty Development Committee, Denver, CO, April 8, 2005.
- *Introduction to Collaborative Learning*. Presentation to Workshop of Professors and Instructors at the University of Denver, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, Denver, CO, March 25, 2005.
- *Expanding Collaborative Learning in the Lawyering Process Course*, Teaching and Learning Grant awarded by the Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Denver, Denver, CO, November 22, 2004.
- *BookLocker: A State of the Art Approach to Balancing the DRM Equation*, EDUCAUSE, Denver, CO, October 20, 2004.
- *Using CaseMap to Help Students make the Leap from Legal Analysis to Legal Writing*. Presented to the Teaching with Technology Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, August 10, 2004.

- *BookLocker and Electronic E-Books for Law Students*. Presented with Jennifer Moore-Evans and Jessica Hogan, at the CALI Conference, Seattle, Washington, June 17, 2004.

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#### CONFERENCES HOSTED

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*Legal Education at the Crossroads, v 3.0: Assessment*, Denver, CO, September 11 – 13, 2009. 150 attendees. *Program and all materials can be found here:* <http://bit.ly/JeQbf>

*Applied Legal Storytelling, Chapter 3*, Denver, CO, July 8 – 10, 2011. 103 attendees. *Program and all materials can be found here:* <http://bit.ly/hTqr70>

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#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- *Skills & Values: Lawyering Process – Legal Writing & Oral Advocacy* (LexisNexis/Matthew Bender, *forthcoming*, 2013)
- *In Defense of Judicial Humor*
- *Storytelling in Data Visualizations*
- *The Relationship Between Musical forms and Rhetoric*

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#### COMMITTEE SERVICE

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*I served on the Law School's Appointments Committee from 2007 – 2011. I served on the University's Dean Search Committee in 2009 – 10. I have served on two Curriculum Committees, and Chaired the Skills Implementation Committee in 2009 – 2010.*

*In the Academic Year 2011-2012, I am serving on the law school's Modern Learning Committee and the 405(c) Committee. I also serve on the University's Distance Learning Council, and the Technology Futures Committee for the Board of Trustees of the University. I am also on several committees that support the work of the Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers Project at IAALS. <http://etl.du.edu>.*

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#### APPOINTMENTS

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Fellow, Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers, IAALS, <http://iaals.du.edu/>, 2012-present.

Elected member of the Board of the Legal Writing Institute (LWI), 2010-2014.

Conference Committee, Biennial Conference of the LWI, 2010 & 2012.

Chair, Website/Communications Committee, Legal Writing Institute, 2008 – 2010.

Assistant Editor, *The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*, 2004 – 2006.

LexisNexis Law School Advisory Board, 2006 – 2010.

Teaching Grants Review Committee, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2009.

Teaching Committee, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2008-present.  
LexisNexis Publications Advisory Board, 2008 – 2012.

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**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

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New York, New Jersey and Colorado (*retired* in NY and NJ, *active* in CO).  
United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit  
Federal District Courts of Colorado, New Jersey, S.D.N.Y. and E.D.N.Y.  
United States Court of Claims

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

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Legal Writing Institute  
Association of Legal Writing Directors  
American Bar Association  
Colorado Bar Association  
Denver Bar Association

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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Chairman, Legal Education and Admissions Committee, Colorado Bar Ass'n 1993-1996.  
Vestry (Elected Board), St. John's Cathedral, 2000-2003.  
Member of the Board, The Denver Bach Society, 1999-2003.  
Chairman, Stewardship Education Committee, St. John's Cathedral, 2002 – 2004.  
Member of the Board, Executive Committee, Work Options for Women, 2003 – 2009.