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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Visiting Assistant Professor of the Practice and Assistant Director, DU Bar Success Program Jan 2024 - Present

Adjunct Professor, Legal Analysis Strategies Jan 2020 – May 2023

Visiting Assistant Professor of the Practice, Externship Program May 2020 – Aug 2021

- Facilitate 1-2 seminar courses per semester (including summer) for first-time student externs to advance self-reflection on skills development and professional identity formation
- Advise 100s of students per semester on appropriate externship placements with an expertise in judicial and solo/small private law firms
- Serve as faculty supervisor of 60 students per semester at various site placements and coordinate with field supervising attorneys

Interim Director, DU Bar Success Program Aug 2020 – Dec 2020

- Teach learning strategies and bar substantive topics by facilitating workshops to prepare graduates for the bar exam (120+ graduates in the summer; 30+ graduates in the winter)
- Meet with unsuccessful examinees to dissect scores and issues with the prior exam performance and coach to successful strategies for repeat attempts
- Provide counseling and individual coaching to dozens of students twice a year regarding their bar exam study habits, barriers, and overall study approach
- Review and provide constructive feedback to students on essay and performance test writing assignments.

Courses of Record

Legal Analysis Strategies

Spring 2023; Fall 2022; Fall 2021; Hyflex Format - Spring 2021; Spring 2020;

This course provides students in their last semester of law school with instruction, practice, and feedback in legal analysis, problem-solving, and communication skills by simulating problems that students will encounter on the bar exam and as lawyers. The purpose of LAS is to enhance learning, analytical, and communication abilities within a framework of educational psychology strategies and core substantive areas to provide a strong foundation for bar exam preparation and performance.

Developing the Lawyer Externship Seminar

Synchronous Format - Summer 2021; Asynchronous Format - Spring 2021

This seminar is designed for individuals with at least 1-2 years of professional work experience prior to law school. This seminar focuses on the skills, competencies, and values students bring with them and how they apply to the legal profession within their externship placement as they begin formation of a new professional identity. This identity transformation focus is grounded in each student choosing a biography/memoir/autobiography of an aspirational attorney to read and use as context for their own development throughout the semester.

Fundamental Lawyering Skills Externship Seminar

Synchronous Online Format - Summer 2021; Spring 2021; Fall 2020; Summer 2020

This seminar will focus on the values and skills necessary to succeed in legal practice, whether your client is a private individual, an organization, the government, or the public at-large. We will reflect on these values and navigate the development of your own identity as a lawyer to inform your current field experience and promote your entrance into the legal profession.

Externship Field Credit - Summer 2021; Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Summer 2020

Students are supervised by externship program faculty supervisor through reflective-based assignments throughout the semester in addition to required individual meetings with their faculty supervisor.

University of Idaho College of Law

Assistant Clinical Professor of Law for Bar Success Aug 2021 – Aug 2023

- Instruct 2-3 courses per year in Advanced Legal Reasoning focused on legal problem-solving in the bar exam context
- Direct and instruct a post-graduate bar exam success program to teach learning strategies, review bar exam substantive topics, and guide experiential practice
- Meet with unsuccessful examinees to dissect scores and issues with the prior exam performance and coach to successful strategies for repeat attempts
- Provide counseling and individual coaching to over 100 students each year regarding their bar exam study habits, barriers, and overall study approach

- Review and provide constructive feedback to students on essay and performance test writing assignments

Courses of Record

Applied Legal Reasoning

Spring 2022; Spring 2023

Training in the analytical, writing, and organizational skills needed to efficiently analyze legal questions under time pressure and prepare for the bar exam. Using 2–3 doctrinal subjects, students apply critical reading, issue spotting, organizational, and writing skills to multiple-choice, essay, and performance problems. Open only to students in their last year of law school. Graded pass/fail.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEGAL EDUCATION

Helix Bar Review by AccessLex, Manager, In-School Programming

Aug 2023 – Jan 2024

- Develop curriculum for synchronous and asynchronous law school JD courses and bar exam skills programming.
- Facilitate workshops and courses for law schools to develop law student academic and bar exam skills
- Work collaboratively with a team to execute institutional partnerships at over a dozen ABA-accredited law schools.
- Develop a new curriculum for repeat bar exam takers to better address challenges often experienced by repeat exam takers.

University of Denver Sturm College of Law

Jun 2014 – May 2020

Director, Professional Part-Time JD Program (Mar 2018 – May 2020)

- Manage the program’s academic and student support programming and services across multiple departments
- Evaluate the effectiveness of instructional methods, programmatic offerings, and the overall program to inform improvements and changes using evaluative instruments
- Provide strategic support to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for curriculum and student concerns
- Managed the development and launch of the new weekend/hybrid format in 2018 in consultation with faculty, staff, and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Bar Success Coach & Writing Adviser (May 2016 – Dec 2019)

- Co-teach exam topics and facilitate workshops to prepare students for their state bar exam
- Review and provide constructive feedback to students on Bar Success essay and performance test writing assignments
- Provide counseling and advice to students regarding their bar exam study habits, barriers, and overall study approach

Associate Director, Student Affairs (Jan 2019 – May 2020)

Assistant Director, Student Affairs (Jan 2016 – Aug 2018)

- Served as acting Asst. Dean of Student Affairs (Oct 2017- Jan 2018) supervising two employees and a student work study
- Developed and implemented Denver Law's student life program including orientation, graduation, student awards program, peer mentor program, wellness initiatives, and other Student Affairs programs as needed
- Worked with students with disabilities and appropriate administrators to deliver approved accommodations in compliance with ADA standards
- Provided general academic and personal counseling for students and assisted them in finding appropriate solutions and/or referred them to appropriate professional services as needed
- Advised and developed the Student Bar Association and liaised between the student organizations and the administration

Finance & Budget Coordinator (Jun 2014 – Jan 2016)

- Processed, tracked, and audited all financial transactions, handled and verified cash and check deposit cash-flow, and provided monthly budget reports to relevant stakeholders
- Reviewed and approved unit-wide time reporting for SCOL employees and managed hiring processes
- Managed compliance-oriented projects regarding document retention and risk management assessment for SCOL

Student Leader, Academic Achievement Program (Aug 2013 – May 2014)

- Led weekly review sessions on material covered in students’ Contracts courses and general law school study skills
- Provided one-on-one coaching for difficult legal concepts, study habits, and other issues impeding student academic success

Teaching Assistant, Legal Writing, Prof. Anderson (Aug 2013 – May 2014)

- Reviewed and provided constructive feedback to students on drafts of legal writing assignments and projects

- Led class sessions on topics such as legal research and legal writing citations

NON-LAW TEACHING & ADVISING

Curriculum Director & Lead Facilitator, Delta Lambda Phi – Delta Force Leadership Academy Sep 2017 – Oct 2021

- Develop curriculum and activities for developing individual leadership and group collaboration skills
- Facilitate the academy curriculum modules and provide real-time evaluative feedback to academy participants.
- Work collaboratively with a facilitation team to execute the intensive weekend leadership experience

Univ. of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix, Coordinator, Student Services & Recruitment Jul 2011 – Aug 2012

- Created and delivered presentations highlighting the advantages and benefits of UA's M.D. program
- Represented the College at medical and graduate student recruitment events and served as a resource to pre-health advisors for undergraduate programs
- Coordinated and implemented major events for the college including Commencement, Residency Match Day, and State Residency Fair for 200+ students and hundreds of campus staff and faculty
- Developed an academic success advising and mentorship program in coordination with medical faculty

Apollo Group, Inc. | University of Phoenix Jan 2008 – May 2011

Training Manager (August 2009 – May 2011)

Training Administrator (August 2008 – August 2009)

- Trained over 1000 counselors/advisors in over 20 different states on the College of Education programs to ensure regulatory compliance of advising on licensure degree programs
- Facilitated weekly national web-conferences on various topics with audiences of 250+
- Assisted with policy implementation of teacher education programs with the deans/executives of the College of Education

Academic Counselor (January 2008 – August 2008)

- Advised 400+ students on a range of academic issues including degree information, courses, student success tips, and graduation assistance
- Provided leadership by facilitating 2 volunteer training sessions on job-related functions to better co-workers and team members on advising students for degree completion

Drum Major and Leadership Clinician, Fred J Miller, Inc. | Summer Clinics May 2006 – Jun 2007

- Facilitated and taught leadership development sessions personalized for different high school programs.
- Taught conducting skills and helped develop team-building skills through discussion and practical activities

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, University of Arizona "Pride of Arizona" Marching Band Feb 2005 – Dec 2005

- Instructed 280 members, 10 sections, and the entire band teaching marching and music fundamentals
- Assisted in instruction and training of student leadership staff and new graduate assistants

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Intern, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education Jun 2013 – Aug 2013

- Assisted legal team by conducting client interviews, analyzing case data, identifying and applying correct legal standard for applicable civil rights laws, and drafting letters for 10 cases
- Responded to customer service inquiries for the office, conducted legal research for various attorneys, and assisted in drafting a Letter of Finding for a major transgender sex discrimination case

Delta Lambda Phi Social Fraternity Aug 2008 – Jan 2019

Executive Director (Aug 2009 – Aug 2012; Jul 2018 – Jan 2019)

- Supervised and mentored over 30 volunteer staff virtually across the United States and Canada
- Developed and managed an annual balanced budget of \$150,000 per year in addition to assisting with auditing procedures
- Planned and coordinated 21 regional conferences and four national conventions to promote academic and leadership programming, as well as organizational policy-making
- Created and implemented a comprehensive resource strategy to achieve a growth rate of 150% (2009-2012)

Director of Operations (Sep 2008 – Aug 2009)

- Developed and refined a tracking system for national obligations using Atlassian software
- Tracked, reported, and collected legal and financial obligations for the national organization from all chapters
- Developed a tracking system and coordinated registration details for six regional conferences and one national convention

- Received, recorded, and deposited all national fraternity operational monies amounting to \$200,000 per year

LICENSURE

Bar Licensure

State of Colorado, admitted May 2016, *Current Active Member*

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Pugh, K., **Newman, C.**, Cropp, S., Younis, M. Transformative Learning within Cultural Spaces: Transformative Experience Interventions through the Lens of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy. In *Educational Interventions: A Sociocultural Perspective*, 13th volume of the Book Series: *Research on Sociocultural Influences on Motivation and Learning*, Information Age Publishing (2020).

PRESENTATIONS

- DeShun, N., Gallini, B., Landrum, S., Miceli, A., Newman, C. (2022, November). *Next Steps for the NextGen Bar Exam*. LexCon '22 by AccessLex, Nashville, TN.
- Freeman, A., Hulse, K., **Newman, C.** (2020, November). *Supporting Externs from Diverse Backgrounds*. University of Denver Sturm College of Law Externship Program, Webinar.
- Robbins, J., **Newman, C.**, Schulze Jr., L., Walter, K. (2020, January). *Part-Time Division Programs: Pedagogy and Pragmatism: Challenges of Teaching Part-Time Students*. Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Johns, S., DeForest, D., **Newman, C.** (2019, May). *A Lesson in a Box: A Sample Bar Success Workshop Lesson Plan to Enhance Bar Preparation Learning*. Association of Academic Support Educators Conference, Seattle, WA.
- **Newman C.** (2018, October). *An Introduction to the Collaborative Way: A Set of Tools for Working Together Effectively*. Delta Lambda Phi Regional Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- **Newman, C.** (2012, October). *Applying to Professional/Graduate School*. Delta Lambda Phi Regional Conference, Denver, CO.
- **Newman, C.** (2012, February). *Time to SWOT: Gaining Focus and Progressing Forward*. National Collegiate Leadership Conference, Tucson, AZ.

SERVICE

University of Idaho

Committees (College of Law)

- Admissions Committee, 2021-22; 2022-23 (Chair)
- Curriculum Committee, 2021-22
- Academic Hearing Board, Fall 2021

Other

- 1L Faculty Mentor

University of Denver

Committees (Sturm College of Law)

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, *Appointed Member*, 2020-21
- Emergency Relief Fund Committee, *Appointed Member*, March 2020-August 2021
- Student Awards Committee, *Co-Chair*, January 2016-May 2020

Other

- “Mentoring Family” 1L Advisor (Sturm College of Law)
- Academic Advising (Sturm College of Law)
- Staff Advisory Council, *Appointed Member*, May 2017-Aug 2018 (University of Denver)

Colorado Bar Association (CBA)

CBA Young Lawyers Division Executive Council, *Student Liaison* (2012-2013)

Delta Lambda Phi Social Fraternity

Advisor to the Executive Director, Office of the Executive Director, Jan 2019-July 2023
Secretary, Board of Directors, Jan 2015–Aug 2016; Aug 2017–Jul 2018

Chapter Mentor, Arizona State University Chapter, Sep 2009-Sep-2011
Executive Director, Board of Directors, Aug 2009-Jul 2012; July 2018-Jan 2019

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Student Bar Association
Most Outstanding Staff/Administrator (2020)

National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals (NALSAP)
Inaugural Innovation and Impact Award (2019)

Corporation for National & Community Service
The President's Volunteer Service Award (2012)

Delta Lambda Phi Social Fraternity
Vernon L. Strickland III Founder's Award (2012); Yellow Rose Alumni Association Award (2012); Spirit of the Centaur Award (2010); The Newman Award (2006 – named in my honor)

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO
Juris Doctor

Certificate in Legal Research, Westminster Law Library

Awards and Scholarships: Outstanding Student Leader Award (2015); Morrisard & Rossi Endowed Scholarship (2014-2015); Student Leadership Award (2014); Bruce B. Johnson Scholarship (2013-2014); Earl and Anna Hirsch Endowed Scholarship (2013-2014); Crimson & Gold Scholarship (2012-2015)

University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ

Master of Arts in Education – Curriculum & Instruction

Master of Arts in Education – Adult Education & Training

Action Research Project Proposal: Improving Community College Retention

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Bachelor of Arts in Education – Secondary Social Studies, minor in Music Education; cum laude

Awards and Scholarships: Spirit of Discovery Scholarship (2001-2005); PFLAG Scholarship Recipient – PFLAG Phoenix Chapter (2006); Resident Assistant of the Month – Intermountain Affiliate of College & Univ. Residence Halls (2003); Resident Assistant of the Month – University of Arizona National Residence Hall Honorary (2003)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Programs and Conferences

- Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE) Annual Conference, San Jose, CA, May 2023
- AccessLex Symposium '22 and LexCon '22 Conference, Nashville, TN, November 2022
- Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE) Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, May 2022
- AALS Annual Meeting, Online, January 2021 and January 2022
- AccessLex Symposium '21 and LexCon '21 Conference, Webinar
- West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals 9th Annual Conference, Online, Fall 2021
- Black Lawyers Matter: Strategies to Enhance Diversity and Inclusion, Online, October 2020
- Externships 10 Conference, Online, October 2020
- West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals 9th Annual Conference, Online, October 2020
- AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2020
- West Coast Consortium of Academic Support Professionals 8th Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, October 2019
- Online & Hybrid Learning Pedagogy: *Toward Defining Best Practices in Legal Education*, Denver, CO, September 2019
- NALSAP Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., June 2019
- Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, May 2019
- University of Denver Leadership Academy, Cohort-2 Graduate, 2017

Membership & Involvement

- Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE), *Member*
- Colorado Bar Association, *Member* (2012-2019)

- University of Denver Sturm College of Law Student Law Office, *Student Attorney*, Community Economic Development Clinic (2013-2014)
- Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honorary, *Member*
- University of Denver Sturm College of Law Student Bar Association; *1L Senator*, 2012-2013; *Treasurer*, 2013-2015
- Associated Students of the University of Arizona Pride Alliance; *Executive Board Member*, 2003-2004
- Delta Lambda Phi Social Fraternity, Omega Chapter; *Founding President*, 2004-2006
- “Pride of Arizona” Marching Band; *Assistant Drum Major*, 2003
- University of Arizona Residence Life; *Resident Assistant*, 2003-2005

INTERESTS & HOBBIES

Marathons (one full marathon, four half marathons), mountain road cycling (Triple Bypass finisher), percussion performance, grass/sand volleyball, racquetball, hiking, backpacking, trail running, personal and leadership development, strategy board games, and visiting breweries.