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EXPERIENCE

CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW, San Diego, CA

Vice Dean for Academic Affairs

Director of Clinical Externship Program

Legal Writing Professor (July 2020–Present)

Adjunct Professor

Honors: 1L Professor of the Year (2021-2022)

EDUCATION

CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW, San Diego, CA

Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*

- Top 1%, based on class standing of 1/206
- Academic Achievement Awards (Highest Grade in Classes): Legal Skills I & II; Criminal Law; Property I; Contracts I; Evidence; STEPPS I & II; Wrongful Convictions; International Law; Conflicts of Law; Border Crimes
- Kennedy Scholar Recipient (Highest Merit Scholarship)
- *California Western Law Review*, Editor-in-Chief
- Dean's List
- Maritime Law Society, Co-Founder
- Distinguished Advocate Award

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, San Diego, CA

Bachelor of Arts, History

- Revelle College Christine Norris Award Recipient (Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities Program)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

“Current Issues in Employment Law”

- MCLE Program at California Western School of Law (December 8, 2020)

“The Germ of an Idea: How CWSL Adapted Its Legal Skills Program in Response to the Pandemic”

- *Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop* (December 9, 2020)

“The Unified Legal Skills Program: How CWSL Adapted to Meet the Needs of Students Online, and How Those Adaptations May Inform Post-Pandemic Teaching”

- *Nova Law Review and NSU Law Legal Research & Writing Symposium* (February 26, 2021)

“Supervising and Supporting Today's Legal Externs”

- SoCalEx Consortium CLE Program at California Western School of Law (May 22, 2025)

PUBLICATIONS

The Unified Legal Skills Program: How One Law School Adapted to Meet the Needs of Students Online, and How Those Adaptations May Inform Post-Pandemic Teaching, 45 NOVA L. REV. 419 (2021) (with David Austin, Allison Cato, and Amy Day)

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Faculty Appointments Committee

Ad Hoc Committee on Grading and the Curve

Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws
Ad Hoc Committee on Experiential Learning
Dean of Students Search Committee
Faculty Diversity Committee
Faculty Development Committee
Professional Responsibility Committee
Transition Committee
Faculty Advisor for *California Western Law Review*

PROFESSIONAL

Member of the California Bar since February 2015
Louis M. Welsh Inn of Court, Member
Legal Writing Institute, Member
Association of Legal Writing Directors, Member
American Bar Association, Member
San Diego County Bar Association, Member
San Diego County Native American Lawyers Association, Member
California Western School of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, Director (2017–2020)
Community Law Project, Volunteer Attorney

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

THE LAW OFFICE OF NICHOLAS A. BOYLAN, APC, San Diego, CA
Associate Attorney
Law Clerk

THE HONORABLE IRMA GONZALEZ, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, San Diego, CA
Judicial Extern

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE, CIVIL DIVISION, San Diego, CA
Law Clerk

PROFESSOR LISA BLACK, CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW, San Diego, CA
Honors Instructor, Legal Skills I & II

PROFESSOR JOHN E. NOYES, CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW, San Diego, CA
Research Assistant

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN DIEGO, La Jolla, CA
Teaching Assistant, Revelle Humanities Program