

STEPHANIE J. THOMPSON

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Education

Georgetown University Law Center, Juris Doctor, 1998

Dean's Honor List; Articles Editor for the *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review*; Phi Delta Phi, East San Jose Worker's Rights Clinic; Street Law Clinic

University of California, Davis, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & History, 1995

Women's Varsity Soccer Team, Team Captain & NCAA All-American Academic Athlete; California Storm Women's Semi-Pro Soccer Team; Dean's High Honor List; Political Science Department Award; Political Science Honor Society; White House Intern

Teaching & Research Interests

Primary Interests: Legal Research & Writing, Torts, Remedies, Academic Success, Employment Law, Tort Liability for Gun Manufacturers

Additional Interests: Criminal Law, Defamation, Teaching Pedagogy & Assessment

Academic Teaching Experience

Professor of Law, Legal Practice, McGeorge School of Law (2003-present)

Courses: Global Lawyering Skills (LRW) I, II, III, Torts, Remedies, Criminal Law, Employment Law, California Employment Law Practicum, Written Discovery, Principles of Agency Law, Defamation, Accelerated Honors Program Summer Externship Seminar, LLM Legal Writing, Guns & Torts

Awards: Global Legal Skills Conference Recognition of Achievement in Global Legal Skills Education Award, 2024; McGeorge School of Law Teaching Innovation Award, 2019; McGeorge School of Law Extraordinary Contribution Award, 2009

Representative Committee Work: Curriculum (Chair), Grading & Advancement (Chair), Teaching Methods (Chair), Law School Assessment (Chair), Orientation (Chair), Faculty Advisory Committee (Member), Recruitment Committee (Member), Admissions Committee (Member), Expanded Employment-Promotion-Tenure Committee (Member), Honors & Awards Committee (Member), University-wide Assessment Committee (Law School Representative); University-wide International Programs & Services Committee (Law School Representative)

Director of Academic Success, McGeorge School of Law (2016-2021)

Developed and ran a two-year comprehensive legal skills program for 1L and 2L students. The 1L program includes an integrated skills course within a substantive course (Torts), a weekly mandatory skills course, a weekly mandatory study group led by an upper division mentor, and numerous practice exams with individualized feedback. The 2L program consists of individual tutoring of up to 30 2L students, along with optional skills development and feedback sessions.

Assistant Director & Coordinator, Global Lawyering Skills Program, McGeorge School of Law (2009-2016 & Spring 2025)

Helped develop, direct, and administer a robust 8-unit, 3-semester legal research and writing program with numerous adjunct professors.

BEAT (Bar Exam Advantage Training) Summer Program Professor, McGeorge School of Law (2024)

From May through the end of July, hold weekly conferences, provide weekly feedback on essays and performance tests, and supply positive encouragement and motivation for a group of 15+ McGeorge graduates sitting for the California Bar Exam for the first time.

Legal Practice Experience

Associate Attorney, Employment Law Group, Winston & Strawn, Los Angeles, 2000-2004

Associate Attorney, General Civil & Employment Law Groups, Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, Los Angeles, 1998-2000

Law Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, Criminal Appeals Division, Washington, D.C., 1997-1998

Summer Associate, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, Los Angeles, 1997

Judicial Extern, Sacramento Superior Court, Civil & Criminal Motions, 1996

Intern, Yolo County District Attorneys' Office, Consumer Fraud Division, 1995

Selected Works in Progress, Publications, Presentations & Other Academic Activities

Works in Progress:

A New Parlor is Open: Microfeminisms Are Needed in Law School to Combat Gender Bias. An article accepted for publication in the *Stetson Law Review Unending Conversation* regarding the use of micro-feminisms in law school to raise women's voices and reverse assumptions about gendered roles in law school and in the legal profession.

Currently researching and writing an untitled article evaluating whether the traditional law school curriculum should be modernized considering the rollout of the Next Gen Bar Exam and the current generation of law students.

Currently research and writing an untitled article evaluating the proximate cause requirement under the predicate exception to the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. Awaiting the Supreme Court's opinion involving that topic in *Smith & Wesson v. Estados Unidos Mexicanos*, which is scheduled for oral argument on March 4, 2025.

Books:

LEGAL WRITING AND GLOBAL LAWYERING SKILLS, Third Edition, West Academic Publishing 2023, co-authored with Mary-Beth Moylan and the McGeorge Global Lawyering Skills faculty.

CORE KNOWLEDGE FOR LAWYERS, TORTS, Carolina Academic Press 2020, online interactive teaching and testing platform co-authored with Lawrence Levine.

GLOBAL LAWYERING SKILLS, Second Edition, West Academic Publishing 2018, co-authored with Mary-Beth Moylan and the McGeorge Global Lawyering Skills faculty.

GLOBAL LAWYERING SKILLS, West Academic Publishing 2013, co-authored with Mary-Beth Moylan and the McGeorge Global Lawyering Skills faculty.

LEGAL WRITING EXERCISES: A CASE FILE AND FORMULA-BASED APPROACH TO LEGAL REASONING, West Academic Publishing May 2010.

Articles/Essays:

Sharing My Own Insecurities with Students to Build Connection and Confidence, AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Newsletter (Spring/Summer 2024).

Enduring Hope? A Study of Looping in Law School, co-authored with Mary-Beth Moylan, 48 Duquesne Law Review 455 (Spring 2010).

Using Calibration Sessions to Create Reliable and Fair Assessments, co-authored with Hether Macfarlane, The Second Draft (Spring 2010).

The Many Faces of Online Courses: Using Online Courses to Facilitate Faculty Interaction, co-authored with Adrienne Brungess, The Second Draft (Spring 2009).

Presentations:

Getting More Creative and Collaborative to Maximize Experiential Learning Opportunities Panel, SEALS Annual Conference, upcoming in July 2024.

Let's Work Together: Integration and Collaboration Between Casebook Courses and LRW Courses, Empire State Legal Writing Conference, Fordham School of Law, May 2024.

Mock Criminal Law Class, Sacramento Legal Employer Collective Pathway Project, November 2023.

Victim Impact Statement Debate, McGeorge School of Law, Moderator, March 2021.

Academic Support Panel, West Coast Consortium of Private Law Schools, October 2020.

A McGeorge Community Conversation Regarding the Breonna Taylor Grand Jury Decisions, Creator & Moderator, October 2020.

Evolution of an Academic Support Program, Association of Academic Support Educators, Annual AASE National Conference, Seattle University School of Law, May 2019.

Guided Self-Assessment in Peer Review to Advance Student Learning, University of the Pacific Center for Teaching and Learning Assessment Conference, March 2019.

A Systematic Approach to Complete Analysis, Association of Academic Support Educators, Annual AASE National Conference, Saint Louis University School of Law, May 2018.

Addressing Everyday Ethical Issues, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Berkeley Law, December 2012.

Bring the Audience to Life: Create a Cast of Characters for your Students to Address in Their Writing Assignments, co-presented with Gretchen Franz, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Palm Desert, May 2012.

Teaching Professional and Ethical Conduct in Lawyering Skills Courses, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, San Francisco, August 2011.

Learn the Latest in Teaching Legal Research; Developing Legal Research Exercises; and How Law Librarians Can Help You, Panelist on Teaching Research and Citation, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Santa Clara University School of Law, December 2010.

Interactive Research Workshop, Poster Presentation, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Marco Island, July 2010.

Rhetoric & Storytelling and Structure & Organization, Essential Lawyering Skills Program, McGeorge School of Law, May 2010.

Integrating International and Transnational Issues into a Legal Research and Writing Curriculum, co-author of presentation with Mary-Beth Moylan and Hether Macfarlane, Global Legal Skills Conference in Monterrey Mexico, February 2010.

Do Worksheets Work? Innovative Teaching Workshop, Association of Legal Writing Directors Annual Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, June 2009.

Critiquing Workshop Leader, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Indiana University School of Law, July 2008.

Top Ten Tips for New Legal Writing Faculty, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, William S. Boyd School of Law, March 2006.

Law School Service Activities

I take great pride in being a very active member of our campus community, serving the law school and engaging with students at any opportunity. Below are some examples of my dedicated service:

McGeorge Law Review, faculty advisor and mentor for numerous students

Criminal Law Society and Employment Law Society, faculty advisor

Orientation Program, faculty advisor, created and continue to teach in a 10-hour academic component included in our week-long orientation program

Summer Bridge Academy - developed and continue to teach in a two-week pre-law school program designed primarily for first generation students

Developed a comprehensive required experiential program, which requires two externships or clinical experiences along with 2-3 experiential skills courses in addition to the 8-unit LRW program

Developed assessment methods and coordinated annual assessments of the law school, including developing institutional learning outcomes, programmatic learning outcomes, curriculum mapping, and annual reporting

Moot Court Coach

Mock Class professor for high school pipeline programs

Admitted Students Day, Torts Mock Class

Faculty Advisor for mandatory 1L academic planning

Fall Spectacular Performer & MC

SBA Ping Pong Tournament, Faculty Champion

Kennedy Scholars Mentor

Bar Admissions, Other Organizations & Activities

State Bar of California, Admitted 1998

Professional Organizations: Legal Writing Institute, Association of Legal Writing Directors, Association of Academic Support Educators, Women Lawyers of Sacramento

National Committees: LWI Teaching Resources Committee, LWI Academic Support and Bar Prep Committee

Community Activities: Curriculum and Instruction Leadership Team for the Roseville Joint Unified School District, Placer SPCA Weekly Volunteer, Johnson Ranch Racquet Club Pickleball Team Member