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Bar Admission: Ohio 2008, active

Academic Experience

University of Cincinnati College of Law

Associate Dean for Academic Success and Bar Programs and Assistant Professor of Practice

(August 2025-Present)

Cincinnati. OH

Assistant Dean for Academic Success and Bar Programs

(July 2022-August 2025)

- Member of Dean's Leadership Team
- Consistently review, evaluate, and deliver academic success programming to support students throughout all three years in law school.
- Updated Orientation programming integrating doctrinal and skill instruction in Fall 2022.
- Created new Pre-Orientation Program, GENESIS, with an inaugural cohort in Fall 2024, focused on creating inclusion and belonging and providing assistance to students that are first generation law students.
- Oversaw transition from Study Group Leaders to 1L Fellows to provide support for first-year students in their first semester that integrates both doctrinal and skill instruction in Fall 2024.
- Manage Academic Success and Bar Programs budget.
- Manage and train Director of Academic Success and Bar Programs.
- Provide comprehensive post-graduate supplemental bar exam program and support with a focus on increasing access and participation.
- Collect and analyze data relative to student success and bar success including ABA Reporting.
- Provide institutional training on the bar exam including the changes anticipated with the shift to the NextGen Bar Exam.
- Member of committee building new 1L Integrated Skills course that seeks to break down silos between practical skills and doctrinal courses for second semester, first year students
- Teach both doctrinal and skills-based courses.
- Courses Taught
 - Orientation (Fall 2022 Present)
 - Legal Ethics Skills and Application (Fall 2022, 2023, and 2024)
 - Legal Analysis and Drafting: the UBE (Spring 2023, 2024, 2025)
 - Evidence (Fall 2023 and 2024)
- Committee Work
 - Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee (2023, 2024)
 - Faculty Advisor for Trial Practice Team (2023)
 - Professional Identity Committee (2023)
 - Ad Hoc Curriculum Reform Committee (2023)
 - Skills Working Group (2024)
 - US News Working Group (2024)

Assistant Dean for Academic and Bar Success, Charleston School of Law, SC

(August 2017-July 2022)

- Member of Executive Leadership Team
- Created comprehensive curriculum and programming to return school to ABA Standard 316 compliance.
- Raised bar passage despite declining entrance credentials. First time in-state bar passage raised 30% on July bar exam from last administration (July 2017) before my role through final administration under my programming (July 2022)

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- Conducted data analyses to assess and evaluate law school and bar exam performance to effectively drive programming.
- Managed Academic & Bar Success team including Director, Assistant Director, Composition Specialist, adjunct faculty, and student fellows.
- Managed budget for Academic and Bar Success Department.
- Provided one-on-one support to students.
- Implemented and managed comprehensive post-graduate bar review program to provide students with additional support by directing skills and faculty workshops, providing additional graded assignments, and administering exam simulations.
- Courses Taught
 - Orientation (Fall 2017 Fall 2021)
 - o Foundations for Professional Success (Fall 2020-Fall 2021)
 - o Academic Skills (Summer 2021)
 - Legal Skills (Fall 2017 Fall 2021)
 - o Bar Prep (Fall 2017-Spring 2022)
- Committee Work
 - o Academic Standards Committee (2017–2021)
 - Curriculum Committee (2017–2021)
 - Bar Performance and Academic Success (2020–2022)
 - Chair (2021–2022)

Adjunct Professor, University of Akron School of Law, Ohio

(2013)

- Taught academic success and bar exam courses for academically challenged students, successfully improving the academic and bar performance of at-risk law students.
- Delivered lectures and provided significant formative feedback on multiple-choice examination and law school essay examination approaches for at-risk, second semester, first-year law students.
- Designed and developed 3L bar preparation class curriculum.
- Courses Taught
 - o Contracts Law Lab (Spring 2013)
 - Early Bar Preparation (Spring 2013–Fall 2013)

Professional Experience

National Director of Institutional Partnerships, BARBRI

(2015-2017)

- Collaborated with law schools to create effective Academic and Bar Success Programs using BARBRI curriculum.
- Analyzed bar review data and delivered high-level assistance to law school faculty to ensure effective curriculum.
- Served as organization's liaison to law administrators and faculty.
- Taught MPT, Bar Exam, and Academic Support workshops at law schools nationwide.
- Provided training sessions for faculty implementing curricular offerings to ensure efficacy.
- Managed members of Institutional Programming Team.

Director of Strategic Accounts, BARBRI, Central Region

(2013 - 2015)

- Designed and timely distributed curriculum and courses among law school programs.
- Communicated effectively and generated opportunities to achieve partnership goals.
- Identified and resolved complex issues and problems.
- Coordinated with law schools in twenty-two states with focus on curricular and bar review assistance.
- Collaborated with several departments across the company in building this new area of business.

- Fostered and maintained constructive relationships at all levels.
- Provided support for institutions and faculty that adopted curricular offerings.
- Taught MPT, Bar Exam, and Academic Support workshops within law schools.

Director of Legal Education, BARBRI, Ohio

(2010 - 2013)

- Managed and prepared Ohio Bar Examination preparation courses, including study plans, essay and MPT grading,
- Nurtured cooperative relationships with five Ohio law schools, while employing effective marketing and sales strategies to generate revenue.
- Managed teams of student representatives at assigned law schools.
- Worked collaboratively with faculty and staff at assigned law schools.
- Taught students on MPT approach, essay writing, and MBE workshops as well as provided counselling on Bar Exam success.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Lake County Prosecutor's Office, Ohio

(2008 - 2010)

- Represented the State of Ohio in various pre-trial hearings, suppressions, dispositions, reviews, and restitution hearings.
- Formulated and conducted seventy-five bench trials in juvenile delinquency and Job and Family Services cases.
- Managed case load from the charging stage through final disposition.
- Completed Appellate Argument at Eleventh District Court of Appeals.

Education

- Cleveland State University College of Law
 - o Juris Doctor, 2008
- Miami University
 - B.A. English Literature, Cum Laude, 2005

Presentations

- LexCon, Non-Traditional Law Programs and Impact on Financial Aid and Student Success, with Kimberly Wilkes and Tina Bacon (November 2024)
- Association of American Law Schools, Criminal Procedure on the Next Gen Bar, with Brooks Holland, Flora Midwood, and Brian Sites (January 2024)
- Association of Academic Support Educators, Eliminating ASP Stigma with Community Centered Programming, with Lauren Emptage (May 2023)
- Association of Academic Support Educators, Making Feedback Work for You: Strategies for Teaching Effective Self Evaluation, with Preyal Shah, (May 2022)
- American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) National Conference, The Fundamentals of Productive and Effective Feedback from the Classroom to the Office, with Katie Brown and Sam Farkas (July 2021)
- Association of Academic Support Educators, The Lost Class No More! Using the MPT to Engage 2L Students, (May 2021)
- New England Consortium of Academic Support Professionals Conference, Supplemental Bar Design in Post COVID World, with Brittany Raposa and Yolanda Ingram (March 2021)
- Association of Academic Support Educators, Doing More with Less: How do We Create the Same Experience for February Bar Takers?, with Tommy Sangchompuphen (May 2019)
- American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) National Conference, Doing Our Part: The Library's Role in Supporting and Promoting Bar Preparation and Advancement of Students, with James McGrath, Russell McClain, and Katie Brown (July 2018)

Commitment to Service

- University of Cincinnati College of Law
 - o Assistant Coach for Case Classic Trial Advocacy Team, (Fall 2022)
 - Coach for Texas Young Lawyers Association Trial Advocacy Team, (Spring 2023, 2024)
 - Volunteer Judge for University of Cincinnati College of Law Intramural Moot Court Competition, (Fall 2023, 2024)
 - o Faculty Advisor for Juvenile Law Society, (2023-2024 school year)
 - o Coach for Catholic University Telecommunications Moot Court Competition Team, (Spring 2025)
- Charleston School of Law
 - o Coach for Mockingbird Trial Advocacy Competition Team, (Fall 2018)
 - Coach for University of Buffalo Herbert Weschler National Criminal Moot Court Competition Team, (Spring 2019)
 - Coach for University of San Diego National Criminal Procedure Competition Moot Court Team, (Fall 2019)
 - o Coach for All Star Bracket and National Challenge Competition Trial Team, (Fall 2021)

Affiliations

- Association of Academic Support Educators, (2017-Present)
 - o Chair of Assessment Committee, (2019–2020)
 - Chair of Professional Development Committee (2025-present)
 - o Committee Member of Assessment Committee, (2020–2021)
 - Committee Member of Programming Committee, (2021-2023)
 - Committee Member of Bar Advocacy Committee, (2023)
- The American Association of Law Schools (2025)
 - Section on Academic Support
 - Section of Evidence
 - Section of Professional Responsibility