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EDUCATION:

College: Bachelor of Arts, Spanish & Education, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1970 (four year merit scholarship). Six Credits—University of Guadalajara, Mexico.

Graduate: Master of Library Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1980 (graduate fellowship, 3.77 Q.P.A.)
Certificate, English as a Second Language, Southeastern Louisiana University, completed course work Summer 2008.

Professional: Juris Doctor, Ohio Northern University, School of Law, Ada, Ohio, 1989.

Computer: Expert Experience OCLC, LEXIS-NEXIS, DIALOG, MEDLINE, WESTLAW, Internet, Microsoft Word, Apple Mac, IBM.

HONORS/AWARDS:

Received a Certificate of Appreciation in 1999 from the First Year Law Students at Barry University for outstanding teaching and service to the school.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Professor, Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island. Teach Legal Research and Writing to first year law students; advise students; teach Legal Drafting; Publish. (Aug. 2008-Present).

Professor, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Taught Legal Research and Writing to first year law students; advised students; judged competitions. Published. (Aug. 2004—2008).

Professor, Texas Tech University School of Law, Lubbock, Texas. Taught Legal Research, Legal Writing, Client Interviewing and Counseling, Negotiating, and Mediation to fifty first year law students; student advisor. (Aug. 2000 to July 2003).

Professor, University of Orlando School of Law, Orlando, Florida. Taught Legal Research and Writing, Advocacy, Products Liability, and Legal Drafting to law students; advisor; Director-Academic Support Program, retention committee, self-study committee, published. During this time, I also taught ESL as an adjunct at the University of Central Florida Multi-Lingual, Multi-Cultural Studies program, and in UCF's Legal Research program. (Jan. 1997-Aug. 2000). (Barry University went bankrupt and later reopened.)

Coordinator—Legal Research and Writing Program, Regent University Law School, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Duties included Coordinator of Legal Research and Legal Writing for 150 law students of the first year class; curriculum design; created assignments (memoranda and briefs); instruction technology— Westlaw, Lexis, and the Internet, and publishing. I was also the Head of Reference in the Law Library for one year. (1993-1995).

Attorney, Riley & DeFalice, Pittsburgh, Pa. Duties included legal & medical research, including Westlaw, Dialog & Medline; instructing fifty attorneys on Westlaw and Lexis; brief and memo writing, motions, depositions, legal education, and client interviewing. Area of practice was asbestosis and medical malpractice. (1991-1993). (Firm closed.)

English/Paralegal Instructor, Penn State University, Allegheny Community College, The Language Center—Pittsburgh, Pa. Instructed English as a second language and paralegal courses—business law, research, writing; advised students; designed curricula. (Adjunct) (1989-1991).

Associate Director, Law Library, Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay, Pittsburgh, Pa. Responsible for medical and legal research for 150 attorneys; computerized literature searches on LEXIS and DIALOG (including MEDLINE); cataloguing; acquisitions. Instructed attorneys in the firm on LEXIS; managed the library budget of \$250,000. Supervised five personnel. (1983-1985).

English/Spanish Instructor, Sale Military Language School, Royal Moroccan Air Force Base, Sale, Morocco, Africa, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Defense. Instructed English as a Second Language/Spanish to Moroccan military personnel. (1974-1978).

U.S. Naval Officer/Lieutenant: Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas. Public Relations Officer/Editor—base newspaper. Responsible for advertising, promotional activities, ceremonies, tours, public speaking, recruiting, welcoming dignitaries, and managing a staff of ten. Also worked as a Personnel Officer, where I screened personnel records, evaluated personnel for promotions, advised personnel, scheduled training, and coordinated programs. (1971-1974)

SPECIAL TRAINING:

Certificate—Human Resources Management-Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, 2002.

Certificate—Alternative Dispute Resolution—South Plains Association of Governments, Lubbock, Texas, 2000.

Student Counselor—Dispute Resolution--Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Ada, Ohio, 1989.

BAR MEMBERSHIP:

Ohio (1989)

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS:

Creating An Appellate Brief Assignment: A Recipe for Success, 16 #3
Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 165-1168, Spring 2008.

Using Alternative Dispute Resolution in Legal Writing Courses, 14 #3
Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 157-159, Spring 2006.

Making Practice Oral Arguments Interesting, 14 #1 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 26-27, Fall 2005.

Talking Turkey (Using Toastmasters' Techniques in Oral Arguments), 20 #3
The Second Draft 17-18, Aug. 2005.

Advanced Legal Research Exercise Manual (book), West, 2001.

Common Threads (Using Synthesis Charts in Legal Writing), 15 #2 The Second Draft 11, June 2001.

Understanding Patents: A Legal Overview and Research Bibliography, 20 #4 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 85-110, Nov. 2001.

The Basics for Drafting Legal Documents, Texas Legal Pro, 2, Dec. 4, 2000.

Ten Tips To Improve You Legal Writing, 15 #2 Legal Assistant Today 73, Nov./Dec. 1997.

Writing Tips: Memo or Brief: A Legal Writing Outline, 13 #2 Legal Assistant Today 76-77, Nov./Dec. 1995.

A Research Cheat Sheet, 12 #5 Legal Assistant Today 49, May/June 1995.

Medical Research: And You Thought Legalese Was hard to Understand, 10 #6 Legal Assistant Today 124-127, July/Aug. 1993.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Who Says Muslim Women Can't Divorce?--A Comparison of Divorce Under Islamic and Anglo-American Law, 22 #1 New York International Law Review 201-248, Winter 2009.

The Other Side of the Coin: A Look at Islamic Law as Compared to Anglo-American Law—Do Muslim Women Really Have Fewer Rights Than American Women, 16 #2 New York International Law Review 65-145, Spring 2003.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

Speaker, Using Toastmasters' Techniques in Oral Arguments, Legal Writing Institute Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2005.

Speaker, Using Toastmasters' Techniques in Practice Oral Arguments, Rocky Mountain Institute, Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico, June 2003.