

COLLEEN ANNE BROWN
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LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2010 - present **Roger Williams University School of Law**
Professor of Legal Practice

- Teach law students the research, writing and analytical skills necessary to write a variety of legal documents and to communicate with varying audiences.

2009-2010 **Suffolk University Law School**
Adjunct Professor **Legal Practice Skills Program**

- Taught three sections of the Legal Practice Skills class for professors on leave for the spring semester

2004 - 2010 **New England School of Law** Boston, MA
Adjunct Professor **Legal Research and Writing Program**

- Taught legal research, writing and oral advocacy to a section of first-year law students

2001 - 2004 **Suffolk University Law School** Boston, MA
Instructor **Legal Practice Skill Program**

- Taught legal research, writing and oral advocacy to three sections of first-year law students
- Coach and advisor to the ABA Client Counseling Competition

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1999 - 2001 **Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts** Boston, MA
Senior Staff Attorney

- Provided written analysis and recommendations for the Justices on cases pending in the Appeals Court that merit transfer to the Supreme Judicial Court and on select applications for further appellate review
- Provided independent written analysis on select cases to be argued to the full court at monthly sittings
- Assisted in drafting opinions for pending cases
- Assisted in the supervision of the one-year staff attorneys
- Lecturer in the law clerk orientation program

1995 - 1999 **Rhode Island Ethics Commission** Providence, RI

Staff Attorney/Prosecutor

- Oversaw investigations and prosecutions of public officials charged with violations of the Code of Ethics
- Prosecuted cases before the Ethics Commission
- Drafted advisory opinions regarding the Code of Ethics
- Represented the Commission in proceedings in the Superior and Supreme Court
- Lectured on the applicability of the Code of Ethics

1993 - 1995 **Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts** Boston, MA
Staff Attorney (one-year term extended at the request of the court)

- Wrote bench memoranda for Justices on cases to be argued
- Assisted in selecting cases for *sua sponte* transfer
- Assisted in acting on applications for further appellate review

1992 - 1993 **Superior Court of Massachusetts** Boston, MA
Law Clerk

- Assisted Justices in all phases of civil and criminal litigation, including trials, hearings and motion sessions
- Prepared draft decisions, legal memoranda and proposed jury instructions

EDUCATION

Northeastern University School of Law

J.D., May 1992

- Teaching Assistant and Head Teaching Assistant in the Legal Practice Program
- Served as a cooperative legal intern at the United States Attorney's Office; the Chambers of the Honorable Robert E. Keeton (United States District Court, District of Massachusetts); Foley Hoag and Eliot; and Alston, Hunt, Floyd and Ing (Honolulu, HI)

Brandies University

M.A. in Political Science, May 1989

Bowdoin College

A.B. *Summa Cum Laude* in Government and Legal Studies, May 1987

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Horace Lord Piper Award for excellence in the study of International Relations, Fessenden Prize in Government Studies, James Bowdoin Scholar

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Admitted to Massachusetts Practice, December 1992
- Admitted to Rhode Island Practice, May 1995