

PROFESSIONAL OVERVIEW:

Experienced attorney, legal educator, author, and academic leader with expertise in legal writing, legal education, higher education administration, curriculum development, access to justice, and artificial intelligence in legal practice and pedagogy. Professor of Legal Practice at Roger Williams University School of Law and former academic dean, law center executive director, and Massachusetts Trial Court staff attorney. Author of fourteen books and hundreds of published articles on law and legal education with a demonstrated record of leadership, innovation, and interdisciplinary scholarship.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND APPOINTMENTS:

Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island

2026-present

- **Professor of Legal Practice**

Teach Legal Practice courses focused on legal analysis, writing, research, and professional skills. Develop curriculum emphasizing practice-ready lawyering and effective legal communication. Engage in scholarship relating to legal pedagogy, cognition and metacognition, AI-assisted learning, and access to justice. Advise and mentor students in the transition from law school to professional practice.

Massachusetts Trial Court, Lowell Court Service Center

2023-2026

- **Staff Attorney**

Assisted self-represented litigants with civil matters, including divorce, custody, paternity cases, evictions, small claims, and debt collection matters. Helped litigants fill out paperwork, provide supporting documentation, and navigate the court system. Educated litigants on court procedures and processes. Provided information and referrals to relevant resources.

Middlesex Community College, Lowell, Massachusetts

2021-2023

- **Executive Director, MCC Law Center**

Maintains and develops relationships with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, the Trial Courts, the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office, the Massachusetts Office of Public Collaboration, the City of Lowell, the Lowell School Department, community non-profits, elected and appointed officials. Oversees the management and fiscal affairs of the Law Center, including fundraising and grant writing. Appoints, oversees, and supports the work of the coordinators of the Face-to-Face Mediation, Local Consumer, Conciliation, and SCORE Peer-Mediation Programs, as well as other staff. Develops, manages and works to expand programs relating to mediation, conciliation, conflict resolution, and diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

Becker College, Worcester, Massachusetts

2016-2021

- **Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences**

Provided academic leadership to all full-time faculty and approximately 50 adjunct faculty in the areas of Criminal Justice, Legal Studies, Liberal Arts, History, English, Sociology, Government, Psychology, and Education. Provided oversight and support to the Master of Arts program in Mental Health Counseling. Built two new fully online programs in Criminal Justice and Legal Studies. Served as advocate for faculty, staff, and students. Served on the senior academic leadership team and the President's Council. Participated in the College's strategic planning efforts; assumed responsibility for select key performance indicators; executed strategic plans. Oversaw new strategic initiatives, including the Exploratory First Year program; helped create

new curricula, majors, and minors. Represented the School in and outside of the College at speaking engagements, area high schools, in the media, and on social media. Chaired the Institutional Review Board; created and led the Service Learning, Involvement, and Community Engagement Committee. Provided leadership to the Center for Career Education and Advising during a time of transition.

- **Interim Dean, School of Graduate and Professional Studies**

Provided leadership to a team of six staff and approximately 50 adjunct faculty. Created and implemented new degree and non-degree programs for adult learners and oversaw graduate programs. Collaborated with employers and outside agencies to provide learning opportunities.

- **Assistant Dean, School of Nursing and Behavioral Sciences**

Provided leadership to the departments of Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Education. Oversaw course and faculty scheduling, training, hiring and utilization of adjunct faculty. Served on several college committees. Collaborated with other institutions on articulation agreements and transfer agreements. Represented the departments at high schools, college and career fairs, and outreach; oversaw and executed events.

- **Coordinator, Criminal Justice and Legal Studies**

Provided leadership to the department and engaged in outreach on its behalf. Designed and wrote new curricula for department programs.

Massachusetts School of Law, Andover, Massachusetts

2008-2017

- **Director of Academic Excellence (formerly Academic Support)**

Built a newly formalized Academic Support Program; oversaw all aspects of that program. Helped institute and oversee a formal Academic Probation Program and assists students who are placed on academic probation. Organized and conducted academic support seminars and events, including first-year study skills seminars, examination support seminars, “brown bag lunch” events, and Saturday practice exams. Supervised tutors; organized individual tutoring and peer mentoring programs; provided individual academic counseling. Developed more than 50 in-house academic support handouts and materials. Co-wrote and developed a line of commercial resource materials for law study. Recipient of 2010 and 2011 Bell Appreciation Awards for faculty, awarded by Student Bar Association; recipient of 2014 Community Spirit Award.

- **Director of Career and Alumni Services**

Provided career advice and counseling to students and graduates. Critiqued resumes, cover letters, writing samples, and other supporting documentation. Provided interview advice. Organized, moderated, and led career events on campus. Instituted and organized the school’s Alumni Practice Area Panel series and the school’s first annual Minority Alumni Roundtable. Led alumni events, including social outings and career sessions. Worked with bar associations, trade associations, and other organizations to bring events to campus. Wrote alumni profiles and Alumni Spotlights. Kept in contact with alumni and updated alumni databases. Posted employment and internship opportunities; worked closely with employers.

TEACHING OVERVIEW:

Over twenty years of undergraduate, graduate, online, and law school teaching experience in legal writing, legal analysis, criminal justice, government, constitutional law, business law, politics, paralegal studies, and bar preparation.

SCHOLARSHIP INTERESTS:

- Artificial Intelligence in Legal Education
- Cognition and Metacognition in Legal Learning
- Human Skills for the AI Era
- Access to Justice
- Legal Writing Pedagogy

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Roger Williams University School of Law Teaches Legal Practice courses.	2026-present
Middlesex Community College, Lowell, Massachusetts Teaches courses in Legal Studies. Designs and develops online and hybrid courses.	2021-present
Johnson and Wales University, online Teaches and develops courses in Politics and Criminal Justice.	2023-present
North Shore Community College, Lynn/Danvers, Massachusetts Taught courses in Paralegal Studies.	2023-2025
Purdue University Global, online Taught online courses in Legal Studies.	2023
Becker College, Worcester, Massachusetts Taught online, hybrid, and live courses in Criminal Justice, Government, and Legal Studies; designed and developed online, hybrid and face-to-face courses.	2016-2021
The Center for Legal Studies Taught online courses in Immigration Law, Intellectual Property, and Personal Injury for Paralegals.	2016-2017
Massachusetts School of Law, Andover, Massachusetts Developed a new analytical writing course, focusing on preparing students for the essay portion of the Massachusetts bar examination. Taught analytical and logical reasoning skills. Helped hone students' writing skills, including outlining, paragraph construction, essay organization, and editing.	2008-2017
Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, Massachusetts Taught Center for Legal Studies 84-hour paralegal survey course, including legal terminology, legal research and writing, elementary substantive law, and introduction to the civil litigation process and criminal procedure. Oversaw student grading and tests; assessed and critiqued students' research and writing skills.	2004-2009
Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill/Lawrence, Massachusetts Taught various paralegal and government courses, including Litigation, Civil Rights and Liberties, Introduction to American Law, and Immigration Law. Developed course syllabi, all writing assignments, group projects, tests and quizzes. Responsible for course grading; critiqued students' document drafting and writing skills.	2007-2008

LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:

Turco Legal, Newburyport and Andover, Massachusetts • Part-Time Associate Attorney Effectively and efficiently executed research and writing projects, including memoranda and briefs on complicated cases and issues of first impression. Wrote the firm's content for blogs and social media. Handled cases in the areas of domestic relations and estate planning.	2016-2023
Dill & Furi-Perry, LLP, Haverhill, Massachusetts • Partner	2012-2016

Handles cases in the areas of domestic relations, business law, real estate, and estate planning. Consults with clients on all aspects of the case. Represents clients in the courts of Essex and Middlesex counties.

Orlando & Associates, Gloucester, Massachusetts

2010-2011

- **Part-Time Associate Attorney**

Conducted legal research on personal injury, torts, and breach of contract cases; drafted litigation documents, motions, letters, and discovery documents; assisted with research and writing on appellate briefs.

EDUCATION:

Massachusetts School of Law, Andover, Massachusetts

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, awarded December 2006

- Ranked first in class; held a 3.48 final grade point average

Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Master's in Business Administration, awarded August 2022

- Management focus; held a 3.7 final grade point average

University of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts

Master's in Creative and Critical Thinking, expected 2028

- Focus on reflective practice and education.

Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Arts, Politics and American Studies, awarded May 2000

- Dean's List; scholarship recipient.
- Activities: Editor-in-Chief, *Daily Bulletin*; sports reporter, *The Justice*; Student Senator; member, Posse Plus Multicultural Organization; co-chairperson of Homecoming/Doing Justice Weekend.

Non-credit Specialization Certificates:

- Basic Mediation Certificate, The Resolution Center of the North Shore (2022).
- Leading People and Teams, the University of Michigan (2021).
- Project Management Principles and Practices, the University of California, Irvine (2021).
- Business Strategy, the University of Virginia (2021).
- Dynamic Public Speaking, the University of Washington (2021).
- Creative Writing, Wesleyan University (2021).

AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS, AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- Authored the following books:
 - *50 Legal Careers for Non-Attorneys* (American Bar Association Publishing, 2008).
 - *50 Unique Legal Paths: Finding the Right Job* (American Bar Association Publishing, 2009).
 - *Law School Revealed* (Jist Publishing, 2009).
 - *Trial Prep for Paralegals* (co-author, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 2009).
 - *Your First Year as a Lawyer Revealed* (Jist Publishing, 2010).
 - *Trial Prep for the New Advocate* (co-author, Lexis-Nexis/the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 2011).
 - *The Legal Assistant's Complete Desk Reference* (American Bar Association Publishing, 2011).
 - *The Millennial Lawyer* (American Bar Association Publishing, 2012).
 - *The Little Book of Fashion Law* (American Bar Association Publishing, 2013).

- *The Little Book of Holiday Law* (American Bar Association Publishing, 2013).
- *Constitutional Law for Kids* (American Bar Association Publishing, 2014).
- *Social Media Law: Cases and Problems* (American Bar Association Publishing, 2014).
- *Going to Court* (American Bar Association Publishing, 2015).
- *Bar Exam BootCamp* (co-author, self-published, 2010).
- Authored more than 300 published articles in various national and regional publications, including the *National Jurist*, *Bloomberg Law Reports*, *PreLaw Magazine*, Law.com, and American Lawyer Media.
- Since 2021, authored numerous daily articles for trade publisher Wolters Kluwer in the areas of Banking and Finance Law, Intellectual Property Law, and Employment Law.
- Since 2021, authored significant copy for law firm and solo practitioner clients at Neon Ambition, a national copywriting firm.
- Recognized as a 2018 “40 Under 40” award recipient by Worcester Business Journal.
- Awarded the 2016 Excellence in the Law honor by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly and the Massachusetts Bar Association.
- Recognized as 2025 Community Leadership Awardee, Massachusetts Appleseed Center.
- Member of the 2018 Academic Leadership Academy class at Pennsylvania State University.
- As a freelance writing professional, worked with numerous business clients on professional writing projects, including the following:
 - Served as subject matter expert/designer of online legal courses for Remington College.
 - Co-wrote and developed the 1L Advantage Program for test prep company PowerScore.
 - Developed a website dedicated to civic education.
- Participated in various speaking engagements:
 - Co-presenter, Massachusetts Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section, 2025.
 - Co-presenter, National Association for Community Mediation, 2022.
 - Speaker, Minnesota Judicial Branch Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2019.
 - Speaker, Iowa State Bar Federal Practice Committee Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, 2019.
 - Speaker, 8th Circuit Judicial Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, 2018.
 - Presenter, International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research Conference, Boca Raton, Florida, 2018.
 - Speaker, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, annual national conference, Boston, 2017.
 - Speaker, Massachusetts Bar Association, Practicing with Professionalism Course, 2015.
 - Speaker, American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, Social Media Law webinar, 2015.
 - Panelist, University of Virginia School of Law, Future of Fashion Law Conference, 2014.
 - Keynote Speaker, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Paralegal Conference, 2009/2012.
 - Chair and Speaker, Massachusetts Bar Association, Creative Ways Conference, 2009/2011.
 - Organizer/Speaker, Massachusetts Bar Association Young Lawyer Career Conference, 2009/10.
 - Guest, Sirius XM Talk Radio, *The Legal Pad*, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016.
 - Guest, iTunes podcast *Killer Legal Reality Radio*, 2015.
 - Quoted by various publications, including the *Wall Street Journal Law Blog*, *Law360*, and *American Lawyer Magazine*.

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- Massachusetts State Bar, member in good standing since November 27, 2007.
- Supreme Court of the United States Bar, member in good standing since October 8, 2019.

CHARITABLE AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

- Volunteer and prospective student interviewer, Brandeis Alumni Admissions Council, 2002-present.
- Member, Dispute Resolution Committee, Massachusetts Bar Association, 2023-present.
- Member, Civic Education and Engagement Committee, Massachusetts Bar Association, 2018-2019.
- Member, MA Appleseed Homeless Youth Legal Network, 2024-present.
- Member, Clemente Course in the Humanities Worcester Advisory Board, 2018-2019.
- Member, Yunus Social Business Centre at Becker College Advisory Board, 2017-2019.
- President, Wood Hill Middle School Parent Advisory Council, 2016-2022.
- Vice President, Andover High School Track and Field Boosters, 2023-present.
- Member, Education Committee of the Massachusetts Bar Association, 2012-2014.
- Essay reviewer and member of the Scholarship Committee, Boston Mensa, 2016.
- Member, Board of Trustees of the Silver Hill Horace Mann Charter School, and the Silver Hill Foundation, Haverhill, Massachusetts, 2009-2010; Chair: 2011-2012.
- Member, Board of Trustees, Haverhill Elite Track Club, Haverhill, Massachusetts, 2012-2013.

LANGUAGES:

- Fluent in Hungarian; some Spanish and French.

PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Finisher, KeyBank Vermont City Marathon, Burlington, Vermont, May 2012 and Bay State Marathon, Lowell, Massachusetts, October 2015.
- Member, American Mensa, 2016-present.
- Under a pen name, authored and published a series of domestic suspense novels.