

RACHEL H. SMITH

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL *Lecturer in Law*, July 2010-present

- Teach Legal Communication & Research Skills to first-year law students and International LL.M. students.
- Teach Advanced Techniques in Written Persuasion to upper-level law students.
- Serve on law school committees and collaborative working groups.
- Develop and present sessions with Mindfulness in the Law program.
- Supervise independent student writing to satisfy graduation writing requirement.

Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara, CA *Legal Research & Writing Faculty*, July 2007-May 2010

- Taught Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing to first-year law students.
- Taught Appellate Advocacy to second-year law students.
- Taught class in remedial legal writing, analysis, and study skills for struggling upper-level students.
- Gave annual presentation on transitioning from the humanities to law school for incoming students.

PUBLICATIONS & SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- *The Handbook for the New Legal Writer* with Jill Barton, Wolters Kluwer 2014.
- *The Legal Writing Survival Guide*, Carolina Academic Press 2012.
- *From Students to Colleagues: The Legal Writing Classroom Can Create Conscientious and Empathetic Practitioners*, The Second Draft, Winter/Spring 2015.
- *An Offer They Can't Refuse: Teaching Persuasive Writing Through a Settlement Offer Email Assignment*, with Alyssa Dragnich, Perspectives, Fall 2014.
- Perk Up Your Pens Legal Writing Podcast, available at <http://perkupyourpens.tumblr.com>.
- Presentation "Honest to Blog: Using Blogs to Instill a Sense of the Professional Audience," at the Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, September 2014.
- Presentation "Thinking Deeper," with Jill Barton at the LWI Biennial Conference, July 2014.
- Presentation "Do As I Say," at the Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference, April 2014.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, San Francisco, CA *Associate*, Nov. 2002–May 2010

- Experience in all phases of complex litigation in state and federal courts, with particular emphasis on patent, trade secret, copyright, and commercial cases.
- Drafted and revised briefs and legal memoranda, including successful appellate briefs, motions to dismiss, motions for and against summary judgment, motions *in limine*, and preliminary injunction papers.
- Argued motions in state and federal court and took and defended depositions.
- Admitted to State Bar of California, November 2002.

EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA *Juris Doctor*, May 2002

- Street Law Instructor and Street Law Summer Legal Fellowship Program Mentor

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT August 1999–May 2000

- GPA: 3.60, Class Rank: 5/172
- Invited to join Vermont Law Review
- Academic Excellence Awards for highest grades in Contracts and Civil Procedure
- Dean's Scholarship

University of California, Santa Cruz, CA *Bachelor of Arts in History and Literature, with Honors*, June 1998

AWARDS

- Legal Research and Writing Professor of the Year Award from Santa Clara Student Bar Association, 2008 & 2010.
- ALWD Teaching Grant for Perk Up Your Pens legal writing podcast series, Spring 2009.