

# AMY MEYERS

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**Professor of Legal Research and Writing, Director of Academic Skills & Bar Preparation  
– Willamette University College of Law**

August 2016 to Present

*Salem, OR*

- Teach one section of Applied Legal Analysis (I or II) (1L spring or 2L fall academic support course) and one section of Legal Analysis for the Bar Examination (3L extended bar preparation course) per semester 2017-present. Taught one section of Legal Research and Writing (I or II) and one section of Legal Analysis for the Bar Examination semester for 2016-17 academic year. Co-taught fall 2018 Introduction to Law Orientation. Consistently strong student and faculty evaluations.
- Developed and restructured bar examination preparation and support programming, including revamping the curriculum of the 3L LAB class. Designed and taught Applied Legal Analysis I and II courses to support students at academic risk based on cumulative grade point average. Provide out-of-class academic support for students not taking ALA courses. Designed and facilitate winter and summer and MPRE “BEAST” (Bar Exam Accountability and Support Teams) supplemental bar preparation program for both first-time examinees and persisters.
- Involved with frequent meetings with the Oregon Board of Bar Examiners and Oregon State Bar regarding the bar examinations (current administration and NextGen discussions) and additional pending changes with the three pathways to licensure in progress for Oregon law school graduates.
- Awarded institutional 2022 faculty innovation grant to revamp all three courses in light of both the Oregon pathways and the NCBE NextGen changes and new commercial programming vendors.
- Honored with the Jerry E. Hudson Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2019.
- Petition for promotion to full professor unanimously approved by vote by the faculty in 2018.
- Member of LRW Team (2016-present); Bar Passage Committee (2016-present; Chair 2021-22); Learning Outcomes/Assessment Committee (Chair 2019-2020); Student Affairs and Honor Code Committee (2017-20; 2022-23; Chair 2018-19); and Library, Tech, and Facilities Committee (2017-19). Mentor newer adjunct/visiting faculty almost every semester.
- Academic Advisor. Formal and informal mentor for current and former students seeking help with academic and career planning, bar preparation, Advanced Legal Writing projects, writing samples, or other needs.
- Taught classes for recruitment and admissions upon request. Other institutional support as needed.

**Assistant/Associate Professor of Law – Charlotte School of Law**

August 2011 to August 2015

*Charlotte, NC*

- Primarily taught Lawyering Process I and II (Legal Research and Writing). Developed and taught Medical Malpractice (with and without Advanced Writing Requirement) and Advanced Negotiation. Additionally taught: Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiations; Introduction to the Study of Law; Problems in Practice: Civil Wrongdoing; Problems in Practice: Civil Wrongdoing II; and Problems in Practice: Commercial Transactions. For all, provided extensive live and written feedback. Received consistently excellent student and faculty evaluations.
- Additional service: Coached student negotiation teams to first place at William and Mary Negotiation Tournament; sixth place at ABA Regional Competition; and team for New York City Bar Association/American College of Trial Lawyers National Moot Court Competition. Taught modules during student orientation, midterm examination preparation course, and graded bar preparation essays for recent graduates. Scholarship reviewer for colleagues, including acknowledgment in: Clarke, Brian S., “A Better Route through the Swamp: Causal Coherence in Disparate Treatment Doctrine,” 65 Rutgers L. Rev. 723 (2013). Other standard service obligations met.

**Visiting/Assistant Professor of Law – Saint Louis University School of Law**

August 2008 to July 2011

*St. Louis, MO*

- Taught two sections of Legal Research and Writing I and II. Acted as advisor to journal students (acknowledged in Short, T. (2011) “The incorrectly decided preliminary injunction prohibiting federal funding for embryonic stem cell research: *Sherley v. Sebelius*,” *Int. J. Public Law and Policy*, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 23–48). Worked with international L.L.M. students in LRW I. Supervised adjunct professors, TAs, and RAs. Also taught Client Counseling in summer session.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Member – Meyers and Meyers, LLC**

August 2012 to Present

*Salem, OR – Charlotte, NC – St. Louis, MO*

- Plaintiff-side employment discrimination and civil rights litigation in Missouri. Trial in 2016 resulted in a unanimous verdict in the City of St. Louis in *Wilkins v. Harris Stowe, et al.* and a judgment of \$5.2 million for race discrimination and retaliation claims (22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Cause No. 1222-CC09117). Co-authored brief on pending appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Eastern District of Missouri as ED No. 104354 (verdict upheld in unpublished opinion). Assisted with development of *Kader v. Harris Stowe, et al.*, (22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Cause No. 1222-CC02913), also resulting in a verdict of \$2.5 million for national origin/religious discrimination in employment (reversed on appeal; retrial pending 2023).

NOTE: “Present” is only because of the ongoing *Kader* litigation because Mrs. Wilkins might be a witness. The firm can’t close and cease representation of her until that case is resolved, despite the entry of new counsel, as a result.

**Special Appointed Public Defender – Missouri State Public Defender System**

August 2008 to August 2012

*Jefferson City, MO*

- Accepted contract counsel appointments to handle overflow appellate and post-conviction relief cases for indigent defendants from the Missouri State Public Defender System. Briefed and argued cases as required. Successful in appeal of *State v. Amos Ingram*, 341 S.W.3d 800 (Mo. App. E.D. 2011). Involved with *State ex rel Russell Bryant v. Michelle Buckner*, SC99194 (filed June 2021, still pending March 2023), on writ of habeas corpus regarding suppressed Brady evidence in role as counsel on appeal and at oral argument on *State v. Bryant*, 318 S.W.3d 231 (Mo. App. E.D. 2010).

**Senior Associate, Health Law Litigation – Sandberg, Phoenix & von Gontard, PC**

October 2005 to August 2008

*St. Louis, MO*

- Defense of medical malpractice claims and litigation. Responsible for all aspects of case management, including responsive pleadings, taking and defending fact and expert witness depositions, propounding and responding to written discovery, analysis of medical records, preparation and argument of dispositive motions, drafting of settlement documents, mediation statements, and jury instructions, trial preparation and second chair support, participation in ADR, and reporting to insurers and defendants regarding all aspects of the case process. Member of Charitable Efforts Committee. Mentored younger and summer associates and taught during firm’s “Trial College.”

**Associate, Medical Malpractice, Drug/Device Litigation – Moser & Marsalek, PC**

September 2002 to October 2005

*St. Louis, MO*

- Defense of medical malpractice and pharmaceutical litigation in state and federal courts and in proceedings before the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts and the United States Air Force. Responsible for all aspects of litigation, including handling declaratory judgment actions, trial, second-chairing trials, client counseling and reporting, ADR, and the training and supervision of younger associates, law clerks, and paralegals.
- Served as appointed counsel for a § 1983 prisoner civil rights claim through the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri; successfully resolved.

## Assistant Trial Public Defender – Missouri State Public Defender System

September 2000 to August 2002

St. Louis, MO

- Defense of indigent criminal clients at misdemeanor and felony levels. Lead counsel for multiple jury and bench trials. Additionally, conducted numerous preliminary hearings, bond hearings, arraignments, suppression hearings and other motion arguments, guilty pleas, post-trial and sentencing hearings, probation revocation hearings, and mental health hearings. Established new law by successfully litigating at trial and on appeal *State v. Byron Carter*, 78 S.W.3d 786 (Mo. App. E.D. 2002), protecting a criminal defendant's right to a new trial from appeal by the State.

## Legal Intern – Missouri State Public Defender System

June 1998 to August 2000

St. Louis, MO

- Worked with the St. Louis County Trial Office as a legal intern and clinic student, with the Eastern Missouri Appellate Division as a summer research associate, and with the Eastern Missouri Capital Litigation Division as a summer intern, work study student, and as part of an independent practicum. Assisted with the trial and appellate briefing of *State v. Mohammed Sultan*, 14 S.W.3d 96 (Mo. App. E.D. 2000), allowing a client to withdraw a guilty plea given his extraordinary circumstances under the UN Convention Against Torture.

## Research Assistant and Lab Manager – Washington University in St. Louis

August 1993 to August 1997

St. Louis, MO

- Researcher in two cell and molecular microbiology laboratories. Worked with DNA, RNA, and protein manipulation in bacteria, yeast, and plants. Planned, conducted, documented, and presented experiments and results. Managed Dr. Ursula Goodenough's laboratory 1996-1997.
- Work cited in multiple publications arising out of research in both laboratories. (e.g., Kunkel et al., (1997) A system for the isolation of host-inducible genes in the plant pathogen *Pseudomonas syringae*. 8th International Conference on Arabidopsis Research, The Arabidopsis Information Resource (TAIR) Publication: 501708225; Ferris et al., (1997) Mating Type in *Chlamydomonas* is Specified by *mid*, the Minus-Dominance Gene. Genetics July 1, 1997 vol. 146 no. 3859-869; Ferris et al., (1997) Rapid evolution of sex-related genes in *Chlamydomonas*. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 94: 8634-8639; Kunkel et al., (2002) Identification of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *Tomato* genes induced during infection of *Arabidopsis thaliana*. Molecular Microbiology 44(1), 73–88.)

## EDUCATION

### J.D. – Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

2000

- Order of Barristers. Scholar in Law. Competed at Regional ABA Negotiation Competition as 2L winner of ABA inter-school competition; winner at 1L level, finalist 3L). Won ABA inter-school Client Counseling Competition as 1L. Appointed by the dean to be Student Defense Counsel for a trial before the Student Honor Council. Participated and advanced in Wiley Rutledge Moot Court competition as 2L and 3L. Participated in internships, clinics, and independent practicum experiences in Trial, Appellate, and Capital Litigation Divisions of Missouri State Public Defender System.

### B.A. (biology) – Washington University in St. Louis

1996

- Mary K. and Joseph Ondr Scholar; Alpha Chi Omega (member and delegate to the university's Panhellenic Counsel); Campus Y (piano teacher); pianist for All Student Theatre musicals (Chess and A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum). Lab assistant for Drs. Barbara Kunkel and Ursula Goodenough. Also, summer researcher for Dr. Joseph Kieber, Department of Biological Sciences, Laboratory for Molecular Biology, University of Illinois at Chicago.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- **Exploring the Skills/Knowledge Divide in the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) Content Scope Outline for the NextGen Bar Exam in Ethics and ADR.** May 17, 2023, AccessLex "Spring Sync" Webinar. (upcoming)

- **Fundamental Persuasive Legal Writing Concepts – Skill-Building Examples and Exercises.** September 12, 2014, New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Conference at the Vermont Law School.
- **Ready, Aim, Practice! (Part 2) – Incorporating Practitioner Skills in the LRW Curriculum.** December 13, 2013, LWI Workshop, University of Baltimore School of Law.
- **Reality Doesn't Follow a David E. Kelley Script: How to Produce Effective, Efficient Researchers and Writers Prepared for "The Practice."** December 8, 2012, LWI Workshop at the Willamette University College of Law.
- **Panelist,** December 3, 2010, LWI Training Workshop at Suffolk Law School.

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- **Legal Writers Institute (LWI)** (2008-present).
- **Association of Academic Support Educators.**
- **Scribes: The American Society of Legal Writers.**
- **American Bar Association.**
- Active in electronic list-servs for professors of legal research and writing, academic support, bar preparation, and legal skills.
- Community involvement in organizations and charitable efforts aimed at helping special needs persons, at-risk and GLBTQ youth, homeless people and those with food insecurities, premature newborns and their mothers, persons with mental illness, and victims of domestic violence.
- **Defense Research Institute (DRI)** (2005-2008). Young Lawyers Committee Steering Committee (2005-2008); Chair Women's Mentoring Subcommittee (2007-2008; Vice-Chair 2006-2007); YLC Liaison to Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee (2005-2006).

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

**Missouri** (2000), United States District Court, Eastern District Missouri (2002, inactive), **Illinois** (2008, retired).

**Certified Guardian ad Litem (Missouri)** (inactive).