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Top Skills

Westlaw

Criminal Law

Legal Research

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)

Certifications

Essential Legal Research

Advanced Legal Research

Publications

Protecting Due Process During
Terrorism Adjudications: Redefining
"Crimes Against Humanity"
and Eliminating the Doctrine of
Complimentary Jurisdiction in Favor
of the International Criminal Court

"Misogynistic Attitudes: Alek
Minassain" in Sexual Harassment
and Misconduct: An Encyclopedia

Rethinking Ingram: The Need for
Extensive Due Process Protections
Predicating the Administration of
Corporal Punishment in Schools

Playing the Odds: The Realities
of State-by-State Suitability
Determinations and the Need for
Federal Regulation

Book Chapter: An Analysis of
Lockean Philosophy in the Historical
and Modern Context of the
Jurisdictional Restraints Imposed by
the Rome Statute of the International
Criminal Court

Daniel N. Clay, J.D., LL.M.

Legal Scholar, Professor, Advisor & Author

Chemung County

Summary

OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM, I strive to be a "legal disputer" using all of the tools at my disposal to academically challenge outdated laws and codes, repair legal institutions, and inspire legal actors for the common good.

INSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM, I am guided by a simple philosophy: I, like my students, am merely a traveler through life, seeking knowledge for the betterment of the individual and society. As such, I consider the classroom to be an ongoing conversation between the intellectually curious designed to elicit truth within the discipline and challenge the prejudices and morals of my fellow travelers. To this end, I try to create an encouraging and positive environment, through the purest form of the Socratic Method, to develop critical thinking skills in students and enable them to approach subjects as intellectuals.

Beginning on day one, I set extremely high standards and communicate the duty imposed upon students to take responsibility for learning the materials, not just reciting statutory or case law on examinations. My burden is to provide students with the tools, but it is upon the student to use these tools in deriving an intimate understanding of the subject matter. To this end, I regularly check students' understanding through Socratic cold-calling and hypotheticals that push students to "think deeply." I do not tolerate the answers: "I have not prepared" or "I do not know," as they are excuses to be lazy in a profession that requires the utmost preparation and competence.

While maintaining my standards and expectations, each course meeting, I bring my utmost excitement and charisma for the subject matter with the hope that students will become equally invested in its importance and application; thus, heightening the level of discourse during each consecutive course meetings. I welcome dialogues, but

warn students in advance that I am not to be used a "hornbook," but rather, as a guide, in helping them to answer their own questions.

Experience

Elmira College

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies (Tenure-Track);
Pre-Law Advisor

August 2016 - Present (4 years)

Elmira, New York Area

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Developed a new, state-approved, multidisciplinary major entitled: "Legal Studies"
- Negotiated an "automatic admission" articulation agreement with Keiser University for Elmira College's criminal justice majors interested in obtaining a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and Master of Arts in Homeland Security.
- Achieved a significant increase in LSAT testing scores among students within my first two years as the Pre-Law Advisor.
- Authored two books, two journal articles, and one book chapter within my two and a half years with the institution.
- Worked with students in creating an AMTA Competition Mock Trial Team and an undergraduate chapter of Phi Delta Phi.

DUTIES:

- Delivering student-centered instruction emphasizing both theory and its practical application to the law and criminal justice.
- Developing and evaluating courses within the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies curricula to better define career-tracks.
- Serving as the College's Pre-Law Academic Advisor and Legal Studies Director in addition to other institutional service.

The University of Alabama

Full Instructor & Academic Advisor
August 2015 - August 2016 (1 year 1 month)
Tuscaloosa, Alabama Area

DUTIES:

-Delivered challenging and innovative coursework, projects, and exercises via the Socratic Method of active learning.

-Managed an advising load of 1/3 of the Department's 800 active majors and 200 active minors.

-Served as the faculty-advisor for the University of Alabama Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

-Served as an NCAA qualified tutor for the University of Alabama Athletics Department.

-Created and developed the University of Alabama Access to Justice Internship Program in partnership with Subscript.org.

RELEVANT COURSES TAUGHT

-CJ: 205 – The Judicial Process (Spring 2016)

-CJ: 460 – Criminal Law I: Substantive Criminal Law (Summer 2016)

-CJ: 461 – Criminal Law II: Constitutional Criminal Procedure (Fall 2015)

-CJ: 483 – Law and Society (W) (Fall 2015 x 2, Spring 2016 x 3, Summer 2016 x 1)

-CJ: 490 – Special Topics: Global Criminal Justice: International Law (Spring 2016)

-CJ: 490 – Special Topics: American Law and Practice (Summer 2016)

RELEVANT INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE:

-Department of Criminal Justice Pre-Law Academic Advisor, 2015 – 2016

-Faculty Advisory to the UA Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness ("NAMI"), 2015 – 2016

-NCAA qualified tutor for the University of Alabama Athletics Department

Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction, Inc.

Director of Legislative Affairs & Public Policy

May 2012 - August 2015 (3 years 4 months)

New Bedford, Massachusetts

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Wrote HSB 1240 and successfully lobbied both major parties for introduction into both chambers of the state legislature.

-Wrote a \$500,000 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant for addiction treatment services in Massachusetts.

- Complied with all state and federal lobbying laws as well as completed all required filings and disclosures with the SOS.

- Built solid working relationships with national and state lawmakers as well as several members of the executive branch.

LICENSES:

- Registered Executive and Legislative Lobbyist – Commonwealth of Massachusetts (2012-2015)

U.S. Court of Appeals

Judicial Intern

January 2015 - May 2015 (5 months)

Greater Boston Area

Judicial Intern for the Honorable Juan R. Torruella.

DUTIES:

- Researching and drafting bench memorandums for oral arguments and subsequent opinions.

- Reviewing, evaluating, and making recommendations regarding notices of appeal, briefs, and collateral petitions.

-Assisting senior clerks in researching and writing opinions and orders for publication.

Robert M. Currey & Associates

Summer Associate

March 2014 - May 2015 (1 year 3 months)

Greater Boston Area

DUTIES:

- Evaluating potential risk exposures for large private equity funds and making appropriate recommendations.
- Negotiating indemnity agreements between and among corporate entities, brokers, and competing carriers.
- Mediating claims in the event of disputed potential covered losses after initial indemnification is denied.

Committee for Public Counsel Services

Rule 303 Student Attorney

August 2014 - December 2014 (5 months)

Quincy, Massachusetts

DUTIES:

- Representing clients in District Court including preliminary hearings, bail arguments and appeals, suppression motions, etc.
- Assisting staff attorney's with client interview, investigation, research, and writing motions and memos.

LICENSES:

- Massachusetts Judicial Court Rule 3:03 Certification.

Education

Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Doctor of Juridical Science, Law · (2020 - 2022)

UNH School of Law

Master of Laws (LL.M.), International Criminal Law and Justice · (2015 - 2016)

Suffolk University Law School

Juris Doctor, Trial and Appellate Advocacy · (2011 - 2015)

Suffolk University

Master of Science, Crime and Justice Studies · (2011 - 2015)

Drury University

Graduate Certificate of Advanced Studies, Social Media

Marketing · (2010 - 2011)