KATHERINE T. VUKADIN

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D., 1999

HONORS: Graduated with honors

ACTIVITIES: Research assistant to Dean Michael Sharlot
Intern, Justice James Baker, Texas Supreme Court
Teaching Quizmaster (taught legal writing to 1L students)
Review of Litigation, member

L'INSTITUT D'ETUDES POLITIQUES DE PARIS, France, Certificate of Political Studies, 1993

HONORS: Ambassadorial Fellowship awarded by Rotary International

ACTIVITIES: Speaking engagements with Rotary Clubs across Paris to promote international understanding

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, HONORS COLLEGE, B.A., 1991

HONORS: Four-Year National Merit Scholarship
Double major, Political Science & French (with honors)
Rhodes Scholarship Nominee

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

THE LEGAL MEMO: 50 EXERCISES FOR MASTERY AND TEACHER'S MANUAL (Carolina Academic Press 2021) (with Dean Cassandra Hill and Professor D'Andra Shu)

LEGAL ANALYSIS: 100 EXERCISES FOR MASTERY AND TEACHER'S MANUAL (Carolina Academic Press 2017) (2nd Edition) (with Dean Cassandra Hill)

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TREATISE (LexisNexis 2018) (contributing author)

Articles:

Reforming Juvenile Restitution, ___AM. CRIM. LAW REV. ___

Outside the Ivory Tower: How Law Students Benefit When Their Professors Revisit Practice, 10 OREG. L. REV. 314 (2024)

ERISA's Fiduciary Fantasy and the Problem of Mass Health Claim Denials, 57 RICH. LAW R. 1325 (2023)

Recalibrating the ERISA Attorney's Fee Factors, 61 VILLANOVA L. REV. 341 (2022)

Why Won't Private Health Insurance Pay its Share of the Opioid Crisis? 71 SYRACUSE L. REV. 1387 (Summer 2021).

On Opioids & ERISA: The Urgent Case for a Federal Ban on Discretionary Clauses, 53 U. RICHMOND L. REV. 687 (Spring 2019)

Can the ACA's Independent Review of ERISA Health Claims Co-Exist with the Abuse of Discretion Standard?, N.Y.U. REV. OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & EXEC. COMP. (Fall 2016) (invited symposium article)

Obamacare Interrupted: Obstructive Federalism & the Consumer Information Blockade, 63 BUFF. L. REV. 421 (2015)

Unfinished Business: The Affordable Care Act and the Problem of Delayed and Denied ERISA Healthcare Claims, 47 J. MARSHALL L. REV. 887 (Spring 2014) (invited symposium article)

Failure to Warn: Facing Up to the Real Impact of Pharmaceutical Marketing on the Physician's Decision to Prescribe, 50 TULSA L. REV. 75 (2014)

Hope or Hype? Why the Affordable Care Act's New External Review Rules for Denied ERISA Healthcare Claims Need More Reform, 60 BUFF. L. REV. 1 (2012)

Delayed and Denied: Toward an Effective ERISA Remedy for Improper Processing of Healthcare Claims, 11 YALE J. HEALTH POL. L. & ETHICS 331(2011)

Now I See: Redefining the Post-Grade Student Conference as Process and Substance Assessment, 54 HOW. L. J. 1 (2010) (with Dean Cassandra Hill)

Work in Progress

Denial By Design: How Pre-Authorization Became a Tool for Systematic Non-Coverage

Legal Writing Pedagogy & Short Pieces:

Catching On: *How Post-Critique Assessments Deepen Understanding and Improve Legal Writing*, published in *The Second Draft* (with Professor D'Andra Shu) (September 2019)

Could a Checklist Improve Your Legal Writing?, published on the Appellate Advocacy Blog (with Professor D'Andra Shu) (October 2019)

Out-of-the-Box Legal Writing Ideas Collaborative Legal Writing Pedagogy Project, Sponsored by Stetson University College of Law (2018, contributing author)

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

PRIMARY: Legal Writing & Research; Intensive Legal Writing (for emerging legal writers)

ADDITIONAL: Health Law Survey, ERISA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW HOUSTON, Texas
Professor of Law with tenure (Fall 2019 to present)
Currently teaching legal research and writing to first-year students

THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIV., Houston, Texas (Fall 2009 to Spring 2019)
Professor of Law (2017-19); Associate Professor of Law (2013-17);
Assistant Professor of Law (2009-13); Adjunct Professor of Law (Fall 2009)
Taught legal research and writing to first-year law students; taught appellate litigation (essentially a third semester of legal writing) to second-year students; directed the legal writing program as part of a rotating directorship (2017-18); taught health law survey class and civil procedure

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER, Houston, Texas
Visiting Professor teaching ERISA to J.D. and Health Law LL.M. students (Fall 2016); Adjunct Professor teaching legal writing to daytime and evening students (Summer 2008 to Spring 2009); designed and taught an Intensive Legal Writing course for second-year law students who received low grades in their 1L class (Fall 2008); Clinical Assistant Professor teaching legal research, writing, and analysis to first-year law students (2005-06); Adjunct Professor teaching the American legal system, legal writing, and research to students in the foreign LL.M. program (2001-02)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW, Austin, Texas
Served as third-year Teaching Quizmaster, taught legal research and writing to first year students (1998-99)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P., Houston, Texas 1999-2003, Associate—Litigation Section
Argued and won an ERISA case of first impression before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; tried three property damage cases to successful verdicts; handled miscellaneous cases at trial and on appeal; acted as first-chair attorney for a docket of approximately twenty property damage and other cases on behalf of a Houston electric utility; handled employment law and ERISA matters

STRASBURGER & PRICE L.L.P. (now Clark Hill Strasburger) Houston, Texas 2004-05,
Associate—Litigation Section; Represented a Fortune 50 health insurance company in a variety of litigation matters, including ERISA health benefits litigation, general contract matters, health law compliance issues, administrative law matters, general counseling, and advice

RECOGNITIONS

- Teaching Excellence Faculty Award 2020-21 and 2021-22
- South Texas AALS Professor of the Year Award 2020
- American Society of Medicine, Law, & Ethics/St. Louis Univ. Health Law Scholar (2014)
- Texas Southern University Faculty Research Award, First Place Oral Presentation (with Associate Dean Cassandra Hill)
- Life Fellow Houston Young Lawyers Foundation

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- *Writing for Busy Judges*, with Judge Beau Miller, Chief Justice Terry Adams, and Alan York of Reed Smith, presentation at the Houston Bar Association Bench Bar Conference, April 2025.

- *"Nobody Writes Memos Anymore!" Testing the Claim and Its Implications for Legal Writing Professors,* panel presentation for the Legal Writing Institute's Biennial Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana (July 2024)

- *Client-Friendly Legal Writing: Injecting A Dash (or More) of Practice with Real-World Lawyers and Clients* (with Professor Wayne Schiess), Legal Writing Institute 2022 Biennial Conference, Washington, D.C., forthcoming July 2022.

- *Synergies: Finding and Fostering a Successful Legal Writing Collaboration* (with Dean Cassandra Hill and Professors Katherine Vukadin, Rachel Smith, and Jill Barton), Legal Writing Institute 2022 Biennial Conference, Washington, D.C., forthcoming July 2022.

- *Make It Stick* (with Professors John Worley and D'Andra Shu), STCLH Teacher Development Committee Presentation, Dec. 2021.

- *The Legal Writing Scholar: Maintaining Scholarly Productivity—and Staying Well—While Teaching Legal Writing* (with Professor D'Andra Shu), Association of Legal Writing Directors 2021 Biennial Conference, June 2021.

- *Remotely Interested? Engaging Students in Remote Teaching* (with D'Andra Shu, Olympia Duhart, & Rosario Lozada), William and Mary Conference on Remote Teaching Excellence in Legal Writing (Summer 2020)

- *Teaching Students to Write the Robust Analysis that Professors Crave and Bar Examiners Reward* (with Dean Lisa Yarrow): Presented at the Legal Writing Institute's One-Day Workshop on the Intersection of Legal Writing and Bar Passage in Charleston, South Carolina (2019)

- *Catching On: How Post-Critique Assessments Deepen Understanding & Improve Legal Writing* (with Professor D'Andra Shu): Presented at the Legal Writing Institute's Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada (2019)

- *Advanced Persuasive Legal Writing Techniques*: presentation to Lone Star Legal Aid Attorneys and Legal Assistants (2017)

- *Can the ACA's Independent Review of ERISA Health Claims Co-exist with the Abuse of Discretion Standard?* invited presentation as part of the John Marshall Law School's Employee Benefits Symposium in Chicago, Illinois (2016)

- *Legal Writing Without Borders: How to Cultivate Your Second Research and Teaching Subject*: presented as part of the Legal Writing Institute's Biennial National Conference in Portland, Oregon (with Professor Amanda Peters of South Texas College of Law Houston and Professors Mark Burge & Neil Sobol of Texas A&M University College of Law) (2016)

- *Obamacare Interrupted: Obstructive Federalism & the Consumer Information Blockade*

  - Presentation at the AALS conference in Washington, D.C. (2015)

  - Presentation at St. Mary's University Law School as part of the Southern Central Association of Law Schools speaker series (2014)

- *Affordable Care Act Enrollment in Texas Communities of Color*, presentation at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Symposium on the ACA's impact on communities of color (2015)

- *Side Effects: Facing Up to the Real Impact of Pharmaceutical Marketing on the Physician's Decision to Prescribe:* presentation at the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics Health Law Professors Conference in San Francisco, California (2014)

- *The Importance of Publications in the Academic Market*: panel presentation as part of the Southeast Southwest People of Color Conference at Thurgood Marshall School of Law (2014)

- *Unfinished Business: The Affordable Care Act and the Problem of Delayed and Denied ERISA Healthcare Claims:* presentation to practitioners and faculty at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois, as part of John Marshall Law School's Employee Benefits Symposium (2014)

- *"I Finished My Article! Now What?"* presentation at the Legal Writing Institute's Biennial National Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2014)

- *Mastery Through Practice: Guided and Self-Guided Practice in the Law School Classroom*: faculty forum presentation at Thurgood Marshall School of Law (2013)

- *Failure to Warn: Bringing Pharmaceutical Representatives' Statements to Physicians Out of the Shadows and into Evidence:* presentation to South Texas College of Law Houston's faculty as part of the Southern Central Association of Law Schools speaker series (2013)

- *All Rise! Planning an Informative and Inspiring Judicial Visit to Your Legal Writing Classroom:* presentation (with Dean Cassandra Hill) at the Legal Writing Institute's Biennial National Conference in Palm Springs, California (2012)

- *Real-Life Legal Writing: Making Your Transition from Law School to Practice:* presentation at the Rocky Mountain Region of the Black Law Students' Association's Job Fair and Academic Retreat at the University of Houston (2011)

- *Texas Legislative Intern Program Orientation Writing Seminar*: writing seminar (with Dean Cassandra Hill) in January 2011 and January 2014 for Texas Southern University students with upcoming legislative internships

- *Hope or Hype? Why the Affordable Care Act's New External Review Rules for Denied ERISA Healthcare Claims Need More Reform*: presentation to the South Texas College of Law Houston's faculty explaining the limitations of the Affordable Care Act's new external review rules for denied ERISA healthcare claims; part of the Southern Central Association of Law Schools speaker series (2011)

- *The Writing Process: 500 Words at a Time*: presentation to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law New Scholars Forum (2011)

- *Toward a Complete and Compelling Case Explanation:* presentation at the Association of Legal Writing Directors' Innovative Teaching Techniques Workshop (2010)

- *Now I See: The Post-Grade Student Conference as Positive Strategy Session*: presentation at the Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference (with Dean Cassandra Hill) (2010)

- *Collaboration: Getting Going as Scholarly Writers*: presentation at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Research Week program (2010)

- *Delayed and Denied? Toward an Effective ERISA Remedy for Improper Processing of Healthcare Claims*, presented at the TMSL Faculty Quodlibet Speaker Series (2010)

- *Focus: Teaching Legal Writing in the Age of Distraction*, presentation at the Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference (with Prof. Shaundra Lewis) (2010)

SERVICE

Community: SEARCH Homeless Emerging Leader, Friend of House of Tiny Treasures

Legal Writing Community:

Member, Drafting Committee for the NextGen Bar Exam's Extended Answer Questions

Member, Editorial Board, THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE (2020-present)

THE MONOGRAPH SERIES of the Legal Writing Institute (2020-present)

South Texas College of Law Houston:

- Presented a writing and citation review for the Law Review and the Currents Journal of International Economic Law (2021-22)
- Co-Chair, Teacher Development Committee (2021-22)
- Chair, Appointments Committee (2020-21)
- Member, Committee on Fall Semester 2020 COVID-Related Teaching Logistics (Summer 2020)
- Member, Dean's Emergency Preparedness Committee for the Coronavirus response (2020)
- Member, Teaching Effectiveness Committee (2019-20)
- Member, Appointments Committee for Legal Writing Specialist (Summer 2020)

Thurgood Marshall School of Law & Texas Southern University:

- Chair, Gender Equity Committee (2016-18) (worked with the administration, faculty, staff, ABA representatives, and the vice president of human resources to address gender equity concerns)

- Chair, Faculty Scholarship & Development Committee (2014-16) (promoted faculty scholarship and productivity through workshops, recognition receptions, a live write-in event, and other means)

- Contributing member of other committees, including admissions, faculty development & scholarship, student relations, and academic standards committees

- Thomas F. Freeman Honors College at Texas Southern University

  - Member, dean search committee for inaugural dean of the college
  - Faculty Advisor (2010-12) (recruited new students to TSU Honors and served as a resource to undergraduate students)
  - Honors Faculty Fellow (2013-15) (spoke with students about careers in law and served as a liaison between the Honors College and the law school)
  - Member, Honors Admission & Scholarship Committee (reviewed and assessed the application of every honors student admitted to the Honors College during those two academic years) (2015-17)

- Coordinating Board Member, *Affordable Care Act and Communities of Color Symposium* at Texas Southern University (2015)

- Co-Coordinator, Writing Workshops for undergraduate students and law students with legislative and judicial internships (2012, 2014)

In the Community:

Cub Scout den leader with Boy Scouts of America; Member of PTA Board of Directors, Cornerstone Academy in Spring Branch ISD (2016-18); National Charity League Post Oak (2018-22): Vice President of Philanthropy (2021-22): oversees philanthropy opportunities for 250 members in connection with 27 different philanthropy partners; established a new partnership between NCL Post Oak and Memorial Park Conservancy; Volunteer, Houston Food Bank, Down Syndrome Association of Houston, Memorial Park Conservancy.

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