

# Elissa Jacob

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### **South Texas College of Law Houston**

Houston, TX

*Assistant Professor of Law*

July 2025 – Present

Courses: Legal Research and Writing I, Legal Research and Writing II

*Assistant Director of Academic Success*

September 2023 – July 2025

Courses: Introduction to Law Study I, Introduction to Law Study II,  
Advanced Legal Analysis, Legal Skills

### **Trinity Law School**

Santa Ana, CA

*Adjunct Professor*

August 2023 – May 2024

Courses: Legal Research and Writing I, Legal Research and Writing II

## EDUCATION

### **Pepperdine Caruso School of Law**

Malibu, CA

*Juris Doctor; Certificate in Dispute Resolution*

May 2022

GPA: 3.987 (ranked 6/169), *magna cum laude*

Journal: PEPPERDINE LAW REVIEW, Lead Articles Editor

Honors/Awards: Faculty Scholar (full tuition scholarship)  
CALI Awards (highest grades) in Legal Research and Writing II,  
Wills and Trusts, Mediation Theory and Practice

### **Capital University**

Columbus, OH

*Bachelor of Arts, Business Management; Music (emphasis classical piano)*

May 2019

GPA: 3.96, *summa cum laude*

Honors/Awards: Collegiate Fellowship (full tuition scholarship)  
Dwight and Barb Fouce Award

## PUBLICATIONS

- Elissa Jacob, *Adjudicating Pro Se Litigation in the Era of Generative AI*, 54 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. (forthcoming 2027)
- Elissa Jacob, *Virtual Hearings, Tangible Consequences: Rethinking Remote Hearing Rules Adopted Amidst Pandemic Chaos*, 94 U. CIN. L. REV. 723 (2026)
- Elissa Jacob, *Weaponized Courts: The Need for Uniform Vexatious Litigant Law Reform*, 28 N.Y.U. J. LEGIS. & PUB. POL'Y 65 (2026)
- Elissa Jacob, *Mistakes Fuel Learning: Utilizing Mistakes as Tools in the Law School Classroom*, 8 RAISING THE BAR 5 (Winter 2025)
- Elissa Jacob, *Mistaken about Mistakes: Error Analysis as an Untapped Tool for Law School Success*, 45 PACE L. REV. 445 (2024)
- Elissa Crowder, *Avoiding the Question: The Court's Decision to Leave the Insanity Defense in State Hands in Kahler v. Kansas*, 2020 PEPP. L. REV. 93 (2020)

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- In development: an article assessing whether the Prison Litigation Reform Act's three strikes rule should be amended to apply to nonincarcerated *pro se* litigants

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2026 SEALS Conference
  - Selected to present *Adjudicating Pro Se Litigation in the Era of Generative AI* as a "New Scholar"
- 11th Annual Civil Procedure Workshop
  - Presented draft of *Adjudicating Pro Se Litigation in the Era of Generative AI*
- 2026 Lone Star Regional Legal Writing Conference
  - "Revitalizing Citation Instruction for Practice-Ready Skills"
- 2024 Association of Academic Success Educators Annual Conference
  - "Embracing Failure: The Science Behind Mistakes as an Effective Learning Tool"

## **AWARDS/GRANTS**

- Professor Excellence Award – Teaching Staff (2025)
  - South Texas College of Law Houston Student Bar Association Award
- AccessLex | AASE Faculty Scholarship Grant
  - One-year fellowship program providing support and funding for academic success scholarship
- PEPPERDINE LAW REVIEW Best Case Note Award
  - Awarded to the best PEPPERDINE LAW REVIEW write-on competition essay submission

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**The Hon. Sam S. Sheldon, U.S. Magistrate Judge Southern District of Texas**     Houston, TX  
*Law Clerk*     September 2022 – September 2023

- Wrote first drafts of opinions on a variety of civil cases and various orders

## **BAR ADMISSION**

- Texas