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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, SYRACUSE, NY

*Associate Dean of Students*, 2016 – 2018, Jan. 2025 – Present

- Led five College units serving 800+ students and managed \$1.9 million annual budget.
- Led implementation of academic and student services in new hybrid/online programs, contributing to enrollment growth of 400+.
- Built an AI-powered bar risk assessment dashboard to predict student performance and enable early intervention.
- Secured \$285,000 in external gifts and grant funding for student success initiatives.

*Associate Dean of Academic and Bar Success*, 2020 – 2024

- Produced a 54% reduction in first-year attrition, eliminated a 50-point bar examination racial achievement gap, and achieved a 15-year institutional high for first-time bar passage rate.
- Designed and delivered HBCU pipeline programs and pre-law summer academy that contributed to the admission of 28 partner institution graduates to law schools nationally.
- Redesigned academic support and bar preparation services for 750 students.

*Teaching Professor of Law*, 2016 – Present

COURSES: Professional Responsibility, Foundational Skills for Attorney Licensing, Introduction to Critical Legal Studies, Feminist Perspectives on Gender, Sexuality and the Law, Feminist Jurisprudence, Law & Sexuality

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, CLEVELAND, OH

*Director of Academic Support*, 2012 – 2016

*Legal Writing Professor of Law*, 2009 – 2016

COURSES: Appellate Advocacy, Legal Writing, Research, and Advocacy I & II, Torts

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

President's Award for Outstanding Faculty, Syracuse University College of Law SBA, 2026  
Impact Award, AALS Section on Academic Support, 2026  
Meredith Teaching Award for Continuing Excellence, Syracuse University, 2025  
Res Ipsa Loquitur Teaching Award, Syracuse University College of Law, 2024  
Faculty Member of the Year, Syracuse University College of Law, 2023  
Outstanding Assessment Award, Syracuse University, 2022

## GRANTS

AccessLex, Building Bar Skills Initiative Grant  
Phase One, 2023 – 2024 (\$35,000, principal investigator)

- Developed NextGen UBE-aligned bar skills modules consisting of formative assessment materials, integrated question sets, performance tasks, and faculty implementation guides for member law schools.

AccessLex, Building Bar Skills Initiative Grant  
Phase Two, 2024 – 2025 (\$35,000, principal investigator)

- Selected from Phase One cohort to mentor Phase Two teams and develop multi-subject bar skills modules integrating foundational skills across multiple NextGen UBE doctrinal areas.

## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Designated College of Law Liaison to: Center for International Services, Center for Disability Resources, Community Standards, and Student Engagement (university departments)

Ad Hoc Bar Exam Committee, Chair, Spring 2021 – Spring 2023

Ad Hoc Curriculum Review Committee, Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Academic Standards Committee, Fall 2016 – Present

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, Fall 2018 – Spring 2020

Academic Strategic Plan Implementation Committee, Fall 2023 – Present

Certificates, Programs, and Degrees Committee, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Inclusive College Action Team, Chair, Spring 2016 – Spring 2018

Outcomes and Assessments Committee, Fall 2020 – Present

Strategic Planning Committee, Fall 2016 – Spring 2018

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Curriculum Committee, Member, 2009 – 2016; Chair 2013 – 2014

Bar Passage Committee, Member, 2012 – 2016; Chair 2015- 2016

Admissions Committee, 2013 – 2016

Dean's Council on Diversity, Chair, 2013 – 2016

University President's Council on Diversity, 2014 – 2015

Faculty Affairs Committee, 2013 – 2015

Self-Study Committee, 2012 – 2013; 2015 – 2016

## PRESENTATIONS

AALS ANNUAL MEETING, 2026

Panelist, "AI Powered Student Success: Using Generative AI for Predictive Analytics in Academic and Bar Success," Section on Academic Support (selected from call for papers)

NORTHEAST CONSORTIUM OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS, CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW, Dec. 2025

Panelist, “From Prediction to Prevention: Generative AI and the Future of Academic Risk Detection in Legal Education” (selected from call for papers)

LEXCON 2024, Nov. 2024

Panelist, “Developing NextGen Bar Exam Skills in Upper-Level Courses”

AccessLex Building Bar Skills Conference, April 2024

Panelist, “NextGen Faculty Meeting: How to Prepare and Respond When Presenting on the NextGen Bar Exam”

Panelist, “How to Use NextGen Modules for Professional Responsibility to Prepare Students for the Bar Exam”

#### **SCHOLARSHIP**

Artificial Inferences: FERPA, Algorithmic Student Data, and the Governance Gap in Higher Education (in progress)

Needles in the Haystack: AI-Powered Early Warning Systems for At-Risk Law Students (in progress)

#### **EDUCATION**

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW, COLUMBUS, OH  
J.D, 2005, *cum laude*  
Law Review: Executive Editor, OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL

SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE, NOTRE DAME, IN  
B.A., 1999  
Major: Philosophy

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

OFFICE OF THE OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER  
*Assistant State Public Defender*, 2007 –2009

- Assigned counsel for non-capital felony level appeals and post-conviction proceedings in state and federal courts.

SCHOTTENSTEIN, ZOX & DUNN  
*Associate*, 2005 – 2007

- Associate attorney in labor and employment practice group focused on defense in trials and appeals of civil and administrative matters.

**ADMISSIONS**

State of Ohio (inactive)  
United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio  
United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio