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EXPERIENCE

Thomas Holm Legal Consulting LLC, Los Angeles, CA **1/2016 to Present**

Provide legal writing programs for law firm attorneys, summer associates, and in-house counsel on the following topics: crafting persuasive introductions and statements of fact; writing persuasive rules and discussions of authority; organizing and drafting explicit factual arguments; writing and editing techniques; and pre-writing and organization techniques. Offer personal writing instruction to attorneys seeking to enhance their written analysis.

Teach substantive courses, legal writing, and exam-taking skills for companies offering bar exam and law school preparation courses. Teach academic success skills and legal methods at undergraduate institutions and to individual pre-law and first-year law students.

Perform professional writing and editing services for law firms, corporations, non-profit organizations, and attorneys, including matters relating to written advocacy, legal advice, and U.S. history.

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA **7/1996 to 12/2015**

Lawyering Skills Clinical Program Director (7/1999 to 7/2015); Lecturer in Law (7/1996 to 6/1999)

Managed all aspects of UCLA School of Law's Lawyering Skills Program. Developed transformative curriculum, including teaching notes, readings, handouts, and other class materials. Trained and supervised Lawyering Skills instructors; led regular instructor meetings regarding curriculum and teaching methods.

Provided comprehensive instruction on legal reasoning, legal research methods, structure and content of predictive and persuasive written analysis, written advocacy, fact development, statutory interpretation, negotiation preparation and techniques, and oral advocacy to first-year law students. In Program's upper-level seminar, taught advanced legal reasoning, writing, editing, and metacognitive analytical skills to writing advisors that enabled them to critique draft memoranda from their 1L students.

Wrote predictive and persuasive exemplar memoranda. Provided extensive written and verbal critiques of students' memoranda that suggested problem-solving and self-critiquing tools students could use to improve their future written analysis. Performed exhaustive research for new writing assignments and for final research and statutory interpretation exams. Crafted detailed research logs that illustrated thorough research process.

Awarded UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award in 2000, a university-wide honor. Awarded 2010 Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching, UCLA School of Law's highest teaching honor.

LexisNexis, various locations

Advisory Board Member

6/2001 to 6/2003

Served on first LexisNexis Advisory Board during LexisNexis' development of Lessons in Legal Research: A Manual for Instructors. Developed pedagogical framework for the Manual. Wrote chapters entitled "Process of Legal Research" and "Secondary Sources" for second edition of the Manual. Edited materials for LexisNexis' Legal Research Web Course, a resource that offered law students a means to teach themselves legal research skills.

Morrison & Foerster LLP, Los Angeles, CA

8/1993 to 6/1996

Associate, Litigation and Business Departments

Managed extensive caseload, including breach of contract, tort, and insurance coverage matters. Responsible for all phases of litigation, including pleadings, written discovery, motions, and trial preparation. Advised clients regarding federal securities law issues, and developed strategies to help financial institutions comply with state and federal bank regulations, including issues relating to financial privacy, Truth in Lending Act, Home Owners' Loan Act, and Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Researched and wrote bench memoranda advising Ninth Circuit appellate panels regarding merits of appeals.
Drafted majority and dissenting opinions.

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, May 1992

Honors and Activities: Order of the Coif

Note and Comment Editor, University of Minnesota Law Review, 1991-92

Note, Aliens' Alienation from Justice: The Equal Access to Justice Act Should Apply to Deportation Proceedings, 75 Minn. L. Rev. 1185 (1991).

Edward J. Devitt Scholarship by Federal ABA for excellence in classes relating to trial advocacy

Carleton College

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, Psychology, June 1987

Honors and Activities: Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Sigma Xi Honor Society

Student/Athlete of the Year, 1986-87

Varsity Basketball: Captain, Four-Year Letter Winner

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Publications

- Cracking the Case Method: Legal Analysis for Law School Success (with Paul Bergman & Patrick Goodman), West Academic Publishing (2d ed. 2018).
- A Journey of Faith, Love, and Teaching, 58 *UCLA Law Review Discourse* 215 (2011).

Presentations

- Convincing the Court: Writing Compelling Introductions and Statements of Fact, Bird|Marella P.C., Los Angeles, California (March 13, 2016).
- Legal Education Reform: Can LRW Faculty Take the Lead? (with Lindsay Sturges Saffouri). Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference, University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, Memphis, Tennessee (June 5, 2015).
- Cracking the Case Method: Using Lawyering Skills Teaching Methodology in Orientation Courses. Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (June 27, 2013).
- In Defense of the Objective Memo: Advancing Core Analytical Skills through Detailed Objective Analysis (with Amy Flynn). Legal Writing Institute, One-day Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Berkeley, California (December 7, 2012).
- Translating Platitudes: Analytical Frameworks for New Practitioners (with Ezra Ross). Legal Writing Institute, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, San Francisco, California (August 26, 2011).

BAR ADMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- LACBA Domestic Violence Project, Volunteer Staff Attorney