

ELIZABETH (BETSY) BRAND SIX
Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

Clinical Professor
University of Kansas School of Law
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Experience

Academic

University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, Kansas

Clinical Professor and Director of Academic Resources, 2020 - Present

Clinical Associate Professor, 2014 - Present

Director of Diversity and Inclusion, August 2015 – 2019

Director of Academic Resources, 2010 - 2020

Lawyering Skills Professor, 2004 - 2014

Teach Lawyering Skills I and II, upper-level legal writing, and upper-level academic support classes. Developed and direct the Academic Resources Program, the law school's academic support program, which provides resources and guidance to students to help them succeed in law school and in the profession. Led law school efforts to promote diversity and inclusion in the law school and in the legal profession.

Professional

Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP, Kansas City, Missouri

Of Counsel, 2005 - 2007

Served as a writing coach for attorneys providing them with intensive support and feedback to improve their legal writing skills.

Of Counsel, 1998 - 2004

Represented numerous corporate clients in federal and state environmental enforcement matters. Counseled clients on environmental laws and regulations. Coordinated and managed team of twelve associates and paralegals handling large asbestos litigation docket. Spoke at and wrote material for numerous CLE presentations on a variety of environmental law topics, on attorney-client privilege issues, and on ethical issues. Served on firm Hiring Committee from 1998-2001.

Associate, 1992 - 1998

Researched legal issues and drafted legal memoranda, pleadings and other documents. Served as the Summer Associate Coordinator in 1997. Supervised the summer associate program and reviewed summer associate written material. Provided feedback to summer associates on their written material and provided an evaluation of that material to members of the Hiring Committee.

Henry Dunant Institute, Geneva, Switzerland
Intern, Fall 1991

Researched international human rights issues for the research branch of the International Committee of the Red Cross. Authored a research paper on The Use of Psychological Torture: Are the Protections Under International Human Rights Laws Sufficient?

Education

J.D., 1992
Stanford Law School, Stanford, California

B.A., Religious Studies with high distinction, 1989
Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Honors/Awards/Honor Societies

Bob and Kathie Taylor Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Kansas (2022)

Immel Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas School of Law (May 2020 - April 2021)

Robert A. Schroeder Teaching Fellowship (July 2015 - July 2019)
The award is given to a KU Law School faculty member for demonstrated excellence in teaching.

Research/Scholarly Work

Publications

Journal Articles

A Break for the Procrastinator. *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, 89 - NOV/DEC, 23-25 (2020).

The Limits of Spell Check: Words Ewe Knead Two No. *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, 88 - NOV/DEC, 14-15 (2019).

Illegal Possession. *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*. 87 - NOV/DEC, 46-48 (2018).

Bad Grammar Examples: What Amusing Grammar Errors Can Teach Us. *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, 86 - NOV/DEC, 19-20 (2017).

In Defense of the Stick-In-the-Mud: A Case for In-Text Footnotes. *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, 85 - NOV/DEC, 12-13 (2016).

The Best There Is: No More, No Less. *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, 85 - MAY, 26-27 (2016).

Take It Easy: 5 Lazy Grammar Rules. *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, 84 - MAY, 12-13 (2015).

This and That: Choose Your Words Carefully. *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, 83 - JUN, 18-19 (2014).

Avoid Passive Voice: Keep It Simple. *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, 82 - SEPT, 15 (2013).

Killing Time. *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, 81-DEC, 14 (2012).

The Act of Subtle Persuasion. *Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*, 81 - FEB, 12 (2012).

Newsletter Articles

Contextualizing and Integrating Diversity Education. *The Learning Curve*, Summer/Fall 2018, 10-11.

Using the MPT to Teach Case Reading Skills. *The Learning Curve*, Winter 2016, 5-6.

Teaching Portfolio

Enhancing Feedback on Student Work, *University of Kansas Center for Teaching Excellence*, <https://cte.ku.edu/portfolios/six>

Presentations/Lectures

What Educational Psychology Research Can and Cannot Tell Us About Motivating Law Students. Association of Academic Support Educators 2022 National Conference. San Antonio, TX (May 22, 2022)

Supporting the Procrastinator. Association of Academic Support Educators 2021 National Conference. Virtual (May 26, 2021)

Educating the Educators: Encouraging Faculty to Create Safe and Wise Classrooms. Association of Academic Support Educators 2019 Diversity Conference. Chicago, IL (October 3, 2019)

Panelist, Lessons Learned Outside the Trenches. Central States Legal Writing Conference 2019. Chicago, IL (September 14, 2019) (with Pam Keller, Joyce Rosenberg, & Shawn Watts)

Maximizing Learning for Students from Diverse Backgrounds, University of Kansas School of Education DEI Workshop, Lawrence, Kansas (June 14, 2019)

Maximizing Learning for Students from Diverse Backgrounds, Association of Academic Support Educators 2019 National Conference, Seattle, WA (May 23, 2019)

Co-Presenter, Self-Assessment as the Ultimate Tool for Success, Association of Academic Support Educators 2018 National Conference, St. Louis, MO (May 24, 2018) (with Jamie Kleppetsch)

Panelist, Supporting International Students, Association of Academic Support Educators Inaugural Diversity Conference, Baltimore, MD (October 13, 2017) (with Isabel Freitas Peres, Maureen Tracy Leo, Judy Rosenbaum & Mark Hoch)

Integrating Bar Readiness Education into the 1L Year: A Legal Writing Problem Based on the Georgia Bar Debacle, Association of Academic Support Educators 2017 National Conference, Fort Worth, TX (May 23, 2017)

Less Is More But Doing Nothing Is Worse: Including Faculty In The Diversity Dialogue, Association of Academic Support Educators 2016 National Conference, New York, NY (May 25, 2016)

Moderator & Coordinator, Panel on Oral and Written Advocacy in Bankruptcy, Midwest Bankruptcy Institute, Kansas City, MO (October 15, 2015) (with Dennis Dow, Janice Karlin, Thad Collins & Barry Schermer)

Moment of Opportunity: Using Skills and Experiential Learning Pedagogy To Enhance the Curriculum and the Status of Your Legal Writing Program, Central States Legal Writing Conference 2015, St. Louis, MO (September 26, 2015) (with Pam Keller, Joyce Rosenberg & Chelsi Hayden)

Incorporating Mastery Learning Concepts into Academic Support, Association of Academic Support Educators 2015 National Conference, Chicago, IL (May 26, 2015)

ASP a Roadmap at the Crossroad: How Academic Support Will Meet Today's Varied Challenges, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (January 3, 2015)

Helping Students Spot issues by Teaching Them to Generalize Facts, Association of Academic Support Educators 2014 National Conference, Indianapolis, IN (May 31, 2014)

Live Feedback on Memoranda & Briefs: Why It Works & How To Do It Without Going Insane, Central States Legal Writing Conference 2013, Lawrence, KS (September 27, 2013)

Using Technology to Help More Students Without More Work for You., Association of Academic Support Educators 2013 Conference, Las Vegas, NV (May 30, 2013)

Integrating Legal Writing and Legal Research: Collaborating with Librarians to Improve How Legal Research is Taught, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (June 2010) (panel)

Podcasting: Teaching Outside the Classroom, Central States Legal Writing Conference, Marquette University Law School (October 2009)

Legal Writing Refresher: Everything You Always Thought You Knew About Grammar and Punctuation But Are Afraid You Don't, Recent Developments in the Law CLE, University of Kansas School of Law (May 2008)

Incorporating a Mediation into a Second Semester Lawyering Course, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Boyd School of Law/UNLV (March 2007) (with Pam Keller)

Writing Fundamentals: Grammar and Punctuation, Legal Writing Refresher CLE, Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP (November 2006)

Writing Fundamentals: Organization and Persuasion, Legal Writing Refresher CLE, Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP (April 2006)

University Service

Chair, Academic Systems Steering Committee (January 2022- Present)

Member, Academic Systems Steering Committee (October 2014 - 2021)

Lead university committee that provides faculty input on decisions related to educational technology issues.

Member, Faculty Advisory Board for the Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (Fall 2019 - Present)

Member of a committee that promotes and evaluates the university's efforts to assess student learning.

Participant, Diversity Scholars Program (August 2017 - June 2018)

Selected to participate in a program to study and explore teaching methods, strategies, and course materials to enhance inclusivity and respect for diversity in teaching. Participated in a year-long monthly seminar with faculty from other disciplines, redesigned a course, and developed a plan for outreach and collaboration activities to facilitate inclusive teaching and mentoring at the law school.

Participant, Faculty Seminar, Center for Teaching Excellence (2010)

Selected to participate in a program for study of, reflection on, and improvement of teaching. The program includes a series of discussions with professors from a variety of disciplines and involves designing and implementing a new course and then evaluating and reflecting on the effectiveness of the course.

Participant, Best Practices Institute, Center for Teaching Excellence (2009)

Selected to participate in a program for study of, reflection on, and improvement of teaching. The program includes a series of discussions with professors from a variety of disciplines and involves designing and implementing a change to an existing course and then evaluating and reflecting on the effectiveness of the change. A teaching portfolio of my work, entitled Enhancing Feedback on Student Work, is published on the Center for Teaching Excellence's website at <https://cte.ku.edu/portfolios/six>.

Participant, i4i Project (2008 - 2009)

Selected to participate in a program to explore the use of iPods to enhance classroom and online instruction. Participated in a series of discussions with professors on the use of technology in the classroom. Developed, with other Lawyering faculty, a series of podcasts for students, and then presented a summary of the results of our podcast series and our students' responses to it.

Department Service

Committee Member, Law School Diversity and Inclusion Committee (Fall 2014 - Present)

Committee Member, Law School Scholarship Committee (2018 – Present)

Committee Member, Instructor / Bar Preparation Program Director Search Committee (Fall 2018 - January 2019)

Committee Chair, Law School Bar Passage Curriculum Sub-Committee (Fall 2015 - Spring 2016)

Committee Member, Law School Bar Passage At-Risk Sub-Committee (Fall 2015 - Spring 2016)

Committee Member, Law School Research Services Librarian Search Committee (Fall 2010 - Fall 2015)

Committee Chair, Law School Centennial Professorship and Hecker Fellowship Selection Committee (August 2015 - October 2015)

Committee Member, Law School Academic Affairs Committee (Fall 2014 - Spring 2015; Fall 2011 - Spring 2012; Fall 2009 - Spring 2010; Fall 2007 - Spring 2008))

Committee Member, Law School Graduate and International Programs Committee (Fall 2013 - Spring 2015)

Committee Member, Law School Curriculum Innovation Committee (Fall 2010 - Spring 2014)

Committee Member, Law School Admissions Committee (Fall 2012 - Spring 2013; Fall 2008 - Spring 2009)

Committee Member, Law School Medical-Legal Partnership Clinician Search Committee (March 2012 - May 2012)

Law School Disability Accommodations Coordinator (August 2010 - January 2011)

Professional Service

Member, AALS Section for Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research - Outreach Committee (March 2020 - Present)

Member, Association of Academic Support Educators, Online Presence Committee (2013 - Present)

Member, AALS Section for Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research - Diversity Committee (February 2018 - February 2020)

Past President, Association of Academic Support Educators (June 2018 - May 2019)

President, Association of Academic Support Educators (June 2017 - May 2018)

President Elect, Association of Academic Support Educators (June 2016 - May 2017)

Treasurer, Association of Academic Support Educators (June 2015 - May 2016)

Member, Kansas Bar Association Bar Prep Study Group (October 2013 - June 2015)

Secretary, Association of Academic Support Educators (June 2014 - May 2015)

Chair, Association of Academic Support Educators, Membership Committee (August 2013 - June 2014)

Membership Vice Chair, Environmental Crimes and Enforcement Committee, American Bar Association, Section on Environment, Energy and Resources (2001 - 2003)

Chair, Environmental Law Committee, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (1998)

Vice Chair, Environmental Law Committee, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (1996 - 1997)

Bar Admissions

District of Kansas, 1993

Kansas Bar, 1993

Missouri Bar, 1992

Western District of Missouri, 1992

Professional Memberships

American Bar Association

Kansas Bar Association

Missouri Bar Association