

PAMELA V. KELLER
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, KS
Clinical Professor and Lawyering Skills Director, 2015 - present
Judicial Field Placement Director, 2004 - 2022
Moot Court Council Director, 2005 - present
Faculty, 1999 - present
Associate Clinical Professor and Lawyering Skills Director, 2006 - 2015
Externship Clinic Director, 2004 - 2007
Interim Director of Lawyering Skills Program, 2005 - 2006

Professional

Ice Miller, Indianapolis, IN
Attorney, 1999 - 2004, Associate, 1995 - 1999
Member of Labor and Employment Section and Employment Litigation Group: Represented clients in employment litigation matters in both state and federal court and in administrative proceedings (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Indian Civil Rights Commission, National Labor Relations Board). Advised and represented clients on employment law compliance issues and labor relations matters in both union and non-union contexts, including in collective bargaining, contract negotiation, and arbitration.

Law Clerk for the Honorable John W. Lungstrum, United States District Court for the District of Kansas, Kansas City, KS, 1993-1995

Education

J.D., May 1993
University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, Kansas
Order of the Coif

B.A., May 1990
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Teaching Awards

William T. Kemper Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas (2025)

Webb Hecker Teaching Fellowship, University of Kansas School of Law (2019 - 2024)

Bob & Kathie Taylor Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Kansas (2018)

Robert A. Schroeder Teaching Fellowship, University of Kansas School of Law (2012 - 2015)

Elected by Class of 2008 to be a Marshall at graduation (2008)

Research/Scholarly Work

Selected Recent Lawyering Skills Course Publications

Laura Graham v. Prairie Wind Cowboy Church (Spring 2026)

Whether a stable hand's suit against her employer is barred by the ministerial exception; whether the stable hand has established sufficient evidence of an implied employment contract.

(Includes pleadings, discovery documents, confidential settlement information, and a bench brief with sample questions for oral argument)

Joyce Rosenberg & Pamela Keller, *A Beginner's Guide to Legal Writing and Communication* (2025)

Publications

Journal Articles

Teaching Foundational Mediation Principles in a First-Year Lawyering Skills Course, St. Louis Univ. L. J., Teaching Issue, Vol. 69 (April 2025)

Substance & Style: Old Principles and New Applications, A Statutory Interpretation Refresh, 94 (No. 5) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 13 (Sept./Oct. 2025)

Substance & Style: Briefing Smarter With Research-Backed Strategies, 93 (No. 6) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 22 (Nov./Dec. 2024)

Substance & Style: Writing With A Digital Reader in Mind, 92 (No. 5) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 8 (Sept./Oct. 2023)

Substance & Style: Harness the Power of Transitions, 91 (No. 5) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 14 (Sept./Oct. 2022)

Substance & Style: Telling Your Client's (and the Other Side's) Story, 90 (No. 4) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 14 (July/Aug. 2021)

Substance & Style: Accounting for Cognitive Bias in Legal Reasoning, Part 2, 89 (No. 7) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 26 (Sept./Oct. 2020)

Virtual Forensics: Tips for Online Oral Argument, 89 (No. 5) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 37-39 (May/June 2020)

Substance & Style: Accounting for Cognitive Bias in Legal Reasoning and Writing, 88 (No. 9) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 26-27 (Sept. 2019)

Substance & Style: Some Science Supporting Style, 88 (No. 6) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 16-17 (Jun. 2019)

Substance & Style: Rethinking Preliminary Statements in Briefs, 87 (No. 8) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 33-34 (Sept. 2018)

Substance & Style: Pause to Persuade, 87 (No. 5) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 36-37 (May 2018)

Substance & Style: Listening Like a Lawyer, 86 (No.9) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 48-49 (Oct. 2017)

Substance & Style: Statutory Interpretation - Are You Up To Date (the Data)?, 86 (No. 8) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 74-76 (Sept. 2017)

Substance & Style: Your Fall Writing Workout, 85 (No. 7) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 12-13 (Aug. 2016)

Substance & Style: Get into the Flow of Briefwriting, 84 (No. 7) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 10-11 (Aug. 2015)

Substance & Style: Comes Now Must Go Now, J. Kan. Bar Ass'n (Feb. 2014)

Balancing Employer Business Interests and Employee Privacy Interests: A Survey of Kansas Intrusion on Seclusion Cases in the Employment Context, 61 (5) Univ. Kan. L. Rev. 983-1020 (Jun. 2013)

Substance & Style: It's 2013, Have You Checked Your Typography Lately?, 82 (No. 6) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 214-15 (Jun. 2013)

Substance & Style: Tell the Story of the Professional Lawyer, 81 (No. 8) J. Kan. Bar Ass'n 10, 15 (Sept. 2012)

Kansas Employment Law Survey, 55 (No. 4) U. Kan. L. Rev. 887-932 (May 2007) (with Elinor P. Schroeder)

Newsletter Articles, Web Publishing, Podcasts

In A Manner of Speaking: Law Talk (Podcast interview by Paul Meier) (June 2021) Available at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-42-law-talk/id1421843086?i=1000527514162>

Using a Wiki for a Legal Analysis Assignment, AALS Teaching Methods Section Newsletter (Dec. 2009) Available at <http://www.aals.org/documents/sections/teachingmethods/Newsletter2009.pdf>

Feedback on Assignments: How to Get It and Make the Best Use of It (Suffolk University School of Law Podcast Series on transitioning from 1-L to summer legal work (available on Suffolk's iTunes U site), May 2008)

Presentations

Seen or Unseen: Coordinating Legal Writing Programs in Director-Led and Director-Less Programs. Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN (July 2026) (panel presentation with Mary Bowman, ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Lisa DeSanctis, University of Florida Levin School of Law, Anne Alexander, University of Missouri Law School, and Jennifer Swezey, Vanderbilt University School of Law)

Legal Writing Institute Critiquing Workshop, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN (July 2026) (lead break-out session)

Reacting and Adapting to Change as a Legal Writing Director, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Biennial Conference, Phoenix, AZ (July 2025) (panel presentation)

Defining Us: Identity, Unity, and the Future of the Legal Writing Community, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Biennial Conference, Phoenix, AZ (July 2025) (panel presentation)

Debating the Grading, Central States Legal Writing Conference, Northwestern Law School, Chicago IL (September 2025) (panel presentation with KU Law Lawyering Skills Faculty)

Strangers in Our Classrooms: Reconciling Reality With Expectations to Meet Students Where They Are, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (January 2025) (panel presentation with Debra Volweiler, Nova Southeastern Law, Ron Hochbaum, University of the Pacific Law School, Megan Montcalm, Duquesne Law, Nancy Soonpaa, Texas Tech University Law School)

Surviving & Thriving as a New or Newish Legal Writing Professor, 2024 LWI Biennial Legal Writing Conference, IU McKinney School of Law (July 2024) (panel presentation with Jessica Simon, UPenn-Carey Law, and Kristin Stanley, Cornell Law)

Legal Writing Update, Kansas Attorney General Spring CLE, Topeka, KS (May 2024)

Generative AI Ethics, Southeast Kansas Bar CLE, Pittsburg, KS (March 2024)

Ethical Lawyering With Generative AI. Joseph, Hollander & Craft CLE Series (August 2023) (panel presentation with Six, B., Curran, S.)

Defenders of Truth: Do we need to teach students what a lie is?, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Biennial Conference, UCI Law School, Irvine, CA (July 2023)

What's Legal Writing Scholarship Got to Do With It?, ALWD Biennial Conference, UCI Law School, Irvine, CA (July 2023) (panel discussion with Tully, D., Davis, K., Boyle, R., McMahon, S.)

What Do We Do Now?: Teaching Precedent and Stare Decisis after *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org.* and *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta*, Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, UNLV Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas (February 2023) (with Joyce Rosenberg).

70 Miles Apart on I-70 but Three Different Worlds, Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference, UMKC Law School (October 2021) (panel presentation with professors Emily Grant, Washburn, and Wanda Temm, UMKC)

Facilitator, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Leadership Institute (May - June 2021)

Kansas Open Records & Meetings, Ready to Represent: Women's Leadership Training Program, Kansas Women's Leadership Series, University of Kansas (May 2021) (panel presentation)

Accounting for Cognitive Bias in Legal Reasoning and Writing, Kansas Supreme Court Spring CLE (June 9, 2020)

Lessons Learned Outside the Trenches, Central States Legal Writing Conference, The John Marshall Law School, Chicago (September 2019) (panel presentation with KU Law professors Betsy Six, Joyce Rosenberg, and Shawn Watts)

Legal Writing Update, Recent Developments in the Law, University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS (May 22, 2019)

Clear & Concise Legal Writing, Kansas Supreme Court Spring CLE, Kansas Judicial Center (April 13, 2018)

Cultivating Collaboration Through Constructive Competition, Central States Legal Writing Conference, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law (September 16, 2017)

Moment of Opportunity: Using skills and experiential learning pedagogy to enhance the curriculum and status of your legal writing program, Central States Legal Writing Conference, St. Louis University School of Law (September 25, 2015)

Viewing the Court System with Fresh Eyes: What do the newbies say?, Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators Annual Conference, Mayetta, KS (October 24, 2014)

Principles of Persuasive Writing: Creating the Perfect Brief, Law Over Easy Series: U.S. Supreme Court Review & Appellate Practice, Kansas City, MO (September 25, 2014)

Focus on the A in CRAC: Developing Students' Ability to Draw Inferences and Fill the "Explanation Gap" in Their Application of Law to Fact., Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference, Stetson College of Law, Gulfport, FL (April 26, 2014)

ALWD Innovative Teaching Workshop, Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference, Stetson College of Law, Gulfport, FL (April 25, 2014)

Writing Tips for the Litigator, Law Over Easy Series: Civil Litigation, Kansas City, MO (March 6, 2014)

Legal Writing Refresher, Sam A. Crow Inn of Court, Topeka, KS (January 9, 2014) (with professor Jeffrey Jackson, Washburn)

ALWD Innovative Teaching Workshop, Ninth Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (June 2013) (Lead facilitator for Workshop and ran break-out session)

Law and Leadership in the Workplace, SILC Leadership Enhancement Series, University of Kansas (March 2013)

Pump Up the Volume (Without More Noise): Tips for More Effective Legal Writing, Recent

Developments in the Law, University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS (June 2011)

ABA Accreditation Standards: How do they affect voting rights, meaningful participation in faculty committees, and curriculum?, Eighth Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors focused on "Leadership for the Second Wave.", University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA (June 2011) Led break-out session following plenary.

Making First-Year Assignments More "Real", Empire State Legal Writing Conference, St. John's University School of Law, New York, NY (March 2011) (with Joyce Rosenberg)

Integrating Legal Writing and Legal Research: Collaborating with Librarians to Improve How Legal Research Is Taught, 2010 Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Marco Island, Florida (June 2010)

Podcasting: Teaching Outside the Classroom, Course Redesign Colloquium, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas (May 2010) (with Betsy Six)

Legal Writing for Paralegals, Shook Hardy & Bacon LLC, Kansas City, MO (December 2009) (with Betsy Six)

Collaborating with Librarians to Move Beyond Treasure Hunt Research Assignments, Central State Legal Writing Conference, Marquette University Law School (October 2009)

Ethics for Human Resource Professionals, Equal Employment Opportunity Law Seminar, Lawrence, KS (October 2008)

Incorporating a Mediation into a Second Semester Lawyering Course, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Boyd School of Law/UNLV, Las Vegas, NE (March 2007) (with Betsy Six)

Hiring, Firing, and the Discipline of Employees, Annual Conference for League of Kansas Municipalities, Lawrence, Kansas (October 2003)

Lorman Seminars on a variety of employment issues (presentations to human resource professionals and lawyers) including Title VII, Family & Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, Fair Labor Standards Act, national Labor Relations Act, state wrongful discharge provisions, and unemployment compensation (1995 - 1999)

Consulting

Yohe v. Corrigan, M.D. et al. (2023) (Brief to the Sedgwick County District Court)

Hjersted Family Limited Partnership v. Hallauer et al., United States District Court for the District of Kansas. (2007) (expert witness)

Service

University of Kansas

Member, Search Committee for General Counsel & Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs (2024)

Chair, Judicial Board (July 2019 - 2021)

Member, Law School Dean Review Committee (2020)

Member, University/Provost's Teaching Awards Committee (July 2021, July 2020, May 2019)
Faculty Mentor to Athletic Teams (2011 - present)
Member, Academic Review Committee (February 2017 - 2019)
Member, University GTA-GRC Hearing Procedures Committee/Work Group (January 2019 - May 2019)
Judicial Board (May 2017 - June 2019)
Member, Search Committee for General Counsel & Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs (November 2017 - May 2018)
President, Faculty Senate (May 2016 - May 2017)
Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee (June 2015 - June 2017)
Member, University Senate Executive Committee (June 2015 - June 2017)
Faculty Senator, Faculty Senate and University Senate (September 2014 - May 2017)
Member, Search Committee for Sr. Vice Provost for Academic Affairs (February 2017 - March 2017)
Member, KU United Way Committee (September 2016 - December 2016)
Member, Faculty Rights Board (June 2015 - June 2016)
President-Elect, Faculty Senate (May 2015 - May 2016)
Member, Faculty-Senate Task Force on Unclassified Academic Staff (2009 - 2010)

Kansas Board of Regents Advisory Council

Chair, Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (June 2016 - 2017)
Advisory Council to Kansas Board of Regents

Law School

Chair, Equity Committee (2019 - present)
Professional Identity Formation Committee (2023 - present)
Judicial Clerkship Committee (2009 - present)
Rice Scholarship Committee (2009 - 2016, 2018 - present)
Chair, Lawyering Skills Professor Hiring Committee (2023 - 24)
Ad Hoc Committee on Standards and Procedures for Clinical Appointments (2018 - 2022)
Chair, Judicial Clerkship Committee (2020 - 2023)
Promotion and Tenure Committee (2019 - 2020)
Law Communications Cabinet (2016 - 2017)
Bar Passage Curriculum Sub-Committee (2015 - 2016)
Lawyering Skills Professor Hiring Committee (2009 - 2012, 2017)
Library Committee (2011 - 2016)
Legal Aid Clinic Hiring Committee (2013 - 2014)
Dean's Search Committee (2010 - 2011)
Advisor, Women in Law Faculty (2009 - 2010)
Clinical Professor Hiring Committee (2009 - 2010)
Promotion and Tenure Standards Committee (2008 - 2009)
Orientation Planning Committee (2007 - 2009)
Clinical Programs Committee (2006 - 2008)
Externship Program Committee (2006 - 2007)
Admissions Committee (2005)
Alumni Relations Committee (2005)
Career Services Committee (2005)
Student Recruitment Committee (2005)
ABA Site Evaluation Self-Study Committee (2004 - 2005)

Book Exchange Committee (2004 - 2005)
Self-Study and Site Evaluation Preparation Committee for ABA Accreditation (2004 - 2006)
Curriculum Review Committee (2000 - 2001)

Professional

Co-Chair, ALWD Guide Task Force (2025-present)
Chair, ALWD New Directors Committee (2022 - 2025)
Director, National Moot Court Region 9 Competition (2006, 2015, 2022)
Member, Planning Committee, Central States Legal Writing Conference (2015, 2017, 2023, 2025)
Kansas Bar Association Committee on Professionalism (2010 - 2013)
Chair, Planning Committee, Central States Legal Writing Conference at the University of Kansas School of Law (October 2012 - September 2013)
Chair, Association of Legal Writing Directors Innovative Teaching Workshop Committee (September 2012 - September 2013) (organized and moderated two ALWD teaching workshops)
Planning Committee, Central States Legal Writing Conference held at Marquette University Law School (2010 - 2011)
AALS, Section on Legal Writing, Media Committee (2009 - 2010)
Planning Committee, Seventh Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) held at UMKC Law School (2008 - 2009)

Public Service

Board Member, Rural Water District No. 7 (April 2015 - Present)
Lawyer, Rural Water District 7, Jefferson County, KS (November 2010 - April 2015)

Service Presentations

Educational

Video series for prospective law students, KU Law Admissions (summer 2020)
Sponsor, Women in Law, Judges' Day Panel, KU Law (February 6, 2020)
Moderator, talk with Judge Rhonda Mason, LET Conference: Leadership, Elevation & Transformation, University of Kansas School of Business (March 12, 2017)
Moderator, Judges Panel, "Women on the Bench," Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics (March 2011)
Women's Forum for Prospective Law Students, University of Kansas School of Law (October 2009)
Forum on Women in the Legal Profession, University of Kansas School of Law (March 2009)
Panel on Challenges for Women in the Legal Profession, University of Kansas School of Law (Spring 2007)
Women's Law Forum, University of Kansas (October 2003)

Bar Admissions

Kansas, New York, Indiana (inactive)

Professional Memberships

American Bar Association
Kansas Bar Association
Kansas Women Attorneys Association
Association for Legal Writing Directors
Legal Writing Institute