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## EDUCATION

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- 1993 - 1995**                      **Harvard Law School**                      **Cambridge, MA**
- **Juris Doctor, *cum laude*.**
  - First-year studies at The University of Texas School of Law. Invited to join *Texas Law Review* (declined due to school transfer).
  - Finalist, Harvard University Commencement Speech Competition – 1995.
- 1990 - 1991**                      **The University of Michigan**                      **Ann Arbor, MI**
- **Master of Public Health in Health Behavior and Health Education.**
  - Grade Point Average: 3.98 out of 4.0. Merit Scholarship (final semester).
  - Sign Language Study at Gallaudet University.
- 1985 - 1989**                      **Dartmouth College**                      **Hanover, NH**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Drama modified with Education.**
  - Drama foreign study in London, England. Italian language study in Siena, Italy.
  - Dartmouth College Health Services Certificate for Distinguished Service and Excellence in AIDS Education – 1989.
- 1981 - 1985**                      **Choate Rosemary Hall**                      **Wallingford, CT**
- Elected to the Choate Rosemary Hall chapter of the National Cum Laude Society.
  - Graduation honors in English, History and Social Sciences, Theater and Spanish.
  - Spanish foreign study in Valladolid, Spain.

## LEGAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**2007 – present**            **Drexel University College of Law**            **Philadelphia, PA**  
***Associate Professor of Law***

- As a member of the tenure-track faculty, write academic scholarship and participate in school governance.
- Teach one section of first-year Legal Methods course. Emphasize strong predictive writing, persuasive writing, oral advocacy, and legal research skills.
- Teach a seminar on the United States Supreme Court.
- Direct annual student trip to Washington, D.C., and the United States Supreme Court.

**2007 – present**            **Bar/Bri Bar Review**            **Chicago, IL**  
***Bar Review Instructor***

- Teach multistate bar review seminars to groups of up to 1000 students.
- Help write and revise simulated exam questions for exam review.

**1998 – 2007**            **Multi-State Legal Studies, Inc.**            **Santa Monica, CA**  
***Bar Review Instructor***

- Taught 16-18 three-day PMBR bar review seminars each year to groups of up to 1000 students.
- Developed outlines and simulated exam questions for exam review.

**2005 – 2007**            **Southern New England School of Law**            **N. Dartmouth, MA**  
***Dean of Skills Training and Assistant Professor of Law***

- Developed and implemented four-semester Legal Skills curriculum for entire first- and second-year classes.
- As a member of the tenure-track faculty, wrote academic scholarship and participate in school governance.
- Hired, supervised, and evaluated adjunct Legal Skills faculty.
- Oversaw the Academic Support program.
- Taught one section of first-year Legal Skills course. Emphasized strong predictive writing, persuasive writing, oral advocacy, and legal research skills.
- Directed annual student trip to Washington, D.C., and the United States Supreme Court.
- Assisted with training of Law Review editors.
- Visiting Assistant Professor, 2005-2006.

## LEGAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

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**2001 – 2005**      **Roger Williams University School of Law**      **Bristol, RI**  
***Professor of Legal Writing***

- Taught two sections of first-year Legal Methods course each semester. Emphasized strong predictive writing, persuasive writing, oral advocacy and legal research skills. Developed and implemented curriculum.
- Taught one section of Client Interviewing and Counseling each semester to second- and third-year students.
- Directed annual student trip to United States Supreme Court and United States Congress.

**2000 – 2001**      **Roger Williams University School of Law**      **Bristol, RI**  
***Adjunct Professor***

- Taught a weekly Client Interviewing and Counseling seminar to groups of 14-18 students during the Fall 2000 and Summer 2001 semesters.

**2000 – 2001**      **Harvard Law School Admissions Office**      **Cambridge, MA**  
***Applications Reader***

- Read approximately 100 applications each week and made recommendations to the Admissions Committee.

**1997-1999**      **Gadsby & Hannah, LLP**      **Boston, MA**  
***Litigation Associate***

- Worked with senior litigation attorneys on general litigation, employment, criminal and *pro bono* matters.
- Regularly took and defended depositions; argued motions in state court; researched, wrote and filed briefs for state and federal court; interacted with and assisted clients; drafted and responded to written discovery requests; prepared experts for depositions and trial; and second-chaired trials.

**1997**      **Testa, Hurwitz & Thibeault**      **Boston, MA**  
***Litigation Associate***

- Researched and wrote about issues relating to securities investigations, patent infringement, commercial matters, and other litigation issues.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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### ARTICLES – ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

**“Coming off the Bench: Legal and Policy Implications of Proposals to Allow Retired Justices to Sit By Designation on the United States Supreme Court.”** 61 DUKE LAW JOURNAL \_\_ (forthcoming fall 2011) (with Michael Dorf).

**“The Carnegie Report: Does It Go Far Enough?”** \_\_ JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE \_\_ (with Deborah Gordon and Christine Coughlin) (forthcoming 2011).

**“Sex on the Brain: Adolescent Psychosocial Science and Sanctions for Risky Sex.”** 34 NYU REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL CHANGE 708 (2011)

**“Motivating Students to Use Citators: Lessons from Litigation.”** 18 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 140 (2010).

**“Failure Is Not an Option: What Legal Educators Can Learn from NASA’s Signature Pedagogies to Improve Student Outcomes.”** 75 JOURNAL OF AIR LAW & COMMERCE 503 (with Christine Coughlin) (2010) (lead article).

**“See One, Do One, Teach One: Dissecting the Use of Medical Education’s Signature Pedagogy in the Law School Curriculum.”** 26 GEORGIA STATE LAW REVIEW 361 (2010) (with Christine Coughlin and Sandy Patrick).

**“The Other Side of the Story: Using Graphic Organizers to Counter the Counter-Analysis Quandary.”** 39 U. OF BALTIMORE LAW REVIEW 227 (2010) (with Christine Coughlin) (by invitation).

**“From Grimm to Glory: Simulated Oral Argument as a Component of Legal Education’s Signature Pedagogy.”** 84 INDIANA LAW JOURNAL 589 (2009).

**“Supreme Court Press Coverage.”** Entry in Gale Supreme Court Encyclopedia (Fall 2008).

**“When Neighboring States Disagree: Teaching Statutory Interpretation Through Client Letter Writing.”** *The Second Draft: The Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute* (September 2008).

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

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### ARTICLES – ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

**“Using an Attorney Mastery Scale.”** *The Second Draft: The Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute*, Vol. 21, No. 2 at 1, 15 (December 2006).

**“My Best Class: Saving the Astronauts.”** *The Second Draft: The Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute*, Vol. 20, No. 1 at 16-17 (August 2005).

**“What Gets Me Through: My Top Ten List.”** *The Second Draft: The Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute*, Vol. 18, No. 2 at 16-17 (Summer 2004).

**“Whom Are We Teaching? Members of Communities.”** *The Second Draft: The Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute*, Vol. 18, No. 1 at 12-13 (December 2003).

### BOOKS

***Sonia Sotomayor: First Hispanic Supreme Court Justice.*** (Lerner Books, 2010) (Biography geared to ages 9-12).

***Ted Kennedy: A Remarkable Life in the Senate.*** (Lerner Books, 2009) (Biography geared to ages 9-12).

***Nancy Pelosi: First Woman Speaker of the House.*** (Lerner Books, 2007) (Biography geared to ages 9-12).

***John G. Roberts, Jr.: Chief Justice.*** (Lerner Books, 2006) (An authorized biography; geared to ages 9-12).

***Alberto Gonzales: Attorney General.*** (Lerner Books, 2006) (An authorized biography; geared to ages 9-12).

***Love, Lizzie: Letters to a Military Mom.*** (Albert Whitman Books, 2005) (An original picture book about a young girl whose mother is posted overseas on active military duty). Includes an authorized foreword by United States Senator Dianne Feinstein.

***Sandra Day O'Connor: Supreme Court Justice.*** (Millbrook Press, 2003) (A biography of the Justice; geared to ages 9-12).

***Meet My Grandmother: She's a Children's Book Author.*** (Millbrook Press, 2001) (About Vicki Cobb and her granddaughter; geared to ages 5-10).

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

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### BOOKS (CONTINUED)

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*Anticipation: A Pregnancy Journal.* (Compass Labs, 2001) (Guided journal sold in Target and mainstream bookstores).

*A Kitchen Companion.* (Compass Labs, 2001) (Guided journal marketed in Target stores).

*Meet My Grandmother: She's a United States Senator.* (Millbrook Press, 2000) (About Dianne Feinstein and her granddaughter; geared to ages 5-10).

*Meet My Grandmother: She's a Deep-Sea Explorer.* (Millbrook Press, 2000) (About Sylvia Earle and her grandchildren; geared to ages 5-10).

*Meet My Grandmother: She's a Supreme Court Justice.* (Millbrook Press, 1999) (About Sandra Day O'Connor and her granddaughter; geared to ages 5-10).

## PRESENTATIONS

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**To Report or Not to Report: That is the Question.** Eleventh Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada. Upcoming March, 2011.

**Plenary Speaker.** Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop for Full-Time and Adjunct Professors, Law Librarians and other Legal Researchers, and Individuals Who Would Like to Teach Legal Writing. Wake Forest Law School. December, 2010.

**“What You Need to Know About Choosing Textbook, Teachers’ Manuals, Creating Appropriate Assignments, Writing a Syllabus, Working with Writing Specialists, and Using Other Law School Resources.”** (panel presentation with Ruth McKinney and Wanda Temm). Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop for Full-Time and Adjunct Professors, Law Librarians and other Legal Researchers, and Individuals Who Would Like to Teach Legal Writing. Wake Forest Law School. December, 2010.

**“Turning ‘Sharks’ into ‘Heroes’: What NASA Training Has to Offer Legal Education as a Model.”** (with Christine Coughlin). Colloquium: How Legal Rhetoric Shapes the Law: Pedagogy, Theory, & Practice. American University Law School, Washington, D.C. October, 2010.

## PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

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**“Developing the ‘Third’ Story: Strategies to Enhance Counter-Analysis (and Ignite Student Enthusiasm).”** (Panel Presentation with Christine Coughlin and Robin Wellford Slocum). The Thirteenth Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute. Marco Island, Florida. June, 2010.

**“Celebrate and Explore Legal Research.”** (With Deborah Gordon). Tenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. Tucson, Arizona. March, 2010.

**“Failure Is Not An Option: What Legal Writing Professors Can Learn from NASA to Enhance Outcomes in the Legal Writing Classroom.”** Tenth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. Tucson, Arizona. Upcoming March, 2010.

**Speaker, Plenary Panel on Legal Writing Scholarship.** Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. October, 2009.

**“Shall We Dance? What We Can Learn About Legal Writing from *Dancing With the Stars*.”** Central States Regional Legal Writing Conference. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. October, 2009.

**“Shall We Dance? What We Can Learn About Legal Writing from *Dancing With the Stars*.”** Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference. St. Petersburg, Florida. September, 2009. (proposal accepted, unable to present due to H1N1 illness).

**“The Carnegie Report’s Suggestions for the Teaching of Legal Analysis.”** Yes, We CArNegie! Conference. Chicago, Illinois. July, 2009 (panel presentation with Michael Hunter Schwartz and Elizabeth Mertz).

**“See One, Do One, Teach One: Using a Medical Education Model in the LRW Classroom.”** (with Sandy Patrick). The Seventh Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors. Kansas City, Missouri. July, 2009.

**Moderator for the Plenary Session at the Seventh Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors.** Kansas City, Missouri. July, 2009.

**“What is Legal Writing Scholarship?”** (with Ellie Margolis). Delaware Valley Legal Writing Consortium. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. June, 2009.

## PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

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**“Counter-Analysis and Refutation: Some Exercises to Teach Students to Think About What Opposing Counsel Would Say.”** Ninth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. Tempe, Arizona. March, 2009.

**“Building Capable Lawyers: Effective Strategies to Help Students Scale the Ladder of Learning.”** (poster presentation with Robin Slocum). 2009 Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. San Diego, California. January, 2009.

**“Teaching Professionalism Through Memo Writing.”** Delaware Valley Legal Writing Consortium. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. December, 2008.

**“Changing Schools, Changing Lives: How to Get Out There, Get Noticed, and Get the Job You Want.”** (Panel presentation with Linda Edwards, Molly Lien, and Kirsten Davis). The Twelfth Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute. Indianapolis, Indiana. July, 2008.

**“Truth in Journalism: What is the Role of Journalism Today in Determining What is Perceived as Truth?”** (on the Supreme Court and press coverage of the Pledge of Allegiance case). (Moderator, panel presentation). Drexel Department of Communications, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. May, 2008.

**“Beyond Technology: Teaching the Substance of State Research.”** (Panel presentation with Pamela Lysaght and Suzanne Rowe). 2007 Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors. Denver, Colorado. June, 2007.

**“The Pros and Cons of Directorless Programs.”** (with Alison Julien). 2007 Biennial Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors. Denver, Colorado. June, 2007.

**“Considering Statutes in Context.”** Seventh Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada. March, 2007.

**“The Law/Justice Dichotomy: Teaching Students to Employ Justice and Law-Based Arguments for Maximum Persuasive Effect.”** The Twelfth Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute. Atlanta, Georgia. June, 2006.

## PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

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**“Too Much, Too Little, or Just ‘Write’: What is the ‘Right’ Approach to Critiquing Student Drafts?”** (Panel presentation with Alison Julien, Susan Smith Bakhshian, and Nancy Soonpaa). Sixth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. Tucson, Arizona. March, 2006.

**“The Court’s First Lady: Honoring the Career of Justice Sandra Day O’Connor.”** Panel presentation, Symposium on Jurists and Gender. American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. February, 2006.

**“When Neighboring States Disagree: An Exercise in Statutory Interpretation and Client Letter Writing.”** The New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers. Boston, Massachusetts. December, 2005.

**“Teaching Students to Incorporate Law and Justice Arguments into Persuasive Writing.”** Fifth Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. Tempe, Arizona. March, 2005.

**“Climbing Everest (Sometimes Without a Guide): Teaching Challenging Students.”** (with Jessica Elliott). *Horizons: The Eleventh Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute*. Seattle, Washington. July, 2004.

**“The Three Bears Redux: It’s More Than Just the Facts (A First-Year Law Student’s Fairy Tale Introduction to Effective Oral Advocacy).”** *Horizons: The Eleventh Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute*. Seattle, Washington. July, 2004.

**“LRW Goes to Washington.”** Fourth Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada. March, 2004.

**“Using Goldilocks Beyond the Statement of the Case: An Introduction to Oral Advocacy.”** Third Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico. March, 2003.

**“Using Goldilocks Beyond the Statement of the Case: An Introduction to Oral Advocacy.”** The New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers. Boston, Massachusetts. December, 2002.

**Plenary speaker** on lessons learned from interesting women featured in the *Meet My Grandmother* series. *Whose Job Is It Anyway? The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Career Education Association*. Columbus, Ohio. November, 2000.

## PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

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**“Innovative AIDS Education for Adolescents: Strategies for Behavior Change.”** *The V International Conference on AIDS*. Montreal, Canada. June, 1989. With B. Conant Sloane, D. Sloane, and K. Steinman.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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**Winner** (as part of SCOTUSblog creative team), ABA Silver Gavel Award (for fostering the American public’s understanding of the law and the legal system; first blog ever to receive the honor) (2010)

**Winner** (as part of SCOTUSblog creative team), ABA Journal Blawg 100, Court Watch category. (2010)

**Finalist**, Supreme Court Fellows Program. (2009)

## RECENT SERVICE

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**Board Member**, Legal Writing Institute; 2010-present.

**Plain English blogger**, SCOTUSblog; 2009-present.

**“Justice”/Mooter**, Supreme Court Institute, Washington, D.C.; 2008 – present.

**Mentor**, Poster Presentations, LWI National Conference; 2010.

**Judge**, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg “Pursuit of Justice” Legal Writing Competition (Philadelphia Bar Association), 2009- present.

**Coach**, Drexel Entertainment Law Moot Court Team; 2008.

**Board Member**, Association of Legal Writing Directors; 2006-2009.

**Peer reviewer**, *Journal of the Association of Legal Writing Directors*; 2008.

**Committee Member**, Program Committee, 2010 annual meeting program for the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research; September 2008 – present.

**Committee Member**, Summer Research Grant Committee, Legal Writing Institute/Association of Legal Writing Directors; 2007 - 2008.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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**Judge**, Legal Writing Institute Deborah Hecht Memorial Contest; 2008.

**Member and former Board Member**, the Association of Legal Writing Directors.

**Member**, Legal Writing Institute.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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State Bar of Massachusetts

The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

The United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

The Supreme Court of the United States

## MEDIA COVERAGE

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### TELEVISION

*The Gayle King Show* (January, 2011) (interviewed by Gayle King regarding Rahm Emanuel ballot issue).

ABC, *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*. Contestant in syndicated version of game show hosted by Meredith Vieira. January 4, 2010.

KYW-TV CBS 3, "Newsmakers: Pat Talks to Professor Lisa McElroy." (May 17, 2009) (interview concerning upcoming changes in the Supreme Court).

Until station became truTV, was a regular guest expert on CNN's Court TV, a nationally-broadcast cable television station.

NBC, *The Today Show* (February 18, 2000) (interviewed by Katie Couric about *Meet My Grandmother: She's a Supreme Court Justice*).

### RADIO

Oprah Radio - *The Gayle King Show* (May, 2010) (interviewed by Gayle King regarding major cases decided by the United States Supreme Court).

Oprah Radio - *The Gayle King Show* (May, 2010) (interviewed by Gayle King regarding Elena Kagan's nomination to the United States Supreme Court).

## **MEDIA COVERAGE (CONTINUED)**

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Oprah Radio - *The Gayle King Show* (June, 2009) (interviewed by Gayle King regarding Sonia Sotomayor's nomination to the United States Supreme Court).

Held position as Satellite Sister, Esq. (regular legal commentator) on the *Satellite Sisters*, a nationally-syndicated radio show, 2005-2007. Gave legal commentary on over 30 legal issues during a two-year time frame.

Until station was discontinued, was a regular guest expert on Court TV Radio, a nationally-broadcast station on Sirius Satellite Radio.

### **PRINT AND INTERNET MEDIA COVERAGE**

SCOTUSblog, regular blogger (beginning 2009). List of posts available at <http://www.scotusblog.com/category/plain-english/>.

Letter to the Editor (concerning the Obama marriage) published in the *New York Times*, November 12, 2009.

Agence France-Presse, "A Dynasty with No Heirs." (August 27, 2009) (quoted about the legacy of the Kennedy family in the wake of the death of Senator Edward Kennedy) (article appeared internationally in such papers as *The Straits Times* of Singapore, *The Sydney Morning Herald* of Sydney, Australia, and *The Cape Argus* of Cape Town, South Africa).

*The National Law Journal*, "Shortcut for Forensics Denied." (June 29, 2009) (quoted on U.S. Supreme Court ruling requiring witness testimony at criminal trials for certain types of forensic evidence).

*The National Law Journal*, "Souter's Retirement Sets Stage for Nomination Fight." (May 4, 2009) (quoted concerning President Obama's likely strategy to fill Justice Souter's vacant seat).

*Wall Street Journal* | Blogs, "On Filling Souter's Shoes - What Comes Next?" (May 4, 2009) (quoted concerning President Obama's likely strategy to fill Justice Souter's vacant seat).

*The Philadelphia Inquirer*, "In Going His Own Way, Souter Expanded Rights." (May 5, 2009) (op-ed discussing Justice Souter's nonpartisan approach to deciding cases).

## **MEDIA COVERAGE (CONTINUED)**

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### **PRINT AND INTERNET MEDIA COVERAGE (CONTINUED)**

*Detroit Free Press*, "Granholt Fits the Short List; Lack of Experience on the Bench is not Necessarily an Obstacle." (May 17, 2009) (quoted regarding Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm as one of President Obama's potential nominees to fill Justice Souter's vacant seat).

*John G. Roberts, Jr.: Chief Justice* featured in the national press throughout the fall of 2006. Articles appeared in the *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Legal Times*, and local papers, as well as on the Internet on CNN.com, on law.com, and in numerous legal blogs.

Letter to the Editor (concerning the retirement of Sandra Day O'Connor) published in the *New York Times*, July 6, 2005.

*Meet My Grandmother: She's a Supreme Court Justice* featured in numerous newspaper and magazine articles, including a national AP wire that appeared in newspapers across the country.