

# LISA T. MCELROY

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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 one section of Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiation.
- Teach a seminar on the United States Supreme Court.
- Direct annual student trip to Washington, D.C., and the United States Supreme Court.

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

- Develop and implement four-semester Legal Skills curriculum for entire first- and second-year classes.
- As a member of the tenure-track faculty, write academic scholarship and participate in school governance.
- Hire, supervise, and evaluate adjunct Legal Skills faculty.
- Oversee the Academic Support program.
- Teach one section of first-year Legal Skills course. Emphasize strong predictive writing, persuasive writing, oral advocacy, and legal research skills.
- Direct annual student trip to Washington, D.C., and the United States Supreme Court.
- Assist with training of Law Review editors.
- Visiting Assistant Professor, 2005-2006.

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

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

## 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

**“Using an Attorney Mastery Scale.”** *The Second Draft: The Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute*, Vol. \_\_, No. \_\_ at \_\_ (2007) (upcoming).

**“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

***Nancy Pelosi: First Woman Speaker of the House*** (Lerner Books, Fall, 2007).

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

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

***Love, Lizzie: Letters to a Military Mom***. (Albert Whitman Books, Fall 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.

***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). Appeared on the *Today Show* (NBC) and many other television and radio programs to promote book.

***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).

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

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### **BOOKS (continued)**

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

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

*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).

### **OTHER**

Regular contributor to *Parenting* magazine (full list of articles and essays available upon request).

Articles and essays have appeared and are forthcoming in national magazines such as *Child*, *BABYTALK*, *Wag*, *Dog Fancy*, *Mary Engelbreit's Home Companion*, and *Fit Pregnancy*.

## PRESENTATIONS

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

**"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.

## PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

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**“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.

**“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.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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Association of Legal Writing Directors (elected in 2006 for a three-year term on the National Board of Directors)

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

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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### **TELEVISION**

Regular guest expert on Court TV, a nationally-broadcast cable television station.

### **RADIO**

Hold position as Satellite Sister, Esq. (regular legal commentator) on the *Satellite Sisters*, a nationally-syndicated radio show.

Regular guest expert on Court TV Radio, a nationally-broadcast station on Sirius Satellite Radio.

### **PRINT MEDIA COVERAGE**

*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, law.com, and numerous legal blogs.

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

*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.