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## **EXPERIENCE**

**Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA**

**Professor of Legal Writing**, November 2009-  
**Associate Professor of Legal Writing**, August 2004-November 2009  
**Assistant Professor of Legal Writing**, August 2003-August 2004  
**Legal Writing Instructor**, August 2001-August 2003

Teach legal analysis, writing and oral advocacy course to first year law students. Instruct students in the writing of legal memoranda, pleadings and appellate briefs. Conduct appellate oral argument competition for first year students.

**Acting Assistant Dean For Academic Support**, August 2003-May 2004  
**Acting Director Of Academic Support**, January 2006-May 2006

**ACE USA (formerly CIGNA Property and Casualty Cos.), Philadelphia, PA**  
**Environmental Coverage Specialist**, August 1994-August 2001.

Analyzed and resolved insurance coverage issues in multi-million dollar toxic tort cases arising in all 50 states. Supervised underlying environmental defense litigation including trial strategy and appellate issues. Prepared opinion letters for policyholder clients. Also handled coverage actions. Researched coverage law and analyzed policy defenses in light of relevant precedent. Was responsible for overseeing the discovery process, dictating motion practice, negotiating settlements and coordinating the overall defense of the company.

**White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia, PA**

**Litigation Associate-Healthcare Group**, September 1991-August 1994.

Represented hospitals and physicians in medical malpractice actions. Participated in all areas of trial preparation and appeals. Also defended product liability claims, general tort actions and handled related insurance law matters. Counseled healthcare clients on various environmental, employment and ethical issues.

## **EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, D.C.**

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 1991  
Editor, The Georgetown Immigration Law Journal  
**Honors:** Dean's List (all semesters)  
Legal Research and Writing

**TULANE UNIVERSITY, New Orleans, LA**

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, May 1988 (Major: American History,  
Minor: Sociology)  
**Honors:** Dean's List (all semesters)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

**“THE OTHER STORY OF BASEBALL: *An Alternate History of ‘America’s Game’*”** (in progress).

**“THE FALL OF THE 1977 PHILLIES: *How a Baseball Team’s Collapse Sank a City’s Spirit*”** (McFarland & Co., Inc., Publishers, 2008).

**Book Chapters**

**“The Tell-All Hurler: Jim Bouton and ‘Ball Four’”** Courting the Yankees: Legal Essays on the Bronx Bombers, ch. 6 (Carolina Academic Press, 2003).

**“Litigation & Regulatory Issues Affecting Managed Care”** Treatise on Health Care Law, Vol. 1, Ch. 8A, Matthew Bender & Co. (1996. Updated through 2000) (co-author).

**Articles**

**“Major League Baseball as Enron: The True Meaning of the Mitchell Report”** Outside the Lines: A Publication of the SABR Business of Baseball Committee, Fall 2008.

**“The Sovereign Nation of Baseball: Why Federal Law Does Not Apply to ‘America’s Game’ and How it Got That Way”** (accepted for publication in the Villanova Sports & Entertainment Law Journal).

**“What’s in a Name, or, Better Yet, What’s it Worth?: Cities, Sports Teams and the Right of Publicity”** 58 Case W. Res. L. Rev. 167 (2007).

**“Dismantling the ‘Other’: Understanding the Nature and Malleability of Groups in the Legal Writing Professorate’s Quest For Equality”** 13 J. Legal Writing Institute 79 (2007).

**“The Continental League and the Push for Expansion in Major League Baseball”** Outside the Lines: A Publication of the SABR Business of Baseball Committee, Summer 2007.

**“MLB Franchise Relocation Pursuant to its Antitrust Exemption: A Distinction Without a Difference”** Outside the Lines: A Publication of the SABR Business of Baseball Committee, Spring 2007.

**“Gatekeepers of Americana: Ownership’s Neverending Quest For Control of the Baseball Creed”** NINE: A Journal of Baseball History & Culture, Vol. 15, #1, 68 (Sept. 2006).

**“The Irrelevance of Major League Baseball’s Antitrust Exemption: A Historical Review”** 58 Rutgers L. Rev. 1 (2005), (Winner of the 2006 McFarland-SABR Award: Presented by the Society for American Baseball

Research in recognition of the best historical or biographical articles of the year).

**“Taking the Road Less Traveled: Why Practical Scholarship Makes Sense For the Legal Writing Professor”** 11 J. Legal Writing Institute 329 (2005).

**“It’s the Economy (and Combined Ratio) Stupid: Examining the Medical Malpractice Litigation “Crisis” Myth and the Factors Critical to Reform”** 108 Penn St. L. Rev. 1077 (2004).

**“Celebrating the Value of Practical Knowledge and Experience”**  
Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing, Vol. 11, No.3 (Spring 2003).

**“The Messiah By G.F. Handel-An Introductory Note”** By The Wayside, August, 1997 (humorous fiction).

**"The Growth of Enterprise Liability in the Managed Care Arena"** Health Care Law Monthly, February, 1996.

**"Hospital Corporate Negligence: Enforcing the Hospital's Role of Administrator"** 28 Tort & Ins. L. J. 575 (1993).

## PRESENTATIONS

Moderator, **“Betting on the Budget: Can State Legislatures Go All In or Will the Federal Government Force Them to Fold?”** Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal Symposium, Villanova, PA, January 30, 2010.

**“Baseball, Federal Law, and the Mitchell Report,”** The Twenty First Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, The National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY, June 3-5, 2009.

**“Black Friday and Philadelphia”** presented at the monthly “Talkin’ Baseball” meeting of the Maryland chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research, Columbia, MD, October 11, 2008.

**“The Presidential Election of 1832 and the Fall of Philadelphia”** presented as part of The Philadelphia History Project, at Cassatt House, Philadelphia, PA, September 26, 2008.

**“Defining the Purpose and Parameters of Scholarship for Legal Writing Professors”** The Thirteenth Biennial Conference of The Legal Writing Institute, Indianapolis, IN, July 17, 2008.

**“Bacon, Dilworth, Phillips and the Phils: Elements of Change in Mid-Century Philadelphia”** presented at The Georgetown Club of Philadelphia, June 19, 2008.

**“The Phillies, Connie Mack Stadium, and Philadelphia’s Mid-Century Racial Identity”** The Twentieth Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, The National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY, June 4-6, 2008.

**“The Combined Ratio and the Roots of Cyclical Medical Malpractice ‘Crises’”** The Temple Journal of Science, Technology & Environmental Law’s Spring 2008 Symposium on Medical Malpractice and Ethics, Philadelphia, PA February 22, 2008.

**“Baseball and Philadelphia”** Philadelphia Ink: A Celebration of Philly Area Writers, Philadelphia, PA, December 16, 2007.

**“Should Student Conferences Be Optional?: Point/Counterpoint – Sharing Our Views on Hot Topics in LRW”** The Eleventh Biennial Conference of The Legal Writing Institute, Seattle, WA, July 23, 2004.

**“The Professor/Entertainer Dilemma: Effective Utilization of Practical Knowledge in the Classroom”** Philadelphia Region Legal Writing Conference, May 12, 2003.

#### **OTHER MEDIA**

**Op-ed: “Disgust with the NFL? You Betcha,”** *Philadelphia Daily News*, September 21, 2009.

**“Philly Sports Talk Now!”** Netcast, [www.talkshoe.com/tc/79329](http://www.talkshoe.com/tc/79329) April 9, 2008.

**“Angelo Cataldi and the Morning Team”** Sportsradio 610 WIP, March 31, 2008.

**“Daily News Live”** Comcast Sportsnet, January 15, 2008

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Co-Producer and Writer: “Base Ball: The Philadelphia Game,”** a webisode produced in conjunction with the Philadelphia documentary project, November, 2009.

**Contributing Scholar: “Philadelphia: The Great Experiment,”** a documentary project produced by Sam Katz, directed by Mark Moskowitz, and scheduled for release in 2011.

**Judge: “Ruth Bader Ginsburg ‘Pursuit of Justice’ Legal Writing Competition, 2007-08.”**

**Judge: “The Second Draft” Legal Writing Specialist Award Competition,** Spring, 2008.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**American Bar Association**

**Legal Writing Institute**

**Society For American Baseball Research (SABR)**

**SABR Business of Baseball Committee**