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EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law, CA: Juris Doctor, 2007

Amherst College, MA: Bachelor of Arts (*magna cum laude*), Comparative Religion, 2000

LEGAL PRACTICE

Deputy District Attorney: Juvenile Justice Division 2018 – present
Napa County District Attorney’s Office Napa, CA

- Trial prosecutor with authority over all the county’s juvenile matters, specifically focused on rehabilitation and systemic change. Every week is a combination of investigation, interviewing, negotiation, and court appearances. Formerly assigned to prosecuting human and drug trafficking.
- Based on a career largely dedicated to legal writing, frequently asked to draft or review the office’s most important briefs.

War Crimes Prosecutor: United Nations 2014 – 2016
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia The Hague, Netherlands

- As a member of the Appeals Division, prosecuted top political and military officials for atrocities committed during the conflict and genocide in the former Yugoslavia. Was trusted to research and draft some of the most scrutinized briefs in international law, filed in a United Nations war crimes tribunal, addressing some of recent history’s most notorious crimes. Because the stakes were so high, every filing was thoroughly researched, persuasively argued, and held to the most exacting standards.
- Independently pursued opportunities to teach. Developed and delivered a legal writing course to incoming lawyers and interns. Created instructional materials for an international criminal law class.

Deputy Attorney General: Appeals, Writs, and Trials 2010 – 2014
California Department of Justice San Francisco, CA

- Appellate position almost entirely dedicated to legal research, writing, and oral argument. Had sole responsibility for briefing approximately 100 matters, primarily in the California Courts of Appeal but also in the United States Supreme Court, California Supreme Court, and Ninth Circuit. Personally conducted approximately 35 appellate oral arguments.
- Was assigned progressively more significant, sometimes widely reported cases, including a quintuple cult murder and other homicides. In 2013, received an award from the California State Senate for my work. Through extensive practice, developed effective research and writing strategies that have informed subsequent teaching.

Appellate Public Defender 2008 – 2010
Appellate Defenders, Inc. San Diego, CA

- Appointed by Appellate Defenders (a non-profit defense service operating under the state judiciary) to represent indigent juveniles and adults on appeal. A pure research-and-writing job.
- Reviewed trial transcripts and identified errors. Communicated with clients, researched legal remedies, and developed arguments. Drafted and filed briefs in the California Court of Appeal.

Clerk to U.S. Magistrate Barbara L. Major

2007 – 2008

Federal Judicial Clerkship

San Diego, CA

- Post-graduate judicial clerkship. Worked closely with Judge Major on a variety of litigation, primarily civil. Researched and helped write judicial opinions and orders.

LAW SCHOOL TEACHING

Adjunct Professor: Legal Skills

Summer 2021

California Western School of Law

San Diego, CA

- From May to August 2021, remotely teaching two summer sections of Cal Western's Legal Skills II course focused on research, drafting briefs and memoranda, appellate argument, and trial advocacy.

Instructor: Lawyering Process

Spring 2021

UC Davis School of Law

Davis, CA

- Lab instructor for King Hall's Lawyering Process course. Teacher and mentor conveying legal fundamentals to first-year students: negotiation, client interviewing, oral presentation, and other skills. All classes taught remotely.

Adjunct Professor: Legal Writing and Research

2011 – 2014

UC Hastings School of Law

San Francisco, CA

- Developed materials and taught four semesters of Legal Writing and Research and Moot Court, both first-year courses. As a Legal Writing and Research instructor, taught first-semester students to find answers, intelligently read cases, analyze evidence, and write like lawyers. In Moot Court, created course materials and guided students through the process of drafting and orally arguing a 20-page appellate brief.
- Attempted to go above and beyond as an instructor. Personally graded all work (instead of assigning to TAs) and spent many hours outside class providing extra instruction. Based on average student ratings around 4.5/5—among the very highest on the LWR faculty—received teaching awards every semester.

PUBLICATION AND SPEAKING

- *Advocacy at the International Criminal Court: A Practical Guide to Using International Human Rights and Criminal Law Procedures* (Connie de la Vega and Alen Mirza) (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2019) (chapter contributor on representing victims of atrocity crimes)
- Criminal Law Guest Lecturer: UC Davis School of Law (2018 – 2021)
- Invited Speaker, Combatting Human Trafficking, Lagos, Nigeria (2018)
- Panelist, A Comparative Law Approach to Improving Criminal Justice Outcomes, Lagos, Nigeria (2018)
- Invited Speaker, A Comparative Law Approach to Improving Criminal Justice Outcomes, Abuja, Nigeria (2017)

OTHER CERTIFICATIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Justice Rapid Response Roster Member:** selected for an elite team of war crimes investigators.
- **Interviewing Child Victims and Perpetrators of Atrocity Crimes:** 40-hour certificate training.
- **Languages:** proficient in Italian, proficient in Spanish, basic Japanese.
- **Licensed South African Safari Guide**
- Bicycled across the US to raise money and awareness for an MS foundation. Ultramarathoner.