

# CATHERINE BRAMBLE

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### J. Reuben Clark Law School, BYU

*Associate Professor*

July 2023 – Present

- Teach second and third-year courses in advanced legal writing.
- Direct the BYU Law School Writing Center.
- Act as Faculty Advisor for the BYU Law School Moot Court Team.

### S. J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

July 2022 – June 2023

- Taught first-year Torts and the upper-division courses of Applied Legal Writing and Problem Solving & Analysis.
- Assisted in the administration of the Law School's Academic Success Program.

### J. Reuben Clark Law School, BYU

*Legal Writing Faculty*

August 2011 – August 2013, August 2016 – July 2023

*Director of Academic Advisement & Development*

May 2019 – May 2022

- Taught a two-semester legal research and writing course to first-year students.
- Taught second and third-year courses focused on developing students' analytical and writing skills.
- Created and directed a comprehensive Academic Development Program that produced historically high Bar passage rates including two consecutive Bar exams with 100% Bar passage for all first-time Utah test-takers from BYU Law.
- Drafted industry-leading vendor policies for commercial Bar preparation courses to provide negotiated pricing and consumer protections for students.

### MHM Law Offices

*Attorney*

October 2021 – April 2022

August 2008 – August 2016

- Litigated low to high-conflict family law cases including divorce, custody disputes, post-decree modifications, child support, paternity, termination of parental rights, and adoption.
- Other areas of practice included estate planning, business law, and general civil litigation.

### Brigham Young University

*Director of Preprofessional Advisement*

June 2006 – August 2008

*Prelaw Advisor*

August 2004 – August 2008

- Oversaw all operations of the BYU Preprofessional Advisement Center including prelaw, prehealth, and pregraduate management offices as the first Director of the Center.
- Taught 4-6 college courses in prelaw studies to approximately 200 students per semester.
- Served on university and department committees including the BYU Operational Advisement Committee, the BYU Internship Committee, the BYU Law School Advisory Board, the BYU Career Services Management Team, the CCC Director's Committee, and the CCC Internet and Technology Committee.

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## EDUCATION

### J. Reuben Clark Law School, BYU

August 2002 – June 2005

- Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*.
- Order of the Coif & Order of the Barrister.
- Law Review.
- Trial Advocacy National Competition Team & Winner of the 2004 Western Regional NTC Competition.
- Three-year academic scholarship recipient.
- Student of the Year (awarded by the BYU Law School Women's Alumni Association).
- J. Reuben Clark Award (awarded by the faculty for academic excellence, integrity, high ethical standards, and service).

### Brigham Young University

August 1999 – June 2002

- B.A. in English; editing emphasis.
- Four-year full-tuition academic scholarship recipient.
- Dean's List (4.0 GPA for one or more semesters).

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Law 505: Torts (Fall 2024, Fall 2025).
- Law 545: Introduction to Legal Research and Writing (Fall 2011, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022).
- Law 546: Introduction to Advocacy (Winter 2012, 2013, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023).
- Law 680: Strategies in Legal Analysis (Fall 2021).
- Law 679: Substantial Writing Workshop (Fall 2025).
- Law 779: Advanced Legal Writing (Fall 2025).
- Law 795R: Fundamentals of Legal Analysis (Fall 2019, 2020).
- Law 795R: Advanced Legal Writing (Fall 2023).
- Law 795R: Legal Writing Theory & Practice (Fall 2024, Winter 2025).
- Law 795R/796R: Substantial Writing Workshop (Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Fall 2024, Winter 2025).
- Law 796R: Fundamentals of Legal Writing (Winter 2024).
- Law 796R: Strategies in Legal Analysis (Winter 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022).
- Law 6140: Torts (Fall 2022).
- Law 7899: Applied Legal Writing (Fall 2022).
- Law 7908: Problem Solving & Analysis II (Winter 2023).
- St. Dev. 198R: Law Lecture Series (Fall 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007; Winter 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008).
- St. Dev. 198R: Prelaw Review (Fall 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007; Winter 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008).
- St. Dev. 198R: Prelaw Student Association Leadership (Fall 2005, 2006, 2007; Winter 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008).
- St. Dev. 198R: Introduction to Legal Education and Practice (Fall 2004, 2005, 2006; Winter 2005, 2006).
- St. Dev. 198R: Constitutional Research (Fall 2006, 2007; Winter 2007, 2008).
- St. Dev. 199R: Legal Internship (Fall 2005, 2006, 2007; Winter 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008).
- St. Dev. 199R: Semester Away Legal Internship (Fall 2005).
- St. Dev. 199R: Study Abroad Directed Legal Research (Winter 2008).
- St. Dev. 214R: Introduction to Legal Education and Practice (Fall 2007; Winter 2007, 2008).
- St. Dev. 260: Constitutional Research (Fall 2008).
- St. Dev. 365: Legal Education and Practice (Fall 2008, 2009; Winter 2009, 2010).
- Biology 399R: Mentored Patent Law Internship (Winter 2008).

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## PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Bramble, Catherine, Dane Thorley. "Updates on Attorney Licensure in Utah: the NextGen Bar Exam and Utah's new Alternate Path to Licensure." BYU Law School 2025 Alumni Development Summit. Provo, Utah. November 7, 2025.
- Bramble, Catherine, Jeffrey Dobbins, Sarah Garrison, Marsha Griggs, Neil Fulton, Nachman N. Gutowski, Ashley London, Antonia Miceli, Mary Szto, Brian Gallini (moderator) (2025). "Licensure Reform." Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Jacksonville, Florida. July 31, 2025.
- Bramble, Catherine, R. Lisle Baker, Haskell Murray, Michele Nneka Okoh, Kellyn McGee, Melanie Reid, Rosemary Queenan, Hemanth Gundavaram, Aric Short, Sarah McConnell, Patricia Jones Winograd, Lucinda Gardner, Joan MacLeod Heminway (moderator) (2025). "Law Faculty Physical Well-Being." Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, Jacksonville, Florida. July 28, 2025.
- Bramble, Catherine. "The Historical Roots of Legal Education & What We Should Learn from the Past to Inform the Future." BYU Law School Faculty Scholarship Series, Provo, Utah. March 25, 2025.
- Bramble, Catherine, Jamie Abrams, Katy Boling, Kathryn Frey-Balter, David Thomson, Rachel Croskery-Roberts (moderator) (2025). "Brave Baby Steps: Taking Small Risks with Your Teaching." AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California. January 11, 2025.
- Bramble, Catherine (2024). "Teaching Law & Religion on an International Stage: Best Practices to Maximize Learning, Connection, and Understanding." Paper Proposal at the Law and Religion Pedagogy Workshop. Sponsored by the International Center for Law and Religion Studies. Christ Church College, Oxford, England. July 17, 2024.
- Bramble, Catherine, Dane Thorley (2024). "An Alternative Path to Attorney Licensure." Committee on Legal Education and Admissions Reform. July 15, 2024.
- Bramble, Catherine (2024). "An Alternative Path to Attorney Licensure." Colorado State Board of Law Examiners. May 29, 2024.
- Bramble, Catherine, John Pearce, Emily Lee (2024). "An Alternative Path to Attorney Licensure." Utah State Bar Annual Convention, Plenary Session. St. George, Utah. March 16, 2024.

- Bramble, Catherine, Akiesha Anderson, Meg Glasmann (2024). “Bar Prep Kick Off.” National Webinar. Sponsored by the Federal Bar Association Law Student Division. April 19, 2024.
- Bramble, Catherine, Joan Howarth, Deborah Merritt, Anthony Verona (2024). “Legal Education in a World Without the Bar Exam.” Hot Topic Session moderated by Marsha Griggs, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. January 5, 2024.
- Bramble, Catherine (2023). “Finding a Better Way: An Alternative Path to Attorney Licensure in Utah.” *Utah Bar Journal*, Volume 36 No. 6, Nov/Dec. 2023.
- Bramble, Catherine, Louisa Heiny, Emily Lee, Dane Thorley (2024). “An Alternative Path to Attorney Licensure.” Statewide Association of Prosecutors & Public Attorneys and the Utah Prosecution Council Business Meeting, Virtual Business Meeting. January 4, 2024.
- Bramble, Catherine (2023). “Utah’s Proposed Alternative Path to Attorney Licensure.” LicensureCon. Sponsored by the Institute for the Advancement of the American System (IAALS), Colorado Springs, Colorado. November 8, 2023.
- Bramble, Catherine, John Pearce, Amy Oliver, Dane Thorley (2023). “An Alternative Path to Attorney Licensure.” Central Utah Bar Association CLE & Business Meeting. Sponsored by the Central Utah Bar Association (CUBA), Provo, Utah. October 3, 2023.
- Bramble, Catherine, Louisa Heiny, Amy Oliver (2023). “An Alternative Path to Attorney Licensure.” Utah State Legislature Open Meeting for Senators and House Representatives. Sponsored by the Utah State Legislature, Salt Lake City, Utah. September 25, 2023.
- Bramble, Catherine, Louisa Heiny, Emily Lee, Dane Thorley (2023). “An Alternative Path to Attorney Licensure.” Utah Judicial Conference. Sponsored by the Utah Supreme Court, Park City, Utah. September 15, 2023.
- Bramble, Catherine, Louisa Heiny (2023). “An Alternative Path to Attorney Licensure.” Utah State Bar Admissions Committee Meeting. Sponsored by the Utah State Bar. Virtual Presentation. September 13, 2023.
- Bramble, Catherine (2023). “Harnessing the Power of Active Learning in Law School Teaching.” Keynote Speaker, Fifth Utah Legal Research Instruction Conference. BYU Law School, Provo, Utah. May 17, 2023.
- Bramble, Catherine (2022). “Effective Requests: How to Write Persuasively.” Book chapter in the *Certified Advocate Partners Program Practice Manual*. Timpanogos Legal Center (2023).
- Bramble, Catherine, Rory Bahadur (2022). “Actively Achieving Greater Racial Equity in the Law School Classroom.” 70 *Clev. St. L. Rev.* 709 (2022).
- Bramble, Catherine, Mary Lu Bilke (commenter), Susan Griffith (commenter), Louisa Heiny (co-presenter), Mai Linh Spencer (commenter) (2022). “Building a Better Legal Profession: Pathways to Bar Licensure.” Virtual Conference Hosted by the Mitchell Hamline School of Law, the University of Minnesota Law School, and the University of St. Thomas School of Law. Pathways to Bar Licensure Conference. April 22, 2022.
- Bramble, Catherine (2022). “Innovation in a Time of Crisis: The Utah Supreme Court’s Order on Emergency Diploma Privilege.” *Utah Bar Journal*. Volume 35, No. 1, Jan/Feb 2022.
- Bramble, Catherine, Danielle Conway, Brian Gallini, Lauren Heperi, Pilar Margarita Hernandez Escontrias. (2021). “Emergency Pathways to Licensure and Reflections from the Pandemic.” Seventh Annual AccessLex Legal Education Research Symposium. Virtual Conference Hosted by AccessLex Institute. November 1, 2021.
- Bramble, Catherine (2021). “Grit, 168 Hours, the Four Tendencies, & the Happiness Advantage—Oh My! How Teaching Social Science Can Scaffold & Amplify Your Students’ Law School Success.” Association of Academic Support Educators National Conference. Virtual Conference Hosted by American University Washington College of Law. May 25, 2021.
- Bramble, Catherine (2021). “Diploma Privilege in Utah.” *Raising the Bar*, AccessLex Institute, Spring 2021, Volume 4 Issue 2, p. 7. March 31, 2021.
- Bramble, Catherine (Panel Moderator), Hayley Cousin, Susan Griffith, Jarom Harrison, Lauren Heperi, Zachary Zundel (2021). “Utah’s Emergency Diploma Privilege and Supervised Practice.” BYU Law & Leadership Conference. BYU Law School, Provo, Utah, January 29, 2021.
- Bramble, Catherine (2020). “Engaging Learners from Start to Finish.” BYU Center for Teaching and Learning, Teach Anywhere Series. BYU, Provo, Utah, August 5 & 6, 2020.
- Bramble, Catherine, Paul Cassell, Frederick Gedicks, Louisa Heiny (2020). “Utah should lead and let law grads practice without taking the bar exam.” *Deseret News*, Guest Opinion, April 15, 2020.
- Bramble, Catherine (2018). “World of Law: Who Should Get the Kids: The Drug Dealer or The Exotic Dancer?” BYU Law School, Provo, Utah, November 14, 2018.
- Bramble, Catherine, Jenny Oaks Baker, Laura Bridgewater, Michelle Kaufusi, Rebecca Mehr (2018). “LYFE Panel Discussion in Celebration of International Women’s Day.” Sponsored by the BYU Women’s Services and Resources Office. BYU, Provo, Utah, March 8, 2018.
- Bramble, Catherine (2016). “Dividing Retirement So That No One Ends Up in the Poor House: How to Properly Draft and Execute Qualified Domestic Relations Orders.” The Fifth Annual Domestic Relations Continuing Legal Education Conference, BYU Law School, Provo, Utah, March 25, 2016.

- Bramble, Catherine, Brittany Jepsen, Candilyn Newell, Naomi Watkins (2016). “BYU Women and Education Panel: Balancing Life at Every Age & Stage.” Sponsored by the BYU Women’s Services and Resources Office. BYU, Provo, Utah, March 10, 2016.
- Bramble, Catherine, Kristy Hanson (2015). “Qualified Domestic Relations Orders: Avoiding Pitfalls from Stipulation to Division.” *Attorney at Law Magazine, Greater Salt Lake Edition*, Vol. 3 No. 6, p. 27.
- Bramble, Catherine, Justice Christine Durham, Susannah Thomas, Elaine Young (2015). “J. Reuben Clark Law Society 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in Law Panel Discussion.” JRCLS Women in Law Forum, BYU Law School, Provo, Utah, September 30, 2015.
- Bramble, Catherine, Mary Jensen, Janet Peterson, Joi Pearson, Jane Wise (2012). “Literature in the Legal Writing Classroom.” Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona, March 23, 2012.
- Bramble, Catherine, Julie Brinkerhoff, David Kaiser (2008). “Professional/Graduate School 101: Advising our Future Lawyers, Doctors, and Business Professionals.” NACADA Rocky Mountain Region 10 Conference, Park City, Utah, May 21, 2008.
- Bramble, Catherine, David Kaiser, Caorlyn Tuitupou (2008). “How to Write Effective Letters of Recommendation.” BYU Writing Matters Workshop. BYU, Provo, Utah, January 2008.
- Bramble, Catherine (2007). “How to Take Your Prelaw Program to the ‘Next Level.’ Part One: Start a Prelaw Review.” *Western Association of Prelaw Advisors Newsletter*, Fall 2007, pp. 4-5.
- Bramble, Catherine (2007). “I Understand the Basics of Prelaw Advising: Now What?” *Western Association of Prelaw Advisors Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Sept. 22, 2007.
- Bramble, Catherine, Frank Guliuzza, Marsha Yowell (2007). “Simulated Legal Activities: Mock Trial, Moot Court, and Mediation.” *Western Association of Prelaw Advisors Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Sept. 22, 2007.
- Bates, Chris, Catherine Bramble (2006). “Toward a Better Prehealth Advisement Program.” *Presented to BYU President Cecil Samuleson by Catherine Bramble*, Provo, Utah, August 8, 2006.
- BYU Prelaw Review, Volumes 19-22: April 2005 – April 2008. Publisher: Catherine Bramble.

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## CHAPTER & BOOK REVIEWS

- “Legal Argumentation: Reasoning and Writing About the Law.” Chapter 16: Humans in the legal context. Publication by CALI eLangdell Press. Reviewed by Catherine Bramble, November 2023.

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## UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE SERVICE

- BYU Law School Curriculum Committee (2025-Present)
- Discussion Moderator, BYU Faculty Learning Community (2025-Present)
- BYU Law School Director of Writing Center (2024-Present)
- BYU Law School Moot Court Faculty Advisor (2023-Present)
- BYU Law School Teaching Committee (2024-Present)
- BYU Law School Ad Hoc Teaching Committee (2023-2024)
- BYU Law School Student Awards Committee Member (2021-2022)
- BYU Center for Teaching & Learning College Representative (2019-2021)
- BYU Law School Academic Development Working Group Committee Chair (2019-2020)

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE & APPOINTMENTS

- Utah Supreme Court Working Group on Attorney Licensure (August 2020 – August 2025)
- Freedom Preparatory Academy Governing Board (K-12 Charter School) (2011 – 2013; 2015 – 2018)

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## MEMBERSHIPS & INTERESTS

- Admitted to the Utah State Bar (October 2005)
- Hobbies include reading, traveling, hot air ballooning, and running and pacing marathons