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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor Cum Laude April 1995
J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

Bachelor of Arts April 1992
Journalism and English, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

LexisNexis/LWI Scholarship Award 2022
Monetary grant to support the writing of my article *What's in a Name?: The Implications of Strategic Naming Choices in Legal Advocacy*

SBA First-Year Professor of the Year 2015
Student-selected award recognizing excellence in classroom teaching, service, and citizenship.

R. Wayne Hansen Teaching and Learning Faculty Fellowship 2008-2011
University-wide fellowship awarded to outstanding faculty for projects directed at enhancing teaching and learning.

Brigham Young University Religious Education Transfer Professor Award 2010
Inaugural recipient of the award, which recognizes the outstanding professor in religious education from outside the religion department.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

H. Reese Hansen Professor of Law
Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School August 2007 to present
Teaching Professor of Law and Director, Rex E. Lee Advocacy Program

- Directs the efforts of 3 part-time writing professors and 5 library faculty members.
- Oversees curriculum development and modification, course material preparation, and teacher evaluations for the law school legal writing program.
- Teaches first-year research, writing, analysis, appellate advocacy, and oral argument to up to 50 students.
- Creates and oversees the creation of course problems.
- Chairs the Law School Student Writing Committee, which is charged with enhancing the Law School's Writing Culture.

- Trains and supervises 24 upper-division teaching assistants.
- Teaches upper-division courses related to legal writing, communication, and appellate advocacy.
- Supervises Substantial Writing papers for 2-3 students per semester.
- Coaches National Moot Court Team.
- Teaches Judicial Clinical Alliance courses and oversee students working with all judicial placements during the school year and in summer externships.
- Reviews summer externship journals and placement materials for judicial externs.
- Keeps in touch with judicial placement providers to ensure that our students are bringing the skills necessary for their externships and to ensure that we are teaching the classes in the clinical alliances that will best enable student success.
- Also teaches undergraduate courses in Religion, LDS Church history, and Public Speaking as needed to fill University needs.
- Coordinates the Law School's 3Minute Thesis Competition as part of the University 3MT Competition.

UNLV Boyd School of Law

August 2022-May 2024

Distinguished Visiting Professor of Lawyering Process

- Taught 2 sections of Lawyering Process 1 and 2.

UNLV Boyd School of Law

August 2021-present

Visiting Adjunct Professor

- Taught Lawyering Process 1 and 2 during the Fall/Spring semesters to a class of 21 students in an online format.
- Taught Lawyering Process 3: Judicial Writing during the Summer semester to a class of 18 students in an online format.

Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School Feb. 2002-Aug. 2007

Associate Teaching Professor and Director, Rex E. Lee Advocacy Program

- Granted promotion to full professor effective Fall semester 2007.

Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School

May 2001-Feb. 2002

Associate Librarian and Acting Director, Rex E. Lee Advocacy Program

- Granted continuing faculty status (BYU's version of tenure) effective Fall semester 2002.

Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

July 1999-June 2001

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

- Taught first-year research, writing, analysis, appellate advocacy, and oral argument.
- Created course problems.
- Developed an upper-division Advanced Legal Research course for Spring semester.

- Supervised upper-division guided research students and creation of upper-division moot court competition problem.
- Taught Advanced Appellate Advocacy course and advise 2L members of the Moot Court Honor Society.

Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School Jan. 1998- May 2001
Assistant Librarian, Lawyering Skills Instructor and References Services Coordinator

- Instrumental in developing the concept and curriculum for new first-year legal research and writing course.
- Created course problems.
- Trained 18 teaching assistants.
- In second year trained new adjunct instructors and teaching assistants.
- Oversaw majority of program's administration.
- Taught the program's only integrated research and writing section (other sections were team taught by an adjunct writing professor and a law librarian).

Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School May 1997-Jan. 1998 **Assistant Librarian, Data Base/Reference Librarian/Lawyering Skills Instructor**

Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School Oct. 1995-May 1997 **Assistant Librarian, Reference Librarian/Legal Research Instructor**

Brigham Young University Aug. 1994-1999
Adjunct Professor of Church History and Doctrine

COURSES TAUGHT

Advanced Appellate Advocacy
 Advanced Appellate Brief Writing
 Advanced Legal Research
 Advocacy I and II
 Lawyering Process I and II
 Lawyering Process III: Judicial Writing
 Legal Research and Writing I and II
 Judicial Clinical Alliance
 Judicial Writing Seminar
 Moot Court Team: Advanced Brief Writing
 Public Speaking for Lawyers
 Scholarly Writing Seminar
 Student Development 150: Public Speaking

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

Kristin B. Gerdy Kyle, *What's in a Name?: The Implications of Strategic Naming Choices in Legal Advocacy*, LAW & PSYCHOLOGY REVIEW (2025).

Kristin B. Gerdy Kyle & Benjamin Forsgren, *Solving the Parental Catch-22: Special Masters During Times of Crisis*, 60 FAMILY COURT REV. 2259 (2022) (mentored co-authorship with a 3L law student).

Kristin B. Gerdy Kyle, *Big Brother, Othello, and Dogs that Don't Bark: Literary References in the Federal Appellate Courts* 29 U. S. C. INTERDISCIPLINARY L. J. 427 (2020).

Kristin B. Gerdy, *The Heart of Lanyering*, in LIFE IN THE LAW: RELIGIOUS CONVICTION (2013).

Kristin B. Gerdy, *The Heart of Lanyering*, CLARK MEMORANDUM Fall 2009, 28-38.

Kristin B. Gerdy, *Clients, Empathy, and Compassion: Introducing First-Year Students to the "Heart" of Lanyering*, 87 NEBRASKA L. REV. 1 (2008).

Kristin B. Gerdy, *The Irresistible Force Meets the Immovable Object: When Antidiscrimination Standards And Religious Belief Collide in ABA-Accredited Law Schools*, 85 U. ORE. L. REV. 943 (2006).

Kristin B. Gerdy, Jane H. Wise & Alison Craig, *Expanding Our Classroom Walls: Enhancing Teaching and Learning Through Technology*, 11 LEGAL WRITING, J. LEG. WRITING INST. 263 (2005) (main author).

Kristin B. Gerdy, *"Important" and "Irreversible" but Maybe Not "Unreviewable": The Dilemma of Protecting Defendants' Rights Through the Collateral Order Doctrine*, 38 UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO L. REV. 213 (2004).

Kristin B. Gerdy, *Continuing Development: A Snapshot of Legal Research and Writing Programs Through the Lens of the 2002 LWI and ALWD Survey*, 9 LEG. WRITING 227 (2003).

Kristin B. Gerdy, *Teacher, Coach, Cheerleader, and Judge: Promoting Learning through Learner-Centered Assessment*, 94 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL 59 (2002).

Kristin B. Gerdy, *Making the Connection: Learning Style Theory and the Legal Research Curriculum*, 19 LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES QUARTERLY 71 (2001).

Kristin B. Gerdy, *The Internet Alternative*, 19 LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES QUARTERLY 119 (2001).

ESSAYS AND SHORTER WORKS

An Abiding Hope in Christ: It is Well with My Soul, BYU WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (invited) (2019).

Kristin B. Gerdy, *Highlights of the 2004 ALWD/LWI Survey of Legal Writing Programs*, 19 SECOND DRAFT: BULL. LEGAL WRITING INST. 14 (December 2004).

Kristin B. Gerdy, *Law Student Plagiarism: Why It Happens, Where It's Found, And How To Find It*, 2004 BYU EDUCATION AND LAW JOURNAL 431. (Invited, Symposium on Plagiarism)

Kristin B. Gerdy, *Teachable Moments: What is the difference between substantive and procedural law? And how do I research procedure?*, 9 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 5 (Fall 2000).

SELECTED EDITORSHIPS AND MISCELLANEOUS

Editorial Board Member, Journal of Legal Communication and Rhetoric: JALWD, 2010-2021.

Editor-in-Chief, Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute, 2008-2013 (volumes 15-18)

Assistant Editor-in-Chief, Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute, 2006-2008 (volumes 12-14)

Association of Legal Writing Directors and Legal Writing Institute, Annual Survey of Legal Writing Programs Report (2001-2005) (administered survey instrument, compiled and analyzed data from more than 170 schools each year, and prepared survey response report that was distributed to all ABA-accredited law schools).

Kristin B. Gerdy, editor, *Tenth Annual National Legal Research Teach-In Training Kit* (West 2002). (Also edited the Sixth through Ninth Annual publications.)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Beyond Track Changes: Critiquing & Revising Briefs for Maximum Impact, National Association of Appellate Court Attorneys annual conference, Salt Lake City, UT, July 2025.

Active Classrooms panelist, Legal Writing Institute New Faculty Bootcamp, online, July 2025.

AI in Legal Research and Writing: Small Prompts, Big Impact, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2025.

What's in a Name?: The Implications of Strategic Naming Choices in Legal Advocacy, LWI National Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 2024.

Program Chair, JRCLS International Conference, Las Vegas, NV, March 21-23, 2024.

"I Need a Mental Health Day!:" Mental Health and Law Students, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, UNLV Boyd School of Law, February 2023.

The Neglected R in LRW: Leveraging Asynchronous Modules and Targeted Class time to put Research back in the Legal Research and Writing Curriculum, LWI One-day Workshop, UNLV Boyd School of Law, December 2021.

An Abiding Hope in Christ: *It is Well with My Soul*, BYU Women's Conference, May 3, 2019.

Big Brother, Othello, and Dogs that Don't Bark: Literary References in the Federal Appellate Courts, Work in Progress presentation at UNLV Boyd School of Law, October 2012.

Public Speaking for Lawyers: The Overlooked Skill. Legal Writing Institute Conference, Palm Desert, California, July 2012.

Clients, Empathy, and Compassion: Introducing First-Year Students to the "Heart" of Lawyering in the Legal Writing Classroom, Legal Writing Institute Conference, Marco Island, Florida, July 2010.

Clients, Empathy, and Compassion: Introducing First-Year Students to the "Heart" of Lawyering, Conference of Religiously Affiliated Law Schools, Provo, Utah, March 2010.

25 Years of the Legal Writing Institute, Joint Symposium of the Journal of Legal Writing and the Mercer Law Review, Macon, Georgia, November 2009 (organizer and speaker).

Special Challenges for Directors of Adjunct, Part-time, and Hybrid Programs, with Hether McFarlane, Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, July 2009.

"For Policy Reasons": Helping Novice Legal Writers Find and Articulate Effective Policy Arguments, with Joi Gardner Pearson, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2008.

Teaching 1Ls about Clients, Empathy, and Compassion, Association of Legal Writing Directors Conference, Denver, Colorado, June 2007.

The Changed Organizational Structure Of Law Schools And Its Impact On Faculty, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2007 (invited panelist).

In the Footsteps of Giants, presentation to the Chicago Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, July 20, 2005.

Developing Legal Research Programs, Preparing for Practice: A Conference on Legal Skills Training in Central and Eastern Europe, Prague, Czech Republic, May 2005

Expanding Our Classroom Walls: Enhancing Teaching and Learning Through Technology, Legal Writing Institute Conference, Seattle, Washington, July 2004.

Courting Technology: Recent Technological Innovations for Federal Courts, Tenth Circuit Judicial Conference, Park City, Utah, July 2004.

Applying Technology in First Year Legal Research and Writing: Two Schools' Approaches, SubTech 2004 Conference, Seattle, Washington, June 2004.

Technology in the Legal Writing Classroom, AALS Workshop on Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2004.

Beating the Plagiarism Plague, AALS Annual Meeting, Atlanta Georgia, January 2004.

Creating Legal Research Problems and Assignments that Work, American Association of Law Libraries

Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, July 2000.

Opening Windows: Using Your Computer To Teach Legal Writing Better, half-day workshop for Legal Writing Institute with Jan Levine, Seattle, WA, July 2000.

Adult and Experiential Learning Theory in the Legal Research Classroom, Teaching Research in Academic Law Libraries Institute, sponsored by LEXIS Publishing, Philadelphia, PA, July 2000.

What if?: Evaluating Learning in the Legal Research Classroom, Teaching Research in Academic Law Libraries Institute, sponsored by LEXIS Publishing, Philadelphia, PA, July 2000.

Legal Research on the Internet: Navigating the Net to Find the Law, Utah Library Association Annual Meeting, Cedar City, Utah, May 1999.

Legal Research on the Internet: Navigating the Net to Find the Law, Wasatch Front Law Library Association, Provo, Utah, May 1999.

If Socrates Only Knew: Expanding Law Class Discourse, CALI Conference on Law School Computing, Chicago, Illinois, July 1998.

Spanning the Horizon: Adapting Legal Research Teaching to Accommodate Differing Learning Styles, AALL Annual Meeting, Anaheim, California, July 1998.

Legal Research on the Internet, Wasatch Front Law Library Association, Provo, Utah, March 1998.

Taking a Step Back: Dealing with Difficult and Demanding People, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, July 1997. Coordinator and moderator.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

American Association of Law Libraries

- Member, 1996- present
- SIS Council Member, July 1999- July 2001
- SIS Council Chair and Liaison to the AALL Executive Board, July 2000-July 2001 • Publications Committee, Member, July 2000-July 2002
- Publications Committee, Chair, July 2001-July 2002.

American Association of Law Libraries Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section

- Member, 1996-present
- Program Committee, Member, 1996-1998
- Public Relations Committee, Chair, 1997-1998
- Program Committee, Chair, 1998-1999
- Vice Chair/ Chair-Elect, 1998-1999
- Chair, July 1999-July 2000

Association of American Law Schools Section on Teaching Methods

- Website Committee Chair, November 2006-2009
- Program Committee Chair, 2009-2010

Association of American Law Schools Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research

- Awards Committee Member, February 2007 to 2010

Association of Legal Writing Directors

- Member, 1997-1999; 2001-present
- Survey Committee Co-Chair, 2001-2002
- Board of Directors, Member, 2002-2004
- Survey Committee Chair, 2002-2005
- Moot Court Committee Member, 2002-2010
- President-Elect, July 2004-July 2005
- President, July 2005 – July 2006
- Immediate Past President, July 2006 – 2007
- Representative to the AALS Council on Legal Education, July 2006 to 2011
- Secretary: July 2008-July 2011

Legal Writing Institute

- Member, 1997-present
- Board of Directors, Member, July 2004-July 2008
- Secretary, June 2006 – July 2008
- Program Co-Chair, 2014 National Conference, 2012-2014
- Sirico Scholars' Workshop Governing Board, 2021-present
- Teaching Resources Committee Co-Chair, 2024-present

LEXIS-NEXIS Legal Research and Writing Advisory Board

- Member, 2001-2003 (when Board was dissolved)

Teaching Research in Academic Law Libraries Colloquium

- Faculty and Advisory Council Member, 1999-2009

Utah Bar Association

- Member, 1995-present
- Bar Exam Essay Grading Committee, 2019-2020

Utah Supreme Court Committee on Plain Language Jury Instructions

- Member, 2011-2015

SELECTED LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Writing Committee, Chair, 2019-present

- Legal Writing Committee Member, 2001 – present; Chair, 2006 - present
- Moot Court Team Faculty Advisor: 2009 to 2021
- Moot Court Team Judge and National Team Coach, 1995-1999, 2001-present
- Professional Skills Committee Member, 2016-present
- 3L Mentoring Committee Chair, 2003-2005
- Admissions Committee Member, 2007-2011
- Alumni Board Member, 2003-2006, 2015-present
- Curriculum Committee Member, 2012-2015
- Judicial Clerkship Committee Member, 2011-2012
- Law School Choir Faculty Advisor: 2011-2014
- Native American Law Students' Association Faculty Advisor: 2009 to 2011
- Technology Executive Committee, 2001-2008
- Writing Prizes Committee Member, 2011-2019

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Center for Teaching and Learning Representative 2025-present
- Unit Review Committee Member 2025-present
- University Awards Committee, 2024-present
- Undergraduate General Education Accreditation Committee 2021-2024
- BYU Women's Conference Committee Member 2018-2020
- University Faculty Advisory Council (BYU's version of Faculty Senate), 2014-17 (Chair, 2015-2017)
- Professional Faculty Rank and Status Council Member 2009-2012
- Religion Department Transfer Faculty Member: 1996-2012
- Curriculum Council Member, 2012-2014
- Writing Committee Member 2006-2010

SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mormon Tabernacle Choir

- Member, November 2009 through December 2018

Utah County Democratic Party

- Treasurer; May 2006-August 2008
- Neighborhood Precinct Chair; May 2005 to 2018

Utah State Democratic Party

- Platform Committee Member, January – December 2006
- Rules and Elections Committee, 2011-2018

Camp Hobé – Kids. Cancer. Camp.

- Board of Directors, 2025-present
- Board Secretary, 2025-present