

CATHERINE H. FINN

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor *Cum Laude* (Top 10%) 1996

Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan

Order of the Coif 1996

Silver Key Certificate 1995

American Jurisprudence Award for Criminal Procedure 1995

Bachelor of Arts 1987

The University of Michigan

Areas of Concentration: Studies in Religion, Classical Languages and Literatures

EXPERIENCE

Washington University in Saint Louis, 2019 – Present

Lecturer of Law

Develop and teach courses in legal writing and analysis for upper level Juris Doctor students and international graduate students. Supervised student teaching assistants and adjunct faculty.

Cornell Law School, 2016 - 2018

Lecturer of Law

Teach Lawyering, a year-long legal research, writing and advocacy classes for first-year Juris Doctor students, focusing on core analytical skills, legal research, objective and persuasive legal writing and oral advocacy; Supervise upper level student teaching fellows

The George Washington University Law School, 2013 - 2015

Professorial Lecturer in Law

Teach year-long legal research, writing and advocacy classes for Juris Doctor students, focusing on core analytical skills, legal research, objective and persuasive legal writing and oral advocacy; Supervise upper level student teaching fellows; Supervise upper level independent legal writing students

The University of Baltimore School of Law, 2012 - 2014

Professor of Law (Adjunct)

Teach Introduction to Advocacy, a legal research, writing and advocacy class for Juris Doctor students: Lecture format with small group exercises, written assignments and student presentations

Co-teach Introduction to Lawyering Skills: Torts, an integrated writing and doctrinal course for first-year Juris Doctor students

Co-teach Introduction to Lawyering Skills: Civil Procedure, an integrated writing and doctrinal course for first-year Juris Doctor students

Co-develop and co-teach a pilot course on Effective Legal Analysis within the law school's academic support program

Covington & Burling, LLP, Washington, DC, 2008 - 2011

Assisted international clients in connection with complex, intellectual property and commercial litigation; Analyzed legal and corporate records in French and English; Evaluated and prepared written materials for submission to opposing counsel and to judicial and administrative forums

Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller, PC, Southfield, MI, 2001 - 2006

Responsible for all aspects of commercial, employment and real property litigation in state and federal court at the trial and appellate level, including first and second chair trial experience, legal research and writing, and oral advocacy; Provide legal counsel to senior staff of Fortune 500 companies; Wrote materials for and conducted educational seminars for diverse audiences; Supervised and managed administrative and paraprofessional personnel, including recruiting, staffing and performance evaluations

Clark Hill, PLC, Detroit, MI, 1998 - 2001

Responsible for all aspects of intellectual property, employment, commercial, contract and tort litigation in state and federal court at the trial and appellate levels, including research and writing, discovery and court-room practice; Supervised, managed and evaluated administrative personnel

Michigan Court of Appeals, 1996 - 1998

Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Martin M. Doctoroff (deceased) Read and analyzed the lower court record, researched issues of law and policy, and wrote appellate court opinions on behalf of Judge Doctoroff for civil and criminal cases; Wrote judicial opinions for publication on issues of first impression that are binding legal precedent in the state of Michigan; Met with and advised Judge Doctoroff on the disposition of cases before the Court of Appeals

Prehearing Attorney

Researched issues of law and policy and wrote memoranda analyzing legal and policy issues and recommending disposition of civil and criminal cases on appeal; Prepared draft judicial opinions for appellate court panel

PUBLICATIONS

Are We Listening?: A Survey of the Legal Profession in the Mid-Atlantic Region on Best Practices for Legal Writing Education (with Claudia Diamond)
Washington Lawyer Magazine Volume: 29, No. 5 2015

PRESENTATIONS

Language and Law: The Influence of the Anglo-Norman Legal System on the Development of Modern English

Presented at the Scholars Forum, Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, Washington College of Law, American University

Teaching Advocacy Skills

Legal Writing Institute One-Day Conference The George Washington University Law School

FREELANCE AND CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

International Professional Education Group LLC Provide one-on-one legal writing mentorship and feedback to legal professionals worldwide

Translator, French to English

Provide translation and editorial services for publisher of academic journals

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

**Association of American Law Schools Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research -
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2015-2016**

Capitol View Park Citizens Association, Capitol View Park Maryland

President of the executive board, 2016

Vice-President of the executive board, 2015

At-large executive board member, 2012-2014

Secretary of the executive board, 2011

Serve as elected member of the executive board of a nonprofit organization committed to sustainable development and walkable communities

LANGUAGES

English – Native language

French – Speak, read and write with a high degree of proficiency

Classical Greek – Read with basic competency

German – Speak, read and write with elementary competency

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Legal Writing Institute

International Language and Law Association

Association for the Study of Law Culture and the Humanities

District of Columbia Bar