Elizabeth I. Boals

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**STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**, Gulfport, Florida

*Associate Professor of Law*, August 2023 - present

*Assistant Professor of Law*, July 2020 - August 2023

*Director*, Center for Excellence in Advocacy, July 2020 - present

**COURSES AND SPECIALIZATIONS**

* Evidence ♦ Criminal Procedure ♦ Trial Advocacy
* Criminal Law ♦ Expert Testimony ♦ Jury Selection

**ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

* Develop and administer the Center for Excellence in Advocacy through a focus on comprehensive and innovative advocacy offerings. Supervise Center staff and provide vision and oversite of the Center Budget and long-term goals.
* Develop and administer the Advocacy LL.M. Program, which includes supervising the creation of new online advocacy courses, monitoring program outcomes and assessments, reviewing admission applications, collaborating on marketing plans, and working with the technology office to ensure a quality online experience for the students.
* Organize and host the annual Educating Advocacy Teachers (EATS) Conference.
* Organize and host the annual Advocacy Writing Workshop and Competition.
* Recruit, train, and work to retain a strong, diverse faculty for our trial advocacy courses and coaches for our advocacy teams. Develop and present mandatory annual training for adjuncts and coaches.
* Administer the Advocacy Concentration including reviewing applications and monitoring the curriculum to ensure that our students are achieving their educational and career goals.
* Expand and maintain the online Advocacy Resource Center (ARC).
* Collaborate with the directors and students on the advocacy boards regarding try-out and competition related issues.
* Develop public relations campaign strategies through print, social media, and in-person initiatives.
* Direct the Oxford Comparative Advocacy Program including development of course curriculum, faculty recruitment, and teaching in the program.
* Administer the annual National Pretrial Competition (NPTC) including team communications, judge recruitment, round logistics, case problem editing, and public relations outreach.
* Collaborate on and present at the Sign Language Interpreter Conference.
* Served as the Vice President of Trial Advocacy Programs for the National Association of Advocacy Educators (NALAE) (September 2020 – August 2022).

**PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW**, Washington, D.C.

*Practitioner-In-Residence*,July 2004 – July 2020

*Assistant Dean*, Part-time and Online Education,December 2017 – July 2020

* Ensured the quality and availability of curricular offerings and access to student services for part-time and online students at American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL).
* Developed and administered the online Master of Legal Studies Program (MLS), which included obtaining faculty approval and ABA acquiescence for the degree, supervising the creation of sixteen new online MLS courses, drafting online best practice policies, approving global marketing plans, and working collaboratively with an Online Program Management (OPM) company.
* Served as the chief administrator responsible for guiding all aspects of AUWCL’s online educational operations, including strategic planning and policy development encompassing both domestic and international for credit and not-for-credit programs.
* Recruited, trained, and retained a strong, diverse faculty (tenure, term, and adjunct) for online courses.

*Faculty Director*, Criminal Justice Policy and Practice Institute, January 2017 - August 2018

* Directed strategic planning of events, panel discussions, and guest lectures focused on Criminal Justice.
* Facilitated outreach to AUWCL alumni and practitioners on issues related to Criminal Justice.
* Worked to ensure comprehensive curricular offerings at AUWCL related to Criminal Justice.

*Associate Director*, Stephen S. Weinstein Trial Advocacy Program, July 2005 - December 2017

* Developed and expanded the Stephen S. Weinstein Trial Advocacy Program (Program) resulting in national recognition as a top ranked program in the U.S. News specialty rankings for Trial Advocacy.
* Developed and supervised 19 specialized litigation related courses taught in more than 39 small sections by more than 35 adjunct faculty members.
* Developed and administered the Advocacy LL.M. Program, Litigation Skills Summer Institute, and Diplomado en Litigación Oral Penal (sponsored with Centro de Estudios de Justicia de las Américas).
* *Faculty Advisor & Coach*, Mock Trial Honor Society, 2006 - 2018.
* *Chair*, Advocacy Competition Teams Faculty Committee, 2008 - 2018.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Cases and Problems in Criminal Procedure: The Police (with Myron Moskovitz and J. Amy Dillard) (Carolina Academic Press, 8th ed.) (forthcoming 2025)

* previously published edition (Carolina Academic Press, 7th ed. 2019)

*Is it Science or Storytime? Expert Testimony Evaluating Child Witness Credibility in Sexual Assault Cases*, 73 Am. U. L. Rev. 1 (2024)

Criminal Law: Cases and Problems (with Myron Moskovitz and J. Amy Dillard) (Carolina Academic Press, 8th ed. 2023)

Expert Testimony Collective Wisdom, *Expert Testimony: Setting Narratives* (NITA 2023)

Addison v. Peyton: Case File and Teaching Guide (NITA, 3rd ed. 2022)

* previously published editions (NITA, 2nd ed. 2017) and (NITA, 2012)

State v. Peyton: Case File and Teaching Guide(NITA, 3rd ed. 2022)

* previously published editions (NITA, 2nd ed. 2016) and (NITA, 2010)

Remote Advocacy: A Guide to Survive and Thrive, Adapting the Attorney-Client Interview for Remote Lawyering, Chapter 4 (NITA, 2020)

Expert Testimony: A Guide for Expert Witnesses and the Lawyers Who Examine Them (with Steven Lubet) (NITA, 4th ed. 2019)

* previously published editions (NITA, 3rd ed. 2014) and (NITA, 2nd ed. 2009)

Stanton v. Armstrong: Case File and Teaching Guide (with Shailee Diwanji Sharma) (NITA*,* 2016*)*

State v. Sanchez: Case File and Teaching Guide (NITA, 2nd ed. 2015) (published original (NITA, 2007))

*Reflections: The Honorable Irma S. Raker – Judge, Teacher, and Role Model*, 57 Am. U. L. Rev. 1563 (Spring 2008) (with David E. Aaronson and Anthony C. Morella)

**AWARDS**

* Stetson Excellence in Teaching Award, 2024
* Scriptie Award, Director and Coach of the Year (co-recipient) (2023 & 2024)
* COVID-19 Innovation Award, Stetson University Board of Trustees, 2021
* Certificate of Commendation, Judge Advocate Division, United States Marine Corps, 2017
* American University, Outstanding Teaching Award, Full-time Term Appointment, 2017
* AUWCL Creative Team Achievement Award, 2013
* AUWCL Creative Proposal Award, 2012
* AUWCL Faculty Leadership Award, 2011
* AUWCL Outstanding Individual Work Performance Award, 2009

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES**

*Presenter,* Educating Advocates Conference, Stetson University College of Law (May 2015 - 2019, 2021 - 2024 annually). Selected topics included “Challenges and Consequences,” “Unique Advocacy Competition Structure: Challenging Tradition,” “Writing and Arguing Evidentiary Motions,” “Incorporating Advocacy Training into Doctrinal Courses,” “Training Advocacy Teachers,” “Foundational Components of a Successful Trial Advocacy Program,” “Brainstorming with Technology,” and “Advocacy Online”

*Presenter*, Teaching Advocates Conference, Temple University College of Law (August 2021 and 2023). Selected topics included “Rebuilding Together: Trial Advocacy Programs After COVID” and “Inspiring Authenticity”

*Presenter*, “Teaching the Teachers: How to Make Practicing Litigators into Effective Trial Advocacy Teachers” Anderson Center for Professionalism and Advocacy, University of Illinois College of Law (May 2023)

*Presenter*, “The Honorable Michael G. Williamson Evidence Program,” Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar, Tampa, Florida (January 2023)

*Interviewee*, Unscripted Direct Podcast <https://www.unscripteddirect.com/>, Hosted by UCLA Law and Berkeley Law, Episode 1 (August 2021) and periodic appearances in fall 2022

*Faculty,* Comparative Advocacy: Master Trial Advocacy Course, Stetson University College of Law at Oxford University, England (annual two-week program) (July – August 2022 (Program Director), 2017 and 2018)

*Presenter*, “Cross-Examination Techniques,” For Women By Women Trial Advocacy Training (January 2021)

*Presenter*, “Advocacy Teaching Drills and Exercises,” Teaching Advocates Conference (August 2020)

*Presenter and Program Faculty,* NITA Trial Skills Course, Georgetown Law Center, Washington, D.C. (June 2006, 2009, 2011, 2015 - 2019 annually)

*Presenter and Organizer,* United States Marine Corps Judge Advocate Division, Advanced Trial Advocacy Training and Litigator of the Year Competition, Washington D.C. (September 2016 and September 2017)

*Presenter*, “Expert Witness Examinations” and “Testimony on Abuse and the Statement Validity Assessment,” Public Defense Conference, Santiago, Chile (August 2015)

*Commentator*, [emol.Nacional (Chilean News Website), "Experta de EE.UU. entrega 10 claves para evitar que testigos manden a la carcel a un inocente" (Empresa El Mercurio S.A.P. July 26, 2015) (print interview)](http://www.emol.com/noticias/Nacional/2015/07/26/737694/Experta-de-EEUU-entrega-claves.html)

*Presenter*, “Perception, Retention, and Recall” and “Scientific Evidence and Expert Testimony on Abuse,” Public Defense Conference, Santiago, Chile (August 2014)

*Presenter*, “Expert Witnesses: Coping with Cross Examination,” SEAK Expert Witness Conference, Cape Cod, MA (August 2012)

*Commentator*, FOX Morning News, “The Jena 6” (WTTG-FOX September 25, 2007) (television interview)

*Commentator*, Russia Today, “People v. Hans Reiser” (TV-Novosti June 11, 2007) (television interview)

**EDUCATION**

**ANTONIN SCALIA SCHOOL OF LAW, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**,Arlington, VA

Juris Doctor, 1995

 *Editor-In-Chief*, George Mason University Civil Rights Law Journal, 1994 - 1995

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY**, Blacksburg, VA

Bachelor of Science, Marketing Management, 1991

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND TRAINING**

*Member*, United States Supreme Court Bar, 2006

*Member*, Virginia State Bar, 1995

*Member*, Federal District Court for the Western District of Virginia, 2000

*Member*, Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 2000

*Participant*, FDR Conference Course, Federal Employment Law, Washington, D.C., March 2004

*Participant*, FMI Conference Course, Labor Arbitration, Seattle, WA, August 2002

*Member*,Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Committee, 4th District, June 1999 - March 2002

**LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**,Washington, D.C.

*Attorney***,** Employment and Labor Law Division

December 2001 - May 2003; January - August 2004

* Represented the U.S. Department of Commerce (Agency) before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) on alleged violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act (Title VII), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), and the Rehabilitation Act.
* Represented the Agency, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice, in federal district court in actions on alleged violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), Title VII, and ADEA.

♦ Represented the Agency before the Federal Labor Relations Authority on Unfair Labor Practices and

Merit Systems Protection Board on alleged violations of Agency/Union Collective Bargaining Agreements and Labor-Management Regulations.

* Conducted formal trainings on office dispute resolution and proactive prevention of workplace harassment.

**LAY, IPPOLITO & DILLARD, PLLC**, Alexandria, VA

*Partner,* May 2003 - January 2004

* Represented criminal defendants on federal felony charges in all stages of litigation.
* Litigated cases regarding easements, covenants, homeowners’ association contracts, and zoning.
* Drafted wills, trusts, and administered descendants’ estates, including formal estate accounting.

**ZWERDLING, PAUL, LEIBIG, KAHN, THOMPSON, & WOLLY, P.C.**, Washington, D.C.

*Attorney,* July 2000 - November 2001

♦ Represented plaintiffs in federal litigation involving alleged violations of Title VII and the FLSA.

♦ Negotiated and drafted collective bargaining agreements on behalf of labor unions.

♦ Represented International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, members charged with criminal offenses and in arbitrations, civil service commission hearings, and before county disciplinary panels.

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**, Alexandria, VA

*Assistant Public Defender*, October 1995 - July 2000

* Maintained a felony caseload of approximately seventy (70) clients in all stages of litigation.
* Argued evidentiary pre-trial motions on scientific evidence and expert qualification, constitutional violations, and other complex evidentiary issues.
* Tried numerous bench and jury trials and presented specialized sentencing arguments supported by scientific evidence and expert testimony.
* Drafted petitions for appeal and appellate briefs and made oral arguments to the Virginia Court of Appeals.