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Curriculum Vita

POSITION

Valparaiso University School Of Law Library -

- Associate Law Librarian for Access Services, 2001-Present.
- Associate Professor of Law

Supervise the daily access services provided to patrons of the library. Provide reference and research services for students, faculty, staff and public using traditional and on-line sources, including the Internet. Design, implement, and teach advanced legal research. Team teach first year legal research. Prepare and teach small group sessions in LEXIS and WESTLAW.

CLASSES TAUGHT

First Year Legal Research

Concentrating on statutes, internet, online sources (Westlaw/Lexis) and research reviews, both first semester dealing exclusively with print sources and second semester, dealing with all sources taught during the first year legal research curriculum and including the requirement for the

Advanced Legal Research

A second year required elective course, also open to third year students. This course is designed to teach students the process of legal research, going beyond what is taught in the first year course. The course covers an in-depth look at print sources, online sources and a wide variety of secondary sources. Students are required to work a number of problems, concentrating on the process of creating research issue statements, examining secondary sources, finding appropriate primary sources (statutes, regulations and cases) at both the state and federal levels, updating and verifying the primary sources found, and writing brief memos giving the results and conclusions of their research. In addition, the course gives brief overviews at various areas of the law, including labor and employment, international, health, education, immigration and naturalization, and military.

Academic Success Program

Instructor in this annual program presented prior to the start of the fall semester for incoming first year students, teaching the section on legal research and how to use the law library. 1999 - present.

Field Supervisor - Law Library Externship 2002, 2004, 2005.

