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## PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Member of the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## EDUCATION

**1994**

Juris Doctorate, *cum laude*, University of Pittsburgh School of Law;  
Law Review, Member of Senior Staff.

Merit Scholar at Howard University Law School, Washington, DC (1989-1990;  
transferred to University of Pittsburgh, Fall, 1990).

Doctorate Program in Rhetoric, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh  
(current).

Program in Professional and Technical Writing, Carnegie Mellon University,  
Pittsburgh (1992-1994).

**1986**

Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics: Teaching English as a Second Language,  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Developed listening comprehension materials with Professor Joan Morley.  
Research projects in technical communication with Professor Dwight Stevenson.

**1985**

Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, Chinese Language and Literature, University  
of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Intensive Language Program, Fudan University, Shanghai, People's Republic of  
China (1984).

Washington Semester in Foreign Policy, American University, Washington, DC  
(1983).

**1981-1983**

Asian Studies Major, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**1996-present**

Professor, Legal Writing, University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

(Assistant Professor 1996-1999; Associate Professor 1999-2008)

Design materials and teach legal analysis and writing.

Designed and currently teach *English for Lawyers*, a preparatory course for  
international attorneys taught at the University of Pittsburgh and at law schools  
overseas: Belgrade, Yugoslavia (2001), Reykjavik, Iceland (2002), Donetsk,  
Ukraine (2002) and Kiev, Ukraine (2003), Kosice, Slovakia (2005), Addis  
Ababa, Ethiopia (2007), Gent, Belgium (Fall, 2001-2007).

**1995-2000**

Legal Writing Consultant, English Language Institute, University of Michigan,  
English for Legal Purposes. Summer course for international students entering  
the University of Michigan School of Law.

**1994-1996**

Research Assistant, Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, University of  
Oxford.

Supervisor: Professor Mark Lathrop. Research issues in law, ethics, and  
genetics.

**1993** Research Assistant, University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Supervisor: Professor George Taylor. Researched issues in legislation, labor law, public employment, and pension law.

Extern, Supervisor: Staughton Lynd, Legal Aid Society, Youngstown, Ohio. Researched issues in labor and environmental law in preparation for a toxic tort claim.

**1991** Law Clerk, Disabilities Law Project and Education Law Center, Pittsburgh. Supervisor: Mark Murphy. Researched legal issues and counseled clients regarding the rights of the developmentally disabled.

Extern, Child Advocacy/Legal Aid Society of Pittsburgh. Counseled clients and compiled manual of Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence.

#### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2007-2008** Peer reviewer for the Fulbright Senior Specialist Program.

**2002** Assistant Editor, The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute.

**1991-present** Lecturer/Consultant, English Language Center, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh.  
Technical and professional writing; professional speaking, international teaching assistant training and testing.

**1990** Lecturer, American Language Program, Columbia University, New York.  
Taught upper-level courses in English as a Second Language for the summer intensive program.

**1989** Adjunct Lecturer, English Language Institute, University of Michigan.  
Taught English for Academic Purposes during the Spring Term. Prepared courses in oral communication and in academic writing.

Teacher, Lenawee Stamping Company, Tecumseh, Michigan. Established in-house language program.

**1988-1989** Tutor: Technical Writing, Technical Communication Program, College of Engineering, University of Michigan. Supervisor: Professor Leslie Olsen. Helped graduate students develop ability to write for technical and business purposes. Edited technical reports, publications, dissertation proposals. Worked with native and non-native speakers of English.

Research Assistant, Technical Communication Program, College of Engineering, University of Michigan. Supervisor: Professor J.C. Mathes. Developed writing guidelines for engineering courses as part of the Writing Across the Curriculum program.

**1988** Teacher, Kobe Steel America, Inc., Los Angeles. Developed and taught courses in business English to Japanese executives. Provided cross-cultural counseling. Produced and edited various legal and technical documents.

**1987** Teacher, Kobe Steel, Ltd., Co., Tokyo. Developed and taught courses in business English and technical communication for Japanese employees. Proofread and edited technical reports, publications, specifications, contracts, advertisements, and written correspondence. Helped prepare speeches and presentations.

1985-1986

Coordinator of the Student Services Office, English Language Institute, University of Michigan. Developed and organized orientation programs for approximately 500 foreign students annually. Acted as a liaison for students to the University and community. Provided academic and cross\_cultural counseling. Supervised four-person staff. Managed office budget.

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association (ABA)  
Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA)  
Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

#### PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

Sinsheimer, A., with Brostoff, T., *Expanding Classroom Borders by Incorporating Interdisciplinary Rhetorical Strategies and Practical Legal Skills into the ESL Legal Writing Classroom*, Presentation at the Legal Writing Institute in Atlanta, Georgia, June, 2006.

Sinsheimer, A., *Book Review: Christopher Williams, Traditions and change in legal English*, *Language in Society*, 36 (2007) 473-74.

Sinsheimer, A., *The Ten Commandments as a Secular Historic Artifact or Sacred Religious Text: Using Modrovich v. Allegheny County to Explore the Role of Language in Creating Our Reality*, 5 Md. L. J. Race, Religion, Gender, and Class 325 (2005).

Sinsheimer, A., "English Only" and Our Struggle to Understand the Concept of Language, *Language & Communication*, 25 (2005) 61-80

Sinsheimer, A., *Individualized Instruction*, article in Teaching the Law School Curriculum, Carolina Press (2004).

Invited panelist, *Graduate Programs for Foreign Lawyers and International Legal Exchange*, American Association of Law Schools, 2003 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Sinsheimer, A., with Brostoff, T. and Tashbook, L., *Around the World in 800 Megahertz*, Presentation at the Legal Writing Institute in Knoxville, Tennessee, May, 2002.

Fulbright Senior Specialist Roster, 2001-2006; Senior Specialist, Ghent, Belgium, October 2003 & 2004.

Fulbright Distinguished Scholars, University of Iceland, March 2002.

Brostoff, T., Sinsheimer, A., *Legal English: An Introduction to the Legal Language and Culture of the United States* (2d ed. 2003).

Sinsheimer, A., *Presentation Styles in the U.S.*, Lecture to the Rhetorical Society, University of Belgrade School of Law, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, May, 2001.

Sinsheimer, A., Really Shocking: *Culture Shock in Law School*, Presented at Three Rivers TESOL, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October, 2000.

Brostoff, T., M. Ford, A. Sinsheimer, *English for Lawyers*, Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute, 7 J. Legal Writing Institute 137 (2001).

Sinsheimer, A. with T. Brostoff and S. Reinhart, *A Tale of Two Cities: A Comparison of Two Summer Legal English Programs for International Lawyers Entering Law School*, Presented at the Legal Writing Institute, Bi-Annual Summer Conference in Seattle, Washington, July, 2000.

Feak, C., S. Reinhart, and A. Sinsheimer, *A Preliminary Analysis of Law Review Notes*, English for Specific Purposes 19 (2000). Horowitz Prize winner for the best article in the journal during 2000.

Feak, C., S. Reinhart, and A. Sinsheimer, *A Preliminary Study of Note Introductions*, Presented at TESOL Conference, Seattle, Washington, March, 1998.

Brostoff, T., and A. Sinsheimer, Negotiation, The Second Draft, Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute (Spring, 1998).

Sinsheimer-Weeks, A., and S. Reinhart, Legal Writing as a Second Language, The Second Draft, Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute, The University of Texas (Sept. 1992).

Kaufer, D., D. Fleming, A. Sinsheimer-Weeks, and M. Werner. Collaborative Argument across the Visual-Verbal Interface. *Technical Communication Quarterly* 2 (1993): 37-49.

Fleming, D., M. Werner, A. Sinsheimer-Weeks, The Collaborative Design of Communications Technology, Panel Presentation at the 1994 CCCC Program in Nashville.

Fleming, D., M. Werner, A. Sinsheimer-Weeks, and D. Kaufer, "Conflict in Collaborative Design: A Framework for Analysis with Three Case Studies." *Collaboration in Technical Communication: Research Perspectives*. Ed. Rebecca E. Burnett and Ann H. Duin. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum.