

BEN BRATMAN

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EDUCATION

- VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Nashville, Tennessee
 - Degree: J.D., 1993
 - Honors & Activities: Dean's List; Stanley D. Rose Memorial Book Award (best writing in field of legal history); Moot Court Board
- UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Washington
 - B.A. in History, *cum laude*, 1987; Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF LAW, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

- Professor of Legal Writing, 2016 – present; Associate Professor, 2006 – 2016; Assistant Professor, 2002 – 2006

Teaching:

- Teach Legal Analysis and Writing, a two-semester course, to first-year students, and supervise teaching assistants, 2002 - present
- Teach Legislation & Regulation, a fall-semester course, to first-year students, and supervise teaching assistants, 2012 - 2013 and 2016 - present
- Recruit speakers for and coordinate Pitt Law Academy, a lecture series on professional development for first-year students, 2018 – present
- Have also taught Employment Discrimination, 2003 – 2010 and 2013 - 2014; and Advanced Legal Writing, spring 2018
- Served as faculty advisor to the student Moot Court Board, 2008 – 2018
- Planned, coordinated and taught in summer bar exam preparation program for graduates, 2013 - 2018
- Created and taught for-credit course on writing for the bar exam, 2005 – 2010
- Have twice taught Writing for the Legal Professions, an undergraduate course in the Department of English

Service (selected):

- Faculty representative, University Senate, 2015 – present
- Member of Dean Search Committee, 2017 - 2018
- Chair of Steering Committee, 2016 – 2017
- Chair of Clinical Appointments Committee, coordinating recruitment, interviews and faculty consideration of candidates for two clinical faculty positions, 2014 – 2015
- Member of ad hoc hiring committee for new position of Director of Bar Exam Services, 2014

THEMIS BAR REVIEW

- Lecturer on Employment Discrimination, Pennsylvania General Bar Review, 2019 – present

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, MCGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW, Sacramento, California

- Visiting Professor of Lawyering Skills, 2011 – 2012
 - Taught Global Lawyering Skills I to 22 first-year law students and Global Lawyering Skills II to 20 second-year law students

INDIANA DIVISION OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATION, Indianapolis, Indiana

- Guest Lecturer on Bar Exam Preparation, CLEO Program, summers, 2008 - 2012

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO LAW SCHOOL

- Associate Director, Legal Research & Writing, 2000 – 2002; Teaching Fellow, 1999 - 2002
 - Taught Legal Research and Writing to two sections of first-year law students
 - Assisted director in various areas of program administration
 - Created and taught elective course entitled Sexual Harassment Litigation

Law Practice

PURSLEY, HOWELL, LOWERY & MEEKS, Atlanta, Georgia

- Associate Litigation Attorney, 1996 – 1999
 - Represented corporate, governmental and individual clients in a wide variety of civil proceedings, concentrating on employment discrimination actions in federal court

THE HONORABLE JOEL M. FELDMAN, MAGISTRATE JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, Atlanta, Georgia

- Law Clerk, 1993 – 1996
 - Researched and drafted recommendations and orders on pre-trial motions in civil cases (predominantly Title VII employment discrimination), and in criminal cases (predominantly Fourth Amendment search and seizure); served as courtroom deputy

PUBLICATIONS

- Selected posts as contributor to the blog Best Practices for Legal Education, <https://bestpracticeslegaled.com/author/benbratman/>, hosted by Center for Excellence in Law Teaching, Albany Law School, 2015 – present:
 - *Improv for First-Year Law Students?*, June 5, 2019 (featured on TaxProf Blog, June 24, 2019, https://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2019/06/improv-for-law-students.html)
 - *A Pedagogical Twist for the 1L Appellate Brief and Oral Argument*, April 4, 2019
 - *On the Value of Gap Years and Non-Legal Experience to Legal Employers (and Law Schools)*, Sept 21, 2018
 - *More Thoughts on the Post-Millennial Generation of Students Arriving in Law School*, Sept 7, 2018
 - *Studying Better Ways to Test Bar Applicants for Minimum Competence: Another Reason to Care About the California Bar Exam (Besides the Cut Score Debate)*, June 8, 2017
 - *Legislation & Regulation and the Bar Exam*, March 20, 2017
 - *The 25 Most Important Lawyering Skills?*, October 8, 2015

- Opinion, *Why More States Should Not Jump on the Uniform Bar Exam Bandwagon*, NYSBA Perspective, Spring 2016, at 11 (originally published on JD Journal, <http://www.jdjournal.com>, June 17, 2015) (available on SSRN at <http://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=2619358>).
- Op-Ed., *Reforming the Bar Exam to Produce Better Lawyers*, Wall St. J., Feb. 26, 2015, at A1, available at http://law.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/articles/ben_bratman_reforming_the_bar_exam_to_produce_better_lawyers_-_wsj.pdf.
- *Improving the Performance of the Performance Test: The Key to Meaningful Bar Exam Reform*, 83 UMKC L. Rev. 565 (2015), available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2520042>.
- *Legal Research and Writing as a Proxy: Using Traditional Assignments to Achieve a More Fundamental Form of Practice Readiness*, The Second Draft, Spring 2011, at 7, available at https://www.lwionline.org/sites/default/files/2016-09/SecondDraftSummer2011v2_2.pdf.
- *Rand Paul and the Business of Discrimination*, Jurist, May 28, 2010, <http://jurist.org/forum/2010/05/the-business-of-discrimination.php>.
- *A Defense of Sotomayor's "Wise Latina" Remark - with No Rewording Required*, FindLaw, July 19, 2009, <https://supreme.findlaw.com/legal-commentary/a-defense-of-sotomayors-wise-latina-remark-with-no-rewording-required.html>.
- *For-Credit Bar Exam Preparation: A Legal Writing Model*, The Bar Examiner, Nov. 2007, at 26, available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1285456>.
- *Legal Knowledge: What's Relevant, What's Not? Why the Pennsylvania Bar Exam Should Focus on Federal Law, "Fundamental Legal Principles" and Legal Analysis—and Why It Should Stop Testing on Pennsylvania Law*, Pennsylvania Lawyer, March/April 2005, at 24, available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1334297>.
- *"Reality Legal Writing": Using a Client Interview for Establishing the Facts in a Memo Assignment*, 12 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Res. & Writing 87 (2004).
- *Brandeis & Warren's The Right to Privacy and the Birth of the Right to Privacy*, 69 Tenn. L. Rev. 623 (2002), available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1334296>.

PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

- *How the Bar Exam Under Emphasizes Legal Writing Even More Than We Might Think*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, University of Tennessee College of Law, Dec 1, 2018
- *In Defense of the Chalkboard as Effective Technology in the Legal Writing Classroom*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Nov 30, 2018
- *Twenty-Five Skills That Legal Education Cannot Ignore (Even if Bar Examiners Will)*, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of New Mexico School of Law, March 2015
- *Looking Backward and Looking Forward: The Law Governing Voluntary Affirmative Action for Public and Private Employers*, Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Employment Law Institute, Pittsburgh, PA, November 2013

- *Typographical Errors and the Law: From the Amusing to the Consequential*, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, March 2012
- *Would a Court Enforce What I Just Drafted? Introducing First-Year Students to "Preventive Law" and Raising the Stakes on the Inter-Office Memo*, Second Annual Empire State Legal Writing Conference, St. John's University School of Law, May 2011
- Panelist, *How Are Law Students Behaving? How Will Student Behavior Affect Admission Decisions and the Professionalism of the Bar?* Council of Bar Admission Administrators, Fall Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, November 2008
- *Partial (or No) Recall? You Can Still Write a Decent Answer to a Bar Exam Essay Question*, Law School Admissions Council Academic Assistance Topical Workshop on Bar Support Programs, Los Angeles, CA, September 2008
- Panelist, *Bar Exam Prep Course Seeking Long-Term Relationship: Legal Writing, Academic Support, Both, or Something Else?* 13th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Indianapolis, IN, July 2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania, 2004; Georgia, 1994
- Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD)
 - ALWD Survey Committee, 2013 – 2016
 - ALWD/LWI Survey Task Force, 2011
- Legal Writing Institute (LWI)
- The Hay-Sell Pittsburgh Inn of Court (chapter of the American Inns of Court)
 - Eric W. Springer Professionalism Award, 2015
 - Law School Faculty Liaison, 2014 - present
- Allegheny County Bar Association