Clare Keefe Coleman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law 10/2008 – present

- Assistant Teaching Professor; Visiting Assistant Professor; Adjunct Professor of Law 7/09 – present

  Courses taught: *Legal Methods I & II*: Design and teach introduction to law, predictive and persuasive writing, oral advocacy, and research in Drexel's first-year legal research and writing program; *Litigation Drafting*: design and teach "advanced civil-procedure" course: complex complaint drafting, legal letters, and appellate brief writing. *Writing Strategies for the Bar*: with Director of Academic Skills, design and teach program to help students pass the written portion of state bar exam; *Pre-Orientation Program*: design and teach two-day program to incoming law students introducing law school with emphasis on reading, writing about, and discussing the law.

- Director of Student Advising, Office of Student Affairs 7/2011– present

  Report to Senior Associate Dean of Students: counsel students for academic planning and personal issues; act as "dean on call" for emergencies in the absence of Senior Associate Dean; plan and coordinate Orientation; investigate Code of Conduct violations; act as liaison between Law School and university's Office of Disability Resources to support students with classroom and exam accommodations; support Admissions Office on events for accepted students; work with Career Strategies Office on programs for student job applications; assist Office of Student Affairs to organize and run exams and graduation; work with Financial Aid on issues affecting current students and issues relating to new law school programs; and work with members of the undergraduate college, the bar, and student organizations to plan academic and social programs.

- Committees: *University*: Senate Committee on Academic Affairs; *Law School*: Professionalism, Programming, and Honor Code; Curriculum – Legal Methods and Writing across the Curriculum.

- Writing Specialist 10/2008 – present

  Originally hired by Drexel to work with Legal Methods faculty to assist first-year students on their writing; support doctrinal faculty whose students are working on seminar papers and independent

studies; create and conduct workshops on academic legal writing, brief writing, and writing samples; guest lecturer in upper-level doctrinal courses on writing academic legal papers; meet individually with students to work on their writing; coordinate with Academic Support program to work with at-risk students on legal writing.

- Academic Publications, Awards, & Presentations:
  - *Dangerous Tongues: Storytelling in Congressional Testimony* (in progress)
  - *LWI/ALWD/Lexis Scholarship Grant,* May 2014
  - *The Dangers of Narrative: A Pragmatics Approach to Dissecting Legislative Testimony,* LWI Biennial Conference, July 2014
  - *Teaching the Torture Memos: "Making Decisions under Conditions of Uncertainty,"* 62 J. Legal Educ. 81 (2012)
  - *"The Torture Memos: Making Decisions under Conditions of Uncertainty,"* invited presentation, Northwestern Law School, July 2012.
  - *The Power of Story to Affect Legislation: Farmer David versus Agribusiness Goliath and the Safety of Our Food, (with Amy Montemarano),* Third Applied Storytelling Conference, July 2011
  - *Advanced Legal Writing as Advanced Civil Procedure: Complaint Drafting Incorporating* Twombly, Iqbal, *and* Tellabs, 11th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 2011.
  - *Teaching the Torture Memos: Connecting Ethical Theory and Active Learning*, 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 20, 2010.
  - *Jumping on the ABA Bandwagon: Generating Outcomes and Assessments for LRW*, with Terry Jean Seligmann and Deborah Gordon, 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 20, 2010.
  - *But When Do I Sleep?: Leveraging Support for Legal Writing Instruction Beyond the LRW Classroom*, with Terry Jean Seligmann, 14th Biennial Conference, Legal Writing Institute, June 2010. This presentation, selected for LWI's biennial conference, describes the variety of methods introduced by the Writing Specialist that Drexel University's Earle Mack School of Law has used to augment writing instruction beyond the first year methods class.

Temple University, Department of English, Philadelphia, PA 2003 –2008

Adjunct Assistant Professor; Adjunct Lecturer

Courses taught: *Introduction to Fiction; Introduction to Literature; Creative Writing: Fiction Workshop; Analytical Reading and Writing; Writing for Business & Industry*

EDUCATION

M.A., Creative Writing, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA — 2002
Thesis: *Cells Dividing -- Four Stories*

J.D., *cum laude*, Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA — 1988
Benton Moot Court Competition in Privacy Law, Chicago, 1988
Top 15% of class

A.B., English, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA — 1985

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Abrams & Bayliss (formerly Abrams & Laster), Wilmington DE — 2007-2011

Part-time. Research and write legal memoranda and summary judgment briefs for boutique litigation firm on complex commercial litigation matters.

Conrad O'Brien Gellman & Rohn, Philadelphia, PA — 2001-2005

Associate, Litigation Department. Extensive research and writing of legal briefs and trial memoranda. Depositions, pleadings, drafting of and responding to discovery requests. Court appearances in state and federal court on white-collar criminal and corporate civil litigation matters. Extensive contact with, and management of, firm and personal clients. Organized document productions and review.

Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, Philadelphia, PA — 1993, 1995

Associate, Litigation Department. Extensive research and writing of briefs and legal memoranda. Court appearances in state and federal court including first chair responsibility for motion in bankruptcy court and its appeal. Research and writing of detailed legal memoranda for non-lawyer clients on various states' insurance coverage laws.

Drinker Biddle & Reath, Philadelphia, PA. — Summer 1987; 1988-89; 1991-92

Associate, Litigation Department. Extensive litigation experience: research and writing internal legal memoranda; drafting summary judgment motions in large litigation matters; drafting of and responding to discovery requests; depositions; court appearances; client contact, travel. Extensive experience with document productions and review.

OTHER

- Admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania
- Additional training in mediation at Good Shepherd Mediation Program, Philadelphia's first neighborhood justice center
- Extensive free-lance writing and editing experience