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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, *July 2018 – present*

Professor of Law (tenure granted 2019), *July 2019 – present*

Associate Professor of Law, *July 2013 – present*

Assistant Professor-in-Residence, *August 2006 – June 2013*

- Current Courses: Evidence; Criminal Law; Mental Health Law
- Other Courses: Community Property; Employment Law
- Committee Service: Law Review Faculty Advisor (Chair), Academic Standards Committee (Chair), Just and Inclusive Law School Committee (Chair), Admissions Committee, Deans Advisory Committee, Honor Code Committee, Technology Committee, UNLV Faculty Senate (2009-2012)

Hale Lane Peek Dennison & Howard (now Holland & Hart), Las Vegas, Nevada

Associate Attorney, *2004 – 2006; Summer 2003*

- Practiced primarily in the area of commercial litigation, with an emphasis on employment and labor law.

EDUCATION

University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, Arizona

- Juris Doctor, 2004
- Managing Editor, *Arizona Law Review*

Pitzer College, Claremont, California

- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, 1998

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Sara Gordon, *About a Revolution: Toward Integrated Treatment in Drug & Mental Health Courts*, 97 N.C. L. REV. 355 (2019).
- Sara Gordon, *The Use and Abuse of Mutual Support Programs in Drug Courts*, 2017 ILLINOIS L. REV. 1503.
- Sara Gordon, *Crossing the Line: Daubert, Dual Roles, and the Admissibility of Forensic Mental Health Testimony*, 37 CARDOZO L. REV. 1345 (2016).

- Sara Gordon, *The Danger Zone: How a Narrow Interpretation of Gravely Disabled Statutes Harms People with Serious Mental Illness*, 66 CASE WESTERN L. REV. 657 (2016).
- Sara Gordon, *All Together Now: Using Principles of Group Dynamics to Train Better Jurors*, 48 INDIANA L. REV. 415 (2015).
- Sara Gordon, *What Jurors Want to Know: Motivating Juror Cognition to Increase Comprehension & Improve Decision-Making*, 81 TENNESSEE L. REV. 751 (2014).
- Sara Gordon, *Through the Eyes of Jurors: The Use of Schemas in the Application of "Plain Language" Jury Instructions*, 64 HASTINGS L. J. 643 (2013).
- Sara Gordon, *A Woman's Life, A Woman's Health: Equalizing Medicaid Abortion Funding in Simat Corp. v. AZ. Health Care Cost Containment System*, 45 ARIZ. L. REV. 1127 (2003).

GRANTS

- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. \$60,000 grant award to analyze and revise current Alaska Statutes related to Insanity and Competency to Stand Trial and Involuntary Admission for Treatment procedures (2014-2015, with Dr. Melissa Piasecki, University of Nevada School of Medicine).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Law Students Compete in Society of Advocates," Nevada Lawyer (May 2010).

PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, "Jury Selection and the Social Desirability Bias," Judge Howard McKibben Inn of Court (April 9, 2019).
- Presenter, "Forensic Science & Sticky Myths," Denver Law Review Symposium, Driven by Data: Empirical Legal Studies in Civil Litigation and Health Law (February 8, 2019).
- Panelist, "The Impact of Nevada Policing Practices on the Administration of Justice," Nevada Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (August 9, 2018).
- Presenter, "Toward Integrated Treatment in Drug Courts," UNLV Health Law Opioid Symposium (Feb. 23, 2018).
- Presenter, "Treatment in Drug Courts," Nevada Population Health Conference (Dec. 1, 2017).
- Presenter, "PCAST, Forensic Science, and Sticky Myths," Judge Howard McKibben Inn of Court (October 10, 2017).

- Presenter, “Involuntary Inpatient and Outpatient Commitment Laws,” Internal Medicine Residency Program, University of Nevada, Reno, School of Medicine (June 6, 2017).
- Presenter, “The Use and Abuse of Mutual Support Programs in Drug Courts,” Mitchell Hamline School of Law Health Law Institute (February 24, 2017).
- Presenter, “The Use and Abuse of Mutual Support Programs in Drug Courts,” University of Utah Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Conference (November 3, 2016).
- Presenter, Opioid Epidemic Panel, National Judicial College, Green Valley Ranch, Las Vegas, Nevada (October 10, 2016).
- Presenter, “Problem Gambling and Specialty Courts,” 16th International Conference on Gambling and Risk Taking (ICGRT), The Mirage Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada (June 10, 2016).
- Co-Presenter (with Stacey Tovino and Max Gakh), “Ask a Health Lawyer,” UNLV Marriage and Family Therapy Program, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (April 28, 2016).
- Presenter, “The History and Use of Mutual Support Programs in Specialty Courts,” Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, Eighteenth Annual Meeting, William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (March 18, 2016).
- Presenter, “Mental Health and Criminal Law,” Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, Medical Jurisprudence Lecture Series (Nov. 11, 2015).
- Presenter, “The Model Penal Code: An Overview of Proposed Changes to Rape Shield Laws,” McGeorge School of Law, Invited Symposium Speaker (November 6, 2015).
- Presenter, “Involuntary Inpatient and Outpatient Commitment Laws,” Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, Medical Jurisprudence Lecture Series (October 29, 2015).
- Presenter, “Crossing the Line: *Daubert*, Dual Roles, and the Admissibility of Forensic Mental Health Testimony,” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities 17th Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas (October 23, 2015).
- Presenter, “Crossing the Line: *Daubert*, Dual Roles, and the Admissibility of Forensic Mental Health Testimony,” BYU Rocky Mountain Junior Scholars Conference (Sept. 24, 2015).
- Presenter, “Crossing the Line: *Daubert*, Dual Roles, and the Admissibility of Forensic Mental Health Testimony,” University of Arizona Junior Faculty Exchange (Sept. 10, 2015).

- Presenter, “Gambling Disorders and Diversion Courts,” UNLV Gaming Law Conference (Sept. 4, 2015).
- Presenter, UNLV/UNSOM Review of Alaska Mental Health Statutes, Alaska Governor’s Working Group (August 24, 2015).
- Co-Presenter (with Dr. Melissa Piasecki), “Collaborative Learning and Mental Health Law Reform in Alaska,” 38th Annual Health Law Professors Conference, St. Louis, Missouri (June 6, 2015).
- Presenter, “Dual Roles and Conflicts of Interest in Psychiatric Forensic Testimony,” University of Nevada School of Medicine CME, Las Vegas, Nevada (May 16, 2015).
- Presenter, “Schema Theory and ‘Plain Language’ Jury Instructions,” Clark County Bar Association, Las Vegas, Nevada (April 29, 2015).
- Presenter, “Assisted Outpatient Treatment: Access and Coercion,” 17th Annual Conference for the Association for the History of Medicine and Science, Jackson, Mississippi (March 14, 2015).
- Presenter, “Schema Theory and ‘Plain Language’ Jury Instructions,” Presentation to Office of Federal Public Defender, Reno, Nevada (February 3, 2015).
- Presenter, “Schema Theory and ‘Plain Language’ Jury Instructions,” Presentation to Office of Federal Public Defender, Las Vegas, Nevada (January 29, 2015).
- Presenter, “The Use of Assisted Outpatient Treatment in the United States,” University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City, Utah (November 7, 2014).
- Presenter, “Assisted Outpatient Treatment: Access and Coercion,” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities 16th Annual Meeting, San Diego, California (October 16, 2014).
- Moderator, “Health Care Provider Shortages,” Interprofessional Health Equity Symposium, School of Dental Medicine, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (October 10, 2014).
- Presenter, “Motivated Cognition & Jury Decision-Making,” The 16th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Philadelphia, PA (June 2014).
- Presenter, “The Psychology of Jury Decision-Making,” Presentation to Clark County District Attorney’s Office, Las Vegas, NV (June 2014).
- Presenter, “Motivated Cognition & Jury Decision-Making,” American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, U.C. Hastings School of Law (June 2014).

- Presenter, “Jury Selection and the Social Desirability Bias,” Nevada Attorneys for Criminal Justice CLE, UNLV (April 2014).
- Co-Presenter (with Rebecca Scharf), “Psych 101: How to Incorporate Simple Psychological Studies in the Law School Classroom, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, UNLV (March 2014).
- Presenter, “What Jurors Want to Know: Motivating Juror Cognition to Increase Legal Knowledge & Improve Decision-Making,” West Coast Rhetoric Working Group Scholarship Workshop, November 2013, UNLV (November 2013).
- Co-Presenter (with Ann Cammett), “Clickers in the Classroom, November 2012, Faculty Enrichment Talk (November 2012).
- Presenter, “Schema Theory & ‘Plain’ Jury Instructions,” The 15th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, May 2012, Palm Springs, CA (May 2012).
- Presenter, “Have You Seen That Commercial? Using Commercials and Print Advertisements to Teach Students about Persuasion,” Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Univ. of Arizona (March 2010).
- Presenter, “Have You Seen That Commercial? Using Commercials and Print Advertisements to Teach Students about Persuasion,” SALT Teaching Conference, Honolulu, HI (December 2010).
- Co-Presenter (with Terry Pollman), “Have You Got a Minute to Talk? How Novice and Experienced Legal Writing Professors Can Learn From Each Other,” The 13th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Indiana University (July 2008).
- Speaker, “Workers Compensation in Nevada,” Presented as a CLE for the State Bar of Nevada, Las Vegas (March 2006).

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- New York Post, O.J. Deserved to be Granted Parole, July 20, 2017
- UNLV Research Files, October 19, 2015.
- Deadspin, Diana Moskowitz, This is How Las Vegas Protects Floyd Mayweather, April 30, 2015.
- Washington Post, Marissa Payne, Las Vegas Officials Don’t Want You To Think About Floyd Mayweather’s Domestic Violence Conviction, Report Says, May 1, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Board of Advisors, *Mental Health Law & Policy Journal*, 2015 – present
- Lead Articles Editor, *Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD*, 2012 – 2015
- Member, 2016 LWI Conference Program Committee, 2014- 2015
- Associate Editor, *Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD*, 2009 – 2012
- Member, 2014 LWI Conference Program Committee, 2012 – present

- Member, LWI Committee on National Survey of Members, 2012
- Program Co-chair, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, 2011, 2014

AWARDS

- UNLV Academic Achievement Award, 2015

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Nevada, Admitted 2004 (Inactive)