

**KAREN SPEISER SANNER, J.D., Esq.**  
**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Professor of Legal Writing, Saint Louis University School of Law  
August 2010 to Present**

Course responsibilities include Legal Research and Writing I and II, Electronic Discovery, Moot Court, Evidence and Advocacy, Insurance Law in Litigation Practice, and Trial Advocacy. Classroom responsibilities include teaching legal communication, legal research, legal analysis, legal theory, and professional legal skills to law students. Other job responsibilities include law school committee membership and service, directed research and journal advising, mentorship and career advising for students.

**Pre-Law Instructor and Mock Trial Coach/Director, Saint Louis University  
August 2008 to May 2010**

Adjunct instructor teaching undergraduate candidates for certificate in legal studies. Courses included Introduction to Trial Advocacy, Mock Trial Practicum, The Anatomy of a Civil Case, and Introduction to Appellate Courts. Coordinator, coach, and advisor of the Saint Louis University undergraduate mock trial program and competition teams.

**Associate Attorney, Brinker & Doyen, L.L.P. in Clayton, Missouri  
July 1997 to May 2008**

Associate in civil litigation law firm. Practice areas included insurance coverage analysis, personal injury litigation, property litigation, and workers' compensation administrative litigation. Litigation experience in civil, appellate, and administrative courts in the State of Missouri. Extensive experience in pre-trial discovery and trial preparation, legal research and drafting, client development, client counseling, negotiations, alternative dispute resolution, and appellate practice.

**Assistant Attorney General, Missouri Attorney General's Office  
August 1994 to June 1997**

Attorney assigned to the Labor Division in Jefferson City and St. Louis. Practice areas included workers' compensation and civil rights enforcement. Clients included the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, Missouri Crime Victims' Compensation Fund, Central Accident Reporting Office for the State of Missouri,

and the Second Injury Fund. Experience practicing before administrative agencies including the Missouri Department of Labor and Missouri Division of Workers' Compensation in both administrative litigation and appeals. Experience also included drafting proposed legislation for state agency clients.

## **Professional Presentations and Conferences**

### **Presentations**

***Introducing Oral Advocacy Using “Hot Topics” Presentations***, Eighteenth Biennial Legal Writing Institute Conference, Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 2018.

***Working in Reverse: Improving First-Year Legal Writing by Teaching Upper Level Drafting Courses***, Central States Legal Writing Conference, Indiana University in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 2017. Joint presentation with Professor Marcia Goldsmith.

***Teaching Response Brief Drafting in the First-Year Legal Writing Course***, LWI One-Day Workshop, Washington University School of Law, December 2015.

***Authentication of Digital Evidence***, CLE presentation at Brinker & Doyen, L.L.P., January 2015.

***Work Process to Work Product: Breaking the Student Cycle of Procrastination Drafting***, LWI One-Day Workshop, Southern Illinois University School of Law, December 2014.

***Teaching Appellate Advocacy by Integrating Oral Advocacy into the Development of Analytical Skills from Day One***, LWI Moot Court Conference at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 2014. Joint presentation with Professors Chris Rollins and Paige Canfield.

***Two Birds and One Stone: Introducing Research Process and Oral Communication Skills to the First-Semester Law Student***, Fourth Annual Capital Area Legal Writing Conference at Howard University in Washington D.C. Joint presentation with Professor Marcia Goldsmith, March 2014.

***Training “Officers of the Court:” Integrating Professionalism and Ethics into the First-Year Practical Skills Course***, Third Annual Capital Area Legal Writing Conference at American University's Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C. Joint presentation with Professors Marcia Goldsmith and Denise Z. Field, March 2013.

***Student as Critic: Taking Persuasive Writing to the Next Level***, Second Annual Capital Area Legal Writing Conference at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. Joint presentation with Professor Marcia Goldsmith, March 2012.

**Conferences: Panel Membership and Invitation**

***Panel Member, Teaching Through Technology***, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, January 2018.

***Panel Member, Student Assessment: Tips and Tricks from the Trenches***, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, January 2017.

***Panel Member, Writing to Learn and Learning to Write: Integrating Skills and Doctrine into the Classroom***, Southeast Association of Law Schools Conference, Boca Raton, Florida, August 2015.

***Panel Member, Insider's Guide to Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion***, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Portland, Oregon, July 2016.

***Invitee, LEC Workshop for Law Professors on Risk, Injury, Liability, and Insurance***, Sponsor: George Mason University Law and Economics Center, January 2014.

***Invitee, LEC Workshop for Law Professors on the Economics of Litigation and Civil Procedure***, Sponsor: George Mason University Law and Economics Center, January 2015.

***Co-Director, Central States Legal Writing Conference***, Saint Louis University School of Law, September 26-27, 2015.

**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF LAW**

**Juris Doctor (1994)**

**Activities and Awards**

Member: Journal of Dispute Resolution; Lead Articles Editor 1993-94

Published Article - ***Labor Arbitration in Public Agencies: An Unconstitutional Delegation of Power or the Waking of a Sleeping Giant?*** 1993 No. 2 J. Disp. Resol. 333 (1993)

John E. Burress Memorial Prize for Best Student Note 1993

Intern for the Honorable John C. Holstein – Supreme Court of Missouri 1992

Intern for Missouri Attorney General's Office 1993-94  
Member: Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – COLUMBIA**

**Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Magna Cum Laude (1991)**

**Activities and Awards**

Top Ten Marketing Student's Award

Roberts' Scholar (Pre-Law)

Member – Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Missouri Bar – Bar Number 42970 – 1994 to present

Member – Missouri Bar Civil Practice Committee

American Inns of Court – Barrister - Theodore McMillian Chapter (St. Louis)

Legal Writing Institute (LWI) – Member

American Association of Law Schools – Law of Teaching and Technology  
Committee Member

Member - Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers 1997 to 2008