

TENIELLE FORDYCE-RUFF

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Vermont Law & Graduate School, South Royalton, Vermont

Professor of Law in Legal Writing & Director of Online Legal Writing, July 2024-present

Courses

Legal Research & Writing, Legal Writing II

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona

Associate Clinical Professor of Law, August 2021-present

Courses Taught

Legal Method & Writing; Legal Advocacy; Appellate Advocacy

University of Idaho College of Law, Boise, Idaho

Temporary Faculty College of Law, August 2020-May 2021

Courses Taught

Wills, Trusts & Estates; Seminar: Law & Society; Advanced Advocacy; Lawyering Process

Concordia University School of Law, Boise, Idaho

Associate Professor of Law, July 2015-June 2020

Assistant Professor of Law, April 2012-June 2015

Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program, July 2012-June 2020

Courses Taught

Legal Research & Writing I & II; Civil Procedure II; Logic & Narrative; Rhetoric

Courses Developed & Administered

Legal Research & Writing I & II Intensive Legal Writing; Advanced Appellate Advocacy; Litigation Planning & Drafting; Rhetoric; Logic & Narrative; Judicial Writing; Legislative Drafting

University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, Oregon

Visiting Legal Research and Writing Professor, July 2008-May 2010

Courses Taught

Legal Research & Writing I & II; Advanced Legal Research; Intensive Legal Writing

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Book Chapters

Research Across the Curriculum: Using Cognitive Science to Answer the Call for Better Legal Skills Training, 125 Dick. L. Rev. 1 (2020)

Lawyering Skills in the Doctrinal Classroom: Using Legal Writing Pedagogy to Enhance Teaching Across the Law School Curriculum, “Research in Doctrinal Courses: Helping Students Learn Doctrine Deeply and Preparing Them for Practice” (Carolina Academic Press 2020)

Idaho Appellate Practice Handbook, 4th edition, “Chapter IX: Effective Briefs” (Idaho State Bar 2015)

Books

Idaho Legal Research, 4d edition (forthcoming Carolina Academic Press 2026) (with S. Ethridge)

Idaho Legal Research, 3d edition (Carolina Academic Press 2019)

Idaho Legal Research, 2d edition (Carolina Academic Press 2015) (with K. Running)

Idaho Legal Research (Carolina Academic Press 2008) (with S. Rowe)

Series Editor, Carolina Academic Press

Arizona Legal Research

4th edition (2021)

5th edition (forthcoming 2025)

California Legal Research, 4th edition (2019)

Colorado Legal Research, 2d edition (2018)

Connecticut Legal Research, 2d ed (2022)

Florida Legal Research, 5th edition (2020)

Georgia Legal Research, 2d edition (2022)

Hawaii Legal Research (2021)

Indiana Legal Research (2022)

Iowa Legal Research, 3d ed (2022)

Kentucky Legal Research, 2d edition (forthcoming 2025)

Michigan Legal Research

4th edition (2020)

5th edition (forthcoming 2026)

Nevada Legal Research (forthcoming 2025)

New York Legal Research

4th edition (2020)

5th edition (forthcoming 2026)

North Carolina Legal Research, 3d edition (2019)

Oregon Legal Research

4th edition (2018)

5th edition (2022)

6th edition (forthcoming 2026)

Pennsylvania Legal Research, 3d edition (forthcoming 2025)

Tennessee Legal Research, 3d edition (2023)

Texas Legal Research, 3d edition (forthcoming 2025)

West Virginia Legal Research, 2d edition (2018)

Wyoming Legal Research, 2d edition (2023)

Associate Series Editor, Carolina Academic Press

Arizona Legal Research, 3d edition (2017)

Louisiana Legal Research, 2d edition (2017)

Pennsylvania Legal Research, 2d edition (2017)

Short Articles

Bring It On: Adding a Spark of Joy & Connection in Your Classroom, Second Draft (2022)
(available at <https://www.lwionline.org/article/bring-it-adding-spark-joy-and-connection-your-classroom>)

Teaching Active Listening: Flipping Roles in Client Interviewing Exercises, 22 Perspectives:
Teaching Legal Res. & Writing 131 (2014)

Collaborative & Cooperative Learning, in *Frequently Asked Questions & Answers*, compiled by the Teaching Resources Committee of the Legal Writing Institute, at http://www.lwionline.org/uploads/FileUpload/Collaborative_and_Cooperative_Learning.pdf (September 2013)

Bar Journal Essays

The Basics and Beyond: Nuances and Types of Nouns, *The Advocate* (February 2024)

The Basics and Beyond: Verb Tenses, Aspects & Conditionals, *The Advocate* (October 2023)

Revisiting Pronouns: The Singular They, *The Advocate* (May 2023)

Pith and Elegance: Crafting Balanced Paragraphs, *The Advocate* (March/April 2023)

Problematic P Words, *The Advocate* (February 2023)

Back to the Basics: Apostrophes, Possession, and Contractions, *The Advocate* (August 2020)

Graded Writing: Using Absolutes Correctly, *The Advocate* (February 2020)

Start the New Year Off ~~Write~~ Editing Better, *The Advocate* (January 2020)

Two Language Oddities: Pluralia Tantum and Homographs, *The Advocate* (November/December 2019)

Write the Right Words: Effective Legal Writing, *The Advocate* (September 2019)

Avoiding Gatekeeper Bias in Hiring, *The Advocate* (June/July 2019) (with B. Bauges)

Words to Write By, *The Advocate* (May 2019)

When Spell-Check Won't Cut It: Confusing Word Pairs, *The Advocate* (November/December 2018)

Legal Citation Part III: Using Citation to Convey Textual Meaning, *The Advocate* (September 2018) (with J. Dykstra)

Legal Citation Part II: Tips and Tricks to Avoid Common Errors, *The Advocate* (August 2018) (with J. Dykstra)

Legal Citation Part I: The Basics of Legal Citation, *The Advocate* (May 2018)

Beyond the Basics: Lesser-Used Punctuation Marks, *The Advocate* (March/April 2018) (with J. Dykstra)

To That or Not to That: When to Use and When to Omit "That," *The Advocate* (Feb. 2018)

Taking the 30,000-foot View: Seeing What You've Written, The Advocate (Jan. 2018)

More Tips for Concise Writing, The Advocate (October 2017)

Connections Count Part II: Orienting and Substantive Transitions, The Advocate (September 2017)

Connections Count Part I: Generic Transitions, The Advocate (August 2017)

Writing for E-Readers: Tips and Tricks to Craft Effective Briefs, The Advocate (March/April 2017)

Help the Reader Swim Downstream: Create Flow in Your Writing, The Advocate (August 2016)

Alphabet Soup: More Confusing Word Pairs, The Advocate (June/July 2016)

Beyond the Basics: Typographic Symbols in Writing, The Advocate (May 2016)

A Quick Reference: Tricky Prepositions and Confusing Adjectives, The Advocate (March/April 2016)

Odds and Ends: My Inbox Part II, The Advocate (November/December 2015)

Know Your Audience: Writing to Non-Lawyers, The Advocate (October 2015)

Back to the Basics Part V: Adjectives, The Advocate (September 2015)

Fairness, Clarity, Precision, and Reaction: Gender-free and Bias-free Word Choice, The Advocate (August 2015)

Spring Cleaning Part II, The Advocate (June/July 2015)

Robust Writing: Crafting Better Sentences, The Advocate (May 2015)

Feeling Possessed: The Use of Genitive Case, The Advocate (March/April 2015)

Beyond the Basics: Transitive, Intransitive, Ditransitive, and Ambitransitive Verbs, The Advocate (February 2015)

Confusing Word Pairs III: D Words, The Advocate (January 2015)

Typography Matters: Document Design, The Advocate (November/December 2014)

A Pro's Woe: Overcoming Writer's Block in a Hurry, The Advocate (October 2014)

Back to the Basics VI: Subordinate Word Groups, The Advocate (September 2014)

Confusing Word Pairs: Part II, The Advocate (August 2014)

Time Savings: E-editing Tricks and Tips, The Advocate (June/July 2014)

Words on the Page: Font Matters, The Advocate (May 2014)

Creating Clarity: Careful Use of Contronyms, The Advocate (March/April 2014)

Some February Fun: F Words, The Advocate (February 2014)

Back to the Basics III: Noun-Sense, The Advocate (January 2014)

Crafting Clear, Correct Sentences, The Advocate (November/December 2013)

Ten Steps to Build Better Briefs: Part II, The Advocate (October 2013)

Ten Steps to Build Better Briefs: Part I, The Advocate (September 2013)

Back to the Basics II: Parts of Speech, The Advocate (August 2013)

Problems with Pronouns Part III: Gender-Linked Pronouns, The Advocate (June/July 2013)
Adding Eloquence to Your Legal Writing with Figures of Speech, The Advocate (May 2013)
The Other Four-Letter Words, The Advocate (February 2013)
Five Tips to Combat Verbosity, The Advocate (January 2013)
Back to the Basics: Subject and Verb Agreement, The Advocate (November/December 2012)
Capitalization Conundrums Clarified, The Advocate (September 2012)
Verbs: The Basics on Tense and Voice, The Advocate (August 2012)
Pronouns Problems Part II: Personal, Reflexive, and Possessive Pronouns, The Advocate (June/July 2012)
Conjunction Junction: Making Conjunctions Function for You, The Advocate (May 2012)
Problems with Pronouns: Part I, The Advocate (March/April 2012)
My Inbox: Follow-Up Advice to Readers, The Advocate (February 2012)
Garner's Dictionary of Legal Usage, Third Edition, Book Review, The Advocate (January 2012)
Confusing Word Pairs, The Advocate (January 2012)
Laughing All the Way to Court: Avoiding the Humor and Headaches Created by Misplaced Modifiers, The Advocate (November/December 2011)
Using Quotation Marks Correctly, The Advocate (October 2011)
Six Steps to Correct Commas: Achieving Punctuation Peace of Mind, The Advocate (September 2011)
E-Editing: Time Saving Tips, The Advocate (August 2011)
Five Tools for Writing Fixes: Stocking the Legal Writer's Toolbox, The Advocate (June/July 2011)
Do Some Spring-Cleaning: Throw Out Grammar Myths, The Advocate (May 2011)
Creating Separation and Emphasis in Your Writing Part II: Using Punctuation within Sentences, The Advocate (March 2011)
Creating Separation and Emphasis in Your Writing Part I: Joining Independent Clauses, The Advocate (February 2011) (Cited in *Ada County Prosecuting Attorney v. 2007 Legendary Motorcycle*, 154 Idaho 351 (2013))
Cutting the Clutter: Three Steps to More Concise Legal Writing, The Advocate (January 2011).
Attaching People to Their Problems: Eliminating Passive Voice and Vague "ing" Words from Your Writing, The Advocate (November/December 2010)
A Legal Writer's Toolbox: Five References for Every Attorney, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (June 2010)
Six Simple Steps to Correct Commas, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (November 2009)

PRESENTATIONS

Avoiding the Perfectionist Trap, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (March 2024) (with S. Rowe)

Getting in Practice Shape: Connecting LRW to the Practice of Law with a Capstone Legal Writing Course, LWI One-Day Workshop (December 2023) (with J. Dykstra)

Just Ask: Findings Answers, Advice, and Mentorship as a New Teacher, LWI New Teachers Training Bootcamp (August 2023) (with S. Rowe)

Preparing Students to Lead & Succeed: Lessons from Current & Former Administrators, ALWD 2023 Biennial Conference (July 2023) (with B. Bauges)

Terrible Moments: Tactics for Managing the Unexpected, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (March 2023) (with J. Gunder, T. Herrera, & C. Williams)

Effective Editing, Idaho State Bar: *The Advocate Editorial Board* (October 2022)

Mentoring: Professional Advancement & Programmatic Enhancement, Boston University School of Law (September 2022) (with S. Rowe)

Just Ask: Findings Answers, Advice, and Mentorship as a New Teacher, LWI New Teachers Training Bootcamp (July 2022) (with S. Rowe)

Drafting Persuasive Arguments: The Basics and Beyond, Guest CLE Presenter, Arizona State Bar (April 2022) (with Hon. R. Warner & A. Ching)

Fostering Community and Connection: The Benefits of Mentoring Relationships, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (March 2021) (with J. Gunder & S. Rowe)

The Un-Lesson: Student Led Energy, LWI One-Day Workshop, South Texas College of Law Houston (December 2021)

ALWD Directors' Workshop: Offering Community and Support, Central States Legal Writing Conference (October 2021)

Preparing Persuasive Documents, Guest CLE Presenter, ISB Government and Public Sector Lawyers Section (January 2021)

Top Ten Legal Writing Issues and Solutions, Guest CLE Presenter, Idaho Trial Lawyers Association (December 2020)

Thriving with Adjuncts: Best Practices for Teaching and Directing Adjuncts, Legal Writing Institute 2020 Biennial Conference (September 2020)

Effective Editing, Idaho State Bar: *The Advocate Editorial Board* (October 2019)

Leading Unicorns: A Roundtable Discussion of Adjunct-Based Legal Writing Programs, Association of Legal Writing Directors 2019 Biennial Conference (May 2019)

Effective Editing, Idaho State Bar: *The Advocate Editorial Board* (October 2018)

Leadership Roundtable, Idaho Women Lawyers Fourth Annual Circuit Training for Leaders (October 2017)

Bridging the Gap from Law School to Practice: Connecting LRW to the Practice of Law with a Capstone Litigation Planning and Drafting Course, Western States Legal Writing Conference (August 2017)(with J. Dykstra)

Empowerment Teaching: The Intersection and Impact of Learning Theories in the Law School Classroom, Tajik/Concordia Law Exchange (November 2016)

Adding Eloquence to Your Writing, Guest CLE Presenter, Appellate Practice Section of the Idaho State Bar (October 2015)

Giving Your Heart and Soul: A Roundtable for New Directors, Association of Legal Writing Directors 2015 Biennial Conference (June 2015)

Teaching Innovations Roundtable, Legal Writing and Leadership Conference (April 2015)

Grammar Bootcamp: Seven Steps for Better Sentences, Legal Writing Training at Moffatt Thomas Barrett Rock & Fields (August 2014)

Mid-year Intervention to Boost Legal Reading and Analytical Abilities, Poster Presentation, 16th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute (June 2014)

Innovations in Teaching Research: Roundtable Discussion, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop (December 2013)

New Directors Roundtable: Teaching, Scholarship, Service, AND Administration, Association of Legal Writing Directors 2013 Biennial Conference (June 2013)

Stress Reduction and Healthy Living, Panel Presentation, Idaho Women's Lawyers (March 2013)

Six Steps to Better Sentences, Guest CLE Presenter, ISB Government and Public Sector Lawyers Section (October 2012)

Improving Professional Correspondence, Guest Presenter, Idaho State Bar (June 2012)

Understanding Your Role in IDEA Litigation, Panel Presentation for Speech Language Pathology Students, ISU Meridian Campus (May 2011)

Investing in the Future: Creating Effective Teaching Assistants, Panel Presentation, 14th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute (June 2010)

Legal Writing Skills and Tips for Improvement, Guest CLE Presenter, Fourth Judicial District Inns of Court (April 2010)

More than Googling: Teaching 21st-Century Students the Depth of Legal Research, Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference (August 2009)

Teaching Surfers to Dive: Legal Research, Learning Theory, and Millennial Students, Association of Legal Writing Directors' Scholars Forum, Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference (August 2009)

Editing Your Legal Writing, Guest Lecturer, Boise State University (Fall 2006, Spring 2007)

Creating Legal Citation: ALWD and Bluebook Format, Guest CLE Presenter, Office of the Idaho Attorney General (December 2006)

SERVICE

Professional Service

Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD)

Board of Directors

President Elect 2024-2025

Secretary, August 2020-August 2024

ALWD Leadership Academy for Innovative Programs, Host (moved online due to COVID)

New Directors Committee, chair, 2019-2020

2019 Biennial ALWD Conference, Program Committee, 2018-2019

2017 Biennial ALWD Conference, Site Committee, chair, 2016-2017

New Directors Committee, chair, 2015-2016

Legal Writing Institute (LWI)

One-Day Workshop Committee

Co-Chair 2024-2026

Member 2022-2024

2018 Biennial LWI Conference, Program Committee, 2016-2018

Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Host, December 2015

Teaching Resources Committee, 2012-2014

The Advocate

Editorial Advisory Board, Idaho State Bar, August 2010-present

Other Service

Conference Program Committee, Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, 2022-23

Law School Service

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Faculty Colloquium Committee 2023-24

Honor Code Hearing Board 2022-23

Concordia University School of Law

Executive Committee of the Faculty 2019-2020

Facilities Committee 2018-2019

Diversity & Inclusion Committee 2017-2020

Faculty Affairs Committee 2016-2018

Faculty Evaluation & Retention Committee 2015-2020

Institutional Research & Strategic Planning Committee 2014-2017, co-chair 2016-2017; 2018-2019

Curriculum Committee 2014-2020; chair 2014-2020

Faculty Recruitment Committee 2014; 2015-2016

Admissions Committee 2012-2014

Ad Hoc Promotions & Tenure Standards Committee 2013

Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee 2012-2013

Academic Standards Committee 2012-2014

EDUCATION

University of Oregon School of Law, Juris Doctorate, May 2004

Honors

Oregon Law Review, Managing Editor, 2003-2004

Distinguished Service Award, 2004

Maxine Lee Award for Editorial Excellence, 2003

Activities

LRW Tutor, 2002-2004

National Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition

University of Wyoming, BA with Honors, International Studies, May 1999

Honors: President's List, Dean's List, Golden Key National Honor Society

Activities: Sigma Iota Rho, Russian Club

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Fisher Rainey Hudson, Boise, Idaho, *Of Counsel*, 2013-2017

Rainey Law Office, Boise, Idaho, *Partner*, August 2011-April 2012; *Of counsel*, April 2012-2013

Smith, Fordyce-Ruff & Penny, PLLC, Boise, Idaho, *Partner*, November 2010-July 2011

Idaho Supreme Court, Boise, Idaho, Judicial Law Clerk to Justice Roger S. Burdick, July 2005-July 2008

Fourth Judicial District, State of Idaho, Boise, Idaho, *Law Clerk to the Honorable Joel D. Horton*, June 2004-June 2005

Elam & Burke, PA, Boise, Idaho, *Summer Intern*, May-August 2003

University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, Oregon, *Research Assistant for Professor Michael Moffitt*, May-August 2002

Oregon Department of Justice, Eugene, Oregon, *Law Clerk*, January-May 2002

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Idaho State Bar

Association of Legal Writing Directors

Legal Writing Institute

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Idaho State Bar: Service Award 2018

Concordia University School of Law: Professor of the Year 2016-2017

Idaho Business Review: Leader in Law 2016