

# ELIZABETH RUIZ FROST

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## EDUCATION

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### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor, Michigan

*Juris Doctor, May 2006*

- Managing Editor, Articles Selection Committee Member, Membership Coordinator, *Michigan Journal of Race and Law*
- First-Year Orientation Programs, Women Law Students Association

### YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, Connecticut

*Bachelor of Arts in History, May 2002*

- Wilmann-Lidz Award for Excellence, 2002; Outstanding History Thesis Nominee, 2002; Monroe Jubitz Fellowship, 1999-2002
- Peer Health Educators; Footbridge Friends; Yale Political Union; WYBC – AM

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW, Eugene, Oregon

*Legal Research and Writing Clinical Professor, May 2010 – Present*

- Courses: Legal Research and Writing I and II, Intensive Writing, Legal Drafting, Advanced Legal Research; Real Estate Transactions; Advanced Legal Writing; Writing Colloquium; PLUS Pre-Law Legal Writing; 1L Pre-Orientation
- Law School Service: Diversity Committee (2010-11, 2014-15); Library Committee (2010-11, 2013-14); Sustainability Committee (2011-12); Search Committee for Associate Director of Alternative and Public Interest Careers (2012); Lectures and Awards Committee (2012-2013); Student Scholarship Workgroup, Chair (2012-2013); Search Committee for Associate Dean for Finance and Operations (2013); Bar Exam Bootcamp Co-Coordinator and Lecturer (2013, 2014, 2017-19); University Program Review Committee (2013-14); Academic Support Series Lecturer (2014, 2015); Career and Professional Success Committee (2011-12, 2014-15, 2016-17); Search Committee for Law Librarian (2015); Appointments Committee (2015-16, 2017-18); Curriculum Committee (2011, 2013, 2015-17, 2019-20 (Chair)); *Oregon Law Review* faculty advisor (2015-17); Academic Success Committee (2018-19); *Journal of Environmental Law & Litigation* faculty advisor (2019-22); Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee (2020-23)
- University Service: Faculty Grievance Committee (2014-16); Diversity Committee (2014-16); Financial Aid Appeals Board (2015-17); Student Conduct Committee (2018-20); Scholastic Review Committee (2018-20)
- Awards: Galen Scholar (2013-14); Ersted Award for Specialized Pedagogy, 2016; Galen Writing Specialist (2017-18); ALWD Outstanding Service Award (2019, 2021); Morris Galen Scholar (2018-20); ALWD Teaching Grant recipient (2019); Orlando John Hollis Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award (2021)

### SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP, Los Angeles, California and Chicago, Illinois

*Associate, Real Estate, September 2006 – June 2009*

*Summer Associate, Summer 2005*

- Represented lenders and borrowers in real estate finance transactions, including complex, multi-site sale-leaseback transactions.
- Represented buyers and sellers in asset purchase and stock purchase transactions.

- Negotiated and drafted commercial leases on behalf of landlords and tenants.
- Drafted and negotiated purchase agreements, loan documents, estoppels, subordination agreements and other ancillary transaction documents.
- Represented REIT's and real estate development companies in the acquisition and disposition of commercial properties.
- Represented borrowers and lenders in troubled asset transactions and loan modifications.
- Drafted and analyzed real estate documentation for mergers, acquisitions and public offerings.
- Conducted due diligence for commercial loans, acquisitions and dispositions, including the review of title and survey, leases and organizational documents.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Law Review Articles**

*Failure Begets Failure*, 48 Stetson L. Rev. 33 (2018).

*Feedback Distortion: The Shortcomings of Model Answers as Formative Feedback*, 65 J. Legal Educ. 938 (2016).

### **Shorter Articles**

*Sometimes It's Sometime*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (August/September 2021)

*A Smattering of Ideas: A Check-In on my Lifelong Learning Pursuit*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (July 2021)

*Find Your Academic Atmosphere: Lifelong Learning for the Joiners and the Loners*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (June 2021)

*Writing That Sings: Imagine the Lessons We Could Learn from Pop Songs*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2021)

*Opposites Attract: Context is Key When Tossing Out Contronyms*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2021)

*Beat the Slump: Finding Motivation to Write While Working from Home*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (February/March 2021)

*On the Subject of Subjects: A Concrete Way to Avoid Abstract Writing*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (January 2021)

*Tips from a Master Storyteller: Good Writing Comes from Hard Work*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (July 2020)

*Better, Smarter, More Efficient: Some New-School Solutions for Old-School Work*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2020)

*Contract Drafting: Back to Basics*, Oregon Business Lawyer (March 2020)

*Writing in a Digital World: Tips for Easing the Transition from Paper Documents*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (December 2019)

*It's Just a Matter of Time: Tips for Improving Your Proofreading Prowess*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (November 2019)

*Making Sense of Lists: Twists and Turns of a Legal Document Require Better Formatting*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (July 2019)

*The Worst Words*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2019).

*Irregularity and Other Challenges: Addressing Tricky Verbs*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (January 2019).

*Your Professional Bio is Legal Writing, Too*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (November 2018).

*Weakening Words*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (September 2018).

*Toes, Cakes, and Eggcorns: Phrases Change but Meanings Stay the Same*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2018).

*Make Fewer Mistakes*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (February/March 2018).

*Accepting Criticism with Grace*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (December 2017).

*Avoiding Plagiarism*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (July 2017).

*The Progressives: Past and Present*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (June 2017).

*Modifier Fighters: Finding and Fixing Misplaced, Squinting and Dangling Modifiers*, Oregon State Bulletin (May 2017).

*Nominalizations, or How to Ruin Perfectly Good Nouns and Adjectives*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2017).

*Writing for the New Year: An Exercise Regimen*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (February/March 2017).

*E-Communication Etiquette: Notes on Electronic Professionalism*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2016).

*Latin in Legal Writing*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2016).

*Confessions of Legal Writing Professors*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (February/March 2016).

*Kind Regards and Other Affronts*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (September 2015).

*Diagramming Sentences*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (June/July 2015).

*Tricky Little Words*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2015).

*Mental Shrinkage: The Many Costs of Multitasking*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (March 2015).

*Thinking About Writing*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (July 2014).

*Write As You Speak, Unless...*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2014).

*My New Year's Resolution*, AALS Section Newsletter, Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research 13 (Spring 2014).

*Cross Section Peer Review in First-Year Legal Research and Writing*, 22 Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing 25 (Fall 2013).

*Mentoring Legal Writers*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (July 2013).

*Procrastination and Writer's Block: Breaking the Habits of the Inefficient*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (June 2013).

*Spring Cleaning for Writing*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2013).

*Readers' Pet Peeves: A Brief Collection of Annoyances and Goat Getters*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (January 2013).

*Primer on Pronouns: Common Mistakes*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (May 2012).

*Words of Authority in Legal Drafting: The Problem with Shall*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (February/March 2012).

*Reliable Resources for the Wired Writer*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (December 2011).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Georgetown Law School, *Want to Hear How to Receive a Scholarship Grant?* (panelist), Washington DC, July 2022

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Georgetown Law School, *LWI and ALWD Publications* (panelist), Washington DC, July 2022

University of Michigan Law School, ALWD Biennial Conference, *From Aspiration to Action: Teaching in a Pre-Law Outreach Program*, June 2021.

Annual Washington Judicial Conference, *Mentoring Legal Writers*, September 2020 (cancelled due to COVID).

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Washington DC, *Crafting a Scholarly Essay (Part I)* and *Scholarly Essay Workshop (Part II)*, July 2020 (cancelled due to COVID)

University of Oregon School of Law, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, *The Process of Writing a Law Review Article*, March 2020 (cancelled due to COVID)

Oregon State Bar Business Law Conference, Portland, *Quick Tips for Clear and Effective Contract Drafting* (CLE, Invited Speaker), November 2019

Santa Clara University School of Law, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, *Remediating Student Failure*, September 2019

University of Oregon School of Law, LWI One-Day Workshop, *Partners in Hein: Cultivating Legal Scholars*, December 2018.

SEALS Annual Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, *Connecting Teaching and Learning: Maximizing Formative Assessment* (panelist), August 2018

University of Oregon School of Law, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, *Using Legal Writing and Rhetorical Science to Advance Environmental Science Advocacy* (with Lance Long, Rebekah Hanley, and Joan Rocklin), March 2018.

AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, *Arc of Career Panel: Opportunities and Challenges for Faculty of Color in Skills-Focused Law Teaching and Law Administration* (moderator), January 2018.

University of Oregon School of Law, Portland, *Pathways to Law School Teaching and Higher Ed Administration*, May 2017.

Seattle University School of Law, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, *Missed Connections: How Students Perceive Model Answers*, September 2017.

Annual Washington Judicial Conference, *Leading by Example: Using Fundamental Writing Skills to Enhance Complex Judicial Decisions*, September 2016.

State of Oregon Law Library, Mary Lawrence Society, *Sentence Guidelines: Tips for Building Good Sentences and Taking Them Apart*, August 2016.

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, *The 1L Skills Prism: Providing Context to Enhance Comprehension, Confidence, and Performance in LRW and Beyond* (with Rebekah Hanley), August 2015.

University of Oregon School of Law, Legal Writing & Leadership Conference, *Leading in Clinical Teaching* (moderator), April 2015.

University of Nevada-Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, *Cross-Section Peer Review* (with Megan McAlpin), March 2013.

University of Oregon School of Law, LWI One-Day Workshop, *Classroom Innovations: Flipping, Slicing, and Dicing* (moderator), December 2013.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (Editorial Board Member, 2018-present)

Legal Writing Institute: Website Committee (2011); Bar Outreach Committee (2011-13); New Members Committee (2014); 2016 Biennial Conference Program Committee (2014-16); Scholarship Grants Committee (2016-20)

ALWD: Survey Committee (2014-16, 2018-20); Scholarship Grants Committee (2014-15); Publications Committee (2014-16, Chair: 2016-18); Biennial Conference Program Committee (presentations subcommittee chair, 2018-19); Biennial Conference Program Committee (presentations subcommittee chair 2020-21); Scholarship Grants Committee, Co-Chair (2021-22)

AALS Section on Legal Writing: Media Committee (2011-12); Diversity Committee, Co-Chair (2016-19)

Co-Chair, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Oregon School of Law, August 2013, 2022

Chair, Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference, University of Oregon School of Law, April 2015

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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Admitted to practice in Illinois, California, and Oregon