

# REBEKAH HEISER HANLEY

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## EXPERIENCE

### **University of Oregon**

*School of Law*, Clinical Professor, Legal Research & Writing (LRW)

*(on leave while serving as Assistant Dean*

Orlando J. Hollis Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award

Galen Scholar in Legal Writing: Gen AI & Legal Educ.

Legal Writing & Ethics Educ.

Teaching & AI CAIT Fellow

Sustainability Fellow

### **Eugene, OR**

July 2004 – present

June 2011 – May 2015)

May 2020

Aug. 2023 – May 2025

Aug. 2016 – May 2017

Sept. 2023 – June 2024

Aug. 2021 – May 2022

- Lead law school, campus, and discipline-wide initiatives focused on generative AI; design and support efforts to leverage educational benefits, minimize risks, ensure equitable access, and modernize career readiness.
- Teach lawyering skills, including legal research, predictive writing, persuasive writing, and oral advocacy, to first-year law school students; offer constructive feedback on class assignments and independent writing projects; design and teach additional courses, e.g., Understanding Generative AI, Intensive Writing, Legal Profession, and Judicial Writing; serve as Instructor of Record for law school's three law student-run journals (2021-2024).
- Actively serve on law school and university committees, including as faculty member of Oregon State Bar's Licensing Pathways Development Committee Advisory Group (2022-2024), University Library Committee (2022-2024), UO Common Reading Advisory Team (current), Career Planning Roundtable (2021-2023), EMU Board of Directors (2015-2017), Personnel Committee (2020-2022), and Assessments and Outcomes Committee (2018-2020); led law school committees, including Community & Inclusion Committee (2015-2016).
- Support operation of nationally ranked LRW program; hire, train, and supervise writing tutors; led planning and implementation for Oregon Supreme Court oral argument day, held annually at School of Law.
- Co-led pre-orientation program for non-traditional students; advise student groups; mentor students.

### **University of Oregon**

*School of Law*, Assistant Dean, Career Planning & Professional Development

### **Eugene, OR**

June 2011 – May 2015

- Hired, supervised, and led team of career counselors in individually advising, assisting, and encouraging students and graduates, including with resume and cover letter preparation; directed planning and implementation of educational programming and career-related communications.
- Through innovation and creative leadership, helped improve overall post-graduate employment rate by 10% and employment rate most relevant to *US News* ranking by 14%.
- Collaborated with Oregon Law students, student organizations, faculty, administrators, and staff, as well as with outside entities and individuals, to create opportunities, increase visibility, improve reputation, enhance efficiency, and otherwise help achieve law school, Career Center, and individual student and graduate goals.
- Built and strengthened relationships with employers, alumni, and other potential speakers, mentors, and partners.
- Presented at a variety of law school meetings; represented Oregon Law at law school and external events.
- Spearheaded several initiatives, including creation and implementation of a required first-year course on professional preparation.
- Earned one of two university-wide 2013 Outstanding Officer of Administration Recognition Awards.

### **University of Oregon**

*American English Institute*, Instructor

### **Eugene, OR**

Winter Terms 2008 & 2009

- Taught Legal Analysis seminar for Argentinean law students in Law, Language, and Culture program.

**U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit**

Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Harry Pregerson

**Woodland Hills, CA**

Sept. 2003 – July 2004

- Researched and drafted memoranda and opinions; prepared judge for hearings; observed oral arguments.
- Monitored and advised judge regarding potential *en banc* matters.
- Supervised and reviewed work of law student externs; assisted with law clerk and extern hiring.

**Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP**

Litigation Associate

Summer Associate

**Los Angeles, CA**

Jan. 2002 – Sept. 2003

July 1999 – Aug. 1999

- Completed civil and criminal pre-trial and trial work, including conducting legal and factual research; drafting briefs and memoranda; propounding and responding to written discovery; interviewing and deposing witnesses and reviewing documents; preparing jury instructions and witness cross-examinations; corresponding with clients and opposing counsel; and attending hearings.
- Supervised summer associates, paralegals, and other staff.
- Served on law firm committees focused on continuing education, summer associate work, and new attorney onboarding; interviewed law students and lawyers pursuing positions with the firm.
- Coordinated National Institute for Trial Advocacy deposition workshops for new litigation associates.

**U.S. District Court, Central District of California**

Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson

**Los Angeles, CA**

Sept. 2000 – Sept. 2001

- Researched legal issues; wrote memoranda and court orders resolving motions in civil and criminal matters.
- Prepared jury instructions; observed hearings, settlement conferences, and trials.
- Supervised law student externs.

**University of California**

*Collegium of University Teaching Fellows*, Instructor

**Los Angeles, CA**

Sept. 1999 – Mar. 2000

- Designed and taught undergraduate seminar; guided students in researching and writing original papers.

**University of California**

*School of Law*, Lawyering Skills Teaching Assistant

**Los Angeles, CA**

Aug. 1998 – May 1999

- Worked one-on-one with first-year law students to improve legal analysis and writing skills.

**EDUCATION**

**Oregon State University – Cascades**

M.F.A. in Creative Writing with Non-Fiction Emphasis

**Bend, OR**

Mar. 2020

**UCLA School of Law**

J.D.

**Los Angeles, CA**

May 2000

*UCLA Journal of Environmental Law and Policy*, 1998-2000; Chief Articles Editor, 1999-2000

Honors: Order of the Coif  
American Jurisprudence Bancroft-Whitney Awards in Property and Lawyering Skills  
Corpus Juris Secundum Award for Scholastic Excellence in Property

**Yale University**

B.A. in American Studies & in Studies in the Environment

**New Haven, CT**

May 1996

Honors: *cum laude*; Distinction in both majors; Timothy Dwight College Master's Cup Award

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, SERVICE, & ACTIVITIES**

Association of Legal Writing Directors

Immediate Past President, 2023-2024; President, 2022-2023; President-Elect, 2021-2022  
Executive Committee, 2020-2021; Board of Directors, 2019-2024  
Communications Action Team Leader, 2019-2021

AALS Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Section

Awards Committee Co-Chair, 2018-2020  
Executive Committee Member, 2017  
Outreach Committee Co-Chair, 2016

Legal Writing Institute

AI Committee Co-Chair, 2024-2026  
2018 Biennial Conference Co-Chair  
Pre-Law Outreach Committee Member, 2016-2018

State Bar of California (inactive)

American Bar Foundation, Fellow

American Bar Association

Solomon's Legacy Committee (2021-2022)

Manuscript Reviewer, Nature (Spring 2023) & Cornell University Press (Spring 2017)

External Reviewer, UCI School of Law Promotion File (February 2016)

Expert Witness, Oregon Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability Hearing (October 2015)

Lane County Bar Association (Elected Director, 2012-2015)

Oregon Legal Recruiting Association (President, Spring 2015; President-Elect, 2014)

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Legal Method and Writing*, 10<sup>th</sup> ed. (forthcoming, with Charles Calleros and Yan Slavinskiy, Aspen Pub., Feb. 2026).

*From Wringing Hands to Harnessing Awe: Leveraging Large Language Models to Enhance Legal Education* (forthcoming, Stetson L. Rev. Forum, 2025).

*What's a Human Legal Writer to Do? Lean on Generative Artificial Intelligence, but Hang onto Your Skills and Your Style*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin (April 2024).

*Ethical Copying in the Artificial Intelligence Authorship Era: Promoting Client Interests & Enhancing Access to Justice*, J. Legal Writing (2022) (peer reviewed).

*Yes, We Can: Embrace The Case for Plagiarism to Enhance Access to Justice*, 5 Stetson L. Rev. Online No. 2 (2022).

*Zoom Whiplash: The Paradoxes of Remote LRW*, The Second Draft (August 2021) (peer reviewed).

*Window with a View: Introducing 1Ls to Scholarly Writing*, Proceedings 1:3 (2021).

*Model Dress Code: Promoting Genderless Attire Rules to Foster an Inclusive Legal Profession*, 34 J. C.R. & Econ. Dev. 125 (with Malcolm MacWilliamson, 2021).

*Apologies from Your LAWR Professor, the Part-Time Creative Writing MFA Student, The Second Draft* (Fall 2020) (peer reviewed).

*It's Party Time: You're All Invited to a Celebration of Good Legal Writing*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin 13 (Oct. 2020).

*Plagiarism & Artificial Intelligence: Automation Further Blurs and Line Between 'Stealing' and 'Sharing'*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin 15 (Aug./Sept. 2020).

*Managing Uncertainty: A Pandemic Lawyering Lesson*, LWI Lives (Aug. 2020).

*Want to Be a Better Writer? Read*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin 15 (May 2020).

*The Joy of Legal Writing*, <https://sites.suffolk.edu/legalwritingmatters/2016/08/25/the-joy-of-legal-writing/> (2016).

Ms. JD Writer in Residence blog entries, [http://ms-jd.org/profile/Rebekah Hanley](http://ms-jd.org/profile/Rebekah%20Hanley) (2015).

*The Help: Lead by Serving the Next Generation*, Oregon Lawyer Online (Winter 2012).

*Cultivate Career Opportunities by Investing in Your Professional Network*, Oregon Lawyer Online (Autumn 2011).

*The Formula for Becoming – or Hiring – a Capable Legal Writer*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin 11 (June 2011).

*Notes on Quotes: When and How to Borrow Language*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin 13 (Feb./Mar. 2011).

*Principled Conjuring Tails: A Twenty-First Century Lawyer's View of the History of Animals in Magic*, in *Law and Magic* 293 (Christine Corcos, ed., Carolina Academic Press 2010).

*Constructive Criticism: A Generous Bonus in a Down Economy*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin 13 (Dec. 2009).

*A Legal Writer Reflects on Summer Vacation: Lessons from the Magic Kingdom*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin 13 (Aug./Sept. 2009).

*Resolutions: A New Writing Process for the New Year*, Oregon State Bar Bulletin 11 (Jan. 2009).

*Matters of Style, Matters of Opinion: The Voice and Legacy of Richard Chambers*, 19 W. Leg. Hist. 91 (2006) (peer reviewed).

*Beyond "Maybe" and Why: Identifying Arguments, Counter-Arguments, and a Sound Conclusion*, 20 The Second Draft 14 (Dec. 2005) (peer reviewed).

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & PANELS**

*Generative AI and the Law School Curriculum*, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Spring Conference "Generative AI: Practical Applications for Law School Pedagogy" (March 2025).

*Artificial Intelligence, Actual Implications: Guiding Nonprofits Through AI Promises & Pitfalls*, Oregon State Bar Nonprofit Organizations Law Section CLE (co-presenter, Dec. 2024).

*Generative Artificial Intelligence: The Possibilities for Imagining a New Paradigm for Legal Writing*, LWI Biennial Conference (panelist, July 2024).

*Plagiarism in the Law and in Legal Education: What does it include and what should we do about it?*, LWI Biennial Conference (discussant, July 2024).

*My AI Co-Author: Did the Bot Plagiarize?*, SEALS Writing Connections Discussion Group (July 2024).

*Ethical Lawyering & Generative AI: Prickly Questions, Practical Guidance, and Predictions of What's to Come*, District of Oregon Conference (panelist, May 2024).

*Revision in the Generative AI Era: Teaching Nuanced Expression*, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (March 2024).

*Practicing Law in the Generative AI Era: An Ethics Workshop for (Public Interest Environmental) Lawyers*, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (solo presenter for two-hour session, March 2024).

*Generative AI, Law School Teaching, & the Practice of Law*, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference (August 2023).

*Artificial Intelligence: Problem or Promise?*, KLCC's Oregon on the Record (panelist, July 2023).

*Happy 6-Month Birthday, ChatGPT! Reflecting on Generative AI in the Legal Writing Classroom*, ALWD Biennial Conference (panelist, July 2023).

*Teaching and Artificial Intelligence Systems: Insights and Strategies*, University of Oregon Teaching Engagement Program (panelist, May 2023).

*The Scholars in Our 1L Classrooms*, LWI Biennial Conference (July 2022).

*Panel on documentary film 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Cowboy: The Long, Good Fight of Judge Harry Pregerson* (moderator, February 2022).

*Homelessness: The Complex Legal and Moral Challenges for our City, State, and Country*, Solomon's Legacy Society CLE (moderator, May 2022).

*Ethical Copying: Reconsidering Rules to Promote Client Interests and Enhance Access to Justice*, Artificial Intelligence and the Legal Profession (virtual, September 2021).

*Promoting Students Scholars: Core Values in Teaching, Equity, and Inclusion*, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference (virtual, June 2021).

*Student-Modified, Open-Access Texts: Enhancing Accessibility, Reinforcing Skills, and Boosting Confidence*, LWI Biennial Conference (virtual, July 2020).

*Collaborative Thank-You Letters* Poster Presentation, LWI Biennial Conference (virtual, July 2020).

*Legal Writing CLE for Practitioners*, LWI Biennial Conference (cancelled, July 2020).

*Next-Level Mentoring: Empowering our Student Partners*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop: Courting Controversy (December 2019).

*What Do Lawyers Do?*, LSAC Law School Forum (workshop moderator, October 2019).

*Empathy, Strategy, and Creativity in Gary B. v. Snyder*, Applied Legal Storytelling Conference (July 2019).

*Legal Ethics Workshop, a CLE for Practitioners*, Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (solo presenter for two-hour session, March 2019).

*The Amazing Past, Present, and Future of Legal Writing: Creativity and Empirical Scholarship*, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop: Teaching Scholars (November 2018).

*The Unconventional Sabbatical: Finding Empathy and Inspiration Outside the Legal Academy*, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference (September 2018).

*Legal Writing, a CLE for Practitioners*, LWI Biennial Conference (July 2018).

*Using Legal Writing and Rhetorical Science to Advance Environmental Advocacy*, Public Environmental Law Conference (March 2018).

*Bridging the Perceived Gap between First-Year Doctrine and Skills Instruction*, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference (August 2017).

*Diversify the Law Review: Broader Perspectives, Better Articles, and Enhanced Experiences*, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference (July 2017).

*Joining the Administration: Law School and University Leadership for Law School Professors*, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting (January 2016).

*Legal Writing for ALJs*, National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary Annual Conference (October 2015).

*Putting Legal Research and Writing in Context to Enhance Comprehension and Performance*, Western Regional Legal Writing Conference (August 2015).

*Leading in Student Services and Organizations*, Northwest Regional Legal Writing Conference (April 2015).

*Reflecting on Non-LRW Readings to Improve All Legal Writing*, Empire State Legal Writing Conference (May 2011).

*Writing to – and for – the Bench: How Legal Practitioners Can Help Judges Write Good Opinions*, Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute (June 2010).

*Catch Phrases: Enhancing Classroom Dialogue through Association and Ownership*, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference (July 2009).

*Writing Workshop: Effective Special Education Decisions*, Eighth Academy for IDEA Administrative Law Judges and Hearing Officers (July 2009).

*Judicial Opinion Writing Workshop*, Court of Appeals for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (Sept. 2008).

*Judicial Opinions: Code or Art?*, American Academy of Appellate Lawyers Spring Meeting (Apr. 2008).

*You're Not Alone: Letting ESL and EFL Students Know that They Are Not the Only LRW Students Working with a Relatively Unfamiliar Language*, Global Legal Skills Conference (Feb. 2008).

### **SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Yale University (Volunteer Interviewer, present)

South University Neighborhood Association (Board Member, past)

South Eugene Soccer Club (Secretary, past)

Pi Beta Phi (Alumna Advisor to collegiate chapter of women's organization, past)

Rose Children's Theater; Pegasus Playhouse (Volunteer, past)

Edison Elementary School (Newsletter editor and Library, Classroom, and OBOB volunteer, past)