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Western Regional Virtual Legal Writing Conference

*How Technology is
Transforming Legal
Education and Practice*



Morning Schedule

9:00-9:15	Welcome	Colin Crawford and Fiona McKenna (Golden Gate)
9:15-9:35	Preparing for Practice: The AI Toolkit for Lawyers	Mark Koussa (Lexis)
9:35-10:00	The Thomson Reuters Tools Legal Employers Want Law Students to Know - AI and Beyond	Holly Lynch Fritz (Thomson Reuters)
10:00-10:10	Break	
10:10-11:10	'Alexa, Write a Memo': The Promise and Challenges of AI and Legal Writing	Kevin Ashley (University of Pittsburgh) Teresa Godwin Phelps (American University, WCL)
11:10-11:30	Trivia!	
11:30-11:40	Break	
11:40-12:30	Developing Remote and Hybrid Education	Jennifer Babcock (Golden Gate) (<i>Moderator</i>) Cindy Archer (UC Irvine) Deirdre Bowen (Seattle University) Hetal Dalal (Mitchell Hamline) Amy Levin (LMU Loyola) Hilary Reed (University of Houston)
12:30-1:00	Lunch	

Afternoon Schedule

12:30-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:50 Preparing Students for the Virtual Workplace
Allison Wang (Golden Gate) (*Moderator*)
Nira Geevargis (UC Hastings)
April Abele Isaacson (Kilpatrick Townsend)
Ryan Murphy (Eviction Defense Collaborative)
Jacque Wilson (San Francisco Public Defender)

1:50-2:10 Breakout sessions

2:10-2:20 Break

2:20-3:10 Silver Linings: What Zoom Taught Me About Life, Learning, and Legal Practice
Elizabeth Fishman (Golden Gate) (*Moderator*)
Neca Aguilar (Golden Gate)
Nico Bachicha (Golden Gate)
Isaiah Hardy (University of Oregon)
Jamie Juni (Golden Gate)
David Kempen (UC Hastings)
Sally Le (UC Hastings)
Lizet Palomera Torres (Golden Gate)

3:10-3:40 Sharing Ideas and Applying Lessons Learned

3:40-4:00 Closing Remarks and Virtual Happy Hour
Fiona McKenna (Golden Gate)



Panelists and Presenters



Neca Aguilar attended Arizona State University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Sociology with a minor in Family and Human Development. She is currently a 3L at Golden Gate University School of Law. She enjoys being involved on campus where she currently serves as the Evening Vice President for the Student Bar Association, Staff Editor for the Race, Gender, Sexuality & Social Justice Journal, and has previously served as the President of the Business Law Association. She has received a CALI Award for Legal Writing and Research II and a Witkin Award for Professional Responsibility. She is focused on pursuing a career in business law, with the aspiration of serving as General Counsel. While pursuing this goal, Neca has had the opportunity to work as a summer associate at Aimmune Therapeutics and a legal intern at CoinList. In her limited spare time, Neca enjoys spending time outdoors, traveling, and trying new foods.



Cindy Thomas Archer joined UCI Law as a Professor of Lawyering Skills in 2020. Prior to her appointment, she was a Clinical Professor of Law and Associate Dean of Clinical Programs and Experiential Education at LMU Loyola Law School, Los Angeles where she was influential in inaugurating the Loyola Social Justice Law Clinic. Passionate about inclusive excellence in education, Professor Archer was inaugural director of Loyola's first generation law student program; chaired not only the law school Equity and Inclusion Committee but was a member of the university President's Implicit Bias Taskforce and served as developer, facilitator and trainer for the university-wide training programs. Throughout her career, Professor Archer has been active in regional and national professional organizations promoting and supporting the work of lawyering skills as a discipline. Professor Archer has lectured on a variety of professional responsibility topics for local bar associations and served on boards and committees of local affinity bar associations.



Kevin D. Ashley, Ph.D., is an expert on computer modeling of legal reasoning. He researches in the field of legal text analytics and studies how to prepare law students for its effects on legal practice. In 2002 he was selected as a Fellow of the American Association of Artificial Intelligence "for significant contributions in computationally modeling case-based and analogical reasoning in law and practical ethics." He is co-editor in chief of *Artificial Intelligence and Law* and has been a principal investigator of many National Science Foundation grants. He is the author of *Modeling Legal Argument: Reasoning with Cases and Hypotheticals* (MIT Press/Bradford Books, 1990) and of *Artificial Intelligence and Legal Analytics: New Tools for Law Practice in the Digital Age* (Cambridge University Press, 2017). He is also a senior scientist at the Learning Research and Development Center, an adjunct professor of computer science, and a faculty member of the Graduate Program in Intelligent Systems of the University of Pittsburgh.



Jennifer Babcock has been teaching at Golden Gate University School of Law since 2012. She teaches Legal Writing and Torts, and recently developed GGU's first-year legal writing courses in a hybrid format for the school's J.D. Flex program.



Nico Bachicha is a 3L at Golden Gate University School of Law. He finished his second year doctrinal classes in the top 5% of his class and received Witkin Awards in Legal Writing and Criminal Procedure and received a CALI award in Constitutional Law. Nico is currently working as an extern in capital appeals. He helped create a community-service based organization called Advocates for Community Engagement and is actively involved in several local organizations, including the Hispanic National Bar Association. Nico volunteers for a crisis counseling line for domestic abuse survivors and helps clean up nature around the East Bay. He works as an independent contractor for Uber/Lyft to help pay for student loans and living expenses. When relaxing, Nico enjoys spending time with loved ones and running long-distance races.



Deirdre Bowen has been teaching Legal Writing since 2007 at Seattle University School of Law. She helped launch the inaugural curriculum of SU's JD Flex program. However, she is most proud of having built her own learning glass studio. Deirdre also founded and directs a Domestic Violence Protection Order clinic entirely through virtual processes.

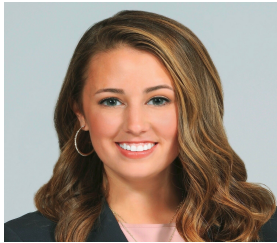


Hetal Dalal is an associate professor in Legal Writing. Dalal has wide-ranging expertise in non-profit, tax, labor and employment, campaign finance, corporate governance, and public interest law. She has a longstanding interest in the link between rhetorical skills and the preservation of democratic values and a well-informed citizenry. Dalal has served as in-house counsel for The Center for Popular Democracy (CPD) and its predecessor organization, which she co-founded, from 2010-2020. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School and clerked for the Honorable Kathleen A. Blatz, then Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court.





Elizabeth Fishman has been teaching at Golden Gate University School of Law since 2014. She teaches Legal Writing and coordinates GGU's Appellate Advocacy and Moot Court programs. Prior to joining GGU, Elizabeth practiced healthcare law, immigration law, and criminal law. She served as a Staff Attorney at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and as a law clerk to the Honorable A. Howard Matz in the Central District of California.



Holly Lynch Fritz serves as Business Development Manager for TR Law Schools. In her role, she drives towards the mission of building meaningful relationships and innovating to get cutting-edge technology in the hands of law students. Holly's focus is to ensure Thomson Reuters supports faculty and law school staff in the best way possible through collaboration and problem-solving. Holly also manages and grows the Law School digital learning center, the Knowledge Center. Before joining TR, Holly practiced tax law as Division Counsel for the Ohio Department of Taxation, serving as a subject matter expert for members of the Ohio General Assembly. Holly earned her BA from Belmont University and her JD from Ohio Northern University and is licensed to practice in Ohio. Holly resides in Columbus, Ohio with her husband Chad, and daughter Willa. You can connect with Holly on all platforms @hollylegal.



Nira Geevargis is Director of Externship Programs and Associate Clinical Professor at UC Hastings College of the Law, where she teaches the legal and corporate counsel externship program seminars. Before joining UC Hastings, Professor Geevargis was an Assistant Professor and Director of Externships Programs at the University of San Francisco School of Law for eight years. Earlier in her career, she was a civil rights attorney at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. Prior to that, she was a Graduate Law Fellow at Golden Gate University Women's Employment Rights Clinic where she supervised law students providing representation to low-wage workers. She is currently co-chair of the AALS Clinical Legal Education Section's Externship Committee.



As a 2L at the University of Oregon School of Law, **Isaiah Hardy** is a tutor for the Legal Research and Writing Program and mentors African American students through the Black Law Students Association and The Harbor (a network for Black 1Ls). He is also an editor for Oregon Law's Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation. Isaiah received his B.A. in Liberal Arts and Sciences, focusing on Economics, Africana Studies, and Psychology. As a law student, Isaiah spent his first summer in employment law in Littler Mendelson P.C.'s Portland office. His goal is a career in sports law, and this fall, he is interning in the Oregon Athletic Department with the Compliance office. He recently attended the 41st Annual Conference of the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association.





April Abele Isaacson has over 25 years of experience as a trial lawyer and is a registered United States patent attorney. Her practice focuses on pharmaceutical, biotechnology, chemical, medical device and medical technology patent litigation, particularly Hatch-Waxman cases on behalf of drug innovators. April has tried cases in several federal district courts throughout the United States, as well as appeals before the Federal Circuit, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. April also provides counseling on patent and related regulatory issues faced by the biopharma industry, including patent portfolio strategy, litigation preparation and strategy, licensing, patent term extension strategy, and Orange Book patent listing and Use Code strategy, and provides opinions on issues of patentability/validity, freedom-to-operate, and loss of exclusivity.



Jamie Juni is currently a 4L at Golden Gate University School of Law and a certified law student with GGU's Women's Employment Rights Clinic. She is a member of GGU's Moot Court Board and Pro Bono Honors Society and serves as a Peer Mentor to 1L students. Jamie is an active law student member of the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California and the National Filipino American Lawyers Association. She received the CALI Award for Excellence in Remedies in spring 2021. When she is not in class or working as a part-time Legal Assistant for a workers' compensation law firm, Jamie volunteers as a client in-take and Tagalog translator for the Pilipino Association of Workers and Immigrants, and her family donates and serves meals for InnVision, a local homeless shelter. She stays engaged with her children's schools as an active parent leader, and for the third year, she is serving as an elected School Cite Council Member for her daughter's elementary charter school.



David Kempen is a 3L at UC Hastings College of the Law. He is the Senior Production Editor for the Hastings Law Journal and an active member of the Hastings Moot Court team. David has clerked for the Honorable Judge Sean Dabel in the Superior Court of California in the county of San Mateo. He plans to clerk for the Honorable Judge Charles Breyer in the US District Court for the Northern District of California in the spring. David has received six Witkin Awards.



Sally Le is a 3L at UC Hastings College of the Law and a Legal Extern at Enjoy Technology. She is a Co-Chair of the Bar Association of San Francisco, Law Student Committee and an active law student member of the Asian American Bar Association. Prior to Enjoy, she worked at Medallia, Coursera, and most recently, Goodwin Procter. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering at citizenship workshops and reading about the latest legal technology tools.





Amy Levin is a Clinical Professor of Law at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles where she teaches LRW and Legal Drafting. Amy previously taught LRW and Appellate Advocacy at Pepperdine University School of Law. She created and taught the foundational LRW for Non-Lawyers course for Pepperdine's online MLS program and created and teaches an online upper-division Legal Drafting course for J.D. students at Loyola. Amy also serves on an implementation committee to modify Loyola's long-standing part-time program for J.D. students to incorporate remote instruction and on Loyola Marymount University's Access LMU Implementation Committee, which is part of LMU's five-year strategic plan to expand access to an LMU education for, among others, distance learners.



Mark Koussa graduated from Loyola Law School in 2006 and worked as a litigator in Los Angeles for a little over 6 years before moving to Lexis, where he has worked as a Product Manager for 9 years. Mark is in charge of Litigation Research solutions, dissecting the Litigator's workflow in order to provide advanced solutions that provide analytics, automation, and efficiency. Mark is passionate about the role AI plays in the legal space and in addition to creating products and product strategies in the space, he has presented on the topic at ABA, ACC, and AALL conferences.



Fiona McKenna directs Golden Gate University School of Law's Legal Writing and Research Program and teaches Legal Writing and Research and Professional Responsibility. As director, Fiona focuses on training adjunct faculty and developing curriculum. She has been actively engaged in the legal writing community by serving as an editor on *The Second Draft* from 2018-2020 and serving on the Association of Legal Writing Directors' Leadership and Development Committee since 2019. She received ALWD's Outstanding Service Award for her work on the committee in 2020. Prior to teaching, Fiona practiced law in San Diego, California, at Troutman Sanders and Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch.

Ryan D. Murphy is the Deputy Director of Litigation and Policy at the Eviction Defense Collaborative (EDC), located in San Francisco. EDC is the lead agency implementing San Francisco's "Tenant Right to Counsel" legislation, a landmark program that guarantees every San Francisco tenant facing eviction the right to a free attorney. Prior to his work at EDC, Mr. Murphy worked at Legal Services of Northern California in Ukiah, providing housing and benefits advocacy to low-income rural families. He also worked at Bay Area Legal Aid in San Francisco where he focused on representing tenants in federally subsidized housing. He has been a member of the California bar since 2013.





Teresa Godwin Phelps is Professor of Law Emerita at American University's Washington College of Law. She has been involved in teaching legal writing and developing legal writing programs for the past thirty years, both at WCL and at the University of Notre Dame Law School. In 1986, she wrote a seminal article, "The New Legal Rhetoric," that has had lasting influence on the way that legal writing is taught. She has served as a member of the Editorial Board of Legal Communication & Rhetoric and of the Board of Directors of the Association of Legal Writing Directors. Her scholarship focuses on the intersection of law and narrative; she has written about the power of legal narratives in areas as diverse as domestic violence and transitional democracy. She has published numerous articles and three books on legal writing, on women and the law, and on transitional democracy and truth commissions. Her book, *Shattered Voices: Language, Violence, and the Work of Truth Commissions* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004), analyzes and evaluates truth commissions through the lens of narrative theory. Her more recent work focuses on the relationship between storytelling and building a human rights culture and on post-conflict remedies for sexual violence against women.



Hilary Reed teaches first year Lawyering Skills and Strategies at the University of Houston Law Center. She also has taught Appellate Advocacy, Trusts and Wills, Education Law, and Professional Writing Strategies, an upper level skills course. Prior to joining UH's faculty, Professor Reed was associate professor of Legal Research and Writing at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California for a decade. Before she began teaching, she practiced in the Los Angeles office of O'Melveny & Myers LLP.



Lizet Palomera Torres is a 2L at Golden Gate University School of Law. She is a first-generation minority student who attended law school to advocate for underrepresented and marginalized groups. Currently, Lizet is a student-lawyer at the Veterans Legal Advocacy Center and a Law Review Staff Writer. She is also a Lexis Ambassador and an active member of the Public Interest Law Foundation and Latin American Law Student Association. Lizet has received two academic awards, a Witkin award for Online Defamation and a CALI award for Legal Writing and Research II.





Allison Wang is a visiting professor of law, and the Director of Externship Programs at Golden Gate University School of Law. She also serves as Interim Director of Disability Services for both the law school and the university. In her role as Externship Director, she is passionate about connecting students with opportunities to participate in practical training with practicing lawyers or judges. In this role, she increased access to clinical education for part time law students and working students by designing the Bay Area's only Cannabis Law Clinic, and GGU's first Immigration Clinic, in which students work with clients seeking asylum and other forms of humanitarian relief. Prior to joining GGU, she worked in private practice and in the nonprofit sector, where she represented people with mental and developmental disabilities. She also worked as a research and appellate staff attorney at the San Francisco Superior Court and clerked for the Hon. Maria-Elena James in the Northern District of California.



For the past 15 years, **Jacque Wilson** has worked with or mentored USF law students in the Criminal and Racial Justice Clinics. A senior trial lawyer at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, he serves as the growth and development training director, working with new attorneys, running the intern program, coordinating office training, and handling post-conviction cases. As a trial attorney, Jacque helped reform California's felony murder rule through the passage of SB 1437. SB 1437 significantly narrowed the felony murder rule and has helped many unjustly sentenced individuals gain their freedom. He also mentors hundreds of high school, college and law students through the San Francisco Public Defender's Court Watch program, and is co-founder of Advocates For Justice, a non-profit organization that fights for social, economic and criminal justice.

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