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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New England Law | Boston

- Director of Academic Excellence, Assistant Professor of Law (AY23-present)
- Acting Director of Academic Excellence, Assistant Professor of Law (AY21-23)
- Assistant Director and Professor of Academic Excellence (AY20)
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Academic Excellence (AY19)
 - Courses: Elements of Legal Reasoning, Legal Analysis, Responsible Lawyering I & II, Academic Excellence (AY19-22), Legal Analysis in Practice (AY20), Advanced Legal Analysis (AY19)
 - Design courses using evidence-based practice, predictive modeling, and learning sciences.
 - Increase learners' metacognitive awareness and objective self-assessment with high-difficulty, error-generating learning strategies. Utilize schema-based instruction to improve problem-solving. Metacognitive training in schema-development, encoding, problem-solving, and self-assessment.
 - Online interventions with measurable impacts on learner outcomes.
 - Situated design of learning environments to invite authentic participation across learner identities along trajectories of greater belonging.
 - Co-Director of AY20 grant study funded by the AccessLex Institute investigating relationships between academic overconfidence, performance, and stereotype threat
 - Service: Curriculum Committee member (AT23-present), Orientation Committee Co-Chair (AY23-present), Orientation Committee member (AY19-22), Chair, Task Force on Student Needs (AY20)

Shepard Broad College of Law, Nova Southeastern University

Professor of Practice (2018-2019)

- Taught Legal Skills and Professionalism, a mandatory, two-semester, five-section 1L academic support course; Multistate Bar Exam Lab, a required 3L course preparing 3L students for the MBE portion of the bar exam; Death Penalty Workshop, preparing upper level students to litigate constitutional issues in the framework of Florida's death penalty regime

Capital Collateral Regional Counsel—South, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Assistant Capital Collateral Counsel (2010-2018)

- Lead counsel representing death-sentenced defendants in all phases of postconviction capital litigation in state and federal courts
- Presented oral arguments in the Florida Supreme Court
- Developed guilt/innocence and penalty phase constitutional claims for postconviction relief
- Field investigation

Law Offices of Public Defender Carlos J. Martinez, Miami, Florida
Assistant Public Defender (2007-2010)

- Trial counsel on jury and bench trials ranging from misdemeanors to life felonies
- Represented indigent clients in county and circuit court proceedings including arraignments, bond hearings, motions, trials, probation violation hearings, and sentencing hearings

PUBLICATIONS

Scholarship and research

[*Knowledgeless Practice*](#), *Quinnipiac Law Review*, Vol. 43, Number 1 (2024) (co-authored with Chance Meyer, *New England Law | Boston*)

[*The Gray Box of Legal Analysis: Disentangling Knowledge and Skill*](#), *University of Detroit Mercy Law Review* (2024) (co-authored with Chance Meyer, *New England Law | Boston*)

[*Research Spotlight: Iterative Design and the Thrill of Praxis*](#), *Raising the Bar*, Vol. 5, Issue 4 (Fall 2022) (co-authored with Chance Meyer, *New England Law | Boston*)

Opinion

[*Distinguished Commentary: Beyond Best Practices*](#), *Raising the Bar*, Vol. 6, Issue 1 (Winter 2023) (co-authored with Chance Meyer, *New England Law | Boston*)

[*How to End the Arbitrariness of Capital Punishment in America*](#), *The Hill*, April 14, 2021 (co-authored with Lawrence Friedman, *New England Law | Boston*)

[*Online Malign: Digital Education Can Outshine the Classroom, if We Stop Expecting It to Fail*](#), *New England Law Review Forum*, October 26, 2020 (co-authored with Chance Meyer, *New England Law | Boston*)

[*Rare Loss for Barr, Trump is a Win for Death Row Inmates*](#), *Orlando Sentinel*, January 15, 2020

[*Executing the Intellectually Disabled Serves Little Purpose*](#), *Orlando Sentinel*, September 19, 2019

Edited

Death Penalty, Chapter 22: Sentencing, PAUL BERGMAN AND SARA J. BERMAN, *THE CRIMINAL LAW HANDBOOK: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND SURVIVE THE SYSTEM* 504-11 (16th ed 2019)

PRESENTATIONS

The Role of Deep Knowledge in Open-Book Exams, Guest Lecturer, Institutional Capacity Building Seminar, Mother Teresa University, Skopje, Macedonia (September 29, 2025)

Empowering Disadvantaged Law Students with Deep Learning, Presenter, Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Teaching Conference & Junior Faculty Development Workshop, Boston University School of Law (September 21, 2024)

The Role of Knowledge in Problem-Solving, Presenter, ResearchED, Greenwich, CT (April 6, 2024)

The Grey Box of Legal Analysis: Disentangling Knowledge and Skill, Presenter, Detroit Mercy Law Review Symposium, An Exploration of Legal Pedagogy (March 9, 2024)

Beyond Best Practices: Learning Design in Context, Presenter, Online & Hybrid Learning Pedagogy Conference, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (Sept. 23, 2022)

How Did You Even Begin? Stories from Starting a Program Assessment, Panelist, AccessLex webinar, discussing iterative, evidence-based program evaluation (May 22, 2022)

E D U C A T I O N

Suffolk University Law School

J.D., 2007

Cum laude

University of Massachusetts

B.A., English, 2004

Summa cum laude, 4.0 CGPA

Departmental Award for Distinction in English

Cape Cod Community College

A.A., 2001

B A R M E M B E R S H I P S

State of Florida (inactive)

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida