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Personal data: Born Mexico City, Mexico, 1951. Resident of
the United States since 1974;
naturalized U.S. citizen.

Legal education: University of Arkansas at Little Rock School
of Law, J.D., 1987

Transient student at the University of
Florida College of Law, fall, 1985

Law school honors

- Awards for writing top papers in Criminal
Law, Torts I, and Criminal Procedure
- Research Editor, UALR Law Journal 1986-
1987
- Casenote entitled "Arkansas Adopts a
Modified Version of the Duhig Rule,"
published at 8 UALR Law Journal 267
(1985-86)
- Recipient of Arkansas Bar Foundation award
for "best publishable contribution to
the UALR Law Journal by a staff member"
- Representative of the Eastern District of
Arkansas on the Committee of the
Bicentennial of the Constitution for the
Eighth Circuit

Preparatory education: University of Arkansas at Little Rock
B.A., magna cum laude, 1983
3.97/4.00 grade point average

National Center for Paralegal Training,
Atlanta, Georgia
Certified Legal Assistant, 1977

Cultural Courses College, private English school for girls, Mexico City, Mexico, 1966-69 (Note: This does not correspond exactly to college in the United States. Commercial emphasis with all instruction in English.)
Second in class of 52

Teaching experience:

UALR Law School
Instructor of Law (1987 - 2000)
Assistant Professor of Law 2000-2001
Associate Professor of Law 2001 to present
Courses taught:

Disability Law

Immigration Law (as course and seminar)

Reasoning, Writing, and Advocacy I and II
(formerly Research, Writing, and Advocacy I and II)

Advanced Legal Writing

Writing Skills Development Program
(new course, which I designed, in remedial legal writing)

Legal Writing & Method (course taught under auspices of Council of Legal Education (CLEO))

Saint Louis University School of Law
Visiting Instructor of Law (spring semester, 1990)

I designed and implemented a program to benefit students identified during the fall semester as being at risk. This program was based on the Writing Skills Development Program, which I had designed and taught at UALR in the spring of 1989.

Teaching awards:

1993-94 recipient of campus-wide award for Excellence in Teaching at University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR)

1993-94 recipient of award for Excellence in Teaching at the UALR School of Law

2006 recipient of award for Excellence in Teaching at the UALR William H. Bowen School of Law

Arkansas Bar Association Awards:

1993-Certificate of Recognition by the Workers' Compensation Section of the Arkansas Bar Association

1994-The Best of CLE Award in Appreciation for Outstanding Contribution to the Continuing Education of Arkansas Attorneys

1997-Golden Gavel Award for Exemplary Service to the Legal Profession as Chair of the Individuals with Development, Mental, and Physical Disabilities Committee

2000-Writing Excellence Award for the Best Article Published on a Subject in the Legal Writing Award Category in The Arkansas Lawyer During 1999-2000. Title of the article: "Overview of Federal Laws Protecting Students with Disabilities in Colleges and Universities." Spring 1999 issue.

Legal Publications:

Arkansas Adopts a Modified Version of the Duhig Rule, 8 UALR LAW JOURNAL 267 (1985-86)

The Impact of Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 on Workers' Compensation Law, 16 UALR LAW JOURNAL 327-372 (1994)

Overview of Federal Laws Protecting Students With Disabilities in Colleges and Universities, 34:2 The ARKANSAS LAWYER 20 (Spr. 1999)

In the Twelve years of NAFTA, the Treaty Gave to Me ... What, Exactly?: An Assessment of Economic, Social, and Political Development in Mexico Since

1994, and Their Impact on Mexican
Immigration to the United States,"
10 Harv. Latino L. Rev. 53 (2007)

Grant obtained:

\$15,500 grant from the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, which supported the law school's offering a regular three-hour course and a one-day continuing legal education ("CLE") program in Disability Law. I taught the course, and organized and taught part of the CLE program.

Significant
CLE presentations
and other public service:

English-Spanish translation service provided to the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission. Jennifer Love, Chief Legal Counsel of the Commission, asked that I translate into Spanish an information pamphlet produced by the commission. (2003)

"Arkansas Parents/School Partnership," sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Education, Arkansas Special Education Resource Center (ASERC). I was involved in revising and drafting a fifty-four-page resource handbook with the goal of assisting parents of children with disabilities in carrying out their responsibilities in their interaction with school districts in the State of Arkansas. In addition, I gave a presentation addressing specific sections of the handbook. (June 2003)

Presentation entitled "Some Thoughts on Judicial Opinion Writing" at the Annual Meeting of Administrative Law Judges sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Human Services OCC/Office of Appeals and Hearings. (Nov. 2002)

Presentation entitled "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in Arkansas," through Lorman Education Services. (Jan. 2002)

Presentation of disability law issues in colleges and universities at meeting of the Chief Student Affairs Officers and Arkansas Council on Student Services at

Arkansas State University, Beebe,
Arkansas. (Sept. 2001)

Presentation entitled "The Legal Background of Disability Issues in Higher Education" at the meeting of the Faculty Resource Council on Disability Professional Development, UALR. (Apr. 2000)

Presentation entitled "Disability Law Issues in Higher Education: An Update on the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990," at meeting of Higher Education and Disability (ARK-AHEAD). (Sept. 2000)

Presentation on the Code of Professional Conduct for Courtroom Interpreters and Courtroom Protocol in connection with membership in the Arkansas Supreme Court's Language Interpreter Certification Committee. (Oct. 2000)

Presentation on the application of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in institutions of higher education at meeting of Law Student Division of the American Bar Association, UALR School of Law. (Apr. 1999)

Presentation on the Code of Professional Conduct for Courtroom Interpreters and Courtroom Protocol in connection with the implementation of a certification process in Arkansas courts, UALR School of Law. (Mar. 1998)

Recipient of one of four 1997 Arkansas Bar Association Golden Gavel Awards in recognition of work as Chair of the Association's Committee on Individuals with Disabilities; served as Chair of this committee from 1995-1998.

Planned, coordinated, and moderated two-hour program at UALR Law School on psychological damage sustained by children of high-conflict divorces, and associated legal harassment of professionals providing services to such children (December, 1997)

1997-1998 Member of the Foreign Language Interpreter Certification Committee of Arkansas Supreme Court; two-hour presentation re various aspects of an interpreter's duty on March 28, 1998. (I have provided courtroom simultaneous interpretation services on a number of occasions.)

Planned, coordinated, and moderated two-hour program on special education and mental disabilities at Arkansas Bar Association Annual Meeting. (June, 1997)

Presentation entitled "Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990," for UALR Law School CLE program (April, 1997)

Coordinator and moderator of Elder Law program of UALR Law School People's Law program (March, 1997)

Numerous presentations as member of Arkansas Chapter of the Association on Higher Education and Disabilities (1997-present)

Presentation entitled "Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act as They Affect the University," university-wide presentation to UALR administration, faculty, and staff (April, 1996)

Presentation entitled "Post-Secondary School and Disability Law" at Conference entitled "Transition: Investment for the Future," sponsored by the Arkansas Transition Project (Oct., 1995)

Presentation entitled "Meeting the Needs of Students with Disabilities in Nursing Schools," at the 1995 Nursing Administrators of Nursing Education Programs (NANEP) (September, 1995)

Presentation to faculty and staff of UALR Main Campus, who are working

in the Committee on the Enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act (CADA) on the federal law that protects students with disabilities in colleges and universities (September, 1995)

Arkansas Bar Association Committee on Mental Disability, Chair (June 1995 to June 1996).

Presentation to the UALR Faculty Senate entitled "Disability Law Issues in Higher Education" (February, 1995)

UALR Committee on the Enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act (October, 1994-present)

Presentation re Title I of Americans with Disabilities Act as it affects rehabilitation counselors to Rehabilitation Management, Inc. (October, 1994)

Presentation for Arkansas Bar Association's "Best of CLE" series on interrelationship of federal disability law and state workers' compensation law (June, 1994)

UALR 2000 Project, Health & Human Services Task Force (1994-1995)

Teacher in review course for legal assistant certification examination, sponsored by Arkansas Association of Legal Assistants (1991, 1992, 1993 & 1994)

Organized and presented CLE-approved program entitled "Disability Law Issues in Higher Education" at UALR Law School (November, 1993)

Organized and presented one segment of day-long program on Disability Law at UALR Law School (July 1993)

Addressed Annual Meeting of Arkansas Bar Association on Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of

1990 and Their Impact on Workers'
Compensation Law (June, 1993)

Presented at People's Law School, sponsored
by UALR Law School, on Discrimination on
the Basis of Disability (May, 1993)

Organized and taught part of Family Training
Project II of the Arkansas Governor's
Developmental Disabilities Planning
Council (January-May, 1993)

Addressed Greater Little Rock Legal
Secretaries Association on Preparation
of Legal Documents and Legal Research
Tools (1993 & 1992)

Served as co-chair and co-teacher of day-long
CLE program on legal writing, sponsored
by Arkansas Institute for Continuing
Legal Education (April, 1992)

Addressed Arkansas Association of Legal
Assistants on "Writing for Lawyers"
(September, 1990)

Employment prior to
law school graduation:

Research assistant to Lawrence H. Averill,
Jr., then Dean, UALR Law School (1986-87
academic year)

Wright, Lindsey & Jennings, Little Rock, AR
Summer associate (summer, 1985)

Rose Law Firm, P.A., Little Rock, AR
Law clerk (1984-85 academic year)

The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, GA
Trilingual legal assistant (1978-80)

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Atlanta
Legal assistant (1977-78)

Distribuidora de Equipos de Construcción,
S.A., Mexico City, Mexico
Administrative assistant to the
President of the company (an American
who spoke no Spanish) (1973-74)

United States Embassy, Mexico City, Mexico
Interpreter and Translator (1969-73)

Languages: Spanish: fully fluent
English: fully fluent
Japanese: speaking (rusty) -- no reading or writing

Bar admission: Arkansas

Memberships:
American Bar Association (1989 to present)
Arkansas Bar Association (1989 to present)
Pulaski County Bar Association (1989 to Present)
American Association for Justice (formerly American Trial Lawyers Association (1989 to present)
Autism Society of America (1990 to present)
Arkansas Chapter of Association on Higher Education and Disabilities "AHEAD" (1997 to present)
Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society (1983 to present)
Arkansas State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (July 2008 to present)
Chair of the University-wide Chancellor's Committee on the Americans with Disabilities Act (CADA) (July 2007 to present)

References:
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Dean, UALR William H. Bowen School of Law
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