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WORK EXPERIENCE

Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia

August 2013 – present

Full-time Limited Term Instructor, Business Law

Dickinson & Gibbons, P.A., Sarasota, Florida

January 2010 – June 2013

Family Law Associate, Appellate Specialist and Research Attorney

Founded in 1937, the law firm of Dickinson & Gibbons, P.A. has evolved to one of the oldest and most prestigious full service law firms in Sarasota, Florida. The firm of Dickinson & Gibbons, P.A. represents a diverse clientele, ranging from Fortune 500 companies to small businesses and individuals.

At Dickinson & Gibbons, P.A., we combine the resources and sophisticated practice of a large law firm with the innovative, efficient and personal service of a smaller firm to serve our client's needs. The firm provides cost efficient, quality legal services and legal resources to businesses and individuals, who require the expertise of experienced trial specialists.

Our attorneys are well versed in diverse legal specialties and our clients are representative of nearly every industry and trade, including transportation, medicine, insurance, product manufacturing, food service, hospitality, retail, legal, agricultural, tire manufacturing, utilities, computer technology, engineering, banking, automotive, trucking and construction.

The firm holds Martindale Hubbell's highest AV rating which represents the height of professional excellence. Only 5% of all attorneys have attained an AV rating. The firm has also been named in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers and AM Best's Directory of recommended Insurance Attorneys. Dickinson & Gibbons, P.A. is also a member of ALFA International, which is one of the oldest and established associations of its kind. *Copied from the Dickinson & Gibbons, P.A. website, April 24, 2014, www.dglawyers.com.*

Dent & Johnson, Chartered, Sarasota, Florida

October 2006 -September 2009

Associate Attorney

Dent & Johnson, Chartered, now known as Dent & McClain, Chartered, is a small boutique law firm located in Sarasota, Florida, representing primarily elected Property Appraisers of several counties in *ad valorem* taxation matters throughout that state.

Walters, Levine, Klingensmith & Thomison, P.A.

July 2005-October 2006

Litigation Associate

Walters, Levine, Klingensmith & Thomison, P.A. is a business law firm located in Sarasota, Florida.

Second District Court of Appeal of Florida

November 2003-June 2005

Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Carolyn K. Fulmer

First District Court of Appeal of Florida

January 2003 (as a clerk) – November 2003

Judicial Law Clerk in Central Staff

EDUCATION

Florida State College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida

Juris Doctor, 2003, Class standing: Top 15%

Honors: Recipient of FSU Law Scholarship for Academic Achievement; Finalist Moot Court selection competition; participant Jessup International Moot Court team; Book Awards (highest grade) for International Trade, Public International Law, Immigration Law and Admiralty Law; Member Business Law Review.

Activities: Secretary of the Women's Law Symposium; volunteer for undergraduate Honor Board; St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, United Kingdom study abroad program.

Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, with honors, 2000, Communications and Spanish Double Major

Honors: Member Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society; Member Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society; Member Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society; Dean's List; Oglethorpe University Singers Scholarship recipient; Oglethorpe University Drama Scholarship recipient.

Activities: Oglethorpe University Singers; Oglethorpe University Chorale; Participation in multiple theater productions; Member Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority; Elected to Oglethorpe student government; La Universidad de Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina study abroad program.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Part-time Assistance with Title IX investigations for Georgia Southern University.

Member 2015-2016 Academic Honor Board for Georgia Southern University.

2015-2016 SoTL (Scholarship of Teaching and Learning) Fellow for Georgia Southern University.

Completion of Quality Matters (QM) training (for online course design and teaching) (part 1) (Spring 2015).

Completion of Certification for Online Course Design and Instruction (Fall 2015).

WEF (Writing Enrichment Faculty), for the QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) Write! Write! Write! for Georgia Southern University, 2015.

Volunteer Pro Bono Legal Counsel “on call” for small businesses and entrepreneurs participating in the Business Innovation Group (BIG) programs, Small Business Incubator and City Campus programs, which are all part of or affiliated with the College of Business for Georgia Southern University.

Chair, Appellate Section of the Sarasota County Bar Association: 2010-2011.

Co-chair, Appellate Section of the Sarasota County Bar Association: 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

Member in good standing, Florida Bar since 2003.

Barrister, Judge John Scheb American Inn of Court.

PUBLICATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

- (forthcoming) “An Evaluation of Engagement and Performances in an Undergraduate Business Law Course,” co-authored with Dr. Eun Bae Lee and Dr. Lucy Green, accepted for presentation at the International Conference on Educational Technology, in Seoul, Korea, April 2016.
- (forthcoming) CT2 Symposium “Engaging Students Through Writing,” panel presentation scheduled for April 4, 2016.
- “Evaluating Student Autonomy and Competence in a College Classroom,” co-authored with Dr. Eun Bae Lee and Dr. Lucy Green, presented at the “Poster” session at the 2016 SoTL Commons Conference in Savannah in April 2016.
- “Creating SoTL Projects from an Evidence-Based University Initiative,” (co-presented with Dr. Colton Magnant, Dr. Melanie Stone, and Dr. Terri Flateby) presented at the 2016 SoTL Commons Conference in Savannah in April 2016.
- “Georgia Southern SoTL Fellows 2015-2016 Approaches, Resources, & Obstacles to SoTL,” presented at the 2016 SoTL Commons Conference in Savannah in April 2016.
- “Legal Issues,” presented at the Business Innovation Group (BIG) Brown Bag Lunch Series, on January 20, 2016.

- “Ready or Not Here W-E Come: Remaining Persuasive Amidst the Shift Toward Electronic-Filing,” *Legal Reasoning and Rhetoric: JALWD*, Fall 2015, also presented at the Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, William and Mary Law School, March 2015.
- “Legal Issues,” presented as part of Global Entrepreneurship Week, hosted by the Business Innovation Group (BIG), College of Business, Small Business Incubator and City Campus Global Entrepreneurship Week, for Georgia Southern University, November 19, 2014.
- “Ready or Not Here W-E Come: Persuasive Legal Writing in Digital Media,” presented at the Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference, Spring 2013.
- “Being Persuasive in the New Mandatory E-filing Environment,” *The Docket* Vol. 30, No. 1 January 2013.
- 2012 ALFA Transportation Law Compendium – Florida, published for and made available to all ALFA firms in the U.S. and around the world.
- 2011 ALFA Transportation Law Compendium – Florida, published for and made available to all ALFA firms in the U.S. and around the world.
- “The Treatment of Medical Bills and Discounts in Litigation and Settlement,” FDLA Florida Liability Claims Conference 2011 materials and presented at the conference, June 3, 2011.
- “Judge, Teacher, Mentor: Judge John M. Scheb,” *The Bencher*, March/April 2011, p.18.
- “Interview with New 2nd DCA Judge Robert J. Morris, Jr.,” *The Docket*, Vol. 27, No. 4 April 2010.
- “The Top Ten Mistakes that Trial Lawyers Make in Handling an Appeal,” Dickinson & Gibbons, P.A. website (www.dglawyers.com), presented to Sarasota FAWL March 11, 2010.
- “New Case Law Impacting Awards of Attorney’s Fees,” *The Docket*, Vol. 26, No. 3 March 2009.