

Michael R. Berry
Legal Writing Lecturer
Curriculum Vitae – Fall 2020

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Baylor Law School, Waco, Texas

Legal Writing Lecturer, Spring 2016–current
Adjunct Professor, Spring 2011–Winter 2015

Member of the Law School’s writing faculty. Assist the Director of Legal Writing and the Director of the Legal Writing Center in planning and implementing comprehensive curriculum. Teach classes in persuasive communications (LARC 3) and litigation drafting (LARC 5). Conduct bench trials and hearings as part of practice court (PC) exercises. Coordinate sections of LARC 3. Write moot court problem for use in all LARC 3 classes and associated moot court competition. Serve as faculty advisor to moot court society officers for biannual intraschool moot court competition.

Director of Career Development, January 2009–May 2011

Counseled students about career opportunities and strategies for employment, including group presentations and one-on-one meetings; met with potential employers to coordinate recruiting activities with the Law School; directed daily activities of the Law School Career Development Office.

Thompson & Knight LLP, Dallas, Texas

Of Counsel, January 2009–December 2015; Senior Partner, January 1998–December 2008;
Partner, January 1993–December 1998; Associate, January 1987–December 1992

General litigation. Most current practice focused on representation of pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers in cases involving prescription and non-prescription medications and various types of medical devices. Experienced with issues that include product design, labeling, manufacturing, medical causation, FDA review, and regulatory compliance.

Additional experience in personal injury and commercial litigation and appellate matters including mass torts, general product liability, aviation accidents, professional negligence, contracts, and business disputes. Represented physicians, pharmacists, and hospitals in malpractice lawsuits.

Served one year as co-chair of the firm’s Information Management and E-Discovery Solutions practice group. Also served on various firm committees, including Trial Department Administrative Committee; Summer Associate Work Review Committee; Legal Personnel Committee; Firm Benefits Committee.

East Texas Medical Center (formerly Medical Center Hospital), Tyler, Texas

Staff Pharmacist, Assistant Director of Pharmacy, January 1977–May 1984

Responsible for all aspects of operation of the hospital pharmacy.

EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

J.D., with Honors, Order of the Coif, December 1986

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas

B.S. Pharmacy, With High Honors, December 1976

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS

Registered Pharmacist, Texas, 1977–1989

Member: American Bar Association; Texas Bar Foundation; Dallas Bar Foundation; Waco-McLennan County Bar Association

Former Member: Dallas Bar Association

The Best Lawyers in America[®] by Woodward/White Inc. (Personal Injury Litigation, 2007; Product Liability Litigation, 2007-2009).

Texas Super Lawyers[®] by Thomson Reuters (Personal Injury Defense: Products, 2008; Civil Litigation Defense, 2004-2007)

Mentor of the Year Award voted by Thompson & Knight trial associates, 2005