**AMY R. BITTERMAN**

**43 Calvert Avenue West**

**Edison, New Jersey 08820**

**(732) 548-6013**

**Email: amy7833@aol.com**

**EDUCATION**

1988 Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA; J.D. received cum laude; recipient of a CLLA

Scholarship

1983 Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA; B.A. received magna cum laude; winner Dorothy

Headley Prize for Art History

2021 Rutgers University MFA, Newark, NJ

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2002-present Legal Writing and Research faculty member at Rutgers

School of Law, Newark, NJ

* Prepared and conducted weekly lectures for 30-40 students on topics
* ranging from using logic in legal reasoning, analyzing and synthesizing case law,
* distinguishing material facts from irrelevant facts, conducting research effectively,
* using key and contextual facts persuasively, developing a narrative theme and theory of
* the case for court papers, managing adverse material and facts; incorporating policy
* and equity arguments, gathering and conducting discovery, organizing persuasive Rule
* Proofs and Applications in briefs, and presenting oral reports to partners;

Graded and provided individual conferencing for drafts and final

versions of memoranda, briefs, and client letters;

Critiqued and graded oral arguments;

* Drafted legal writing problems for briefs and legal memoranda using both common and
* statutory law;
* Trained students on oral argument techniques in preparation for moot court;
* Devised weekly oral and written exercises to prepare students for both persuasive and
* objective legal writing;
* Devised exercises for practice skills, including client interviews and oral partner
* presentations;
* Trained and supervised teaching assistants in preparation of seminars on citations;
* Prepared bench memoranda for oral argument judges;
* Provided job recommendations and bar fitness certifications for students;
* Counseled students on professional development;
* Provided tutoring on grammar and organization for academically underprepared
* students.

Fall 2013-Spring 2014 Director of Academic Support Program at Rutgers School of Law,

Newark, NJ

Prepared and taught weekly fall course on writing and analytical skills for at-risk

students, including designing grammar, logic and synthesis exercises;

Designed and taught weekly spring course designed to help third-year students prepare

for the bar examination, including lectures on how to organize effective essays, how to

approach multiple choice questions, how to use mind maps and other visualizing

techniques to prepare for the bar exam;

Presented weekly lectures covering basic areas of contracts, torts and criminal law;

Drafted and corrected weekly essay assignments;

Provided one on one counseling for students on academic probation.

Spring 2002: Legal Writing and Research faculty at Rutgers School of Law,

Camden, NJ:

Responsible for overseeing, grading and providing individual counseling for student

preparation of an appellate brief and oral argument;

* Conducted classes twice a week for two sections consisting of twenty students each.

Fall 2001: Adjunct Professor at Rutgers University, Department of English, Writing Program,

New Brunswick, NJ:

* Conducted eighty-minute classes twice a week for 22 students;
* Responsible for grading and providing written comments on weekly essays dealing with
* cultural, political and economic topics.

1988-1989: Rome, Italy; English teacher for high school students learning English as a second language.

**PUBLICATIONS**

2022 “The Lives Under the Stones” included in an anthology of Jewish Feminist Writing

forthcoming in fall 2022 from the Brandeis University Press

2022 “Taking the Blinders Off – Defamiliarization as a Persuasive Tool in Brief Writing,”

*The Gonzaga Law Review,* Vol. 57, Number 1 (2021/22)

2021-2022 Deputy Editor for the ABA Section of International Law Year in Review

2020 “What’s in a Name – The Persuasive Use of Nomenclature in Briefs,” published in the

Fall 2020 issue of *The Second Draft*, a peer edited quarterly published by the Legal Writing Institute

2015 “In the Beginning; Drafting Effective Preliminary Statements,” *Seton Hall Law Review*,

Vol. 45, Number 4 (2015)

2015 Received a special mention for the Pushcart Prize

2015 “Brief-a-Palooza,” *The Second Draft* Vol. 28, No. 2 (Legal Writing Institute)

2014 “A Tale of Two Outlines,” Winter 2014 issue of *Perspectives,* published by Thomson

Reuters

2013 Received a scholarship grant from the American Association of Legal Writing

Directors (“ALWD”)

2011 “Settling Art Law Disputes”, *Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal*, Vol. 19,

Issue 1 (2012)

2010 “The Rule-Proof Variations”, *Perspectives,* Thomson Reuters, Vol. 18 No. 2 and 3

2001 Contributed chapter on alternate dispute resolution for the book, *A Practical Guide to NJ Employment Law: The Employer’s Resource* published by NJBIA.

2000: Edited year-end review of developments in environmental contamination coverage for

*Mealey’s Insurance Review*.

1995-1996: Editor and Writer for the *International Law Newsletter* of the New Jersey Bar

Association. Responsibilities included editing contributions, and drafting articles on

topics ranging from legal reforms in Myanmar to the U.S. embargo of Cuba and Iran.

1995-1996: Legal columnist for *The Medical Herald.* Wrote a regular column on changes in

tort and malpractice law affecting the medical community.

1995 and 1996: Co-editor of the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education’s Handbook on *Law and Literature*.

1996: Contributed chapter on the Entire Controversy Rule to 1996 handbook on bankruptcy law published by the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

1995-1996: Drafted the bi-annual *New Jersey Products Liability Alert* published by Herrick Feinstein.

1996: Contributed article on the Self-Critical Analysis Privilege to *Leader’s Product Liability*

*Law and Strategy.*

January 1992-April 1992: Assistant for *Supreme Court Watch* and *The Nation.* Responsibilities included drafting an article on Supreme Court decisions on abortion, and providing editorial and research assistance for a cover article in *The Nation* about the Rainbow

Lobby and the presidential campaign of Lenore Fulani.

Short fiction published in various magazines and reviews, including *The Cream City Review, Chicago Quarterly Review, Lilith, The Sand Hill Review. The Crescent Review, Switchback, Emrys Journal, Poetica, The G.W. Review, The Manhattanville Review, The William and Mary Review, CCAR Journal, Folio* and *Kerem*.

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

June 1992-July 1994 and January 1997-December 2001: Litigation Associate, Lowenstein, Sandler PC,

Roseland, NJ:

* Handled breach of contract, negligence and criminal matters from their
* inception through trial or settlement, including interviewing and counseling clients;
* Conducted trials in fraud/breach of contract, negligence and criminal actions;
* Prepared witnesses for both trial and deposition in breach of contract, fraud, cultural
* repatriation, insurance coverage and civil rights actions;
* Defended and took depositions in insurance coverage, rent control, contract, and cultural
* repatriation cases;
* Drafted briefs, represented clients at court and settlement conferences, and argued
* motions in a variety of litigation matters, including antitrust, insurance coverage,
* contract, unfair competition, rent control, libel, fraud, copyright, accountant malpractice
* and cultural property actions;
* Supervised and evaluated the research and writing of junior associates on a variety of
* litigation cases, including civil rights claims and contract matters;
* Organized and supervised assignments for summer associates and evaluated their work
* product;
* Supervised discovery on numerous litigation matters, drafted and responded to
* interrogatories in breach of contract, insurance coverage, fraud, cultural repatriation and
* civil rights cases.

August 1994-December 1996: Litigation Associate, Herrick Feinstein, New York, NY and Princeton, NJ.

* Conducted arbitrations and trials for breach of contract, fraud, and negligence cases;
* Acted as the Plainsboro Township public defender, which required weekly court
* appearances and independent management of cases, several of which went to trial;
* Interviewed and hired economics experts for a complex antitrust matter and archaeology
* experts for cultural repatriation cases;
* Conducted and defended depositions in fraud, antitrust, product liability, defamation and
* cultural repatriation cases;
* Participated in a tort reform panel organized by the State of New Jersey.

October 1989-May 1992: Litigation Associate, Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts, New

York, NY. Responsibilities included drafting briefs and legal memoranda on a variety of litigation matters, including trust and estate, tax, accountant malpractice and fraud cases.

**INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

January 2022 and 2021 – Led Writing Workshop for the Rutgers Law School MSP Program’s

Pre-Law Diversity Conference

Fall 2021 – present - Acted as Community Liaison for the Anti-Defamation League’s

Anti-Bigotry Committee

August 2021- Led first-year student discussion of Michelle Alexander’s “The New Jim Crow”

August 2020 – Led first-year student discussion of Bryan Stevenson’s “Just Mercy”

June 2019: Presented lecture on drafting Preliminary Statements to the New Jersey Public

Defenders Office in Newark, NJ

July 2017: Participated in Rutgers University reading series in Military Park in Newark, NJ

2015-present: Supervised and reviewed drafts of law review articles for 4-5 upper class

students each year

2015-present: Acted as the faculty supervisor for numerous student externships

2007-2018: Prepared and presented the legal writing component of the Minority Student

Program orientation

May 2017: Presented a lecture on using fiction techniques in legal writing as part of the

Rutgers IPE/CLE program

Summer 2014: Presented lectures on essay organization and multiple-choice strategies as

part of a bar exam preparation program open to all third-year students

Spring 2014: Presented lectures on drafting effective preliminary statements and addressing

adverse authority as part of the Rutgers field placement program

October 19, 2012: Lectured at the NJ Paralegal Convention on Researching and Drafting

Legal Memoranda

November 2009: Lectured on Cultural Property Claims as Part of the Rutgers University

CHAPS program