

SUZANNE VALDEZ



EDUCATION

University of Kansas School of Law (J.D. 1996)

- Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy
- Hon. Allen J. Minker, Arizona Superior Court Judge (Law Clerk, Summer 1994)
- Walter Hiersteiner Outstanding Service Award (1 of 4 faculty-selected awards presented at law school hooding ceremony)
- Foulston & Siefkin Excellence in Appellate Advocacy Best Brief Award
- Moot Court Council
- Douglas County Legal Aid Society, Legal Intern
- KU School of Law Long Range Planning Committee, Student Member
- Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court, Student Member

University of Nevada, Las Vegas – B.S. “With Highest Distinction” in Business Administration, 1991

Arizona State University (1987 – 1990)

- Leadership Scholar
- Phelps Dodge Corporation Scholar
- Devils’ Advocates – Student Recruiter

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Clinical Professor of Law, University of Kansas School of Law (1999 – present)
Lawrence, Kansas

Connell Teaching Professor (awarded in 2019)

Courses: *Practice in Kansas*
 Pretrial Advocacy
 Prosecutorial Ethics
 Professional Responsibility (required second-year course)

*Deposition Skills Workshop
Expert Witness Workshop*

Director, Criminal Prosecution Field Placement Program (2003 – present)

Director, Externship Clinic (2008 – 11)

Director, Master of Law & Letters (LL.M) in Elder Law (2003 – 05)

Supervising Attorney, Douglas County Legal Aid Society
(Law School's legal aid clinic) (1999 – 02)

- Of Counsel, Smith Legal, LLC (2009 – present) Lawrence, Kansas
Represent private, including pro bono, clients in civil matters in Kansas state court.
- Special Prosecutor, Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office (2005 – 08, 2017 – present) Kansas City, Kansas
Represent the State of Kansas in high level felony conflict of interest cases in Wyandotte County District Court.
- Temporary Pro Tem District Judge, Douglas County, Kansas (May 2008 – October 2008) Lawrence, Kansas
Presided over all juvenile offender cases, post-decree family law modification matters, and the criminal first appearance docket in Douglas County, Kansas.
- Attorney, Kansas Legal Services (1996 – 99) Kansas City, Kansas
In fast paced inner city practice, represented low income clients in civil and criminal matters in many facets of Kansas state practice.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

KU Law Ireland Summer Program (2019)

KU Cambridge Summer Program (2010)

AWARDS

Connell Teaching Professorship (Faculty awarded and university approved distinguished teaching chair in Kansas law: 2019)

Student Marshal, KU School of Law, Graduation Ceremony (Student selected: Dec 2002, 2007; May 2018)

Hooder, KU School of Law, Graduation Ceremony (Student selected: Dec 2003, May 2016)

KU School of Law, Immel Award for Teaching Excellence (Faculty selected: 2000, 2015)

KU School of Law, Moreau Award for Excellence and Commitment in Advising Students (Student selected: 2002)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS:

Just Prosecution (work-in-progress)

Prosecutorial Ethics, 3rd Ed., AMERICAN CASEBOOK SERIES, West Publishing (with Prof. R. Michael Cassidy) (August 2019)

Ethical Concerns Regarding Fees & Billing (Chapter 7, Kansas Ethics Handbook, 2d Ed., 2014) KAN BAR ASS'N (with Profs. M.H. Hoeflich and Christopher L. Steadham)

Grandparents' Issues: Kinship Caregiving, Visitation, and Related Matters, Advising the Elderly Client (Chapter 37)(West Group, 2003) (with Prof. Laurie Hanson)

Practice in Kansas, (2001, 2005, 2011, 2013, 2018) (compilation of course materials covering Kansas law topics including civil procedure, collection of judgments, landlord/tenant, misdemeanor criminal defense, consumer protection, and family law)

LAW REVIEW / JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Experiential Legal Education: How the University of Kansas School of Law Alumni Are Contributing to Teaching Professional Skills, 2 J. EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING 401 (Spring 2018)

Retreat to the Boundary of the Rules: Resurrecting Professionalism in Depositions and the Implications of Gamesmanship for Kansas Practitioners, 64 KAN. L. REV. 5 (2016)

A Policy Paper On What Can Be Done About Low-Level, Non-Violent Female Drug Offenders in Kansas, 25 KAN J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 131 (2015)

Recent Developments in Kansas Residential Landlord-Tenant Law Including Evictions, 54 KAN. L. REV. 933 (2007)

An Essay on the Evolution of Clinical Legal Education and Its Impact on Student Trial Practice, 51 KAN. L. REV. 509 (2003)

A Proposed Third Party Visitation Statute: A Recommendation for Legislative Change in Kansas, 11 KAN J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 485 (2002)

BAR JOURNAL ARTICLES:

What Every Lawyer Should Know About Victims' Rights in Kansas, 80 J. KAN.B.ASS'N 22 (2011)

Addressing the Pro Se Litigant Challenge in Kansas State Courts, 78 J.KAN.B.ASS'N 25 (2009)

What's Become of Grandma, Grandpa, and the Troxels? An Update on Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas, 75 J. KAN. B. ASS'N 34 (2006)

Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas: A Review of Troxel v. Granville, 69 J. KAN. B. ASS'N 14 (2000)

MINOR PUBLICATIONS:

How to Introduce and Qualify an Expert Witness at Trial, KAN BAR ASS'N YOUNG LAWYERS FORUM (Winter 2012)

Why Lawyers Conduct Discovery Depositions, KAN BAR ASS'N YOUNG LAWYERS FORUM (Spring 2012)

Crime Victims' Rights in Kansas: How Law Enforcement Makes a Difference, KANSAS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION (Bi Annual Publication, October 2014)

Learning Prosecution: It Starts in Law School, 6 KAN. PROSECUTOR 20 (2009)

Court-Ordered Grandparent Visitation in Kansas: The Current Law, Children's Advocacy Resource Center Newsletter, Topeka, Kansas (2002)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, *Prosecutorial Ethics: A 360° View*, Hunton Andrews Kurth 2020 Moot Court National Championship Symposium, Houston, Texas (Jan 30, 2020) (certified for Texas CLE credit)

Presenter, *Technology & Law Practice: Are You Up To Speed?* Wichita Bar Association (November 2019) (2 hours ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Secretly Recording Others: Is It Ethical? & Negotiation Ethics*, Lathrop Gage, Litigation CLE Program, Kansas City, Kansas (June 2019)(1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Secretly Recording Others: Is It Ethical?* University of Kansas School of Law Recent Developments in the Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (May 2019)(1 hour ethics CLE)

Co-Presenter, Prosecutorial Ethics, Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court Monthly CLE Program, Lawrence, Kansas (November 2018) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Social Media Ethics*, U.S. Attorney (D. Kan.) 2018 Annual Conference, Topeka, Kansas (September 2018) (1hour ethics CLE)

Co-Presenter, *Assessment: Live Grading – A Meaningful & Effective Way to Assess Student Performance*, American Association of Law Schools New Teacher Workshop, Washington, D.C. (June 2018) (with Prof. Kris Franklin)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas: The DeFacto Parent Doctrine*, Wichita Bar Association's Juvenile Law CLE, Wichita, Kansas (June 2018) (2 hours CLE)

Presenter, *Technology & The Threat to the Attorney-Client Privilege*, The Federalist Society of Topeka 2018 CLE Roundup Feat, Topeka, Kansas (June 2018) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Panelist, *Your Adoption is Final, Now What? Post-Adoption Ethical Issues*, American Association of Adoption Attorneys Annual Conference & CLE Program, Kansas City, MO (May 2018) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Technology & The Threat to the Attorney-Client Privilege; Model Rule 8.4(g): Is This Rule Good for Kansas?* University of Kansas School of Law Recent Developments in the Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (May 2018)(2 hours ethics CLE)

Presenter, *ABA Model Rule 8.4(g): Is This Rule Good for Kansas?* Southwest Kansas Bar Association SKICLE Program, Winter Park, Colorado (January 2018) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Ethical Pitfalls of Social Media and the Law*, Kansas State Agency Association Annual CLE Program, Topeka, Kansas (March 2018) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Panelist, *Straddling the Line Between Attorney Misconduct & Free Speech Rightst: ABA Model Rule 8.4(g)*, Johnson County Bar Association CLE, Olathe, Kansas (March 2018) (2 hours ethics CLE)

Panelist, *Straddling the Line Between Attorney Misconduct & Free Speech*
Rights: ABA Model Rule 8.4(g), Wichita County Bar Association CLE, Wichita, Kansas
(December 2017) (2 hours ethics CLE)

Panelist, *Straddling the Line Between Attorney Misconduct & Free Speech*
Rights: ABA Model Rule 8.4(g), Kansas Bar Association CLE, Topeka, Kansas (August
2017) (2 hours ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Ethical Pitfalls of Social Media and the Law*, The Federalist Society of
Topeka 2017 CLE Roundup Feat, Topeka, Kansas (June 2017) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Negotiation Ethics*, University of Kansas School of Law Recent
Developments in the Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas
(May 2017)(1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Crime Victims Compensation: A Board Perspective*, Kansas Legal
Services Annual CLE, Topeka, Kansas (November 2016) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Ethical Pitfalls of Social Media and the Law*, Southeast Kansas Bar
Association, Pittsburg, Kansas (November 2016) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *The Do Justice Mandate*, Western District of Missouri U.S. Attorney's
Office, Ethics CLE, Kansas City, MO (November 2016) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Co-Presenter, *Crime Victims Compensation for Domestic Abuse Victims*, Kansas
Domestic Violence Fatality Board, Topeka, Kansas (August 2016)

Presenter, *Advances in Technology and Potential Ethical Pitfalls*, Greater Kansas
City Society of Healthcare Attorneys Monthly Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri (June
2016)(1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Advances in Technology and Potential Ethical Pitfalls*, University of
Kansas School of Law Recent Developments in the Law, Continuing Legal Education
Program, Lawrence, Kansas (May 2016)(2 hours ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Advances in Technology and Potential Ethical Pitfalls*, Southeast
Kansas Bar Association Monthly Meeting & CLE Program (February 2016)(1 hour ethics
CLE)

Presenter, *Recent Developments in Kansas Legal Ethics*, Kansas Rural Water
Association Attorney's Forum, Wichita, Kansas (March 2015) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Addressing Bad Behavior In Depositions*, Douglas County Bar
Association Monthly CLE Program, Lawrence, Kansas (December 2015) (1 hour ethics
CLE)

Presenter, *Recent Developments in Kansas Legal Ethics*, Douglas County Defense Bar CLE Program, Lawrence, Kansas (December 2015) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Moderator, *Where Do We Go From Here? KU's Response to Rape & Sexual Assault Complaints*, Lawrence, Kansas (Panel sponsored by KU law school student groups, September 2014)

Presenter, *Recent Developments in Kansas Legal Ethics*, KU Law Over Easy, Kansas City, Missouri (June 2014) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Recent Developments in Civility Codes*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (May 2014)(1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Limited Scope Representation: Developments in Legal Ethics and Addressing Bad Behavior In Depositions*, Sherman County, Kansas Annual Meeting & CLE Program (May 2014) (2 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Limited Scope Representation: Developments in Legal Ethics*, Reno County Bar Association CLE (April 2014) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Addressing Bad Behavior In Depositions*, Kansas Bar Association Brown Bag Series, Topeka, Kansas (April 2014) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Professionalism Codes & Guidelines for Litigation Conduct*, KU Law Over Easy, Kansas City, Missouri (March 2014) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *An Overview of the Kansas Victims' Bill of Rights*, Annual Governor's Crime Victims' Conference, Wichita, Kansas (April 2013)

Presenter, *Compensating Victims of Crime: Division of Crime Victims Compensation*, Annual Governor's Crime Victims' Conference, Wichita, Kansas (April 2013)

Presenter, *Incivility and Kansas Pillars of Professionalism*, Southwest Kansas Bar Association SKI CLE, Winter Park, Colorado (January 2013) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *The Ethics of Limited Scope Representation in Kansas*, Douglas County, Kansas Bar Association (November 2012) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter and Pupilage Team Captain, *A Review of the Kansas Pillars of Professionalism*, Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court (November 2012) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, *Crime Victims Compensation for Domestic Abuse Victims*, Kansas Legal Services Domestic Violence Training, Topeka, Kansas (September 2012) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *The Ethics of Limited Scope Representation in Kansas*, Douglas County, Southwest Kansas Bar Association Annual Meeting & CLE Program, Dodge City, Kansas (September 2012) (1 hour ethics CLE)

Presenter, Testified to Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee concerning SB24 (recodification of Kansas domestic relations statutes) on behalf of the Kansas Judicial Council Family Law Advisory Committee, Topeka, Kansas (March 2011)

Panelist, *Who Will Judge You? Advancing Judicial Diversity*, League of Women Voters and Dorothy L. Thompson Lecture Series, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas (September 2010)

Presenter, *The Ethics of Limited Scope Representation in Kansas*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (May 2010)(1 hour ethics CLE)

Co-Presenter, “*A Review of Limited Scope Representation*,” Butler County Bar Association, El Dorado, Kansas (April 2010) (2 hour CLE)

Co-Presenter, *The “Added Value” of Externships: Externships, Clinic, and Pro Bono*, Externships 5 National Conference, Miami, Florida (March 2010) (with Prof. Sande Buhai)

Presenter, *Addressing the Pro Se Litigant Challenge in Kansas State Courts*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (May 2009)(1 hour CLE)

Panelist, KU Law Women in Law, *Criminal Law Panel*, Lawrence, Kansas (October 2008)

Panelist, KU Law Women in Law, *Women in the Legal Profession*, Lawrence, Kansas (March 2008)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Johnson County Bar Association Family Law CLE Program, Overland Park, Kansas (December 2007) (2 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Wichita SRS CLE Program, Wichita, Kansas (November 2007) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Kansas Legal Services CLE Program, Pittsburg, Kansas (November 2007) (1.5 hour CLE)

Radio Guest on the topic of Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas, *Til Divorce Do Us Part*, a talk radio show that deals with the legal and emotional reality of divorce hosted by Susan Saper Galamba on 1510AM (November 2007)

Presenter, *Recent Developments in Kansas Residential Landlord-Tenant Law, Including Evictions*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (June 2007)(1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Kansas Legal Services Guardian Ad Litem Training, Lawrence, Kansas (December 2006) (2 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Kansas Legal Services Guardian Ad Litem Training, Wichita, Kansas (November 2006) (2 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas, Recent Developments*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (June 2006) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights – An Update*, Kansas Legal Services Guardian Ad Litem Training, Wichita, Kansas (December 2004) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Practical Skills Program: Nuts & Bolts, Kansas Civil Procedure*, Wichita Bar Association, Wichita, Kansas (October 2004) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *An Update on Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Southwest Bar Association Annual Meeting & CLE Program, Dodge City, Kansas (September 2004) (1hour CLE)

Lecturer, *A Survey of American Law*, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia (July 2004) (presented lectures on family law, administrative law, and civil procedure)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas*, Best of CLE Live! Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, Overland Park, Kansas (June 2004) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Update on Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas*, Kansas Trial Lawyers' Association Family Law Teleconference (March 2004) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *An Update on Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Telephonic CLE Program, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association (February 2004) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Winning Isn't Everything: Ethical Challenges Faced by Young Lawyers*, Best of CLE Live! Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, Overland Park, Kansas (June 2003) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights, Recent Developments*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (June 2003) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Whose Kids Are They Anyway? Third Party Custody Rights in Kansas*, Hot Topics in Family Law, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, Overland Park, Kansas, (March 2003) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Ethics in Domestic Relations Matters*, Southwest Bar Association SKI CLE Program, Frisco, Colorado, (January 2003) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas*, Kansas Bar Association's Current Issues in Elder Law, Lawrence, Kansas (November 2002) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Kansas Legal Services Guardian Ad Litem Training, Salina, Kansas (September 2002) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Landlord/Tenant Law in Kansas: Recent Developments*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (June 2002) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Family Law Update*, Ellis County Bar Association's Thirteenth Annual Legal Education Seminar, Hayes, Kansas (May 2002) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Kansas Legal Services Guardian Ad Litem Training, Chanute, Kansas (April 2002) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights*, Kansas Trial Lawyers' Association Annual Family Law Seminar, Wichita, Kansas (March 2002) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Grandparent Visitation Rights in Kansas*, Senior Citizen Law Project, Kansas Legal Service, Topeka, Kansas (November 2001) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Third Party Visitation Rights: The Current Law*, Lindsborg Women Attorney's Conference, Lindsborg, Kansas (July 2001) (1 hour CLE)

Presenter, *Family Law: Recent Developments*, University of Kansas School of Law, Continuing Legal Education Program, Lawrence, Kansas (June 2001) (1 hour CLE)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair, *Kansas Crime Victims' Compensation Board* (Presiding member of board charged with awarding compensation to victims of violent crimes in Kansas; nominated in 2009 by then Attorney General Steve Six; re-nominated in 2012 and 2016 by Attorney General Derek Schmidt and confirmed by Kansas Senate)

Pro Bono Attorney, For indigent clients needing legal assistance in family-law related matters in Kansas state court

Investigator, *Kansas Bar Association's Ethics Grievance Committee* (2014 – present)
(Assigned to investigate attorney ethics complaints and submit written findings to
Disciplinary Administrator's office for further review)

Appointed Member, *Kansas Supreme Court Access to Justice Committee* (Committee
convened by Kansas Supreme Court in 2007 - 2010 and charged with addressing the
challenges of self-represented persons in the Kansas courts)

Appointed Member, *American Bar Association Accreditation Site Inspection Team*
(ABA-appointed team that visits and reviews all aspects of a law school's operations for
compliance with ABA legal education standards)

- *Florida International School of Law* (April 1-4, 2017)
- *University of Maine School of Law* (October 25-28, 2014)
- *Rutgers-Newark School of Law* (March 31-April 3, 2013)
- *Lincoln Memorial University* (March 13-16, 2011) – Provisional
Accreditation Team
- *Southern Illinois School of Law* (November 16-19, 2008)
- *University of Houston Law Center* (November 5-8, 2006)
- *Widener University School of Law* (Wilmington, Delaware and Harrisburg,
Pennsylvania, February 12-16, 2006)

Appointed Member, *American Association of Law Schools New Teacher Workshop
Planning Committee* (2017-18)

Chair, *Kansas Continuing Legal Education Commission*
(Appointed by the Kansas Supreme Court for two 3-year terms from July 1, 2001 – June
30, 2007. Served as Chair for three consecutive years (2003-06))

Appointed Member, *Kansas Judicial Council, Family Law Advisory Committee* (2003 –
present)
(Advises Kansas Legislature on proposals for statutory additions and amendments to the
existing Family Law Code)

Elected Member, *Judicial Nominating Commission for the Seventh Judicial District*
(2003 – 05)

SERVICE TO KU

University & Faculty Senate, (elected for 3-year term, 2017-20)
University Senate President (2019-20)
University Senate President-Elect (2018-19)
FACEX (2018-19)
SENEX (2018-19)
SENEX Chair (2019-20)

Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost Search Committee (2019)
(Appointed by Chancellor Doug Girod)

Acting Faculty Athletics Representative (August – December 2018)
(Appointed by Chancellor Doug Girod)

5-Year Review Committee for Vice Provost Tamara Durham (Spring 2017)
(Appointed by then Provost Neeli Bendapudi)

University Senate Athletics Committee (Appointed for 3-year term, 2016-2019)
Chair (2018-19)

Kansas Athletics, Inc. Advisory Committee (Appointed for 3-year term, 2016-19)

Chair, *University of Kansas Judicial Board (Appointed for 3-year term, 2013-16)*

Chair, *University of Kansas Judicial Board Hearing Panel (2008 – 10)*

Subcommittee Chair, *University of Kansas and Kansas Athletics, Inc. NCAA Certification Review*
(Appointed by then Chancellor Robert Hemenway, 2008 – 10)

Co-Chair, *Kansas Athletics, Inc. Faculty Mentors Steering Committee (2011-19)*

RECENT SERVICE TO KU LAW SCHOOL

Traffic Court Advisor
Law School Ombudsperson
Rice Scholarship Committee
Admissions Committee
HALSA Advisor
J. Reuben Clark Society Advisor

RECENT SERVICE TO LOCAL COMMUNITY

- United States Military Academy (West Point) Admissions Field Representative (2019 – present)
- Lawrence High Schools Project Graduation Committee
2016 – Chair of Parent Engagement Committee
2018 – Treasurer

- Mentoring4Success (assisted released female offenders in safely and successfully returning to their respective communities) (2014 - 17)
- LINK (Lawrence Inter-denominational Nutritional Kitchen) Server and contributor of food (2010 - 18)
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Douglas County Board of Directors (2015-18)
Executive Board, Secretary (2017-18)
President Elect (2017-18)
- Hidden Valley Girl Scout Camp – Unit Leader (2012 - 17)

Bar Admissions and Licensure

- Kansas (1996)
- U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas (1996)
- Missouri (1997)
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri (1997)
- Supreme Court of the United States (2003)

Current Professional Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Kansas Bar Association
- Judge Hugh Means Inn of Court
- Kansas Women Attorneys Association
- Douglas County Bar Association
- American Association of Law Schools
- Clinical Legal Education Association

Hobbies and Interests

- Marathon runner, reader of historical fiction, and fan of all Jayhawk sports.