

Professor Maureen Johnson

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Maureen Johnson is a full-time professor at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, where she has completed her fourth year of teaching Legal Writing and Ethical Lawyering. Maureen also has substantial litigation experience, including working for six years at two worldwide law firms, Mayer Brown and Kaye Scholer LLP. Prior to accepting the full-time position at Loyola, she worked at a boutique Beverly Hills law firm where she specialized almost exclusively on appellate work and major law and motion practice. One of the appeals she recently authored /argued – *Global Hawk v. Le* -- was favorably resolved and certified for publication by the First District Court of Appeal.

EDUCATION

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

Juris Doctor, 1996, Ranked 12th of 412 (top 3%)

Honors: Sayre MacNeil Scholar 1994 – 1996 (top 5%)
Order of the Coif 1993 – 1996 (top 10%)
Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Graduate Honor Society Merit Award 1996
St. Thomas More Honor Society 1993 – 1996
National Moot Court Team 1995 – 1996 (Ranked 3rd Overall in Loyola Comp.)
American Jurisprudence Award (No. 1 in Class: Criminal Procedure)

UCLA BA / Motion Pictures Television – 1988
MFA / Film, TV and Digital Media (Screenwriting) 2009

WORK EXPERIENCE

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

(August 2002 – Present)

Current Position: Associate Clinical Professor teaching Legal Research & Writing and Ethical Lawyering (required courses). This position requires significant one-on-one interaction with approximately eighty students per year. Prior to teaching full-time, Maureen taught Legal Drafting as an Adjunct Professor for over a decade. This class includes an overview of litigation strategy along with specific drafting of many types of legal documents such as motions, discovery, settlement offers and deposition outlines.

BarWinners – Karney Writing Course

(March 2002 – January, 2014)

Lecturer for state bar preparation course in the substantive areas of Civil Procedure (California / Federal), Real Property, Evidence and the Performance Exam.

Carpenter, Zuckerman & Rowley LLP (Beverly Hills) (April 2011 – August 2013)

Senior Associate with primary focus and responsibility for firm's appellate work and major motion practice. Particular areas of practice include ethics, attorney and medical malpractice, employment law, landlord-tenant, class actions, premises liability and personal injury. Filed appeals and writs with both the California Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal. Responsible for training junior lawyers and summer associates in legal writing. Employed full-time until promotion to full-time position at Loyola Law School.

Reeder, Lu LLP / Mika Realty Group, LLC

(January 2010 – April 2011)

Special Counsel and law and motion specialist with extensive pre-trial work. Areas of practice include real property litigation, guaranty law, employment and appellate work. Experienced in expert witness preparation, trial strategy and jury composition analysis. Transitioned to in-house representation of Mika (long term client of Reeder, Lu) in October 2010 while continuing to coordinate litigation with Reeder Lu, and drafting in-house legal documents, including an appellate brief.

Gillam Law Firm (Century City)

(September 2005-2006)

Senior Associate with primary responsibility for handling and/or editing legal writing assignments for entire firm, including drafting of a wide variety of documents mainly related to employment law. Additional duties included taking depositions, preparing expert witnesses, negotiation, mediation, court appearances, and client counseling.

Kaye Scholer LLP (Century City Office)

(February 2000 – September 2002)

Mid-level associate practicing primarily in the areas of complex litigation, class actions, antitrust, entertainment, bankruptcy, employment and product liability. Extensive general litigation experience including writing, arbitration, mediation and trial preparation including handling expert witnesses, preparing trial strategies and defending and taking depositions of key fact witnesses. Substantial familiarity with the procedures for coordinating and consolidating related proceedings, both in federal and state court, including drafting case management, protective and preservation orders. Involvement in recruitment and design of summer associate program.

Mayer, Brown and Platt (Los Angeles Office)

(September 1996 – February 2000)

Junior associate practicing in the area of general litigation, including construction defect, appellate (civil / criminal); contract disputes, bankruptcy, class actions, employment law, trademark infringement and securities fraud. Extensive writing and pre-trial experience

including drafting numerous summary judgment and other dispositive motions, as well as taking depositions and preparing key witnesses for trial. Served on the Hiring Committee and as the Summer Associate Recruitment Coordinator for the years 1998 and 1999. Duties included delegation of assignments and mentoring as well as participating in recruitment and hiring decisions.

PRO BONO MATTERS

Handling of numerous pro bono matters including those referred by:

The Alliance for Children's Rights
LAMBDA Legal Aid and Defense Fund
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Public Counsel Law Center

PUBLICATIONS

You Had Me At Hello: Examining the Impact of Powerful Introductory Emotional Hooks Set Forth in Appellate Briefs Filed in Recent Hotly-Contested U.S. Supreme Court Opinions, 49 Ind. L. Rev. 397 (2016)

Maureen Johnson, Legal scholarship highlight: *You had me at hello – Examining the impact of powerful introductory emotional hooks in briefs in recent high-profile cases*, SCOTUSblog (Apr. 7, 2016, 9:49 AM), <http://www.scotusblog.com/2016/04/legal-scholarship-highlight-you-had-me-at-hello-examining-the-impact-of-powerful-introductory-emotional-hooks-in-briefs-in-recent-high-profile-cases/>

To Quote or Not to Quote: Making the Case for Teaching Law Students the Art of Effective Quotation in Legal Memoranda, 56 S. Tex. L. Rev. 283 (2015)

AALS Section on Teaching Methods, Spring 2014 – Article on New Teaching Methods: *Battle of the Briefs*

The Los Angeles Daily Journal – *Analysis of Summer, 2003 State Bar Performance Exam – Substantive Area of Law: Real Property (Sample Essay)*

Trickle-Down Bullying and the Truly Great American Response: Can Responsible Rhetoric Help Heal a Divided Nation? [Forthcoming] Am. U.J. Gender Soc. Pol'y & L] (2017)