

SUSAN GALLAGHER POEHLS

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EMPLOYMENT

July 1996 to
Present

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

Director of Trial Advocacy Programs,

William C. Hobbs Clinical Professor of Trial Advocacy.

Teach trial advocacy course in combination with field placement in L.A. County District Attorney's Office as well as a seminar course on trial advocacy. Director of Loyola's National Civil Trial Competition. Coach and faculty advisor of Loyola's Byrne Trial Team, ranked #8 in *US News & World Report's* Rankings of Top Trial Advocacy Programs. Successfully coached teams to 26 regional Championships in 32 years and seven national championships.

Honors: 2013 Recipient of Stetson Law School's *Lifetime Achievement Award in Advocacy Teaching*, 2015 Recipient of the *Fiddler Institute Award*, 2022 Recipient of the *American Association of Justice Award*.

April 1995
to July 1996

OFFICE OF THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Deputy Alternate Public Defender

Responsibilities included representation of criminal defendants during all phases of felony matters, including arraignments, preliminary hearings, motions, pleas and trial.

January 1991
to April 1995

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

Deputy Public Defender

Responsibilities included representation of criminal defendants during all phases of misdemeanor and felony matters, including arraignment, preliminary hearing and trial.

September 1989
to January 1991

O'MELVENY & MYERS

Associate – Litigation Department

Responsibilities included research and writing of memoranda, document productions, settlement negotiations, factual investigations, and client contact. Successfully drafted and argued opposition to petition for writ of mandate in California Court of Appeal.

January 1988
to May 1989

TALCOTT, LIGHTFOOT, VANDEVELDE, WOEHRLE & SADOWSKY
Law Clerk

OTHER EXPERIENCE

July 2020 to
Present

***NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ADVOCACY EDUCATORS
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE***

Elected to represent Southern California Law Schools in newly formed national organization.

January 1991
to January 2001

***NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY
Instructor***

Instruct practicing attorneys in all phases of civil and criminal litigation.

August 1988
to January 1989

***OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, Los Angeles County
Certified Student Law Clerk***

Prepared and conducted felony preliminary hearings, utilizing extensive oral advocacy.

January 1988
to May 1988

***CALIFORNIA STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
Law Clerk***

Conducted research in the areas of criminal and constitutional law, Drafted appellate briefs.

EDUCATION

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

J.D. May 1989

Honors/Activities:

Best Oralist – 1988 Loyola Scoot Moot Court Competition

Best Advocate – Regional Round-National Moot Court Competition

Best Advocate – Loyola Byrne Trial Advocacy Competition 1989

Regional Champion – Texas young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition

Best Brief Finalist – 1988 Scott Moot Court Competition

American Board of Trial Advocates Award 1989

American Jurisprudence Award in Advanced Trial Advocacy

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

B.A., Political Science/Public Law, December 1985