IRENE TEN CATE

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EMPLOYMENT

Brooklyn Law School

Associate Professor of Legal Writing, 2023 – present Assistant Professor of Legal Writing, 2021 – 2023

Co-Director, Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law, 2023 – present Associate Director, Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law, 2022 – 2023

- Gateway to Lawyering (most semesters)
- International Business Transactions (spring 2026)
- Fundamentals of Legal Drafting Litigation (fall 2023)
- International Economic Law Colloquium (spring 2023, co-convenor)
- Directed Research (fall 2022, spring 2023, summer 2023, fall 2023)
- Fundamentals of American Law (1L orientation, 2021 2024)

Fordham University School of Law

Visiting Professor of Law, fall 2024

Criminal Law

University of Houston Law Center

Visiting Associate Professor, 2024 (in residence in the spring, remote in the summer & fall)
Faculty, UHLC & LSAC Pre-Law Pipeline Programs, summers of 2020 – 2023
Clinical Assistant Professor, Lawyering Skills & Strategies Program, 2018 – 2021 (approved for promotion to Clinical Associate Professor as of Aug. 2021)

- Free Speech and the University (fall 2024)
- Criminal Law (spring 2024, summer 2024)
- Conflict of Laws (spring 2024)
- Legal Writing (Pipeline Programs, summers of 2020 2023)
- Law School Application Workshops (Pipeline Programs, summers of 2021 2023)
- Lawyering Skills & Strategies (2018 2021)

Jenner & Block LLP, New York, NY

Litigation Associate, 2015 – 2018

Commercial Litigation / Arbitration: Wrote numerous appellate submissions and briefs in support of dispositive motions; represented Japanese client in high-stakes four-party ICC arbitration.

In-House: Part-time secondment at Hain Celestial from Dec. 2016 – Apr. 2017.

Asylum Law: Represented asylum applicants at all stages of the process; briefed issues of first impression regarding the material support and firm resettlement bars in the Second and Fifth Circuits. Work on one of my cases was recognized with the Catholic Immigration Legal Network's 2018 Pro Bono Award.

Other Pro Bono: Wrote amicus brief for Ninth Circuit on Dutch constitutional law aspects of ownership rights in Nazi-looted art; represented plaintiffs (including on appeal to the Second Circuit) in a challenge to Connecticut's quarantines of individuals who arrived from Ebola-stricken countries.

Marquette University Law School

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2012 – 2014

- Civil Procedure (spring 2013, spring 2014)
- Pretrial Practice (spring 2013, spring 2014)
- Business Associations (fall 2012, fall 2013)

Columbia Law School

Associate-in-Law, 2010 – 2012, Teaching Program Fellow, fall 2008

- Legal Practice Workshop (2010 2012)
- Supervised Research (fall 2011)

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, NY

Litigation & International Dispute Resolution Associate, 2003 – 2010

Summer Associate, summer 2002

Commercial Litigation / Arbitration: Represented clients in securities fraud cases and M&A and other business disputes; wrote submissions to Second Circuit for first federal appellate decision to apply new scienter standards to the safe harbor for forward-looking statements; assisted arbitrators.

Pro Bono: Took and defended depositions for the City Law Department; wrote amicus brief for NYCLU about speech rights in a privately-owned shopping center; defended public interest attorney against defamation claim; represented contemporary art museum in dispute that presented novel copyright issues; conducted research and prepared factual analyses for death penalty case.

ICC Court of International Arbitration, Paris, France

Intern, Common Law team, September 2003

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Brussels, Belgium

Corporate Associate, 2000 – 2001

De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek, The Hague, The Netherlands

Intern, Administrative Law group, spring 1998

EDUCATION

Columbia Law School

J.D., 2003; LL.M., 1999; exchange student, fall 1997

Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar (1999, 2003), recipient of the Stibbe Steppingstone Scholarship

Activities: Associate Editor, Columbia Journal of Transnational Law

Editor, Columbia Journal of Gender & Law

Columbia Asylum Project – helped prepare application of French-speaking asylum applicant International Legal Assistance Network – helped challenge Uganda's single-party system WITNESS – wrote guide about proceedings before the European Court of Human Rights

and the possibility of using recordings as evidence

University of Amsterdam

Meester in de Rechten (LL.B.), 1998

Activities: Tutor of first-year law students

Participated in the Trenité van Doorne Summer School

Completed several courses at the University of Amsterdam's philosophy department; studied

cello performance at the Amsterdam Conservatory for two years

Served on the board of an amateur orchestra; co-organized a concert tour to Bologna

PUBLICATIONS

In Progress

Arbitrator Selection Default Rules 75 Am. U. L. REV. __ (2025) (article)

Legal Education in the Digital Panopticon (article)

Self-Help for Legal Writing Scholars (essay)

Layers of Legitimacy (book chapter or essay)

Articles & Essays

Splitting the Baby, 61 COLUM. J. TRANSN'L L. 338 (2023)

The Costs of Consistency: Precedent in Investment Treaty Arbitration, 51 COLUM. J. TRANSN'L L. 418 (2013)

• One of three winning entries blindly selected out of approximately sixty submissions for presentation at the Institute for Transnational Arbitration's inaugural Winter Forum

International Arbitration and the Ends of Appellate Review, 44 N.Y.U. J. INT'L L. & POL. 1109 (2012)

Speech, Truth, and Freedom: An Examination of John Stuart Mill's and Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes's Free Speech Defenses, 22 YALE J. L. & HUM. 35 (2010)

- Cited in *Thompson v. Police* [2012] NZHC 2234, [2013] 1 NZLR 848 at [71] & n. 50 (N.Z.)
- Excerpted in VINCENT BLASI, IDEAS OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT
- Discussed in Jerome A. Barron et al., Constitutional Law Principles & Policy: Cases & Materials
- Featured on the Legal Theory Blog

Multi-Party and Multi-Contract Arbitrations: Procedural Mechanisms and Interpretation of Arbitration Agreements under U.S. Law, 15 Am. Rev. Int'l Arb. 133 (2004) (student note)

• Cited in Markel Int'l Ins. Co. v. Westchester Fire Ins. Co., 442 F. Supp. 2d 200, 204 (D.N.J. 2006)

Absence of Consent Trumps Arbitral Economy: Consolidation of Arbitrations Under U.S. Law, 12 Am. REV. INT'L ARB. 335 (2003) (with Rona G. Shamoon)

Short Pieces & Practitioner Publications

Editor's Note, 29 LEGAL WRITING i (2025)

Boundaries, LWI LIVES (Aug. 2020)

Guide to Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and Court Judgments in the United States, JENNER & BLOCK PRACTICE SERIES (2017) (co-author)

Book Review: Yearbook on International Investment Law & Policy 2010-2011, 35 J. POL'Y MODELING 852 (2013) (invited contribution)

Over Vrijheid, Grote Vragen, en de Werkgroep Rechtsfilosofie (On Liberty, Big Questions, and the Legal Theory Seminar) (2013), invited contribution for Festschrift for Prof. Joep van der Vliet, University of Amsterdam

Selecting the Right Arbitrator, 818 PRACTICING LAW INSTITUTE LITIGATION & ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE COURSE HANDBOOK SERIES 349 (2010) (with Dana H. Freyer)

Selected Blog Posts

Do You Want to Be a Fulltime Legal Writing Professor?, Summary, Judgment Blog (July 13, 2020)

Levd and Lascivious Behavior Laws: A Milwaukee Story, Marquette University Law School Faculty Blog (Nov. 11, 2013)

Marriage Equality and the Popularity Paradox, Marquette University Law School Faculty Blog (June 30, 2013)

Binders Full of Women . . . Arbitrators?, Marquette University Law School Faculty Blog (cross-posted on the IntlLawGrrls Blog) (Nov. 2, 2012)

ORGANIZER OF SYMPOSIA & WORKSHOPS

Co-organizer (with Stratos Pahis), Symposium "The New International Economic (Dis)Order," Block Center, Brooklyn Law School (Oct. 2025)

Co-organizer (with Robin Effron & Stratos Pahis), Symposium "USMCA: Promises and Challenges for the Future of North American Trade," Block Center, Brooklyn Law School (Oct. 2023)

Co-organizer (with Steven Dean), book panel on "Six Faces of Globalization," Block Center, Brooklyn Law School (Mar. 2023)

Co-organizer (with Robin Effron & Stratos Pahis), biennial International Business Law Scholars' Roundtable, Block Center, Brooklyn Law School (Sept. 2022, Sept. 2024)

PRESENTATIONS (since 2018)

Layers of Legitimacy (presenter)

Workshop "After the Backlash: The Future of Arbitration in the Settlement of Investment, Trade and Human Rights Disputes," Quebec City, Sept. 2025

Teaching Law Students vs. Training Future Lawyers (presenter, with Megan Davis & Catharine Du Bois) Central States Legal Writing Conference, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Sept. 2025

Transcending Law School Faculty Hierarchies (moderator)
AALS 2025 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Jan. 2025

Critiquing Courage in Action (panelist)
AALS 2025 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Jan. 2025

Legal Writing's Identities (presenter, with Meg Holzer)

Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, virtual, Dec. 2024

Arbitrator Selection Default Rules (presenter)

ASIL Research Forum, University of Chicago Law School, Nov. 2024

ICSID's Legitimacy Puzzles (presenter)

International Business Law Scholars' Roundtable, Brooklyn Law School, Sept. 2024

Scholarly Identity (discussant)

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Indiana University School of Law, July 2024

Writing About Legal Writing (presenter)

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Indiana University School of Law, July 2024

Due Process and the "Reasoned Award" (moderator)

Institute for Transnational Arbitration Annual Workshop, Austin, June 2024

Legal Communication as Second-Language Acquisition (presenter)

Global Legal Skills Conference, Bari University, Italy, June 2024

The Gordian Knot of Hybrid Assessment (presenter)

Empire State Legal Writing Conference, Fordham University School of Law, May 2024

Practicing Inclusion in the Legal Writing Course (moderator)

Lone Star Legal Writing Conference, University of Houston Law Center, Apr. 2024

Meet the Editors: A Conversation About Publishing (presenter, with Wayne Schiess & Katherine Vukadin)

Lone Star Legal Writing Conference, University of Houston Law Center, Apr. 2024

Beyond NextGen: Working Together to Help Our Students Flourish (moderator)

AALS 2024 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Jan. 2024

Status and the Intra-Skills Divide (presenter, with Megan Davis & Brittany Persson)

Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Arizona State University, virtual, Dec. 2023

Gender, Race, and Trade Policy in the USMCA (moderator)

Symposium on "USMCA: Promises and Challenges for the Future of North American Trade," Block Center, Brooklyn Law School (Oct. 2023)

Implementing ABA 303(c) in the Legal Writing Classroom (discussant)

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Boca Raton, July 2023

Psychology and Professional Identity Development (panelist)

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Boca Raton, July 2023

Growing Pains: Grades and the First-Semester Legal Writing Course (presenter, with Katherine Brem)

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Boca Raton, July 2023

Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Stetson University College of Law, virtual, Dec. 2021

Empire State Legal Writing Conference, virtual, May 2021

Eastern Europe's Regional Security (moderator)

International Law Society, Brooklyn Law School, Apr. 2023

Judging Legal Writing (presenter, with Catharine Du Bois)

Lone Star Legal Writing Conference, Texas Tech University School of Law, Apr. 2023

Six Faces of Globalization (moderator)

Book panel, Block Center, Brooklyn Law School, Mar. 2023

The Gentrification of Legal Writing (presenter)

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Las Vegas, Feb. 2023

Lessons from the Professor Down the Hall (presenter, with Megan Davis)

Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Charleston School of Law, Dec. 2022

Splitting the Baby (presenter)

International Business Law Scholars' Roundtable, Brooklyn Law School, Sept. 2022

Rutgers Law School—Camden, Faculty Workshop, Nov. 2021

ASIL Research Forum, virtual, Nov. 2020

Teaching Evaluations: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly (moderator)

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Georgetown University Law Center, July 2022

AALS Section O&A: Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research (panelist)

Organized in conjunction with the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference, virtual, Aug. 2021

The ALWD Scholars Fora & Workshops Reunion Special and Casting Call (video presentation, contributor)

Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, virtual, June 2021

Under, Here, Because, Therefore (presenter, with Megan Davis)

Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Charleston School of Law, Dec. 2019

Empire State Legal Writing Conference, New York Law School, May 2019

New Techniques in International Litigation and Adjudication (moderator)

ASIL Research Forum, New York, Nov. 2019

Arbitral Judging (presenter)

ASIL Law Research Forum, New York, Nov. 2019

American Society of Comparative Law Works-in-Progress Conference, Columbia, MO, Oct. 2019

The Performance Enhancement Paradox (presenter)

Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., May 2019

Central States Law School Association, Texas A&M University School of Law, Oct. 2018

LAW SCHOOL COMMITTEES

Brooklyn Law School

Professional Development Committee (2021 – 2022, fall 2024) Faculty Advisor, *Brooklyn Journal of International Law* (2022 – 2024) Student Academic Organizations Committee (2022 – 2024) Student Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2021 – 2022, fall 2023)

University of Houston Law Center

Admissions Committee (2020 – 2021) Student Affairs Committee (2018 – 2021) Library Committee (2018 – 2020) Graduate Legal Studies Committee (2018 – 2019)

Marquette University Law School

Faculty Blog Committee (2012 - 2014)

OTHER INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Co-founded and serve as the first President of Brooklyn Law School's AAUP Chapter (2025 – 2027)

Conducted a workshop on the Multistate Performance Test as part of Brooklyn Law School's Summer Bar Initiative (July 2024, with Flora Midwood)

Participated in a faculty panel on Brooklyn Law School's Admitted Students' Day (May 2024)

Conducted Brooklyn Law School's Thesis Workshop for new journal members (Sept. 2023)

Organized and moderated Brooklyn Law School's Summer Writing Workshop for tenure-track, long-term-contract-track, and visiting faculty (summer 2023)

Served as appellate and trial judge in the Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition at Brooklyn Law School (2022 – 2023), the University of Houston Law Center's Street Law Program (2019), and Columbia Law School's Stone Moot Court Program (2017) and 1L Moot Court Program (2016 – 2018); participated as judge in moot court practice rounds at Marquette University Law School (2012 – 2014)

Served as faculty advisor for first-year J.D. students and foreign LL.M. students at Brooklyn Law School (2022 – 2023)

Served as mentor for first-year J.D. students at the University of Houston Law Center (2018 – 2021)

Conducted outreach to admitted students for the University of Houston Law Center (spring 2020)

Reviewed student notes for Marquette Law Review (2013 – 2014)

Co-organized and moderated Columbia Law School's Associates & Fellows Workshop (2010 – 2011)

EXTERNAL LEADERSHIP

Editor Positions

- Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute: Editor in Chief (2024 2026); Assistant Editor in Chief and Managing Editor (2022 2024); Essay Editor (2020 2022); Assistant Editor (2019 2020)
- Legal Writing Institute Monograph Series: Editorial Board member (2020 2022)
- ABA Section of International Law, 2019 International Law Year in Review: deputy editor

External Reviews

- American Political Thought
- ICSID Review Foreign Investment Law Journal
- McGill Journal of Dispute Resolution

Legal Writing Discipline Building

- Served as facilitator at the Scholars Forum organized in conjunction with the Empire State Legal Writing Conference (May 2024)
- Served as facilitator at the Sirico Scholars' Workshop for legal writing faculty (July 2023)
- Co-organized the Legal Writing Institute's writing retreat (Dec. 2019)

Legal Writing Committees

- Diversity Committee, AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research (2021 2022)
- Outreach Committee, AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research (2020 2021)
- Scholars Forum, Association of Legal Writing Directors (2020 2021)

Other

- Profiled in LWI LIVES (Oct. 2018)
- Was consulted about Justice Holmes's free speech legacy for WNYC's Radiolab: More Perfect podcast (Aug. 2017)

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (inactive)

LANGUAGES

Native Dutch speaker; proficient in French and German; basic knowledge of Spanish.

MUSIC

As a cellist, I performed on the stages of venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, and the Beijing Concert Hall, as well as in schools, nursing homes, a high-security prison, and town squares all over Europe. I continue to perform regularly in chamber music and orchestra concerts. From 2008 – 2010, I programmed a chamber music series at the New York City Bar Association.