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PUBLICATIONS

Books

Scholarly Writing for Law Students: Seminar Papers, Law Review Notes, and Law Review Competition Papers, 4th Ed., co-author Mary R. Falk (West Publishing Co. 2011)

Writing for Law Practice, 2nd ed., co-authors Mary R. Falk & Helene S. Shapo (Foundation Press 2010)

Writing and Analysis in the Law, 5th ed., co-authors, Helene S. Shapo & Marilyn Walter (Foundation Press 2008)

Scholarly Writing for Law Students: Seminar Papers, Law Review Notes, and Law Review Competition Papers, 3rd ed., co-author Mary R. Falk (West Publishing Co. 2005)

Writing for Law Practice, co-authors Mary R. Falk & Helene S. Shapo (Foundation Press 2004)

Scholarly Writing for Law Students: Seminar Papers, Law Review Notes, and Law Review Competition Papers, 2nd ed., co-author Mary R. Falk (West Publishing Co. 2000)

Scholarly Writing for Law Students: Seminar Papers, Law Review Notes, and Law Review Competition Papers, co-author Mary R. Falk (West Publishing Co. 1995)

Writing and Analysis in the Law, 3rd ed., co-authors, Helene Shapo & Marilyn Walter (Foundation Press 1995)

Writing and Analysis in the Law, 2nd ed., co-authors, Helene Shapo & Marilyn Walter (Foundation Press 1991)

Writing and Analysis in the Law, co-authors, Helene Shapo & Marilyn Walter, (Foundation Press 1989)

Articles

“Legal Writing in the Time of Recession: Developing Cognitive Skills for Complex Legal Tasks,” __ Duquense L. Rev. __ (2011 forthcoming).

“Untold Stories: Restoring Narrative to Pleading Practice,” coauthor, Mary R. Falk, 15 *Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* 3 (2009).

“Learning from Experience: Adding a Practicum to a Doctrinal Class,” 12 *Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* 215 (2006)

“The Art of Indirection,” 14, #1 *Perspectives* 21 (Fall, 2005)

“Shooting from the Lip: *United States v. Dickerson*, Role [Im]morality, and the Ethics of Legal Rhetoric,” co-author Mary R. Falk, 23 *Univ. of Hawai’i L. Rev.* 1 (2000)

"Linguistics and the Composition of Legal Documents: Border Crossings," coauthor, Mary R. Falk, 22 *Legal Studies Forum* 697 (1998)

"Double Talk and Twisted Thought: Reflections on Incoherence," 11 *The Second Draft* 9 (1997).

"Comments Worth Making: Supervising Scholarly Writing in Law School," coauthor, Mary R. Falk, 46 *J. of Legal Ed.* 342 (1996)

"Against the Tyranny of Paraphrase: Talking Back to Texts," co-author Mary R. Falk, 78 *Cornell L. Rev.* 163 (1993).

"The Law Student's Responsibility for Language and the Law," 2 *Law School Journal* 5 (1983).

"Teaching Legal Writing: The Writer's Responsibility," 2 *Legal Writing Journal* 1 (1982).

PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, “Legal Writing in the Time of Recession,” for “The Arc of Advanced Legal Writing: From Theory through Teaching to Practice,” the Second Colonial Frontier Conference, Duquesne University School of Law, March 2011.

Speaker, “How a Writing Specialist Can Save You,” Legal Writing Institute Workshop for New Legal Writing Professors, December 2010

Speaker, “Nuts & Bolts: Diagnosing Writing Problems,” Legal Writing Institute Workshop for New Legal Writing Professors, December 2009

Speaker, “Grading Papers & Handling Student Conferences: How to Grade Papers without Losing Your Mind,” Legal Writing Institute Workshop for New Legal Writing Professors, December 2009

Panelist, “Appropriate and Inappropriate Collaboration: Where to Draw the Line,” AALS, January 2009

Speaker, “An Administrative Law Practicum: A Simulation’s Curricular Design, Role in

Legal Education, and Success,” Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, July 2008

Speaker, “Teaching an Administrative Law Practicum,” Professional Development Workshop, Brooklyn Law School, October 2007

Speaker, “Getting Published: An Academic Legal Writing Workshop,” (for journal members) Tulane Law School, November 2006

Panelist, “Publishing Legal Writing Books: How We Did It, and How You Can Do It, Too,” Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, June 2006

Speaker: “Adding a Practicum to a Doctrinal Class: An Extended Simulation,” Legal Writing Symposium at Brooklyn Law School: Teaching Writing and Teaching Doctrine: A Symbiotic Relationship? Feb. 2006

Speaker, “Scholarly Writing Workshop,” (for students) Fordham Law School, February 2004

Speaker, “Knocking at the Door: Article Criteria, Selection, and Solicitation,” National Conference of Law Reviews,” Seattle, March 2003.

Speaker, “Raising the Ante: Supervising Student Law Review Articles,” National Conference of Law Reviews,” Seattle, March 2003.

Speaker, “Professional Development Workshop: Writing in the 2nd & 3rd Years of Law School,” Mercer University School of Law, November 2001

Speaker, “Notes & Comments Editor Workshop,” National Conference of Law Reviews, Baltimore, March 2001.

Speaker, “How to do a Technical and Substantive Edit,” National Conference of Law Reviews, Baltimore, March 2001.

Speaker, “Role [Im]morality, the Ethics of Legal Rhetoric, and the Legal Writing Classroom,” co-presenter Mary Falk, The Legal Writing Institute Conference, July 2000.

Speaker, “Supervising the Scholarship of New Journal Members,” National Conference of Law Reviews, St. Petersburg, Florida, March 2000.

Moderator, ‘Introduction,’ AALS Annual Meeting Workshop on Reading Critically, January 1999.

Speaker, "Supervising Scholarly Writing: A Professional Development Workshop," copresenter, Mollie Falk, Temple University School of Law, April 1998.

Speaker, "Conducting Effective Student Conferences," co-presenter Judith Rosenbaum, The

Legal Writing Institute Conference, July 1996.

Speaker, "Comments Worth Making: Supervising the Upperclass Writing Requirement", co-presenter Mollie Falk, The Legal Writing Institute Conference, July 1996.

Speaker, "Comments Worth Making: Supervising the Upperclass Writing Requirement" co-presenter Mollie Falk, Faculty Forum, Brooklyn Law School, Spring 1995

Speaker, "Comments Worth Making: Supervising the Upperclass Writing Requirement," Professional Development Workshop, Seton Hall University School of Law, Fall 1995

Speaker, "Reader's Block: Talking Back to Texts," co-presenter Mollie Falk, The Legal Writing Institute Summer Conference, August 1992

Speaker, "Reader's Block: Talking Back to Texts," co-presenter Mollie Falk, Faculty Forum, Brooklyn Law School, Spring 1992.

Panelist, "Beyond Legal Writing Programs: A Writing Specialist's Contributions to a Law School," The Legal Writing Institute Summer Conference, August 1988

Speaker, "The Role of a Writing Specialist," AALS LWR Section Program Workshop, January 1988

ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS

AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, & Research Award, 2010

Brooklyn Law School Summer Research Stipends, 2002, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1995, 1994, 1992, 1990, 1988

Rutgers University, Doctoral Grant: Spring 1979

American Association of University Women, Shirley Farr Fellowship: 1977-78

Rutgers University, University Fellowship: 1976-77

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Editorial Board, the Legal Writing Institute Monograph Project, 2010-present
- Member, LWI/ALWD Teaching Grant Committee, 2010
- BLS Representative to Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2008-present
- Editorial Board, Journal of Legal Writing, 2002-2008
- Board of Directors, Legal Writing Institute, 2002-06
- Member, Committee on Cooperation with Clinicians, LWI, 2008-present
- Peer Reviews, Journal of Law, Culture, and Humanities; Journal of the Association of Legal Writing Directors
- Planning Committee, AALS Annual Meeting Workshop on Reading Critically, January 1999
- Founder and Member, The Writing Specialists Network

- Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors, Legal Writing Institute, National Council of Teachers of English
- Consultant, Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, Summer 1986