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Reference Librarian
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Library, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia SC

Reference Librarian

August 2021 to present

- ♦ Teach legal research in 1L Legal Research, Analysis & Writing.
- ♦ Provide Reference assistance to library patrons.
- ♦ Assist faculty with legal research projects.
- ♦ Support access to justice and social justice projects, including providing research training in the Clinics, support law school social justice and access to justice projects, conduct outreach for public patrons and collaborating with bar associations.
- ♦ Update and create LibGuides.
- ♦ Participate in collection development.
- ♦ Contribute to social media and Blog posts.
- ♦ Member of the Law School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ

Library Fellow

January 2020 to July 2021

- ♦ Teaching Assistant for Legal Research, Analysis, and Communication classes
- ♦ Teaching Assistant and Instructor for Law Practice Management & Technology class
- ♦ Presentations on Researching Tribal Law.
- ♦ Conduct student outreach - in person, remotely, and via social media.
- ♦ Reference desk duties - provide reference assistance in-person, by email and video conference.
- ♦ Conduct legal research and analysis for faculty.
- ♦ Update and create LibGuides.

Plevel Law, PLLC, Flagstaff & Tucson, AZ

Owner/Attorney

2015 – 2022

- ♦ Solo practitioner, practicing in the areas of employment and labor law, dependency and juvenile law, Indian Law, and criminal defense.
- ♦ Practice in Justice, Municipal, State, Federal, and Tribal courts, and before Administrative Agencies.
- ♦ Managed office and part-time staff of 1.

Pascua Yaqui Tribe Court of Appeals, Tucson, AZ

Judge Pro Tempore

2018 - present

- ♦ Render decisions and issue opinions on matters submitted to the court for review.

Flagstaff Municipal Court, Flagstaff, AZ

Judge Pro Tempore

2019

- ♦ Preside over initial hearings, warrant hearings, and juvenile detention hearings.

Flagstaff Justice Court, Flagstaff, AZ

Judge Pro Tempore

2018 – 2019

- ♦ Preside over initial hearings, warrant hearings, orders to show cause matters, landlord-tenant hearings, Orders of Protection and Injunctions against Harassment petitions and hearings, civil trials, criminal and traffic trials.

Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, AZ

Tribal Chief Prosecutor

2014 - 2015

- ♦ Managed office with a staff of approximately 30, and departmental budget.
- ♦ Worked in conjunction with stakeholder departments, including Crime Victim Services, Police Department, jail, Tribal Social Services, and health department, as well as with other tribal, state, and federal agencies.

The Law Offices of Rebecca M. Plevel, P.C., Flagstaff, AZ

Owner/Attorney

2010 - 2014

- ♦ Solo practitioner, practicing in the areas of employment and labor law, workers compensation, and Indian Law.
- ♦ Practice in State, Federal, and Tribal courts, and before Administrative Agencies.
- ♦ Managed office and part-time staff of 1-2 people.

The Glazer Law Office, Flagstaff, AZ

Contract Attorney

Summers 2009 & 2010

- ♦ Provided criminal defense services including reviewing discovery and conducting research, writing pretrial motions, and prepare cases for trial, including PowerPoint presentations.

Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmovi, AZ

Deputy General Counsel

2009 – 2010

- ♦ Provided full-service general legal representation on a broad range of issues and ensured compliance by the Tribe with the Tribal Constitution, tribal law, and applicable federal and state law.

Coconino County Attorney's Office, Flagstaff, AZ

Deputy County Attorney

2000 - 2009

- ♦ Prosecuted misdemeanor, felony, and juvenile delinquency matters.
- ♦ Presented to Grand Jury, reviewed law enforcement reports to issue charges.
- ♦ Assigned prosecutor for Probation Violation Court.

Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Phoenix and Mesa, AZ

Deputy County Attorney

1997 – 2000

- ♦ Prosecuted misdemeanor, felony, and juvenile delinquency matters.
- ♦ Presented to Grand Jury, reviewed law enforcement reports to issue charges.

Ak-Chin Indian Community, Maricopa, AZ

Chief Prosecutor

1996 - 1997

- ♦ Manage office with staff of 2, and departmental budget.
- ♦ Supervised criminal prosecutions, traffic cases, juvenile delinquency, and children in need of care (dependency) matters in tribal court.

Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Tucson, AZ

Chief Prosecutor

1992 - 1996

- ♦ Manage office with staff of 2-4, and departmental budget.
- ♦ Supervised criminal prosecutions, traffic cases, juvenile delinquency, and children in need of care (dependency) matters in tribal court.

White Mountain Apache Tribe, Whiteriver, AZ

Assistant General Counsel

1991 - 1992

- ♦ Provided full-service general legal representation on a broad range of issues and ensured compliance by the Tribe with the Tribal Constitution, tribal law, and applicable federal and state law.

TEACHING & PRESENTATIONS

Law Library, University of South Carolina School of Law

Reference Librarian

- ♦ Teach legal research in 1L Legal Research, Analysis & Writing. Fall & Spring, 2021-present

University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law

Teaching Assistant

- ♦ *Legal Research, Analysis, & Communication*. Spring 2020 and Spring 2021. TA duties, reviewing exercises, assisting students with research, and grading quizzes. Professors S. Gotschall and C. Condit.

Instructor

- ♦ *Law Practice Management & Technology* (LAW 690) Spring 2021. Create and present module regarding Practice and Case Management, specifically about the MyCase practice management platform. Participate in panel discussion concerning my practice and tech experience. Participate in session regarding e-discovery, and session on Courtroom Technology & Virtual Law Practice. Professor Cynthia Condit.

Individual Research Presentations

- ♦ *Federal Indian Law class* - Create and present training module for Researching Tribal Law for the Federal Indian Law class, Substantial Paper students, and IPLP students, for Professor R. Tsosie.
- ♦ *Tribal Law & Justice Clinic*. Create and present training module for Researching Tribal Law, for Professor H. Whiteman Runs Him.

Northland Preparatory Academy, Flagstaff, AZ

High School Mock Trial Program, Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education

Attorney Coach

2007 – 2018 (Did not coach the 2015 season)

- ♦ Coached high school students for regional and state-wide mock trial competitions. Taught rules of evidence, direct and cross examination techniques, and presenting opening and closing arguments.

Coconino County Law Library, Flagstaff, AZ

AzCourtHelp – LegalTalks Series

Presenter

- ♦ Employment Law for Employees, 9/2017
- ♦ Arizona's New Minimum Wage & Paid Sick Leave Law, 3/2017

Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce

Presenter, 7/2017

- ♦ Arizona's New Minimum Wage & Paid Sick Leave law

National Business Institute – Continuing Education seminar

Presenter, 8/2017

- ♦ Avoiding Wage and Hour Violations
- ♦ Monitoring Employees – Privacy Issues and Employer Risks

Coconino County Bar Association - Continuing Legal Education

Presenter

- ♦ Indian Jurisdiction, *10/2015*
- ♦ DUI and Aggravated DUI Law Update, *9/2008*

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona

Part-time Faculty, *Fall 2010*

- ♦ Speech Communication 318, Oral Argumentation in the Law

Coconino County Sheriff's Department Detention Academy

Instructor, *2007 – 2009*

- ♦ Overview of the Criminal Justice System

Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Training

Presenter

- ♦ Stopping Traffic - Keeping Your Case in Court and Off the Streets, *7/2007*
- ♦ Phlebotomy and Search Warrants, *7/2008*

Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Law Enforcement Phlebotomy Program

- ♦ Member of working group developing state guidelines and policies, *2005 – 2008*
- ♦ **Instructor** at Coconino Community College, *2006 – 2008*

EDUCATION

University of Arizona

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, School of Information

Master of Arts in Library & Information Science, December 2021

iSchool Director's List of Distinguished Graduate Scholars

University of Arizona

College of Law

Juris Doctorate, May 1991

University of Arizona

Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts, May 1986

(Minors in Communication, Sociology, and Spanish)

MEMBERSHIPS

Bar Memberships

- ♦ Arizona State Bar, Bar No. 014074, *Admitted 10/1991 - Inactive 1/2022*
- ♦ Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, *Admitted 10/2012*
- ♦ Federal District Court, District of Arizona, *Admitted 11/1991*

- ♦ Hopi Tribal Court, *Admitted 8/2009; reactivated 12/2016*
- ♦ Yavapai-Apache Tribal Court, *Admitted 7/2016*

- ♦ Gila River Indian Community, *Inactive*
- ♦ Ak-Chin Tribal Court, *Inactive*
- ♦ Colorado River Indian Tribal Court, *Inactive*
- ♦ Pascua Yaqui Tribal Bar, *Inactive*
- ♦ White Mountain Apache Tribal Bar. *Inactive*

Professional & Community Organizations

- ♦ American Association of Law Librarians, *2020-present*
 - Native Peoples Law Caucus
 - Research Instruction & Patron Services – SIS
 - Academic Law Librarians - SIS
 - Government Law Libraries – SIS (2020-21)
- ♦ American Indian Library Association, *2020-present*
- ♦ Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries, *2021 - present*
- ♦ Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, *2020-2021*

- ♦ Arizona Women Lawyers Association, *2015-2021*
 - Northern Arizona Chapter Board Treasurer, *2017-2019*
- ♦ Arizona Employment Lawyers Association, *2012-2014 & 2016-2021*
- ♦ Coconino County Bar Association, *2000-2019*

- ♦ Victim Witness Services for Coconino County, Board Member, *2001-2009*

- ♦ Friends of the Kids (501c3) – Board member, *2017-present*
- ♦ Flagstaff Independent Business Alliance, *2018-2019*

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- ♦ November 2021 AALL Diversity & Inclusion Member of the Month
- ♦ 2020 AALL George A. Strait Scholarship Recipient
- ♦ National Public Service Recognition Award from Coconino County Board of Supervisors, *2008*
Court Administration Probation Revocation Team
- ♦ National Public Service Recognition Award from Coconino County Board of Supervisors, *2005*
County Attorney Charging & Intake Team