

KAREN BYSIEWICZ

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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Pennsylvania State University, Dickinson School of Law University Park, PA

2012 to present *Associate Dean, Graduate and International Programs*

2009 to present *Professor of International Practice Skills*

2009-2012 *Director, Graduate and International Programs*

2008-2009 *Associate Director, Graduate and International Programs*

2006-2009 *Visiting Assistant Professor of Law*

Administrative responsibilities

- Direct all aspects of the LL.M. and S.J.D. graduate degree programs (for lawyers trained outside the U.S.), including
 - Overseeing admissions and recruiting
 - Developing policy, and strategic planning
 - Building relationships with international alumni and governmental sponsors
 - Leading team of admissions and program professionals
- Propose and implement strategy for international programs at the law school, including:
 - Identifying and implementing strategic partnerships for the law school (e.g., exchange dual degree programs, international internships, faculty exchanges, judicial bodies worldwide)
 - Developing and implementing Summer Law Institute with Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey) and summer Intensive Introduction to U.S. Law Institute in (University Park, PA);
 - Developing, marketing and implementing courses for an online LL.M. degree program
 - Developing partnerships to teach classes jointly via AV technology with international partners
 - Overseeing study abroad initiatives, international internships, including at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
 - Implementing the Visiting Scholar Program

Teaching responsibilities

- Introduction to U.S. Legal Systems, an intensive LL.M. orientation course in U.S. law
- Introduction to Common Law Analysis (summer intensive course)
- Course author, Penn State Law and Penn State World Campus: *Introduction to Common Law Analysis and Language (2012)*
- Comparative legal analysis, writing and research for international LL.M. students: one- semester required course (fall, 2008 to 2012), one-semester advanced writing elective for LL.M. students (spring) (2008 to 2012)
 - Developed and teach required legal writing and research course for LL.M. students
 - Created, developed and teach advanced legal writing and research course for LL.M. students
 - Created, developed and teach Legal English communication course for LL.M. students (summers);
- Supervise applied linguistics specialists working with LL.M. students

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Cerny Associates

2006

Attorney

Pawling, NY

- Represented large corporate clients on legal matters concerning U.S. customs law issues and free trade agreements

Law Offices of Coudert Brothers

1992-1997

Attorney

New York and Brussels

- Specialized in international trade law
- Represented clients regarding prospective business transactions and compliance matters before the U.S. Customs Service
- Drafted legal memoranda, briefs and private letter rulings on topics including valuation, classification, intellectual property rights and free trade agreements
- Taught client seminars and conducted internal audits of client trade practices
- Supervised junior associates

Directorate General III, Commission of the European Communities

1991-1992

Attorney/ EU Commission trainee

Brussels

- Worked on harmonization of laws for automobiles and cultural property

EDUCATION

1988 –1991

Duke University Law School
J.D. with honors

Durham, NC

- Teaching Assistant, Legal Writing Course with Professor Walter Dellinger
- Research Assistant for Professor Claire Germain

1983-1987

Yale College
B.A. History

New Haven, CT

- *Phi Beta Kappa*
- *Summa Cum Laude*, distinction in the major
- Freshman Counselor, Trumbull College

Fulbright Fellowship/French Government Assistantship

Creil and Paris, France

1987 –1988 *English Teacher*

- Taught English as a second language in a French public high school, Lycée Marie Curie

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Marble Collegiate Church

New York, NY

1998-2000 *Assistant Director, Adult Education Programs*

- Developed and implemented adult education programs and major speaker series at a large Fifth Avenue church

PUBLICATIONS

European Union Directive on Cultural Property, Vol. 9 ENT. ARTS & SPORTS L.J. No. 2 (1995).

Resource Guide for French Government Teaching Assistants, U.S. Information Agency, (1988).

RECENT SHORT COURSES PRESENTATIONS

Legal English and Common Law Analysis, Penn State Law-Yedetipe University Law Faculty, Istanbul, Turkey (July, 2011 and July 2012)

“Effective U.S. Legal Writing, Writing from the Reader’s Perspective” National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan (December, 2010)

Karen Bysiewicz

Recent Developments in U.S. Trade Law,” Indian Society for International Law, and at the Center for International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; New Delhi, India (October, 2008).

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (1992, active)
and Connecticut (1991, retired)

LANGUAGES

French (fluent), Polish (beginning), Greek (beginning)