## LWI ONE-DAY WORKSHOP:

# Tips and Advice for Novice Legal Writing Professors

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Professor Croskery-Roberts is a Professor of Lawyering Skills and the Associate Dean for Lawyering Skills. Prior to her time at UC Irvine, she was Professor and Associate Director for the Legal Practice Program at Michigan Law School. She teaches Lawyering Skills I and II, Employment Discrimination Law, and Advanced Legal Writing: Business Drafting. Prior to her time in teaching, she was an associate in the Labor and Employment Department at Baker Botts in Dallas, and she clerked for the Honorable Janis Graham Jack of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas. She has presented on various topics at academic conferences in the United States and abroad. Her book,

Employment Discrimination Law: From Theory to Practice, is co-authored by Professor Margaret Curtiss Hannon and published by Wolters Kluwer. She has also published in the Journal of the Legal Writing Institute and the Irvine Law Review. She is a past-Chair of both the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research, and the Section on Teaching Methods. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Legal Writing Directors.



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Professor Rebekah Hanley earned her B.A. at Yale and her J.D. at U.C.L.A. before clerking for federal trial and appellate courts in Los Angeles and litigating with a large law firm in the same city. In each of those post-graduate positions, Professor Hanley engaged in a variety of legal earch projects. Following her second clerkship, Professor Hanley joined the faculty at the University of Oregon School of Law, where she has been teaching Legal Research and Writing and other courses since 2004. Professor Hanley began working toward an M.F.A. in creative

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For the last 18 years, Joan Rocklin has taught legal research and writing classes at the University of Oregon School of Law. She is the co-author of two nationally recognized textbooks—A Lawyer Writes and An Advocate Persuades. She is also a recipient of Oregon Law School's highest teaching award, the Orlando J. Hollis Award for excellence in teaching.



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Suzanne Rowe received her JD from Columbia University in 1989 and entered academia full time in 1994. She has taught at the University of Oregon School of Law since 2000. She is an author of books on legal research as well as numerous articles and essays on legal pedagogy, legal writing, diversity and inclusion, and the ADA. She has held leadership positions in ALWD, LWI, and the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research. She loves teaching and her teaching has been recognized by awards at the law school, university, and national levels.



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Professor Elizabeth Sherowski joined the Detroit Mercy Law faculty in 2020 as a Visiting Assistant Professor, teaching Applied Legal Theory and Analysis and Disability Law. She previously taught at The Ohio State University College of Law, the University of North Carolina School of Law, and Mercer University School of Law. Professor Sherowski is a nationally recognized expert in learner-focused pedagogy and has written and presented extensively on making legal education more transparent, accessible, and accountable to students. She has been a leader in

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