

CYNARA HERMES MCQUILLAN

SCHOLARSHIP

Select Publications

- Work in Progress: *The Unintended Consequences of Restyling the Federal Rules of Evidence*
- *How to Impeach a Verdict: A Response to Melanie C. Regis*, TEMP. L. REV. (forthcoming 2024)
- Contributor, *Persistent Unconstitutional Conditions and Human Rights Violations: Voices of Puerto Rico's Prisoners Post-Morales Feliciano Class Action Lawsuit*, ACLU Puerto Rico (2023).
- Guest Speaker: Excited Utterance Podcast, Ep. 140, <https://excitedutterance.com/listen> (2023).
- *Limiting Limited Liability: Requiring More than Mere Subsequence Under Federal Rule of Evidence 407*, 102 B.U.L. REV. 2497 (2022).

Select Presentations

- “Do Words Matter? The Impact of Restyling the Federal Rules of Evidence,” Second Annual Go Latinas in the Legal Profession (LILA) Incubator (August 2023)
- “Words Matter: Restyling the Federal Rules of Evidence,” 17th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop (June 2023)
- “The Unintended Consequences of Revising Rule 407 of the Federal Rules of Evidence,” 16th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop (June 2022)
- “Shouldn't the Subsequent 'Remedy' be Linked to the Harm?” Excited Utterance - Evidence Summer Workshop (August 2021)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

TOURO UNIVERSITY, JACOB D. FUCHSBERG LAW CENTER, Central Islip, NY

Associate Professor of Law, August 2024 – Present

Assistant Professor of Law, July 2020 – July 2024

Courses

- Criminal Law
- Evidence
- Selected Topics in Evidence
- Wrongful Convictions
- Advanced Legal Analysis II (Evidence)

Professional Appointment: Secretary, American Academy of Law Schools Section on Evidence

Law School Service: Academic Policy Committee (Present); Law School Success Committee (Present); Outcome Assessment Committee (Present); Diversity Committee (2023); Academic Support Committee (2020-2022); Appointments Committee (2020–2022); Bar Passage Task Force (2022); Student Life Committee (2020).

CUNY, JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, New York, NY

Rising Scholars of Justice Program College Assistant, August 2023 – November 2023

- Provided extensive support to cohort of program participants with drafting personal statement, diversity statement, addendum, and resume for law school application.
- Tutored program alumni (current law students) in various doctrinal subjects.
- Counseled program alumni unsuccessful on the bar exam and provided strategies for success.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER, Houston, TX

Pre-Law Pipeline Program Lecturer and Mentor, Summers 2018 – 2023

- Trained lecturers on how to assist program participants with personal statements, diversity statements, and addendums for law school applications.
- Taught program participants the fundamentals of drafting an effective diversity statement.
- Provided extensive support to cohort of program participants with drafting personal statement, diversity statement, and addendum for law school application.

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL, New York, NY

Assistant Dean for Bar Success and Visiting Professor of Law, July 2018 – June 2020

Visiting Associate Professor of Law, May 2016 – July 2018

Interim Director of Academic Success Program, July 2017 – May 2018

Upper-Level Writing Specialist and Professor of Legal Writing, July 2014 – Oct. 2014

Associate Professor of Law, July 2011 – June 2014

Courses Taught

- Introduction to the MBE
- Legal Practice I&II
- Principles of Legal Analysis
- Introduction to American Law

Bar Success Initiatives

- Collaborated with Assistant Dean for Academic Success to ensure a seamless continuum of academic and bar success programs for all students.
- Assessed and implemented bar support programming and services.
- Assisted with developing curricular and co-curricular changes to achieve bar success objectives.
- Counseled students with bar preparation strategies from the first day of their law school careers.
- Coordinated year-round bar support services with faculty, administrators, alumni, and students.
- Engaged in high-level monitoring of graduates preparing for the bar exam and counseled as needed.
- Managed alumni bar mentoring program.

Academic Success Initiatives (2017-2018)

- Assisted in developing the *Academic Support Program Plan* for 2017-18 to streamline academic support services.
- Re-designed Academic Support Program and taught mandatory academic support workshops for entire first-year class during the fall semester and optional workshops in the spring semester.
- Trained and supervised Academic Success Teaching Fellows.
- Counseled students and provided academic support assistance.
- Coordinated with student organizations to enhance academic support offerings.
- Drafted weekly Academic Success Newsletter.

Law School Service: Academic Status Committee; Academic Support Committee; Diversity Committee; Admissions Committee; Professional Success Committee; Harassment and Discrimination Review Board; First Year Section Teaching Committee; Bar Passage Initiatives; Bar Passage Task Force

TOURO UNIVERSITY, JACOB D. FUCHSBERG LAW CENTER, Central Islip, NY
Assistant Director of Bar Programs and Academic Development, Nov. 2014 – Aug. 2016

Courses Taught

- American Legal Studies Practicum
- Foundations of Legal Analysis

Bar Programming & Academic Development

- Provided academic support, bar exam counseling, and tutoring to graduating students.
- Conducted workshops for first-year students, as well as bar exam preparation workshops.
- Coordinated bar tutoring program.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Queens, NY

Visiting Lecturer, RHB Program, Summer 2014; Summer 2017; Summer 2018

Adjunct Professor of Law, Jan. 2011 – June 2011; Sept. 2014 – May 2015

Administrative Fellow, Ronald H. Brown Center, Oct. 2009 – June 2011

Courses Taught

- Critical Reading & Thinking (Summer 2017 & 2018): Designed an intensive three-week summer course aimed to improve critical reading comprehension and thinking skills utilizing metacognition. Assigned a variety of assessments and provided written and verbal feedback.
- Legal Writing (Summer 2014): Taught an intensive four-week summer course introducing college students to legal writing and analysis. Written assessment with written feedback.
- Perspectives on Justice (2014-15): Advised members of Ronald H. Brown Center's *Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development* with drafting a journal note.
- Interviewing and Counseling (Spring 2011): Introduced students to interviewing, counseling and negotiation skills using simulations and collaborative exercises.

The Ronald H. Brown Prep Program (Fall 2009 – Summer 2011)

- Assisted program participants with law school applications, scholarship negotiation, and selection.
- Advised program alumni matriculated in law school regarding effective time management skills and strategies for law school exams.
- Managed disciplinary issues and other senior administrative tasks.
- Conducted exit interviews of program participants.
- Drafted funding proposals and periodic reports to funding organizations.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

PROSKAUER ROSE LLP, New York, NY

Litigation Associate, Sept. 2003 – Oct. 2009

Summer Associate, Summer 2002

- **General Commercial Litigation**: Complex civil litigation in both federal and state courts. Engaged in trial preparation, motion practice, depositions, and managed e-discovery and filing.
- **Human Rights & Immigration**: Pro bono representation of asylum petition. Appealed and argued before First Department re-sentencing petition pursuant to the Drug Law Reform Act. Drafted immigrant visa petition under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
- **White Collar Defense & Investigations**: Represented clients in connection with SEC and/or DOJ investigations into suspected violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Conducted internal investigations and investigatory interviews, prepared government submissions, and supervised team of contract attorneys in large-scale document review.

- **Public Service: District Attorney's Office of Kings County, Brooklyn, NY**
Partner in Prosecution Program, Jan. 2008 – July 2008
Served as Assistant District Attorney prosecuting felony and misdemeanor crimes. Conducted two felony trials and four suppression hearings; drafted motions; negotiated pleas; engaged in and assisted with felony trial preparation; served as Spanish interpreter in witness interviews.
- **Other Pro Bono:** Prepared for trial of FBI Agent prosecuted by DOJ-OIG for alleged misconduct; drafted reply brief in termination of parental rights appeal; assisted with drafting Posthumous Presidential Pardon Petition for Jack Johnson, first African American Heavyweight Boxing Champion; mentored Francis Lewis High School students for Moot Court Competition.
- **Activities:** Proskauer Rose LLP Associate Council; Diversity Steering Committee; Hispanic/Latino Lawyers Affinity Group, Chair; Legal Outreach Summer Institute Program, Program Coordinator; Gates Millennium Scholarship Program, Mentor; New York State Bar Association: Committee on the Collateral Consequences of Criminal Proceedings, Civil Rights Committee, and Committee on Minorities in the Profession.

URBAN JUSTICE CENTER, New York, NY
Community Development Project Intern, Fall 2002

RUBINBAUM LLP, New York, NY
Legal Intern, Spring 2002

WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER, New York, NY
Summer Associate (permanent offer extended), Summer 2001

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

HARVARD X, DEREK BOK CENTER, Higher Education Teaching Certificate (2021)

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL, J.D., *cum laude*, May 2003

Honors/Activities: *New York Law School Law Review*, Notes and Comments Editor; Academic Success Program, Teaching Fellow; New York City Bar Diversity Fellowship; Dean's Scholarship; LALSA, Secretary

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, B.A., Comparative Literature and Spanish Area Studies, May 2000

Honors: Fordham Club, Cabinet to Dean of Fordham College; Dean's List, 7 out of 8 semesters; Alpha Mu Gamma, Foreign Language Honor Society; LaFarge Fellows Scholarship; Resident Assistant

Senior Thesis: Las Memorias de Mamá Blanca and Dom Casmurro – A Comparative Study

HONORS AND AWARDS

New York State Bar Association, Empire State Counsel (2007, 2008, 2009)

New York City Family Court Legal Services Project Pro Bono Service Award (2008)

Proskauer Rose LLP Golden Gavel Book Award Winner for Pro Bono Service (2007, 2008)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States (March 2008)

Eastern and Southern Districts of New York (November 2004)

New York State (January 2004)

LANGUAGES

Proficient in Portuguese and Spanish