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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Director of the Law Library, Associate Professor of Law, and Cornelius J. Scanlon Scholar

University of Connecticut School of Law (August 2018 – Present)

- Manage and provide leadership for library services for all students, library patrons, and employees of the Law School.
- Oversee all technology resources at the Law School including hardware, software, student computer labs, web presence and classroom technology.
- Evaluate and supervise staff, allocate internal flexible labor budgets, manage employees in the UCPEA collective bargaining unit and student employees.
- Serve as the primary library liaison between the School of Law and the main University of Connecticut campus at Storrs.
- Teach Special Education Law (3 credits), Technology and Law Practice (3 credits), and Advanced Legal Research (3 credits).

Director of Information Technology Services and Adjunct Professor

University of Connecticut School of Law (May 2012 – July 2018)

- Managed and provided leadership for technology services for all students, library patrons, and employees of the Law School.
- Oversaw all technology resources at the Law School including hardware, software, student computer labs, web presence and classroom technology.
- Evaluated, trained, and supervised staff, allocated internal flexible labor budgets, manage employees in the UCPEA collective bargaining unit and student employees.
- Served as the primary IT liaison between the School of Law and the main University of Connecticut campus at Storrs.
- Taught Advanced Legal Research (3 credits), Technology and Law Practice (3 credits).

Interim Head of Reference Services

University of Connecticut School of Law (September 2016 – December 2016)

- Assisted the Associate Dean for Library and Technology with overseeing the reference department.

Assistant Director for Academic Technology and Adjunct Professor

The John Marshall Law School (June 2011 – May 2012)

- Educated faculty and staff on various technologies to increase student academic success.
- Led iPad pilot program and taught law students how to use mobile technology in legal practice.
- Negotiated with and managed outside vendors/contractors. Monitored SLA compliance. Contributed to a 70% increase in the overall productivity of lecture capture and classroom technology services at The John Marshall Law School.

- Led transition for new course management system (moving from Jenzabar to Moodle); trained over 200 end users including faculty, staff, and students.
- Oversaw planning, design, development, installation, and maintenance of hardware, software, and services for two brand-new teaching courtrooms.
- Taught Introduction to Legal Analysis (2 credits), Substantive Legal Overview (1 credit).

Distance Education Librarian and Adjunct Professor

The John Marshall Law School (December 2009 – June 2011)

- Designed six online courses at The John Marshall Law School in December 2009. Contributed to the increase in online course offerings over the next year and a half, resulting in an initiative to offer three fully online degrees by Fall 2012.
- Produced instruction manuals, software and hardware proposals, and marketing materials.
- Taught Introduction to Legal Analysis (2 credits), Substantive Legal Overview (1 credit).

Instructional Services Reference Librarian

University of Florida Levin College of Law (January 2008 – December 2009)

- Pioneered first distance learning course at the University of Florida College of Law.
- Provided reference services to law faculty, students, and staff at the University of Florida and to public patrons from the North Central Florida communities.
- Monitored developments in distance education and created electronic legal research modules.
- Provided instruction in both traditional and non-traditional classroom settings.
- Served as a liaison between law library and law faculty at the College of Law.
- Collaborated with the UF Virtual Worlds Group to create virtual environments for practicing lawyering skills.
- Taught Advanced Legal Research (3 credits)

SCHOLARSHIP

Articles, Books, & Book Chapters

Elizabeth G. Adelman and Jessica de Perio Wittman, eds. *Organizational Structures in Academic Law Libraries*, vol. 2 (forthcoming 2024).

Jessica de Perio Wittman, *University of Connecticut* (book chapter), *Organizational Structures in Academic Law Libraries*, vol. 2 (forthcoming 2024).

Jessica de Perio Wittman & Kathleen (Katie) Brown, *Navigating Legal Ethics and Law School Curricula: Attempting to Find Technology Competency Without a Compass*, 20 U. ST. THOMAS L.J. 9 (2024).

Jessica de Perio Wittman, *Moving Beyond the Basics of the ADA and Section 504: Opportunities for Equitable and Inclusive Access to Law Libraries, Collections, and Services*, 42(3-4) LEGAL REF. SERV. Q. 272 (2023).

Elizabeth G. Adelman and Jessica de Perio Wittman, eds. *Organizational Structures in Academic Law Libraries*, vol. 1 (2023).

Jessica de Perio Wittman, *University of Connecticut* (book chapter), *Organizational Structures in Academic Law Libraries*, vol. 1 (2023).

Jessica de Perio Wittman and Kathleen (Katie) Brown, *Taking on the Ethical Obligation of Technology Competency in the Academy: An Empirical Analysis of Practice-Based Technology Training Today*, 36 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 1 (2023). Available on SSRN at <https://s.uconn.edu/lawtechcomp>.

Jessica de Perio Wittman and Kathleen (Katie) Brown, *Spring Cleaning Your Data: Clearing Out the Clutter*, AALL SPECTRUM 27, No. 1 (November/December 2022) (Available on SSRN and on the AALL website at <https://s.uconn.edu/ply4ii8rxy>)

Jessica de Perio Wittman, *A Trend You Can't Ignore: Social Media as Government Records and Its Impact on the Interpretation of the Law*, 31 ALB. L.J. SCI. & TECH. 53 (2021).

Kathleen (Katie) Brown and Jessica de Perio Wittman, *Campus in Crisis? Process Optimization Can Help*, ACADEMIC LEADER (December 14, 2020).

Jessica de Perio Wittman and Kathleen (Katie) Brown, *A Comparative Study on Process Optimization and the Modern Law Library's Involvement in Achieving Efficiency at the Law School in Times of Change*, 39 LEGAL REF. SERV. Q. 170 (2020).

Jessica de Perio Wittman and Kathleen (Katie) Brown, *Discovering Diamonds In Your Survey Data*, AALL SPECTRUM 24, No. 4 (March/April 2020), at 20.

Jessica de Perio Wittman, *Using the Power of Storytelling to Shape Your Institution's Narrative*, AALL SPECTRUM 24, No. 1 (September 2019), at 36.

Jessica de Perio Wittman and Lucie Olejnikova, *The Case for Collaborative Tools: Long Distance Collaboration on a Shoestring Budget*, AALL SPECTRUM 13, No. 3 (December 2008), at 8.

Jessica de Perio Wittman, *Beyond Print: A Second Life for Continuing Education*. LEGAL INFORMATION ALERT 27, No. 3 (June 2008) at 1.

Jessica de Perio Wittman, *ALLUNY's Without Borders: a student perspective*. ALLUNY NEWSLETTER 32, No. 4 (December 2007), at 4-5.

Works-in-Progress

Organizational Structures in Academic Law Libraries, vol. 3.

Exploring Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Academic Law Librarianship: Historical Reflections, Present Challenges and Future Opportunities in Legal Education.

Ready or Not, Here They Come! Using Games in the Legal Classroom to Engage Next Gen Students.

Using the Whole Lawyer Model to Create Technology Competency Rubrics for Formative and Summative Assessment in Legal Education

Blog Posts

Jessica de Perio Wittman and Kathleen (Katie) Brown, *Next-Gen Bar Exam That Truly Tests Daily Practice Skills Must Include Technology*, Law Technology Today (April 18, 2023), available at <https://www.lawtechnologytoday.org/2023/04/next-gen-bar-exam-that-truly-tests-daily-practice-skills-must-include-technology/>.

Jessica de Perio Wittman and Kathleen (Katie) Brown, *Next-Gen Bar Exam Must Tackle Google Schools and the Digital Native Myth by Testing Basic Legal Skills for Practice*, 3 Geeks and a Law (March 14, 2023), available at <https://www.geeklawblog.com/2023/03/next-gen-bar-exam-must-tackle-google-schools-and-the-digital-native-myth-by-testing-basic-tech-skills-for-practice.html>.

Book Reviews

Rights, Regulation, and the Technological Revolution. LEGAL INFORMATION ALERT 27, No. 7 (July- August 2008) at 11(2).

Creative Works and Other Electronic Publications

The Legal Research Trail (Tabletop game for use in Advanced Legal Research) (2022)

Florida Secondary Sources. CALI Lesson. (2008)

Various virtual education materials for the AALL Second Life Workshop Open House. (2008)

PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES

Moderator. *Innovations in Technology Across the Curriculum: Ideas, Implementations, Opportunities for Change*. American Association of Law Schools 2024 Annual Meeting. January 5, 2024.

Guest Lecturer. *Law & Technology* in The Practice of Law and Professional Identity. University of Connecticut. Storrs Mansfield, CT. November 16, 2023.

Guest Lecturer. *Technology Competency* in Higher Education Law. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. November 1, 2023.

Guest Lecturer. *Technology Competency* in Access to Justice. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. October 17, 2023.

Guest Speaker. *Identity and the Impact of Lawyering in the Profession*. Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession. September 12, 2023.

Presenter (Invited), *Collaboration & Partnership: Lessons Learned for Successful Writing, Data Collection, & Analysis*, Conference for Legal Information, Scholarship, and Teaching, Boston, MA. July 13, 2023.

Discussant (Invited), *The Information Literate K-JD: A Vertical Examination of Information Literacy Standards from Kindergarten Through Law School Graduation*, Conference for Legal Information, Scholarship, and Teaching, Boston, MA. July 12, 2023.

Presenter, *Redefining Law School Compliance with ABA Standards 301 and 303 to Address Evolving Technology Needs in Modern-Day Legal Practice*, Compliance with ABA Standards, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, University of the Pacific – McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA. June 13, 2023.

Guest Lecturer. *Quantitative Data and Empirical Research* in Research and Social Justice. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. March 28, 2023.

Guest Lecturer. *Technology Competency* in Higher Education Law. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. March 28, 2023.

Guest Lecturer. *Technology Competency* at Admitted Student Day, University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. March 25, 2023.

Guest Lecturer. *Research Discrimination* in Research and Social Justice. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. March 21, 2023.

Presenter, *Moving Beyond the Basics of the ADA and Section 504*, DEI and the Law Librarian Symposium. University of San Diego School of Law, March 6, 2023.

Panelist (Invited), *Law Libraries and Legal Information: DEI, Recruitment, and the Future of Law Librarianship, Part II*. American Association of Law Schools 2023 Annual Meeting. January 7, 2023.

Panelist (Invited). *Disability Rights in Education* at University of Connecticut School of Law – Public Interest Law Group. Hartford, CT November 15, 2022.

Keynote Presenter (Invited). *Navigating Legal Ethics and Law School Curricula: Attempting to Find Technology Competency Without a Compass*. University of St. Thomas – Minnesota Law Journal Fall Symposium (A Roadmap for Law School Modernity: Teaching Technology Competence). St. Paul/Minneapolis, MN. November 4, 2022.

Guest Lecturer. *Technology Competency* in Access to Justice. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. October 18, 2022.

Panelist (Invited). Faculty Panel. Pre-Orientation. University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT. August 23, 2022.

Presenter (Invited). *Law Librarianship and Scholarship: 2022* (Presenting on *A Trend You Can't Ignore: Social Media as Government Records and Its Impact on the Interpretation of the Law*) American Association of Law Librarians 114th Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. July 19, 2022.

Presenter (Invited). *Live Demo: The Research Trail* (Games in the Legal Education Classroom for Next Gen Student Engagement, Part 2) Teaching the Teachers Conference. Research, Instructional, and Patron Services Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. Portland, OR. May 12, 2022.

Presenter. *Taking on the Ethical Obligation of Technology Competency in the Academy: An Empirical Analysis of Practice-Based Technology Training Today*. SEAALL 2022 Conference (Southeastern Chapter for the American Association of Law Libraries), April 14, 2022.

Guest Lecturer. *Data Privacy, Security, and Other Issues in Higher Education Law*. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. March 30, 2022.

Moderator and Presenter. *Telling Your Institution's Story*. American Association of Law Libraries. Webinar. March 24, 2022.

Guest Lecturer. *Technology Competency in Access to Justice*. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. March 10, 2022.

Moderator. *Re-envisioning Library Missions and Staffing in the Post-COVID World*. American Association of Law Schools 2022 Annual Meeting. January 5, 2022.

Presenter. *Leadership Through Process Optimization During Challenging Times*. South Carolina Conference on Innovations in Teaching and Learning. July 16, 2021.

Presenter. *THE YEAR OF DISTANCE ED: Moving Online ≠ Increased Tech Competency Instruction at CALICON2021* (CALI Conference for Law School Computing), June 2, 2021 Slide Deck: <https://2021.calicon.org/node/1/sessions/2020-year-distance-ed-moving-online-%E2%89%A0-increased-tech-competency-instruction> Full Session Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kiU_vgvMwIE

Host. *Dismantling Bias*. Joint LLNE/SNELLA Virtual Conference. University of Connecticut Law Library, Hartford, CT. October 16, 2020.

Guest Speaker. *Building Bridges, Meeting Client Needs: Law Students and Legal Services Agencies Collaborate to Provide Access to Justice*. Equity Symposium. CT Finance School Project. East Hartford, CT. October 19, 2019.

Guest Speaker. *Creating Equal Opportunities: Raising Awareness About Equity and Mindfulness for Students with Disabilities and Those Needing Special Education*. Equity Symposium. CT Finance School Project. East Hartford, CT. October 19, 2019.

Moderator. *Social Media as Primary Sources of Government Information*. American Association of Law Libraries 111th Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. July 16, 2019.

Speaker. *Cards Against Case Law! And Other Ways to Enhance Student Learning and Engagement*. American Association of Law Libraries 108th Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. July 15, 2019.

Speaker and Facilitator. *Brave New World: What Will Artificial Intelligence Do to the Practice of Law: Is it a Blessing or a Curse?* Roundtable Discussion, Connecticut Bar Foundation. University of Connecticut School of Law. October 9, 2018.

Guest Lecturer. *Cybersecurity*. Trinity Pre-Law Excursion Day, University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. October 9, 2018.

Speaker. *Cybercriminals: Equal Opportunity Attackers*. Connecticut Bar Association. New Britain, CT. September 28, 2018.

Guest Lecturer. *Cybersecurity*. Law in the Age of AI, Platforms and Big Data, University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. September 25, 2018.

Speaker. *Data Breaches Don't Discriminate: Businesses Be Warned*. American Association of Law Libraries 110th Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. July 15, 2018.

Speaker. *Data security for Legal Professionals*. Paralegals Section, Connecticut Bar Association. New Britain, CT. May 9, 2018.

Guest Lecturer. *Cybersecurity*. Connecticut Community Law Center, University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. March 28, 2018.

Guest Lecturer. *Privacy, Security, and Other Issues*. Higher Education Law. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. March 29, 2017.

Guest Lecturer. *Cybersecurity*. Connecticut Community Law Center, University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. March 24, 2017.

Moderator. *Hot Topic: The Deep Dark Web*. American Association of Law Libraries 108th Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. July 14, 2016.

Guest Lecturer. *Law Practice Technology in Civil Procedure*. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. October 7, 2015.

Speaker. *Law School Website Redesign: Opening Pandora's Box*. CASE D1 Conference. Boston, MA. January 2015.

Guest Lecturer. *Law Practice Technology* in Advanced Legal Research. University of Connecticut School of Law. Hartford, CT. October 13, 2014.

Speaker. *Law School Website Redesign: Opening Pandora's Box*. CALI 24th Annual Conference for Law School Computing, Cambridge, MA. June 20, 2014.

Speaker. *Ignite Presentation: Igniting Faculty Services in Your Library with Technology*. American Association of Law Libraries 105th Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. July 14, 2013.

Speaker. *Teaching and Learning with Technology: Making It Work for Everyone*. The John Marshall Law School Teaching Effectiveness Series. The John Marshall Law School. Chicago, IL. May 11, 2012.

Speaker. *Teaching and Learning with Technology: Making It Work for Everyone*. Chicago Association of Law Libraries Half Day Institute on Technology. Chicago, IL. April 27, 2012.

Speaker. *Developing Faculty Scholarship Using Web-Based Collaborative Tools*. CALI 21st Annual Conference for Law School Computing, Milwaukee, WI. June 24, 2011.

Moderator and Speaker. *Teaching with Technology: All-Day Program*. The John Marshall Law School Teaching Effectiveness Series, Chicago, IL. June 2011.

Speaker. *Using Adobe Connect Pro* at The John Marshall Law School Teaching Effectiveness Series. Chicago, IL. June 2011.

Speaker. *Using the OPAC in Course Development and Design for Online Delivery* in Teaching Excellence Workshop at University of Florida. February 3, 2009.

Guest Lecturer. *Legal Resources* in Writing in the Disciplines for Pre-Law, University of Florida. October 9, 2008.

Speaker. *Legal Research Podcasts*. Exploring Online Instructional Tools: A Showcase. 101st American Association of Law Libraries Conference. Portland, OR. July 15, 2008.

Moderator. *Endeca Open Forum*. University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries. May 14, 2008.

Moderator. Roundtable Discussion. *Will Distance Learning Work for You?* at LLSDC/SEAALL Joint Conference: IP for the IP – Intellectual Property for the Information Professional. Old Town Alexandria, VA, March 29, 2008.

Guest Lecturer. *Legal Resources* in Institute of Farming and Agricultural Sciences at University of Florida, March 3, 2008.

Guest Lecturer. *Legal Resources* in Writing in the Disciplines for Pre-Law at University of Florida, February 21, 2008.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Inaugural Technology and Ethics Award, AALS Section on Technology, Law, and Legal Education, 2024
SEAALL-CONNELL Grant (American Association of Law Libraries), 2008
COSELL Grant (Consortium of Southeastern Law Libraries). 2008
George A. Strait Minority Scholarship (American Association of Law Libraries), 2006

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

American Bar Association, 2006 - Present
Connecticut Bar Association, 2017- Present

University Service

University of Connecticut

- Law School Governance
 - Facilities Committee (2018 – Present)
 - Learning Assessment Committee (2023 – Present)
 - Co-Chair (2023-2024)
 - Petitions Committee (2022 – 2023)
 - Strategic Planning Committee
 - Future of the Profession Subcommittee (2022)
 - Centennial Committee
 - Co-Chair, Fundraising Subcommittee (2020-2022)
- University of Connecticut Libraries
 - Future of Journal Subscriptions Committee (2020 – Present)
 - Senior Leadership Team, University Libraries (2018 – Present)
 - Provost Library Advisory Committee (2018 – Present)
- Decanal Review Committee (2022-2023)
- Technical Partners Group, University Information Technology Services (2012-2018)

External Service: Librarianship and Law Librarianship

American Association of Law Libraries (2008 – Present)

- Annual Meeting Planning Committee (2021 – 2023)
 - Chair (2022-2023)
 - Vice Chair (2021-2022)
- Artificial Intelligence and Legal Information Special Committee

- Chair (2023 – 2024)
- Chicago Association of Law Libraries (2010 – 2012)
 - Chair, Placement and Recruitment Committee
- Computing Services Special Interest Section (currently, LIT-SIS) (2008 – 2019)
 - Past Chair (2018 – 2019)
 - Chair (2017-2018)
 - Vice Chair (2016-2017)
 - Recruitment Subcommittee Member (2010-2012)
- Consortium of Newer Law Librarians Subcommittee (CONELL) (2009 – 2013)
 - Chair (2012-2013)
 - Vice Chair (2011-2012)
 - Member (2009-2011)
- Law Librarians of New England (2012 – Present)
- Leadership Academy Fellow (2011)
- Management Institute Fellow (2011)
- Southern New England Law Librarians Association (2018 – Present)
 - Past President (2021-2022)
 - President (2020-2021)
 - Vice President (2019-2020)
 - Member (2018-2019, 2022 - Present)
- Southeastern Chapter, American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL)
 - Editorial Board, Newsletter and Public Relations Committee (2008 – 2009)

Association of American Law Schools

- Section on Law Libraries and Legal Information
 - Executive Committee Member (2019 – 2022)
- Section on Technology, Law, and Legal Education
 - Co-Chair, Annual Meeting Planning Committee (2023 – 2024)

New England Law Library Consortium (NELLCO)

- Board Director (2018 – Present)

OPAC Subcommittee Council of State University Libraries

- Representative, University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law (2008-2009)

Society of Academic Law Library Directors (2018 – Present)

- Member-at-Large (2019 – 2022)

State of Connecticut

- State Library Board (2021 – Present)
 - Vice-Chair (2023 – Present)
- Law Library Advisory Committee (2018 – Present)

University of Florida

- Digital Worlds Institute, Virtual Environments Group (2008 – 2009)
- Distance Learning Council (2008 – 2009)
- George A. Smathers Libraries
 - Endeca Committee (2008 – 2009)
 - Resource Navigation Group (2008 – 2009)
 - Virtual Worlds Group (2008 – 2009)
- Fredric G. Levin College of Law
 - Technology Committee (2008)
- University Senate
 - Committee on Committees (2008 – 2009)

Community and Non-Profit Service

Board Director, Special Education Equity for Kids of Connecticut (SEEK CT) (2019 – Present)

Reviewer, Peter Ladd/Johnny Moran Memorial Scholarship, Miracle League of CT (2017 – Present)

Secretary, Special Education Parent-Teacher Organization, Town of West Hartford (2019 – 2023)

EDUCATION

Master of Library Sciences, State University of New York at Buffalo

Juris Doctorate, Seattle University School of Law

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, State University of New York at Buffalo

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and English, State University of New York at Stony Brook