

JOSHUA AARON JONES

Bachelor of Music Education,
Juris Doctor, Master of Education Law, and
Master of Laws in Government and Public Policy

CURRICULUM VITAE

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

By integrating a [Community of Inquiry](#) teaching framework with positive legal education, I facilitate a collaborative classroom that fosters meaningful and respectful discussion. A modern lawyer's toolkit should include legal expertise, substantive law, technological proficiency, multicultural understanding, and mindfulness. I embed these elements into each class and assessment. My teaching philosophy aims to cultivate law students into knowledgeable, outstanding counselors and social justice advocates, equipped with confidence, courage, and compassion—professionals who will succeed in law school and their careers.

RESEARCH AND WRITING AGENDA

Education law, family law, writing, and law school andragogy inspire my scholarly interests. In 2024, I published *Implementing ABA Standard 303(B)(3): Positive Legal Education Through a Community of Inquiry*, in which I advocate for positive legal education to aid professional identity development. My forthcoming piece, *Quarantining the Common Law With Blockchain Publishing & Dynamic Non-Fungible Tokens*, will appear in volume 25 of the University of New Hampshire Law Review. The paper details the incidence of AI misuse in courts, overwhelmingly a problem that *pro se* litigants cause. AI misleads well-intentioned self-represented litigants, risking infection of the common law with completely hallucinated cases and other artificial aberrations. Though the risk of misinterpretation and unattributed quotes will always be an issue, even among attorneys, blockchain publication of official documents could provide a safe space for *pro se* litigants - and attorneys - to find verifiable law. I plan to expand this concept into other areas of civic life, such as educational records, with an eye toward emerging and developing technologies within the predictable pattern of democratic and capitalistic governments.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

I have devoted my personal life and career to the advancement of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Given the current political climate, I double-down on that commitment, and I embrace the risk that the prior sentence poses to my being weeded out of an applicant pool – all the more reason to say it. In law practice, I often represented non-traditional families and non-binary students, sometimes as a cooperating attorney for the ACLU of Florida and Equality Florida. I have served on the boards of several non-profits, such as the Pensacola LGBT Film Festival, and as a professor, I have contributed to law school diversity committees. In the classroom, I incorporate multicultural awareness to further students' professional development, and my writing assignments always feature a person or family representing diverse backgrounds. These are not performative efforts, and I carefully consider students' and my deeper understanding of our dynamic culture, always growing together.

EDUCATION

University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law
Sacramento, California

May 2010

Downey Brand Fellow for Public Service and Leadership
LL.M. Government and Public Policy, emphasis in school law

University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law
Concord, New Hampshire

May 2003

Juris Doctor and Master of Education Law
Moot Court Honor Board; Public Service Fellow;
Bookstore Cooperative Board of Directors; Lambda Law – President

University of Montevallo
Montevallo, Alabama

May 2000

Bachelor of Music Education, *cum laude*

Senior Elite in Music Education; Music Educators National
Conference – chapter president; Pi Kappa Lambda music honors
fraternity- chapter president; College Night – assistant music cabinet
1997, music cabinet 1998, script author 1999, Purple Leader 2000;
Music Scholarship – saxophone and oboe; Dean of Fine Arts
Scholarship.

TRAININGS & CERTIFICATES

Stetson University School of Law
Institute for the Advancement of Legal Communication

August 2026

Certificate in Rhetorical Criticism

Apple

Apple Learning Coach
Apple Teacher

April 2025

April 2023

Microsoft	April 2025
Microsoft Educator	
University of Pennsylvania	April 2023
Certificate in Positive Psychology	
Association of Legal Writing Directors	Summer 2022
Leadership Academy	
Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals	July 2016
Collaborative Family Law Training	
University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law	Spring 2010
Administrative Law Clinic	
Neutral Facilitation for IEP Meetings	April 2003
University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law	
Mediation Clinic	Spring 2003
Family Law Clinic	Fall 2002

PUBLICATIONS

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters, Author:

ABA Section on Legal Education Committee on Outcomes and Assessments Resources, *ABA Sourcebook on Outcomes and Assessments*, Chapt. ##, *Mapping the Curriculum* (ABA, forthcoming).

Ryan Abbott and Elizabeth Rotham, *Concise Encyclopedia of AI and the Law*, Chapt. 71, *Child Data and Privacy* (Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming Fall 2025).

Brian Larson et al., *Legal Argumentation: Reasoning and Writing About the Law*, Chapt. 20, *Reading Cases and Briefing Rules* (CALI eLangdell, 2025).

Brian Larson et al., *Legal Argumentation: Reasoning and Writing About the Law*, Chapt. 25, *Cognitive Contexts* (CALI eLangdell, 2025).

Mohamad A. A'rafa, *Perceptions and Misperceptions of Donald Trump*, Chapt. 3, *A Spectrum of Positions: Donald Trump and LGBTQ+ Rights* (Nova Publishing, March 2022).

Book Chapters, Editor:

Brian Larson et al., *Legal Argumentation: Reasoning and Writing About the Law*, Chapt. 36, *Simple Contracts* (CALI eLangdell, 2025).

Brian Larson et al., *Legal Argumentation: Reasoning and Writing About the Law*, Chapt. 37, *Writing for Non-Lawyer Clients* (CALI eLangdell, 2025).

Law Review Articles:

Quarantining the Common Law With Blockchain Publishing and Dynamic Non-Fungible Tokens, 25 Univ. New Hampshire L. Rev. ### (forthcoming Winter 2027).

Sexual Orientation Therapy in Islamic Law and US Law, 1 Cornell Undergrad. Int'l L. Rev. 306 (Spring 2025) (co-author Mohamad A. A'rafa).

Implementing ABA Standard 303(b)(3): Positive Legal Education Through a Community of Inquiry, 48 VT. L. Rev. 566 (2024).

Presented at:

Western States Regional Legal Writing Conference Fall 2023;
Detroit Mercy University School of Law, Law Review Symposium
Winter 2024; Institute for Well-Being in Law Annual Conference
2024.

Building a Community of Inquiry Through Interactive Materials: The Interactive Syllabus, 45:3 Nova 353 (July 2020).

Presented at: Nova Southeastern University School of Law, Law Review Symposium Spring 2020; One-Day Legal Writing Conference – California Western School of Law, Fall 2020.

QR Codes in the Classroom: Thinking Inside the Square, 33: 2 Second Draft (July 2020).

Title IX's Substantive Equity Mandate for Transgender Persons in American Law Schools, 44.3 NYU Rev. L. & Soc. Change 401 (Spring 2020).

Presented at: AALS 2020 Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research New Scholars Showcase.

Florida Family Law Bounds of Advocacy: A Mandate for Collaborative Practice?, 43 Nova L.R. 1 (2019).

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973: A Double-Edged Sword for the Protection of Students with Gender Identity Disorder, 25:2 Wisc. J.L. Gender & Soc'y 353 (2010).

Works In Progress:

Majoritarian Nationalism's Populist Rhetoric and Threat to Education and Democracy

Insurance as the Hidden Battlefield: ERPO Laws, Gun Violence, and the Uncharted Liability of American Schools

FICTION PUBLICATIONS

<i>Family Reading Time with the Queen</i>	Point Loma Playhouse San Diego, CA	2023
<i>Sunday Child Exchange</i>	Hedgehogs and Foxes	2021

<i>Molly & Edna</i>	Emerald Coast Review	2017
<i>House</i>	Emerald Coast Review	2015
<i>Don't Mess with a Band Mom</i>	The Florida Writer	2015
<i>Are You There, God? It's Me, Sodomite.</i>	Chelsea Station Magazine	2015
<i>Run Club</i>	Florida Writer's Association Collection #6: First Steps	2014
<i>Hashtag</i>	Pensacola Little Theater	2014
<i>Twirl & Curl Hair Salon & Baton Emporium</i>	Pensacola Little Theater	2013
<i>The Planter's Son</i>	Keep It Coming	2003-2004
<i>Crossed Wires</i>	University of Montevallo, College Night	1999

FILM PRODUCTION

<i>Strut</i> , Co-Creator/Producer, Oxygen Channel Winner, GLAAD Media Award	2016
<i>Sayaw</i> , Producer/Legal Advisor, Thigh High Productions	2015
<i>What's The T?</i> , Producer/Writer/Legal Advisor, Thigh High Productions	2014

PRESENTATIONS

Legal Writing Institute New Professor Bootcamp
Webinar July 2026

Work Smarter Not Harder: Microsoft Word Tricks You Didn't Know

Legal Writing Institute July 2026
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Panelist: *Embracing Your Teaching Superhero Powers*

AALS Section on Technology and Legal Education July 2026
Webinar

Works in Progress:
Quarantining the Common Law With Blockchain Publishing and Dynamic Non-Fungible Tokens

Legal Writing Institute July 2026
St. John's University, Minnesota

Sirico Scholars Workshop: writing pod facilitator

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference March 2026
University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Whatever Happened to Universal Citation?

Western States Regional Legal Writing Conference September 2025
Irvine, California

Whatever Happened to Universal Citation?

Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference July 2025
Phoenix, AZ

Outcomes & Assessments: More Than a Grade

Western States Regional Legal Writing Conference
Seattle, Washington

October 2024

Building a Community of Inquiry with Learning Personas

LWI Biennial Conference
Indianapolis, Indiana

July 2024

Outcomes & Assessments: More Than a Grade
Co-presenter: Sandra Simpson, Gonzaga University

Detroit Mercy University School of Law

February 2024

*Implementing ABA Standard 303(b)(3): Positive Psychology Through a
Community of Inquiry*

Institute for Well-Being in Law Annual Conference
Online

January 2024

Positive Legal Education for Professional Identity Development

AALS Annual Meeting
San Diego, California

January 2024

*Leveling the Playing Field of Legal Education & Law Practice with Generative AI
Discussion Group*

SOGII Section – New Scholars Works in Progress - Moderator

Western States Regional Writing Conference
San Francisco, California

August 2023

Positive Legal Education in a Community of Inquiry

9th Annual Applied Legal Storytelling Conference
London, England

July 2023

Music Education Pedagogy Techniques to Teach & Strengthen Narrative

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference
Las Vegas, Nevada

February 2023

Editing With the Extraction Method

Western States Regional Writing Conference
Eugene, Oregon

February 2023

Teaching Self-Efficacy

Legal Writing Institute
Biennial Conference
Washington, D.C.

July 2022

Harness Your LMS for Universal Outcomes and Rubrics

Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference
Phoenix, AZ

February 2022

Law as a Teaching Profession: Training Students to Teach

Webinar Series
Moderator

Summer 2022

App of the Month Club

Sponsored by AALS Tech Section & Legal Writing, Research and Rhetoric
Section.

Nova Law Review Symposium
Online

Winter 2022

Building a Community of Inquiry with an Interactive Syllabus

LWI One Day Conference
California Western School of Law
Online

December 2020

Top Five Legal Writing Apps and Platforms

Central States Legal Writing Conference September 2020

Building a Community of Inquiry with an Interactive Syllabus

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference July 2020

Change the Rhetoric, Change the Profession: Narrative Psychology to Improve Law Student and Attorney Career Satisfaction

Presented for New Scholar's Showcase

Time Hacks for Legal Writing Professors

AALS Annual Conference January 2020
Washington, D.C.

Title IX's Substantive Equity Mandate for Transgender Persons at American Law Schools

Presented for the Legal Writing, Research, Reasoning, and Rhetoric Section's New Scholars Showcase

Legal Writing Institute One Day Workshop December 2019
University of Iowa, Online

Document Accessibility: Why We Need to Do It and Teach It

New England States Legal Writing Conference November 2019
Boston, Massachusetts

Document Accessibility: Why We Need to Do It and Teach It

Central States Law Schools Scholarship Symposium October 2019
Toledo, Ohio

Title IX's Substantive Equity Mandate for Transgender Persons at American Law Schools

Central States Legal Writing Conference October 2019

Title IX's Substantive Equity Mandate for Transgender Persons at American Law Schools

For a complete list of presentations and CLE's offered before joining the Academy, please inquire.

EMPLOYMENT

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Connecticut School of Law
Hartford, Connecticut

AY 2026/27

Visiting Professor, Legal Practice

California Western School of Law
San Diego, California

August 2021 – Present

Legal Writing Professor

Courses: Legal Skills (research and writing); Education Law;

Administrative Process: Artificial Intelligence in Law and Practice

Program Co-Director Law, Justice, and Technology Initiative

Distinguished Teaching Scholar 2022-23

Committees: Admissions; Curriculum; Board Finance; Ad Hoc Grading and the Curve

Indiana University
Robert H. McKinney School of Law
Indianapolis, Indiana

August 2019 – May 2021

Visiting Assistant Professor: Legal Analysis and Communication; Trusts and Estates; and Collaborative Family Law

Advisor: Lambda Law Society

Committees: Diversity Committee

Peking University Law School
Beijing, China

Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Adjunct Professor: Contract Drafting

University of West Florida
Pensacola, Florida

Spring 2016 –2019

Adjunct Professor: Evidence

University of the Pacific
McGeorge School of Law
Sacramento, California

Fall 2009 – May 2010

Education Pipeline Initiative
Fellow Mentorship Coordinator
Courses: Street Law – Sacramento Charter High School

Pensacola State College
Pensacola, Florida

January 2004 – May 2006

Adjunct Professor: Criminal Justice Administration; Constitutional Law;
Crime Scene Investigation

Virginia College
Pensacola, FL

January 2004 – May 2006

Adjunct Professor: Technology for Paralegals; Real Estate Law; Probate Law;
Family Law

Pathfinder Academy Montessori School
Boscawen, New Hampshire

Fall 2003

Interim Music Teacher, grades N-8

University of New Hampshire
Franklin Pierce School of Law
Concord, New Hampshire

August 2001 - May 2003

Teaching Assistant
Research Assistant to Professor Sarah Redfield, Director of the
Education Law Institute
TA Courses: Legal Research and Writing; Administrative Process:
Education and Government

Vestavia Hills City Schools

Vestavia Hills, Alabama

July 1999 – June 2000

Vestavia Hills High School

Pizitz Middle School

Liberty Park Elementary

Teaching Externship: Instrumental Music, grades 6-12

Color Guard Coach/Choreographer

Courses: Beginner Band, Intermediate Band, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band B, Music Appreciation, and Music Theory

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Joshua Aaron Jones, Attorney at Law, PLLC

February 2011 – July 2019

Pensacola, Florida

Owner/Attorney

Practice Areas: collaborative family law; student rights; estate planning; mass tort settlement resolutions; business matters; and entertainment law
Honors: Top 10 Under 40 Florida Family Lawyers 2014 and 2015;
Florida Super Lawyers Rising Star 2014-2017

Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis and Overholtz, PLLC

December 2004 –

Pensacola, Florida

October 2009

Associate Attorney

Practice Areas: personal injury; pharmaceutical and medical device mass torts; student rights.

Family Network on Disabilities of Florida

Dec. 2003 – Dec. 2004

Clearwater, Florida/Pensacola, Florida

Parent Education Network Regional Director NW Florida

Resource for parents of children with special needs, including advocacy and self-advocacy training.

New Hampshire Department of Education
Concord, New Hampshire

January 2003 – December 2003

Hearings Officer

Served as an adjudicatory officer for cases under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

National Education Association NH
Concord, New Hampshire

May 2002 – August 2002

Summer Associate

Represented teachers in disciplinary proceedings.

Ralph Barbagallo and Associates
North Andover, Massachusetts

May 2001 – October 2001

Summer Associate

Personal injury and intellectual property.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

2004 - Present

Current Committee:

Resources on Outcomes and Assessments Committee; AI and Economic Justice Working Group

American Bar Foundation

January 2024 - Present

Fellow

Association of American Law Schools

2019 - Present

Legal Writing, Research, and Rhetoric

Outreach Committee Co-Chair 2023 \ 2024

Programs Committee – 2025

SOGII Section

Treasurer 2022; Secretary/Chair-Elect 2023; Chair
2024

Family and Juvenile Law Section – member

Technology and Legal Education Section - member

Education Law Section – member

Association of Legal Writing Directors

2019 – Present

ALWD Guide to Legal Citation Task Force

Education Law Association

2018 – Present

Hedgehogs and Foxes Legal Literary Journal

2020 – Present

Editorial Board

Hillcrest Wind Ensemble

2021 – Present

Saxophonist

Institute for Well-Being in Law

2023 - Present

Law Schools Working Group

Legal Writing Institute

2018 - Present

Current Committees:

Journal of the Legal Writing Institute - assistant editor

PR, Website, Social Media, and Outreach – Chair

Revenue Building Committee

Sirico Scholars Workshop – Board of Governors

2026 Biennial Conference - Budget Chair

SaxDiego Saxophone Ensemble

2023 - Present

Soprano Saxophone and other horns as needed.

[Society of American Law Teachers](#)

2019 – Present

[San Diego Writers, Ink.](#)

2021 – Present

PAST ORGANIZATIONS

[ACLU of Florida](#) - Board Member 2014

ACLU of NW Florida – Advisory Legal Board 2004 - 2019

[New Hampshire Audubon](#) – Volunteer 2001-2003

[Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates](#)
Attorney Member

Democratic Party of Escambia County, Florida
Volunteer, 2004 – 2019
Co-lead Attorney 2004

[Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association](#)
Member 2004-2019
Executive Committee – 2017-2019
Chair – Citizenship Committee – 2004-2009
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee – 2005- 2009

[Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals](#)
Outreach Chair – 2018-2020
Vice President – 2019-2020

[Florida Writers Association](#)
Member – 2011-2019
Royal Palm Literary Awards judge

[Gulf Breeze Traffic Task Force](#)
Volunteer – 2004-2005

Gulf Coast TIDE, Inc.
Founding member, legal advisor – 2005-2009

[International Academy of Collaborative Professionals](#)

Member

Higher Education Task Force – 2019-2021

[International Society for Therapeutic Jurisprudence](#)

Member

Kerry-Edwards Campaign Escambia County, Florida

Assistant Attorney

[Manna Food Bank](#)

Volunteer – 2011

[New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus](#)

Baritone – 2003

Obama-Biden Campaign Escambia County, Florida

Lead Attorney

[Pensacola Civic Band](#)

Saxophonist

[Pensacola Bay Concert Band](#)

Saxophonist

[Pensacola LGBT Film Festival](#)

Board Member – 2011-2015

Franklin Pierce Law Center Public Interest Coalition

Volunteer

Grant Recipient – 2003

[Sacramento LGBT Community Center](#)

Volunteer – 2009-2010

[Stonewall Democrats of New Hampshire](#)

Member – 2001-2003

West Florida Collaborative Law

Founding member Vice President – 2017 President – 2018

AWARDS & HONORS

Distinguished Teaching Scholar	California Western School of Law	AY 2022-2023
ALWD/LWI	Scholarship Grant	Summer 2020
Indiana University	Finalist Open Electronic Resources	2019-2020
Florida Writers Association	Finalist Royal Palm Literary Awards	2016, 2017
National Academy of Family Law Attorneys	Top 10 Under 40 Florida	2015, 2016
Florida Super Lawyers	Rising Star	2014 – 2017
McGeorge School of Law	Downey Brand Fellow for Public Service & Leadership	2009-2010
National Honor Roll of Outstanding American Teachers	Inducted	2005
UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law	Public Interest Coalition Fellow	2002
	Diversity Scholarship	2000-2003

HOBBIES

Music, Drum Corps International, Winter Guard International, Creative Writing, Quilling, Genealogy, and Technology