

# DENASONBOL

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## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### **Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Saint Paul, MN**

*Dean of Academic Excellence* | December 2016 to Present

- Design and implement a comprehensive curricular program for academic support and bar passage
- Hire and manage a team of tutors and academic excellence specialists to deliver school-wide program, including courses, one-on-one structured tutoring, and a series of bar preparation workshops
- Collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to build support for program development and operational/policy changes
- Ensure compliance with and provide reporting on American Bar Association and Higher Learning Commission accreditation standards

### **University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN**

*Bar Exam Program Developer & Instructor* | December 2015 to December 2016

- Designed and implemented a class-wide bar exam preparation program to ensure student success on the bar exam by improving students' study skills, legal analysis, writing, and reading skills, and test-taking skills
- Provided classroom, one-on-one, and online instruction, evaluation, feedback, and coaching to prepare first-time and repeat test takers for all components of the bar exam in multiple jurisdictions
- Reported to and collaborated with Dean of Academic Affairs and Dean of Student Affairs on student performance and program effectiveness and made recommendations for improvement

### **Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA**

*Assistant Professor of Legal Analysis & Writing* | August 2010 to July 2015

- Instructed and trained students in the areas of legal analysis, legal writing, legal research, contract drafting, and criminal procedure in classroom and one-on-one settings
- Monitored, reviewed, and evaluated student performance, provided feedback, identified impediments to learning, and developed tailored plans for improving performance

### **Kirikale University, Kirikkale, Turkey**

*Visiting Professor* | December 2013

- Taught a four-week course on the American legal system and the principles of democracy to undergraduate and graduate Turkish students

### **Stinson Leonard Street, Minneapolis, MN**

*Corporate Attorney, Law Clerk* | June 2006 to May 2010

- Advised major clients such as Buffalo Wild Wings, CVS, D.R. Horton, and Union Pacific Railroad
- Negotiated, prepared, interpreted, reviewed, and analyzed various transactional and litigation documents
- Researched statutes, regulations, case law, and non-legal sources
- Drafted written objective and persuasive legal memoranda under tight time constraints

## SERVICE

- Senior Leadership Team
- Academic & Student Affairs Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Enrollment Management Committee
- Admissions Committee
- Ad Hoc Committee to Study Early Bar Exam Issue – Minnesota Supreme Court
- Outcomes & Assessment Committee
- Bar Passage Committee
- Working Group on Diversity Climate

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Dena Sonbol, Esq., Summary Guide to Easements, Minnesota CLE (2014).
- Dena Sonbol, Talking Turkey: Southern University Law Center Expands its Global Footprint with Ventures in Turkey, 288 Around the B. 14 (June 2014).
- Dena Sonbol & Rebecca Block, Only in Louisiana: Forum-selection Clauses Void as Against Public Policy, 263 Around the B. 13 (January 2012).

## **EDUCATION**

**Hamline University School of Law**, Saint Paul, MN

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude* | May 2008

- Rank: Top 10% (19/202)
- Honors: Full Presidential Scholarship recipient; Dean's Honor Roll; CALI Award for Excellence in Law & Economics and Quality of Health Care; Journal of Public Law and Policy; National Tax Moot Court; Hamline Journal of Law and Religion

**University of Minnesota**, Minneapolis, MN,

B.A. in Psychology, *magna cum laude* | December 2003

- Honors: President's Distinguished Student Scholarship recipient; Dean's Honor Roll

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Attorney, State of Minnesota, Admitted 2008