

Alexander Wainberg

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

March 2018 – Current Mitchell Hamline School of Law St. Paul, MN

**Associate Teaching Professor (June 2021 – Current)
Academic Excellence Specialist**

Teaching the courses offered by the Office of Academic Excellence, including: Legal Methods; Bar Preparation Strategies: MPT; and Bar Preparation Strategies: MBE & MEE. The former is a skills-based course for incoming 1L students that provides them with the necessary skills for law school, such as case briefing, outlining, and IRAC writing. The latter two prepare students for the types of questions they will face on the bar exam. All three courses are required. Teaching load includes traditional “brick and mortar” classes, our innovative blended learning classes (which combine online learning with in-class work), and fully online classes. All courses are skills-based, but some substantive law is covered. Additional responsibilities as the “point person” in the department for our bar preparation courses with regards to content creation, syllabus development, and lesson planning. Providing individual tutoring sessions for students, and recent graduates. Common tutoring session topics: legal writing, substantive law, and studying for the bar exam.

August 2017 – May 2018 Mitchell Hamline School of Law St. Paul, MN

Adjunct Professor

Taught a legal reasoning workshop for second-year law students, and two bar exam preparation courses for third-year law students. All three classes focused on critical reading, legal analysis, and writing. Assessed student learning styles, and tailored teaching techniques and in-class exercises accordingly. Provided students with the skills to succeed in their law school exams, the bar exam, and their careers.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

February 2017 – March 2018 Solo Practitioner Minneapolis, MN

Attorney

Practicing attorney working in the areas of estate planning (trusts, wills, powers of attorney, etc.), contract drafting and review, landlord-tenant law, real estate law, and consulting on criminal cases. Managing private practice.

August 2011 – February 2017 Wainberg Morrison LLC St. Paul, MN

Founder and Managing Partner

After planning and securing funding, opened office in February of 2012. Practice in landlord-tenant law, contract review and litigation, real property and community property disputes, real estate (drafting, disputes, and closings), estate planning, civil appeals, and criminal law. Office management and marketing responsibilities. Prepared and presented CLE seminar on running a small firm. Presentations on tenants’ rights for students at local colleges and universities.

May 2009 – August 2011 Maser, Amundson & Price, P.A. Richfield, MN

Associate Attorney (formerly a Law Clerk)

Responsibilities and experience in the Elder Law Department (trusts, wills, estate planning, asset protection), and the Litigation Department (trust issues, life insurance, fire-loss, personal injury). Prepared and presented seminars and speeches on a variety of topics (e.g. Starting a Niche Law Practice, Consumer Protection and the Elderly, etc...) for a both professional (CLE) and community groups.

Summer 2008 Wisconsin Supreme Court Madison, WI

Judicial Intern

Worked closely with Justice Louis Butler and his law clerk. Responsibilities included extensive legal research and writing on a variety of issues facing the Court. Performed citation and fact checking on many documents.

Fall 2007 *Wisconsin Department of Justice* *Madison, WI*
Clinical Extern

Worked at the direction of the Assistant Attorneys General of the Consumer Protection Unit. Drafted complaints and other legal documents for many consumer fraud, deception, and false advertising cases. Worked effectively with Assistant Attorneys General across the country. Researched case positions and strategic opportunities.

Summer 2007 *New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation* *New Orleans, LA*
Summer Law Clerk / Community Development Extern

Selected to go to New Orleans by Professor Thomas Mitchell as part of his Community Development Summer Externship Program. At NOLAC, wrote research memos, drafted documents, filed court papers and met with low income clients to resolve issues concerning property law, testacy, intestacy, and bankruptcy. The work at NOLAC was then linked to a research seminar and paper at UW Law School.

EDUCATION

2006-2009 *University of Wisconsin Law School* *Madison, WI*

- Juris Doctor, May 2009
- Dean's List, Spring 2007
- Staff member, Wisconsin International Law Journal

2002-2006 *Drake University* *Des Moines, IA*

- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication, May 2006
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude; Major in Advertising
- Area of Concentration and Minor in Psychology; Minor in Marketing
- Drake University Honors Program Track, 2002-2006
- Drake University Mock Trial Team 2003-2006 (Best finish: 5th place at the National Championship Tournament of the American Mock Trial Association)
- Drake University Presidential Scholarship, 2002-2005
- Drake University Trustee Scholarship, 2002-2006
- Beth Peterson Scholarship, 2003-2005
- Edward H. Dahly Scholarship, 2005-2006

Fall 2004 *University of Essex* *Colchester, England*

- Study abroad semester (through Central College, Pella, IA)

SCHOLARSHIP

"Managing Classroom Accessibility for Blind and Low-Vision Students"

- Forthcoming

"Pivoting to Video: How to Create and Run Online Versions of Preexisting Academic Support and Bar Prep Classes"

- Forthcoming

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

May 2020 *AASE National Conference* *Washington, DC*

- Annual Conference of the Association of Academic Support Educators
- Hosted by American University Washington College of Law
- *Presentation created, submitted, and selected by committee, but not ultimately presented due to the entire conference being cancelled because of COVID-19: "Pivoting to Video: How to Create and Run Online Versions of Preexisting Academic Support and Bar Prep Classes"*

October 2019 AASE Diversity Conference Chicago, IL

- Bi-Annual Conference of the Association of Academic Support Educators
- Hosted by DePaul University College of Law
- Presented: “Managing Classroom Accessibility for Blind and Low-Vision Students”

May 2019 AASE National Conference Seattle, WA

- Annual Conference of the Association of Academic Support Educators
- Hosted by Seattle University School of Law
- Presented: “Interactive IRAC Development Strategies for Working with Students”

SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERING

Judging Competitions

- William E. McGee National Civil Rights Moot Court Competition, 2018, 2019, and 2020
- Mitchell Hamline Blended Learning Oral Arguments, 2019
- Mock Trial at the college, high school, and middle school levels since 2005
- Forensics (Speech and Debate) at the high school level since 2002

Bar Passage Committee

- Mitchell Hamline School of Law
- Began work as assigned by the chair of the committee in 2020
- Member of Committee since 2021

BAR ADMISSION AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Academic Support Educators

- Member since 2018

Legal Writing Institute

- Member since 2018

Minnesota Bar

- Member since 2009

TEACHING INTERESTS

Bar preparation, legal writing, drafting, other skills-based courses, evidence