

# Barbara Glesner Fines

**Dean Emerita & Rubey M. Hulen Professor of Law**

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## Key Strengths

Positivity, creativity, empathy,  
learning

## Key Skills

Relationship and community  
building  
Written and oral communication  
Social justice advocacy  
Teaching and assessment

## Bar Admissions

Missouri  
United States Supreme Court



## Profile

Creative and dynamic legal scholar and teacher with broad curricular expertise.

## Education

<i>Master of Laws</i> Yale University Law School, New Haven, Connecticut	1986
<i>Juris Doctorate (cum laude)</i> University of Wisconsin - Madison School of Law	1983
<i>Bachelor of Philosophy</i> Grand Valley State University (Thomas Jefferson College), Allendale, Michigan	1980

## University of Missouri Kansas City Law School

Professor of Law (1986- present)

Assistant Professor (1986-1991)

Associate Professor (1991-2001)

Director, Academic Support (1994-2005)

Professor (2001-2005)

Rubey M. Hulen Professor (since 2005).

Executive Associate Dean (2008-2016)

Dean (2017-2023)

## Representative Courses Taught

Over the course of my career, I have taught over thirty different subjects across the curriculum, from Tax and Property to Civil Procedure and Remedies. I highlight below the courses I have taught in the past ten years:

- *Introduction to the Study of Law* (0 cr., annually) A week-long legal methods and professional identity orientation course which I originally developed as part of our academic success program but which I and co-teachers have evolved into a much broader introduction to law study and the profession.
- *Family Violence* (2-3 cr., annually) I have co-taught this course with a practicing attorney for over 20 years. The course provides intensive skills training in client interviewing and counseling, case preparation, and advocacy. Final exam includes a mock protective order hearing.
- *Client Interviewing* (1 cr., annually) I teach this skills-intensive course both as a required course for first-semester students in our summer-start program and as an upper-level elective.
- *Entrepreneurial Lawyering: Solo & Small Firm Practice* (2 cr., annually) I teach and supervise this unique summer law practice management program. Students write business plans for a law practice and present to members of the bar for feedback and mentoring.
- *Logical Reasoning for Pre-Law Students* (1 cr., every semester) I developed and teach this undergraduate LSAT preparation course offered through a number of undergraduate departments.
- *International Field Experience - Family Law* (1 cr.) After teaching as a visiting professor at the Autonomous University of the Yucatan in 2016, I developed this spring-break service-learning program in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, which I annually co-lead.
- *Interprofessional Perspectives on Aging* (1 cr., four semesters, discontinued) I helped to develop and co-taught this grant-funded, 1-credit-hour course, teaching students from law, medical, nursing, dental and pharmacy schools in interprofessional teams with service-learning components.
- *Readings in Legal Scholarship* (1 cr., In rotation) I developed and regularly teach this social justice readings seminar, which has now become a key offering in our cross-cultural requirement.
- *Professional Responsibility* (2-3 cr. In rotation) I have taught this required upper-division course nearly every year since 1989 and have written a textbook and a library of CALI lessons in the subject.
- *Ethical Issues in Family Representation* (2 cr. In rotation) I wrote and published a textbook on this topic and developed and regularly teach this specialized Professional Responsibility course.
- *Lawyering Skills I & II* (2-3 cr., as-needed) I have regularly taught this course to cover the course during other faculty emergencies or other faculty transitions.
- *Juvenile Offenders & the Law* (2 cr. One semester only) Co-taught with adjunct professor to provide support for online teaching during pandemic)
- *Access to Justice Clinic* (1-6 cr. Every semester) Teach and supervise students in this clinic which provides advice, referral, education and limited-scope representation to self-represented litigants.

## Administrative Highlights

- As Dean, led the law school community through the challenges of a pandemic, creating strategies and providing support to shift learning to remote delivery of instruction and provide safe opportunities for in-person learning.
- Advocated for and led faculty to adopt a robust diversity and inclusion strategic plan, contributed personally to culturally sensitive and anti-racist education, and set and enforced standards and goals for the law school community to honor our values of diversity, equity, and respect.
- Expanded the School of Law's philanthropic impact, securing two largest gifts in law school history; advocated for university support, securing half-million faculty salary supplement and funding to create new MLS degree program and Center for Law, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation.
- Led grant initiatives and establishment of new clinical and service initiatives, including Self-Help Clinic, Veterans Clinic, Expungement Clinic, and post-graduate Truman Fellows Tenant Eviction Defense initiative.
- As Associate Dean for Academics and Faculty, led the School of Law in developing a program for assessment of student learning.
- As UMKC Assessment Coordinator, facilitated development of assessment programs in units across campus
- As Director of Academic Support, established School of Law's Structured Study Group program, modeled on UMKC's nationally recognized Supplemental Instruction program, and week-long Introduction to Law Study orientation program.

## Visiting Professor and Visiting Scholar Positions

University of St Thomas School of Law	Minneapolis, Minnesota (2023)
Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán, Facultad de Derecho	Mérida, Yucatán, México (2016)
TKK Law School Xiamen University	Xiamen, China (2015)
University of Illinois College of Law	Urbana Champaign, Illinois (2003)
University of Iowa College of Law	Iowa City, Iowa (1992, 1994)
University of Wisconsin - Madison School of Law	Madison, Wisconsin (1992)
Council for Legal Educational Opportunity Summer Institute	(1985, 1998)
University of Oklahoma College of Law	Norman, Oklahoma (1985-86)
University of Cincinnati College of Law	Cincinnati, Ohio (1983-84)

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## Organizational Leadership

Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership, St. Thomas University School of Law  
Faculty Fellow (2020-present)

American Association of Law Schools

Section on Academic Support (founding member; executive board 1997-2000; Chair 2000-2001)

Section on Family and Juvenile Law (executive committee 2004-2006, 2009-2011)

Professional Responsibility Section (executive committee 2009-2018; Officer 2012-2017; Chair 2017-18)

Section on Teaching Methods (Executive Committee/Officer 2009-2010; Chair 2011-2013)

Section on Women in Legal Education (executive committee 2017-18)

Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction.

President (2002-2005); Member of Board of Directors (1998-2005).

Institute for Law School Teaching and Learning

Advisory Board (2003-present); Acting Co-director (2005-2007)

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## Selected Pro Bono and Community Activities

Kansas City Youth Court Board of Directors 2020-present  
Serve as liaison to School of Law for this youth leadership development and juvenile justice diversion program.

Midwest Innocence Project Board of Directors 2020-present  
Serve on governance and racial justice committees of this non-profit organization dedicated to the exoneration of the wrongfully convicted in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Iowa, and Nebraska

Missouri Bar Association Lawyers Living Well Committee 2019-present  
Appointed to Missouri Supreme Court committee designed to implement recommendations of the ABA Taskforce on Lawyer Wellbeing

Volunteer Attorney Project, Board of Directors 2019-present  
Serve on board of this pro bono attorney arm of Legal Aid of Western Missouri

Legal Aid of Western Missouri Volunteer Attorney Project 2009-present  
Teach classes for pro se divorce litigants and provide other family law representation

Guardian ad litem/ Appointed Counsel 2005-present  
Accept pro bono appointments from court to represent children's interests in child orders of protection, adoption, and other family law matters; represent indigent parents in child abuse and neglect proceedings

Missouri Bar Association Family Courts Access to Justice Committee 2016-2018  
Appointed to Missouri Supreme Court committee to examine access to justice issues in family courts and make recommendations

Municipal Ethics Code Revision Taskforce 2011-2013  
As member of five-person taskforce appointed by Mayor, reviewed and re-drafted Kansas City Ethics Code

Municipal Officials and Officers Ethics Commission 2010-2014  
Served as member of seven-person appointed commission which monitors violations of the Kansas City, Missouri Charter and ordinances concerning conflicts of interest and financial disclosures

Missouri Clemency Project 2000-2002

Worked with coalition of attorneys and law students to prepare clemency petitions on behalf of women incarcerated for the murder of their batterers.

Director, Mariel Assistance Project

1991-1993

Led students in providing Pro Bono representation in Department of Justice appeals for Cubans detained by Immigration and Naturalization Service at the United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth Kansas

## Grants

On behalf of the School of Law, I have personally authored and secured grants to develop significant public service programs. These include:

Sunderland Foundation

Three-million-dollar grant to support renovation of classrooms and student services spaces at UMKC School of Law (co-authored)

Kansas Courts COVID-19 Legal Services Grant

Grant from Kansas Courts to develop an online portal for filing for protective orders, adopted by the Kansas Courts statewide (2020)

Department of Justice Bloodsworth Grant

\$300,000 to resume innocence clinic at UMKC School of Law (2020) (primary investigator)

MidAmerica Regional Council – COVID-19 Legal Services Grant

Seed grant to establish Truman Fellows program providing post graduate fellowships to support UMKC Law clinics (2020)

Shook Foundation Grant

Annual grant secured to provide scholarships for diversity pipeline programs (2018, 2019, 2020)

Center for Inter-professional Education

Grant to support development of an interprofessional course in Empathy and Aging (2017-18) (co-investigator)

University of Missouri Office of Diversity, Access & Equity

Strategic Grants for Inclusive Excellence to develop a Know Your Rights program for youth (2017-18)

UMKC Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching

Research Grant to Investigate Assessment of Information Literacy and Legal Research Skills (2012)

Missouri Legislature

Line-item grant to establish Child & Family Services Clinic (2001-2005)

American Bar Association, Council on Legal Education Opportunity

Grant to provide six-week summer institute for minority and underrepresented college students interested in law school (1999)

## Honors & Awards

### Rubey M. Hulen Professor of Law

Endowed professorship awarded to recognize urban engagement and leadership (2005-present)

### Difference Maker Award

Presented by the American Bar Association General Practice Section (2023)

### UMKC Honorary Alumni Award

Presented by UMKC Alumni Association for Service to University (2003)

### Presidents' Award

Awarded by Presidents of UMKC Law Foundation and UMKC Law Alumni Association (2023)

### Robert C. Welch Volunteer Attorney Project Award

Presented by Legal Aid of Western Missouri for leadership in establishing Law Self Help Clinic (2020)

### President's Award

Presented by Hispanic Bar Association of Greater Kansas City for leadership of pipeline program (2019)

### St. Thomas University Holloran Center for Professional Ethics

Selected as one of three Fellows in recognition of leadership in professional identity formation (2017-present)

### University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law Marvin Rich Faculty Scholar

Award for consistent excellence in scholarship, teaching and service in a thematic area (2016)

### University of Kansas City Trustees Faculty Fellowship

Award for sustained nationally and internationally recognized record of research and creativity (2016)

### Missouri Lawyers Weekly Women's Justice Award

Honored as one of four Legal Scholars (2013)

### University of Missouri Leadership Development Program

Selected for year-long professional development program for emerging university leaders (2008-2009)

### ABA Ross Essay Contest

Awarded first-prize in national essay contest for essay "Clients as Teachers" (2005)

### UMKC Center for the City

Selected as Faculty Fellow in recognition of development of service-learning programs (2002-2003)

### UMKC Diversity Curriculum Infusion Program

Fellowship for participation in year-long program to develop inclusive teaching and curriculum (2002-03)

### UMKC Elmer F. Pierson Teaching Award

Awarded in recognition of outstanding teaching (2001)

Distinguished Alumna of the Year

Recognized by undergraduate college, Grand Valley State University (1998)

Trautman Award

Awarded first place in competition for authorship of computer-assisted legal instruction programs (1996)

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

TEACHING MANUAL FOR PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (Carolina Academic Press 2014).

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (Context and Skills Series) (Carolina Academic Press 2013).

LAW SCHOOL MATERIALS FOR SUCCESS (E-Langdell Press 2012).

ETHICAL ISSUES IN FAMILY REPRESENTATION (Carolina Academic Press 2010).

### Book Chapters & Essays

*Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes and Creating a Culture of Assessment, in BUILDING ON BEST PRACTICES: TRANSFORMING LEGAL EDUCATION IN A CHANGING WORLD* (Deborah Maranville, et al., eds., LexisNexis 2015).

*Teaching with Small Groups; Integrating Interviewing Skills into the Classroom Curriculum, in TEACHING THE LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM II* (Gerald Hess, Sophie Sparrow & Steve Friedland, eds., Carolina Academic Press 2011).

*Ethical Issues in Collaborative Lawyering, in RESOLVING FAMILY CONFLICTS* (Jana Singer & Jane C. Murphy, eds., Ashgate Publishing 2009).

*Providing Legal Services to Survivors of Domestic Violence - A Comparison of Approaches in the United States and Ireland, in BALANCING INTERESTS AND PURSUING PRIORITIES IN INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW* (Lynn Wardle & Camille Williams, eds., 2007).

*Constitutionality of the Bankruptcy Reform Act, in ATTORNEY LIABILITY IN BANKRUPTCY* (ABA 2006) (co-authored with Erwin Chemerinsky).

*The 10 Most Common Ethical Rainmaking Mistakes Lawyers Make, in HOW TO CAPTURE AND KEEP CLIENTS: MARKETING STRATEGIES FOR LAWYERS* (ABA 2005, 2016).

*Teaching Family Law, in TEACHING THE LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM* (Steve Friedland & Gerald F. Hess, eds., Carolina Academic Press 2004).

*Remittitur and Additur, DAMAGES DESKBOOK* (Mo. Bar 2001).

*Landlord Liability for Crime, COMMERCIAL LEASING* (ABA 1993).

### Symposium Issue Editor

*COVID and Family Law Response, 60:3 Fam. Ct. Rev.* (July 2022)

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*Special Issue on Family Law Education*, 49 FAM. CT. REV. (Oct. 2011).

*Symposium on Global Issues in Family Law*, 79 UMKC L. REV. (Summer 2011) (co-editor with June Carbone).

*Symposium on Ethical Issues in Family Law*, 75 UMKC L. REV. (Winter 2007).

*Symposium on Legal Education*, 65 UMKC L. REV. (Summer 1997).

#### Journal Articles

*The Curse of Coverage*, forthcoming *U. St. Thomas L. Rev.* (2024)

*Ethical Risks of Experience*, 36 J. AM. ACAD. MATRIM. L. 63 (2023)

*The Future of Family Law Education*, 33 J. AM. ACAD. MATRIM. LAW. 1 (2020).

*Picturing Professionals: The Emergence of a Lawyer's Identity*, 13:3 ST. THOMAS U. L. J. \_ (Spring 2018).

*The Changing Landscape of Disciplinary Risks in Family Law Practice*, 50 FAM. L.Q. 367 (2016).

*The Importance of Process and Players in Family Law*, 54 FAM. CT. REV. 525 (2016) (Reviewing JANE C. MURPHY & JANA B. SINGER, *DIVORCED FROM REALITY: RETHINKING FAMILY DISPUTE RESOLUTION* (2015)).

*Three Views of the Academy: Legal Education and the Legal Profession in Transition*, 51 TULSA L. REV. 487 (2015) (Reviewing JAMES E. MOLITERNO, *THE AMERICAN LEGAL PROFESSION IN CRISIS: RESISTANCE AND RESPONSES TO CHANGE* (2013); DEBORAH L. RHODE, *LAWYERS AS LEADERS* (2013), and ROBIN L. WEST, *TEACHING LAW: JUSTICE, POLITICS, AND THE DEMANDS OF PROFESSIONALISM* (2013)).

*Annotated Bibliography: Ethical Issues in Family Law, 2003-2013*, 27 J. AM. ACAD. MATRIM. LAW. (2015) (with Nancy Levit).

*Out of the Shadows: What Legal Research Instruction Reveals About Incorporating Skills throughout the Curriculum*, 2013 J. DISP. RESOL. 159.

*Fifty Years of Family Law Practice - The Evolving Role of the Family Law Attorney*, 24 J. AMER. ACAD. MATRIM. LAW. 31 (2012).

*Lessons Learned About Classroom Teaching from Authoring Computer-assisted Instruction Lessons*, 38 WM. MITCHELL L. REV. 1094 (2012).

*Family Law Education Reform: Progress and Innovation*, 49 FAM. CT. REV. 675 (2011).

*Gilvary Symposium: Challenges of Representing Adolescent Parents in Child Welfare Proceedings*, 36 DAYTON L. REV. 307 (2011).

*Criminal Activities and Ethical Responsibilities*, 33 FAM. ADVOC. 32 (Spring 2011).

*Effectively Using Paralegals in a Family Law Practice*, 25 AM. J. FAM. L. 1 (Spring 2011).

*Approaches to Protecting Victims of Intimate Partner Violence in the United States and Ireland: People, Property & Politics*, 79 UMKC L. REV. 395 (2011).

*Pressures Toward Mediocrity in the Representation of Children*, 37 CAPITAL U.L. REV. 411 (2008).

*Fundamental Principles and Challenges of Humanizing Legal Education*, 47 WASHBURN L. REV. 313 (2008).

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*Ethical Issues in Collaborative Lawyering*, 21 J. AM. ACAD. MATRIM. LAW. 141 (2008); Reprinted in *RESOLVING FAMILY CONFLICTS* (Jana Singer & Jane Murphy, eds., Ashgate 2009).

*Caring, Competence and the Family Law Attorney*, 75 UMKC L. REV. 965 (2007) (with Cathy Madsen); Reprinted in the January/February and March/April 2009 issues of the *Minnesota Family Law Journal*.

*Making a Place at the Table: Reconceptualizing the Role of the Custody Evaluator in Child Custody Disputes*, 43 FAM. CT. REV. 229 (2005) (with Mary Kay Kisthardt).

*Almost Pro Bono: Appointed Attorney Representation in Family Court*, 72 UMKC L. REV. 337 (2003).

*The Impact of Expectations on Teaching and Learning Law*, 38 GONZAGA L. REV. 89 (2002/03).

*Annotated Bibliography: Elder Law, 1995-2000*, 16 J. AM. ACAD. MATRIM. LAW. 593 (2000).

*From Representing "Clients" to Serving "Recipients": Transforming the Role of the IV-D Child Support Enforcement Attorney*, 67 FORDHAM L. REV. 2155 (1999).

*Competition and the Curve*, 65 UMKC L. REV. 879 (1997).

*Post-Conference Reflection: Looking Ahead at Lawyer Liability to Non-Clients*, *South Texas Law Review* 37 S. TEX. L. REV. 1283 (1996).

*Joinder of Tort Claims in Divorce Actions*, 12 J. AM. ACAD. MATRIM. LAW. 285 (Winter 1994).

*Election of Remedies in Missouri*, 63 UMKC L. REV. 599 (1995).

*Landlords as Cops: Tort, Nuisance & Forfeiture Standards Imposing Liability on Landlords for Crime on the Premises*, 42 CASE WESTERN RESERVE L. REV. 679 (1992).

*The Ethics of Emergency Lawyering*, 5 GEORGETOWN J. LEG. ETHICS 317 (1991).

*Fear and Loathing in the Law School*, 23 CONN. L. REV. 627 (1991).

*The Same Old Alternative: Ending It: Dispute Resolution in America* (Book Review) URBAN LAW. (Summer 1989).

#### Computer Assisted Instruction

Professional Responsibility Computer Assisted Lessons, <http://www.cali.org/category/2l-3l-upper-level-lesson-topics/professional-responsibility>

Remedies Computer Assisted Lessons, <http://www.cali.org/category/2l-3l-upper-level-lesson-topics/remedies>  
Lawdibles (Podcasts), <http://lawdibles.classcaster.net/> (also available on I-Tunes)

#### Editorial Board Memberships

Family Court Review (Peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts) since 2009.

Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction since 1998

Institute for Law School Teaching and Learning Advisory Board 2003-2018

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## Recent Selected Presentations

UMKC CLE Elimination of Bias Programs (Offered monthly between February 2020 to present)

- “Intermediate Elimination of Bias Training – From Ideas to Action”
- “Using Travel as a Tool for Cross-Cultural Skill Building”
- “Crossing the Great Divide: Gender Bias and the Profession”
- “Elimination of Bias: Cross-Cultural Competency as a Professional Responsibility”
- “Elimination of Bias and Mental Health Stigma”
- “Diversity as a Professional Value”
- “Elimination of Bias and Mediation Practice”
- “Elimination of Bias in Family Law Practice”

Integrating Professional Identity Formation into Required Curriculum and Professional Responsibility” AALS Annual Meeting (January 2024)

“The Curse of Coverage” Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership Symposium (April 2023)

A More Challenging Student Objective: Understanding Professional Identity and Culture” Access Lex LEXCON annual conference (November 2022)

“Self Care as Professional Obligation” Midwest Bankruptcy Institute (October 2022)

“Rule 1.2 and the Attorneys Duty of Due Diligence” Shook, Hardy, Bacon Annual CLE program (September 2022)

“Ethics, Bias, and Communicating Across Difference” American Bar Association Family Law Trial Institute (July 2022)

“Using Portfolios as Tools for Professional Identity Formation” Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction Annual Conference (June 2022)

Kansas Protection Order Portal: Balancing Security and Accessibility” Association of Family & Conciliation Courts Annual Conference (May 2022)

“Institutional Leadership in Development of Professional Identity Formation” Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership (April 2022)

“Disciplinary Risks in Adoption Law Practice” Annual Meeting of American Academy of Adoption Attorneys (April 2022)

Moderator, Cockefair Chair Annual Lecture, Erwin Chemerinsky (February 2022)

“Ethics and Government Attorneys” MoBar Government Practice Institute (December 2021)

“Free Expression and the University” Missouri 100 (October 2021)

“Ethics of Remote Work” UMKC CLE (June 2020)

“COVID-19 Response to Support Entrepreneurs” Missouri 100 Meeting April 21, 2020

“Expanding the Classroom: Benefits and Challenges of Co-Teaching” American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (January 2020)

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“Ethics GameShow” Legal Aid of Western Missouri – Volunteer Attorney Project CLE (November 2019)

“Self-directed Learning – Gathering Data to Assess Student Progress” Holloran Center for Professional Ethics, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN (October 2019)

“Lawyer Well-being,” Oxford University Continuing Legal Education Program (July 2019)

“Civility and Family Law Practice” Arizona Bar Association, Family Law Summit (June 2019)

“Ethics of the Client Conversation” United States District Court, District of Kansas, Annual CLE program (May 2019) (also presented at four major law firms as part of “Dean on the Road” CLE program, summer 2019)

“Ethical Issues in Legal Technology” UMKC CLE Legal Tech Conference (May 2019)

“Lawyer Wellbeing and The Ethical Duty of Fitness to Practice” US Bankruptcy Trustee Workshop (May 2019)

“Developing Alternative Sources of Revenue for Law Schools” American Association of Law Schools (January 2019)

“Civility and Legal Professionalism” UMKC CLE (November 2018)

“Documenting the Attorney Client Relationship” UMKC CLE (Dean “On the Road” Summer 2018)

“When Lawyers Lie” UMKC CLE Film and the Law program (June 2018)

“Leading Change in Law Schools to Develop Professionals,” Holloran Center for Professional Ethics Summer Workshop Series, University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN (June/July 2017)

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