

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Wanda M. Temm

### EMPLOYMENT

University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Law

- 2020-present Eleanore C. Blue Lawyering Skills Professor
- 2003-present Director of Bar Services
- 1999-present Clinical Professor of Law
- 1999-2013 Director of Legal Writing
- 1995-1999 Associate Clinical Professor of Law
- 1991-1995 Assistant Clinical Professor of Law

Developed supplemental bar preparation program for UMKC graduates, both first time bar takers and repeat bar takers. Developed innovative teaching techniques, such as mind mapping for the bar exam. Focus is on strategies and tactics to approach the fifteen substantive topics on the bar exam in Missouri and in other states where UMKC students may wish to become licensed to practice law. UMKC's first time bar passage rate improved from 67% to 98%. Active participants in the program have passed at a rate of 96% to 100% since 2007. Received referrals from the Executive Directors of the Missouri and Kansas Bar Examiners due to program's reputation.

Developed for-credit bar preparation course to give at risk students the opportunity for additional skill development prior to bar preparation. Developed intensive mini-term bar preparation course open to all students focused on development of multiple-choice test-taking skills.

Inaugural recipient of the Eleanore C. Blue Lawyering Skills endowed professorship honoring the first full-time female law faculty member of the UMKC School of Law and one of the first endowed chairs nationally specifically for Lawyering Skills faculty.

Administrative responsibilities as Director of Legal Writing included coordination of all aspects of the Legal Writing Program. Hiring and training of legal writing faculty and teaching assistants. Responsible for curriculum modification on on-going basis to meet students' needs. Developed all writing exercises, research exercises, brief and memo problems, and other teaching materials.

Teaching responsibilities have included Legal Analysis and Methods, Lawyering Skills I and II, Lawyering Skills Teaching Methods, Advanced Legal Writing: Litigation Drafting, Products Liability, Family Law, Civil Procedure, and the Summer Academic Support Program.

Developed and instituted program to assist at risk students by focusing on additional analytical skill development in the second semester of law school as part of their first-year legal research and writing course.

#### **National Service:**

Association of Legal Writing Directors

- ABA Task Force, 2016-2018
  - Monitor, testify, prepare reports, and advocate for improved standards for experiential learning, for outcomes and assessment, and for legal writing faculty security before the ABA Council on Legal Education (the accrediting body of all law schools).
- President, 2016-2017, Immediate Past President, 2017-2018, President-elect, 2015-2016
- Treasurer, July 2010, for three-year term, re-elected for additional three-year term
- Site Chair, 2009 Biennial Conference; Conference Committee, 2011-2017; Distinguished Speakers Committee, 2019-present

**Regional Service:**

Central Region LRW Conference

- Founders Committee, 1999
  - Formed to share teaching ideas and curriculum innovations to regional law professors
  - Attended by professors nationwide because of its outstanding reputation
- Inaugural Site Chair, 1999, Joint Chair, 2001-present, Program Chair, 2019, Site Chair 2021

**UMKC Campus Service:**

- University Graduate Studies Review Committee—Fall 2020
- University Student Conduct Committee, 2019-present
- University Assessment Committee, 2015-2018
- Support Costs Review Committee of the University Budget Committee, 2007-2009 (elected by Faculty Senate)

**Law School Service:**

- Student Affairs Committee, 2005-2008, 2010-present; chair 2005-2008, 2010-2019, chair 2021-2022
- Assessment Committee, 2013-2019
- Policy & Planning Committee, 2012-2014
- Prior Service
 

Law Review Advisory Committee	Curriculum Committee
Academic Support/Affirmative Action Committee	Library Committee

**Awards:**

- 2021 President’s Award for Innovative Teaching—competitive selection over 6,000 faculty on all four campuses
- 2016-2017 David L. Brenner Faculty Publishing Award for outstanding scholarship for *Clearing the Last Hurdle: Mapping Success on the Bar Exam*
- 2013 Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching—UMKC’s highest honor for excellence in teaching for clinical and teaching faculty
- 2012 Women’s Justice Awards Legal Scholar Award granted by Missouri Lawyers Media. Nominated by the Association of Women Lawyers of Kansas City. Awarded to women faculty members who fulfill the ideals of leadership, integrity, service, sacrifice and accomplishment in improving the quality of justice and exemplifying the highest ideals of the legal profession through scholarship or through teaching and inspiring others.
- 2005 Tiera Farrow Faculty Award, awarded by the Association of Women Law Students at University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law for leadership, dedication and commitment to improving the position of women in the law and the community

2007-2015      Lecturer—BarBri, Chicago, Illinois  
 Taught Essay Exam Writing and Introduction to the Bar Exam in Missouri, Iowa, and Kansas.

1997-2003      Of Counsel—Shook, Hardy & Bacon, Kansas City, Missouri  
 Served as of counsel attorney in National Products Liability Litigation Section of 500-attorney firm.

1988-1991      Associate Attorney—Shook, Hardy & Bacon, Overland Park, Kansas  
 Associate attorney in 150-attorney firm. Private practice with an emphasis in business litigation, appellate practice, domestic relations, and insurance defense.

1979-1985 Director of Child Placement Services—Catholic Charities of Kansas City—St. Joseph, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri  
Supervised all child placement services—adoption, foster care and birth-parent services. Responsible for adoption services, diversity recruitment, court appearances, and post-placement supervision. Designed and directed parent education programs. Placed 300 children into permanent homes.

### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Invited Appointment, National Conference of Bar Examiners Testing Task Force, Test Design Review Subcommittee, July 16-17, 2020

Invited Presenter, “Proposed Changes in the Florida Bar Exam,” Florida Deans Roundtable, University of Florida Levin College of Law, April 30, 2019

Scholar-in-Residence, Barry University School of Law, March 4-5, 2015

Scholar-in-Residence, University of North Dakota School of Law, September 18-20, 2013

### PUBLICATIONS

WANDA M. TEMM, *CLEARING THE LAST HURDLE: MAPPING SUCCESS ON THE BAR EXAM* (1st-2d ed. 2018) with teacher’s manual. (3d edition 2021).

WANDA M. TEMM & JULIE M. CHESLIK, *MISSOURI LEGAL RESEARCH* (4th ed. 2021) with teacher’s manual.

WANDA M. TEMM AND SUSAN BAKHSHIAN, *CLEARING THE LAST HURDLE: MAPPING SUCCESS ON THE CALIFORNIA BAR EXAM* (Wolters Kluwer 2020) with teacher’s manual.

Wanda M. Temm, *Trust the Process*, 3 *RAISING THE BAR*, Winter 2020, at 14 (invited essay profiling UMKC Bar Prep Program).

Wanda M. Temm, *Conquering the Elephant*, in *BEYOND ONE L: STORIES ABOUT FINDING MEANING AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN LAW* (Nancy Levit & Allen Rostron eds., Carolina Academic Press 2019).

WANDA M. TEMM & JULIE M. CHESLIK, *MISSOURI LEGAL RESEARCH WORKBOOK* (1st-2d ed. 2012) with teacher’s manual.

Wanda M. Temm, *A Better Beginning: Family Law in the First Year of Law School*, 49 *FAM. CT. REV.* 711 (Oct. 2011).

Julie M. Cheslik & Wanda M. Temm, *The UMKC Legal Research Guide* (1999-2006).

Wanda M. Temm, *New Kid on the Block: The ALWD Citation Manual*, 59 *J. OF MO. BAR* 16 (Jan.-Feb. 2003).

Wanda M. Temm, *Out of Sight, Out of Mind, But Not Out of Duty: Adoption Agencies’ Duty to Disclose Medical Information to Birth Parents Post-Relinquishment*, 63 *U.M.K.C. L. REV.* 359 (1995).

Julie M. Cheslik and Wanda Temm, *The Craft of Legal Writing*, *The Second Draft*, Oct. 1993, at 4-5.

Wanda M. Temm, *Creditor Beware: From Default Through Deficiency Judgment*, 60 *J.K.B.A.* 17 (Oct. 1991).

### PRESENTATIONS

“Creating a Professional Writing Identity as an Attorney,” with Meghan Sholy-Wells, Legal Writing Institute Conference, Washington, D.C., July 20-23, 2022

“70 Miles Apart on I-70 But Three Different Worlds,” with Pam Keller and Emily Grant, Central Region LRW Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, October 22, 2021

“Strategies for Bar Prep Success!” Discussion Group, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference,

Boca Raton, Florida, July 31, 2019

“Leading the Way: Using Low Stakes Techniques from Legal Writing Assessment across the Curriculum,” with Susan Bakhshian and Alison Julien, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, May 30, 2019

“Getting Students to the Finish Line: Perspectives on Bar Prep Classes, Strategies, and Materials to Prepare Students for the Bar Exam,” Panel Presentation, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 12, 2018

“Using a Skills Self-Assessment to Measure Competency in Analysis Skills and Practical Skills,” Midwest Clinical Legal Education Conference 2017, Lawrence, Kansas, October 13, 2017

“Assessment Without Grading: Using a Skills Self-Assessment to Measure Competency in Analysis Skills and Practical Skills,” Central Region LRW Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 15, 2017

“Promoting a Positive Educational Environment for Diverse Students,” Discussion Panel, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 21, 2017

“Getting inside Their Heads: How Fixed Mindset Explains Why Some Students Don’t Improve & Teaching Techniques to Change That,” with Susan Bakhshian, Association of Academic Support Educators Conference, Ft. Worth, Texas, May 24, 2017

“The Tie That Binds—Using a Skills Assessment to Tie Casebook Courses and Experiential Courses Together,” LWI One-Day Workshop, Greensboro, North Carolina, December 9, 2016

“Moving from Listserv Lurker to Leader: How and Why to Seek a Legal Writing Leadership Opportunity,” Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Portland, Oregon, July 13, 2016

“Five Tips for UBE Bar Preparation,” ABA Law Student Division for the Eighth Circuit Webinar, October 16, 2015

“Paths to Leadership in the LRW Community” and “Steps Backwards: Programs under Pressure,” Central Region LRW Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, September 26, 2015

“Creating a ‘For-Credit’ Bar Prep Course,” Association of Academic Support Educators Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, May 29, 2014

“Experiment Away! Cross-Curricular Professional Skills Training in the First Year,” Central Region LRW Conference, Lawrence, Kansas, September 28, 2013 and Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Boulder, Colorado, March 22, 2013

“The Triumphs and Pitfalls of Going Director-less,” Moderator, Panel Presentation, Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 27, 2013

“Transforming Teaching Legal Analysis—Focus on the Legos, not the Roller Coasters,” Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Desert Springs, California, June 1, 2012

“Assessing Research Skills—Stepping Beyond a Research Exam,” Central Region LRW Conference, Chicago, Illinois, September 17, 2011

“ABA Standards on Outcomes and Assessment,” Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, June 24, 2011

“Assessing Research Skills—Stepping Beyond a Research Exam,” Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 26, 2011

“Developing Writing Assignments” and “Creating Research Exercises,” LWI One-Day Workshop, Greensboro,

North Carolina, December 3, 2010

“Creating Self-Editors,” Central Region LRW Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 10, 2009

“You had me at ‘hello.’” Structuring the Classroom Experience to Optimize Learning,” Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 17, 2008

“Classroom Management: Teaching Basics for the Non-Education Major,” Central Region LRW Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, October 6, 2007

“Rethinking Second Semester: Designing a Program to Assist At-Risk Students,” Central Region LRW Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 25, 2005

“Effective Use of Teaching Assistants,” Central Region LRW Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, September 13, 2003

“Understanding How Readers Think: Conducting Live Grading Conferences,” Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Knoxville, Tennessee, June 1, 2002 and Central Region LRW Conference, Chicago, Illinois, December 8, 2001

“Working with Teaching Assistants,” Roundtable Report; Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 29, 2001

“Effect of Proposed Change in Standard 503(c),” Testimony before American Bar Association Committee on Legal Education; Dallas, Texas, February 11, 2000

“Conducting Effective Student Conferences” and “Shorthand Rules for Precedent and Stare Decisis,” Central Region LRW Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, September 24, 1999

## EDUCATION

### Law School

University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, Kansas  
JD awarded May 1988

- Order of the Coif
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- Note and Comment Editor—*University of Kansas Law Review*
- Legal Research and Writing Teaching Assistant
- American Jurisprudence Award—Wills and Trusts (top grade)
- Moot Court Council (teaching assistant for 1L appellate advocacy course)
- Bar Admissions: Kansas—1988, Missouri—1989

### Graduate

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana  
MS degree awarded May 1979  
Child Development and Parent Education

### Undergraduate

Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas  
BA degree awarded May 1977—*summa cum laude*  
Counseling and Human Behavior

- Danforth Fellowship Nominee
- Sigma Alpha Honor Society
- Presidential Scholar
- Chorale Tour to Romania
- Who’s Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges