

Eric D. Leach

LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Whittier Law School, Costa Mesa, CA

Associate Director, Institute for Student and Graduate Academic Support (2007)

- Increased duties regarding hiring and management of administrative staff, bar exam preparation, and curriculum development for all programs.

Assistant Professor, Institute for Student and Graduate Academic Support (2005 – 2007)

- Teach 3-4 sections of Introduction to Legal Analysis per semester, consisting of instruction in lawyering skills and legal writing, including brief writing, legal research, time management, case briefing, class participation strategies, note-taking, outlining, exam preparation, and exam writing.
- Assist in preparation of course curriculum.
- Assist in preparation of course materials, including extensive preparation of class exercises and practice exams/sample answers.
- Liaison with substantive faculty regarding academic probation students, substantive input into Legal Analysis curriculum, and synchronization of writing exercises with substantive class material.
- Individualized counseling of first-year students, via open-door policy and substantial presence on campus, regarding all manner of academic and personal issues.
- Instruct bar exam preparation, including preparation of materials, substantive lectures, practice exam grading and feedback, and individualized counseling.
- Assist in preparation and implementation of Orientation Program for first-year students.

Academic Probation Program Coordinator (2007)

- Meet individually with all students on academic probation, as well as all non-probation students requesting individualized skills assistance, on a weekly basis to diagnose issues impeding success, develop and implement customized skills programs, and counsel students regarding all academic and personal issues.
- Liaison with Assistant Dean of Student Advising regarding academic probation petitions, student leaves of absence, and academic probation student progress.

Substantive Professor (2005 – 2007)

- Community Property – semester-long course that covers characterization and distribution of property of married couples upon divorce or death of a spouse; includes sub-issues of real property, family law and probate law.
- Computers and the Law – semester-long seminar that examines the impact of computers on traditional law.

- Internet Law – semester-long course that covers, in the context of the Internet, personal jurisdiction, trademark law, domain names, copyright law and other timely legal issues.
- Trade Secret Law – semester-long course that covers trade secret legal justification, subject matter, misappropriation, and remedies.
- Independent Study supervision – supervision of 3-5 students per semester who obtain credit by researching and writing legal articles with the goal of specialized education and publication.

Bar Winners, Los Angeles, CA

Lecturer (present)

- Teach bar preparation courses for Community Property and Civil Procedure, including substantive issues, issue approaches, and exam writing tips.
- Grade practice exams and provide personalized feedback.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Digital Performance Rights But Were Afraid To Ask*, Journal of the Copyright Society of the USA (2000) – a comprehensive treatment of digital performance copyrights, including a statutory interpretation of the Digital Performance Right in Sound Recordings Act (as amended by the Digital Millennium Copyright Act), an examination of legislative history, and a suggested analysis model for digital audio file copyright owners and potential users.
 - Copyright Society of the USA Article of the Year Award
- *Safe Sound: Protecting Digital Sample-Based Products Through Copyright*, Whittier Law Review (1998) – an examination of the myriad of issues surrounding the use of copyright law to protect digital sample-based electronic musical instruments.
- Numerous legal articles published in trade journals, covering topics such as business entity formation, recording artist contracts, and online music distribution.

EDUCATION

Whittier Law School, Costa Mesa, CA

- Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, May 2000
- Class rank: 9/172

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN

- B.S., Recording Industry Management, 1985
- Business Minor, Communications Minor
- Adjunct Professor

LAW SCHOOL HONORS/ACTIVITIES

- Law Review:
 - Executive Editor (two years)
 - Outstanding Candidate Award
- Dean's List
- Honor Roll
- Moot Court Honors Board
- Intellectual Property Law Society: Founding Member, Treasurer
- Sports & Entertainment Law Society
- Phi Delta Phi
- American Jurisprudence/Cali Awards:
 - Internet Law (100)
 - Copyright (98)
 - Legal Skills (97)
 - Real Property (95)
 - Patent (90)

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Oswald & Yap, APC, Irvine, CA

Attorney (2002 – 2005)

- State, federal and appellate business litigation, including property, trademark, copyright, patent, corporate, contract, tort, trademark, and unfair competition litigation; contracts; licensing; business association formation; settlement negotiations; copyright prosecution; trademark prosecution; management of a 150-plus trademark portfolio; development of trademark portfolio management systems; proceedings before the USPTO Appeals Board; arbitration hearings; extensive law and motion practice; extensive drafting and editing of legal briefs; and client intake. Emphasis on legal writing.

Goodman & Leach, LLP, Santa Ana, CA

Attorney/Partner (2000 – 2002)

- All manner of litigation and transactional matters, management of small business affairs, and supervision of employees.

Levin & Hawes, LLP, Laguna Beach, CA

Law Clerk (2000)

- Trademark prosecution and litigation support.

BAR MEMBERSHIP

- California State Bar (Bar No. 212175)