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OBJECTIVE

Experienced writer with publications and two advanced degrees seeking freelance work as an editor, copywriter, columnist or blogger

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writer & Editor

Present

- Editor, *ZweigWhite's Zweig HR Letter*, a monthly industry newsletter on architecture/engineering HR issues
- Editor, *Eli Healthcare's HIT News* and *HC Compliance News*, web sites for health information technology and compliance professionals
- Copy editor, Berghahn Books, an academic publisher in New York

Writer, *Vault.com's UK Law Guide 2009*

Recent Work

- Managing editor, *BLS LawNotes*, bi-annual magazine of Brooklyn Law School
- Contributor, *Asia Legal Blog* (asialegalblog.com), a site for US lawyers moving overseas
- Web content and other writing projects for law firms, including Proskauer Rose LLP
- Copywriting and editing projects (brochures, web, press releases, newsletters) for schools and businesses
- Grant-writer, Chhandayan, a not-for-profit organization providing Indian musical instruction and cultural programs in New York and New Jersey

Communications Specialist, Proskauer Rose LLP

New York, NY | Fall 2006 – July 2007

- Wrote assortment of internal and external communications for international law firm
- Wrote daily internal news stories posted on firm's intranet
- Helped plan launch of weekly firm newsletter; wrote and edited firm's 2006 annual review

Editor, American Lawyer Media | VerdictSearch

New York, NY | June 2006 – Fall 2006

- Editor of *VerdictSearch California* and *VerdictSearch Pennsylvania*
- Managed team of reporters
- Edited and wrote various other online and print content for ALM and VerdictSearch
- Organized and edited *Top 100*, VerdictSearch's annual report of the top 100 jury verdicts in US

Executive Editor, Eli Research

Durham, NC | 1999 – 2002

Managed Medicare Report, Managed Care Compliance Alert, Managed Care Report

- Researched and wrote bi-weekly health care industry newsletters
- Managed other editors, reviewing content and directing story ideas
- Helped coordinate and launch B2B publications

Attorney, Minton Burton Foster & Collins

Austin, TX | 1995 – 1996

- Practiced in civil litigation and criminal defense; emphasis on constitutional issues
- Researched and wrote briefs in a variety of state and federal cases; managed law clerks

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor, FIT

New York, NY | Spring 2009 - present

- Teach Composition (first-year writing) and Professional Writing in Art and Design, an upper-division course for Graphic Design and Advertising Design majors

Faculty, William Paterson University

Wayne, NJ | Fall 2002 – Spring 2006

- Part-time Instructor/Adjunct Professor, English Department
- Taught Writing Effective Prose (fall) and Introduction to Literature (spring), first-year writing courses; American Literature 1865 – 1914; Methods of Literary Analysis; Creative Writing (beginner and advanced)
- Participant, “Writing Across the Curriculum,” Fall 2002; Adjunct Workshops and seminars every semester
- Member, English Department committee on evaluation and curriculum development, 2006

Faculty, Montclair State University

Montclair, NJ | Fall 2002 – Spring 2006

- Assistant Professor (part-time)/Adjunct Professor, English Department
- Taught College Writing I (fall) and II (spring), first-year writing courses; and World Literature
- Participant, annual workshops for first-year writing courses

Faculty, University of Phoenix Online

2005 – 2006

- Taught Essentials of College English (Communications 215), a core introductory writing course

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts, Creative Writing

University of North Carolina, Greensboro

- GPA 4.0 (poetry focus)

Juris Doctorate

University of Texas School of Law

- GPA 3.0
- Admitted to Texas State Bar

Bachelor of Arts

University of Texas, Austin

- Plan II Liberal Arts Honors Program
- GPA 3.7 (graduated with High Honors)

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- “Off-Leash: Heaven in Brooklyn,” www.mrbellersneighborhood.com/story.php?storyid=2253 (February 2009), and in anthology, *Lost and Found: Stories from New York, Vol. 2*, edited/published by Thomas Beller and distributed by W.W. Norton & Co. (2009)
- “Learning by Detour: A Re-Entrance Narrative,” *New Jersey English Journal* (2008)
- Years’ worth of publication of industry newsletters and technical writing in the health care and legal fields; see <http://shellytown.squarespace.com/professional-writing> for samples
- Published chapbook, *Dinggediche*, Internet journal *Closer*
- “Crossing the Bar,” a full-length article in *Texas Monthly*
- “The Effects of Free Speech,” Note in *The American Journal of Criminal Law*
- Published poems in *Field*, *Gulf Coast*, *The Greensboro Review*, *The Midwest Quarterly* and *Borderlands*
- Finalist, Cleveland State University’s 2008 Poetry Center Prize

ACTIVITIES & RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Member of National Council of Teachers of English, Association for Business Communication, and Freelancers Union
- Served as manuscript editor for *The American Journal of Criminal Law* at UT Law; assistant editor for *English Literature in Transition*, a literary journal at UNCG; and editorial intern for *Texas Monthly*
- Participant, William Paterson University Writers Conference (2006 – 2009); SUNY Composition Conference (2008)
- Taught first- and second-semester composition at UNCG as one of first MFA students to do so
- Proficient in online communication platforms and creating Web content; familiar with basic HTML
- Skilled on both PCs and Macs; proficient in Web 2.0, newsgroup-based online communication and Blackboard/Angel, as well as all Office Suite applications including Excel, Microsoft Word, Entourage, and PowerPoint
- Interests include yoga, tennis, biking, hiking, music
- Founding member of poetry writing workshop in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn

References Available Upon Request