

# MOLLY FERGUSSON

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF LAW**, Oxford, Mississippi

*Legal Writing Specialist & Acting Assistant Professor of Law*, 2001 to present

### Current Courses of Instruction

- Legal Writing I: Teach fundamental concepts of legal reading, analysis, synthesis, citation, and objective writing through practice, feedback, multiple drafts, and individual conferences, focusing on state-based legal problems.
- Legal Writing II: Review fundamental concepts of legal reading, analysis, synthesis, and citation. Teach persuasive techniques for advocacy writing and oral argument through practice, feedback, individual conferences and workshops, focusing on federal-based legal problems.

### Previous Courses of Instruction

- Legal Research I & II: Taught first year students the fundamentals of legal research using print and online sources.
- Advanced Legal Writing: Worked with students to further develop skills in effective writing and analysis through extensive practice, feedback, and document review.
- Contract Drafting: Developed and taught course on fundamentals of contract drafting.
- Individualized Contract Drafting, Independent Study: Tailored the contract drafting course for five students from 2009-2015 and worked with them individually on the specific documents they were likely to encounter in their upcoming employment.
- Contract Drafting and Negotiation: Worked with Associate Dean to adapt Contract Drafting to include negotiation skills instruction for mandatory first-year course.
- Entertainment Transactions: Taught students how to research and register copyrights and trademarks, and draft specific entertainment contracts and license agreements for the film, television, and music industries.

## Service

- Curriculum Committee  
2011-present
- Pepperdine Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition Coach  
2011 - 2016
- Ad Hoc committee on Tenure and Promotion Policies  
2017
- University Task Force on Faculty Titles, Rights, & Responsibilities  
2014-2016
- Law School Rankings Committee  
2010-2012
- Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Tenure Track Promotion  
2010
- Student advising and counseling  
2001-present

### **FERGUSON PITTS, PLLC**

*Partner, 2007-2010*

- Advised clients on entertainment, intellectual property, and business issues
- Registered trademarks and copyrights
- Negotiated and drafted:
  - business formation documents
  - investor agreements
  - license agreements
  - literary author contracts
  - recording contracts
  - publishing agreements
  - artist agreements
  - releases for photographs and audiovisual works
  - distribution agreements
  - production agreements
  - management agreements
  - exclusive co-publishing agreements
  - songwriter agreements

### **McDAVID & ASSOCIATES, PC**

*Clerk/Associate, 2000-2007*

- Researched and drafted pleadings for all stages of litigation in cases involving land use disputes, copyright infringement, and breach of contract
- Drafted business formation documents, employment contracts, & investor document
- Registered trademarks and copyrights

## **EDUCATION**

### **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF LAW**

Oxford, Mississippi

*Juris Doctor, May 2001*

- *Mississippi Law Journal*, Associate Editor, Mississippi Cases
- Moot Court Board, Chairman, Moot Court Trial Competition
- *Journal of National Security Law*, Staff Editor
- Outstanding Student Award, Political and Civil Rights
- Outstanding Student Award: Natural Resources Law
- Girod Memorial Law Scholarship recipient
- Jeffrey P. Reynolds Environmental Law Scholarship recipient
- Stennis Remote Sensing and Space Law Center, Research Assistant
- Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity

### **RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE**

Lynchburg, Virginia

*Bachelor of Arts, May 1995 Major: Philosophy*

### **UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH**

Edinburgh, Scotland

*Junior Year Abroad, 1993-94 Emphasis: Metaphysics and Aesthetics*

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

### **LEGAL WRITING: THE JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE**

*Assistant Editor, Volume 22, Fall 2017*

### **MID SOUTH INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE**

*Steering Committee, 2011-present*

- Assisted in organizing annual Intellectual Property Continuing Legal Education programs

### **MISSISSIPPI BAR, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SECTION**

*Chair, 2013 - 2014*

*Executive Board, 2009 - 2014*

- Communicated with section members regarding updates in Intellectual Property and Continuing Legal Education Opportunities

### **LEGAL COMMUNICATION & RHETORIC: JALWD, VOLUME 12**

*Peer Reviewer, Fall 2014*

- Reviewed and edited articles for journal publication

### **THE LAFAYETTE DEBATES ONLINE**

*Judge, 2013-2014*

- Judged online debates for a year-long online and on-campus debate series organized in partnership with The French Embassy that culminated in an on-campus tournament at The George Washington University.

## **OXFORD FILM FESTIVAL**

*Executive Director, 2010-2015*

*Co-Director, 2003-2010*

- Oversaw and managed annual festival
- Registered and maintained registrations with all required agencies
- Prepared application and secured 501c3 status
- Programmed content, developed and produced panel discussions
- Negotiated contracts and licenses including sponsorship, publicity, vendor, and production agreements
- Secured on-going funding for the festival
- Prepared and managed annual budget
- Fostered positive, productive relationships and teamwork among staff, board, and volunteers
- Spoke to community groups about festival programming and the economic impact of filmmaking and film festivals
- Participated in Industry events and panel discussions about the community impact of film festivals
- Cultivated and engaged diverse audiences and helped to build national recognition for the festival

## **MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS**

### **MISSISSIPPI BAR ASSOCIATION**

Intellectual Property Section

Young Lawyer Division

### **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

Intellectual Property Law Section

Legal Education Division

Forum on Entertainment & Sports Law

### **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS**

Section on Transactional Law & Skills

### **LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE**

### **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

State Director

Chair of Council, 2018

Chair of Planning/Coordination, 100th Year Anniversary Celebration of LWV-Mississippi