

# MARIE SALIBA COPE

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## Education

JURIS DOCTORATE <i>University of Mississippi</i>	2006 <i>Oxford, MS</i>
TEACHER'S CERTIFICATION <i>Rhodes College</i>	1999 <i>Memphis, TN</i>
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING: COMMUNITY AGENCY <i>University of Memphis</i>	1996 <i>Memphis, TN</i>
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY <i>University of Tennessee, Knoxville</i>	1994 <i>Knoxville, TN</i>

## Employment

ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR, TRANSACTIONAL CLINIC <i>University of Mississippi School of Law</i>	SPRING 2012- PRESENT <i>Oxford, MS</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Developing and teaching a curriculum that incorporates both substantive law and legal skills</li><li>· Providing effective and reflective supervision to the Clinic's students</li><li>· Providing high quality legal services to the Clinic's clients</li></ul>	
INTERIM ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS <i>University of Mississippi School of Law</i>	AUGUST 2016 – AUGUST 2018 <i>Oxford, MS</i>
SUPERVISING ATTORNEY, HOUSING CLINIC, CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC, <i>University of Mississippi School of Law</i>	FALL 2009 - FALL 2011 <i>Oxford, MS</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Developing and teaching a curriculum that incorporates both substantive law and legal skills</li><li>· Providing effective and reflective supervision to the Clinic's students</li><li>· Providing high quality legal services to the Clinic's clients</li></ul>	
MANAGING ATTORNEY <i>Civil Legal Clinic, University of Mississippi School of Law</i>	SPRING 2007 – SPRING 2009 <i>Oxford, MS</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Administered all aspects of the Clinic Program for the Guardian ad Litem Clinic, Family Violence Clinic, Elder Law Clinic, Street Law Clinic and the Low Income Tax Clinic</li><li>· Office management</li><li>· Case management including intake, conflicts checks, calendars, file maintenance, client communication</li><li>· Student/supervisor communication systems including Blackboard, time sheets, mid-semester and end-semester reports</li><li>· Coordinated students and adjunct professors</li><li>· Supervised clerical and administrative personnel</li><li>· Researched, applied for and obtained grant funding</li><li>· Completed the <i>Research Administration and Management Program</i> through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs</li></ul>	

- JUDICIAL CLERK, INTERNSHIP SPRING 2006  
*Lafayette County Chancery Court, Judge Ed Roberts* *Oxford, MS*  
 · Researched legal issues and prepared memos  
 · Assisted preparation for trials  
 · Wrote the first draft for an opinion regarding a Summary Judgment motion
- LAW CLERK SUMMER 2004  
*Hickman, Goza, and Spragins, PLLC* *Oxford, MS*  
 · Researched legal issues and prepared memos  
 · Assisted preparation for depositions, and trials  
 · Prepared first drafts of discovery requests and responses, motions, and orders
- 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER 1999-2003  
*Elmore Park Middle School, Shelby County Board of Education* *Memphis, TN*  
 · Taught 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading, English, and Social Studies  
 · Chaired Part 1 of School Improvement Plan  
 · Chosen to be 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers' representative on Principal's Advisory Committee  
 · Sponsored several clubs and activities
- PROGRAM DIRECTOR 1998-1999  
*M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence* *Memphis, TN*  
 · Created, coordinated, implemented, and obtained grants for programs such as:  
     · Kindness is Contagious Program in three Memphis City Schools  
     · Peacemaker's After-school Program at St. Patrick's Church  
     · Building Relationships Series for local social service organizations  
     · Youth Peace Workshops for faculty and approximately 250 students  
     · Monthly Circle of Friends Meetings at the Gandhi Institute  
     and other various programs such as activities for The Season of Nonviolence  
 · Directed and coordinated activities of volunteers  
 · Obtained promotional items and program supplies for the Institute
- PROBATION COUNSELOR II, EVALUATION AND REFERRAL SECTION 1996-1998  
*Juvenile Court of Memphis and Shelby County* *Memphis, TN*  
 · Counseled and assessed both court-ordered children and families and non-judicial referrals  
 · Coordinated appropriate therapeutic services for these children and families  
   with mental health centers, hospitals, or social service agencies  
 · Monitored court-ordered referrals for continuation and/or successful completion of services
- MEDIATOR, INTERNSHIP 1996  
*Shelby County Citizen's Dispute Office* *Memphis, TN*  
 · Facilitated pre- and post-adjudication of conflict resolution between two parties in a manner  
   satisfactory to both
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELOR, INTERNSHIP 1996  
*Shelby County Citizen's Dispute Office* *Memphis, TN*  
 · Provided post-adjudicatory counseling for victims of domestic violence, helping with  
   a safety plan, and identifying clients needs and referring them to appropriate resources

## **Presentations**

*Domestic Violence 101: State and Federal Domestic Violence Laws*

“Effective Representation of Domestic Violence Victims: Current Issues and Barriers” CLE

August 1, 2008 Starkville, MS

August 15, 2008 Meridian, MS

*Representing the Victim of Domestic Violence: Pitfalls and Practice Pointers*

“Effective Representation of Domestic Violence Victims: Current Issues and Barriers” CLE

September 5, 2008 Tupelo, MS

*Domestic Violence 101: State Laws and Full Faith and Credit and Practice Pointers*

“Stop the Hurt” Child Abuse Conference

April 21, 2009 Tupelo, MS

*Child Custody and Domestic Violence*

Office of the Attorney General’s Domestic Violence Division Annual Conference: Domestic Violence in Our Communities: Helping Victims Find the Missing “Peace”

May 19, 2009 Choctaw, MS

*Concurrent Session: Beyond Referrals: Community Collaboration in Clinical Practice*

Southern Clinical Conference

August 4, 2011 University of Alabama School of Law

*Overcoming Barriers When Communicating with Your Client*

Elder Law Conference

August 9, 2013 University of Mississippi School of Law

*Doing Well by Doing Good: Professional Development through Pro Bono Service*

Mississippi Bar Summer School for Lawyers

July 9, 2013 Sandestin, FL

**Special Projects: Experiential Learning**

*Public Interest Law Foundation Winter Trip*

January 2011 Greenwood, MS

PILF students agreed to a research and fact-finding trip organized to assist the Housing Clinic prepare to litigate a class action lawsuit. I developed teaching materials and curriculum to prepare the students to research legal topics and investigate specific fact issues. In addition, I co-supervised approximately 30 students during their work.

*Alternative Spring Break Trip*

March 2013 Clarksdale, MS

The Alternative Spring Break Trip was an opportunity for students to facilitate a series of focus groups and individual interviews in Clarksdale, Shelby, and Tutwiler to seek information about how people in these communities prepare, grow, harvest, and purchase food. The students' goals were to use this information to work with participants to establish economic opportunities, create small businesses, and, over time, build a better food economy in the Mississippi Delta.

## **Publications**

*Legal Guide for Small Businesses.* Clarksdale, MS: University of Mississippi Transactional Clinic and Harvard Law School Mississippi Delta Project, Co-editor; revised in 2014.

*Legal Challenges and Solutions for Mississippi Landowners.* A property guide for laymen; Oxford, MS: University of Mississippi Transactional Clinic and Harvard Law School Mississippi Delta Project, Co-editor; 2014.

*LLC Guide for Farmers.* Oxford, MS: University of Mississippi Transactional Clinic, November 2014.

## **Teaching Materials**

Transactional Clinic Course Materials

Child Advocacy Clinic Course Materials

Domestic Violence Clinic Course Materials